

# Structure of the Seven Letters

	Ephesus, 2:1-7	Smyrna, 2:8-11	Pergamos, 2:12-17	Thyatira, 2:18-29	Sardis, 3:1-6	Philadelphia, 3:7-13	Laodicea, 3:14-22
Command to write	1a	8a	12a	18a	1a	7a	14a
Title from ch. 1	1b	8b	12b	18b	1b	7b	14b
Message	2-6	9-10	13-16	19-25	1c-4	8-11	15-20
I know thy works	2a	9a	13a	19a	1c	8a	15a
Praise	2-3	9b	13	19		8-11	
Exhortation		10				11b	
Criticism	4-5		14-16	20-23	2-3		15-20
Exhortation	5		16		3		18-19
Praise	6			24	4		
Exhortation	5	10	16	25	3	11b	18-19
Promise to Overcomers				26-28	5	12	21
Let him hear	7a	11a	17a	29	6	13	22
Promise to Overcomers	7b	11b	17b				

2:16 I will come unto **thee** ... and will fight against **them** ...

1Co 11:29 For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. 30 For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep. 31 For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged. 32 But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world.

2:17 a white stone (pebble)

Act 26:10 Which thing I also did in Jerusalem: and many of the saints did I shut up in prison, having received authority from the chief priests; and when they were put to death, I **gave my voice [my pebble]** against them.

Luke 18:31 Then he took unto him the twelve, and said unto them, Behold, we go up to Jerusalem, and all things that are written by the prophets **concerning** the Son of man shall be accomplished.

# More References

2:17 the hidden manna

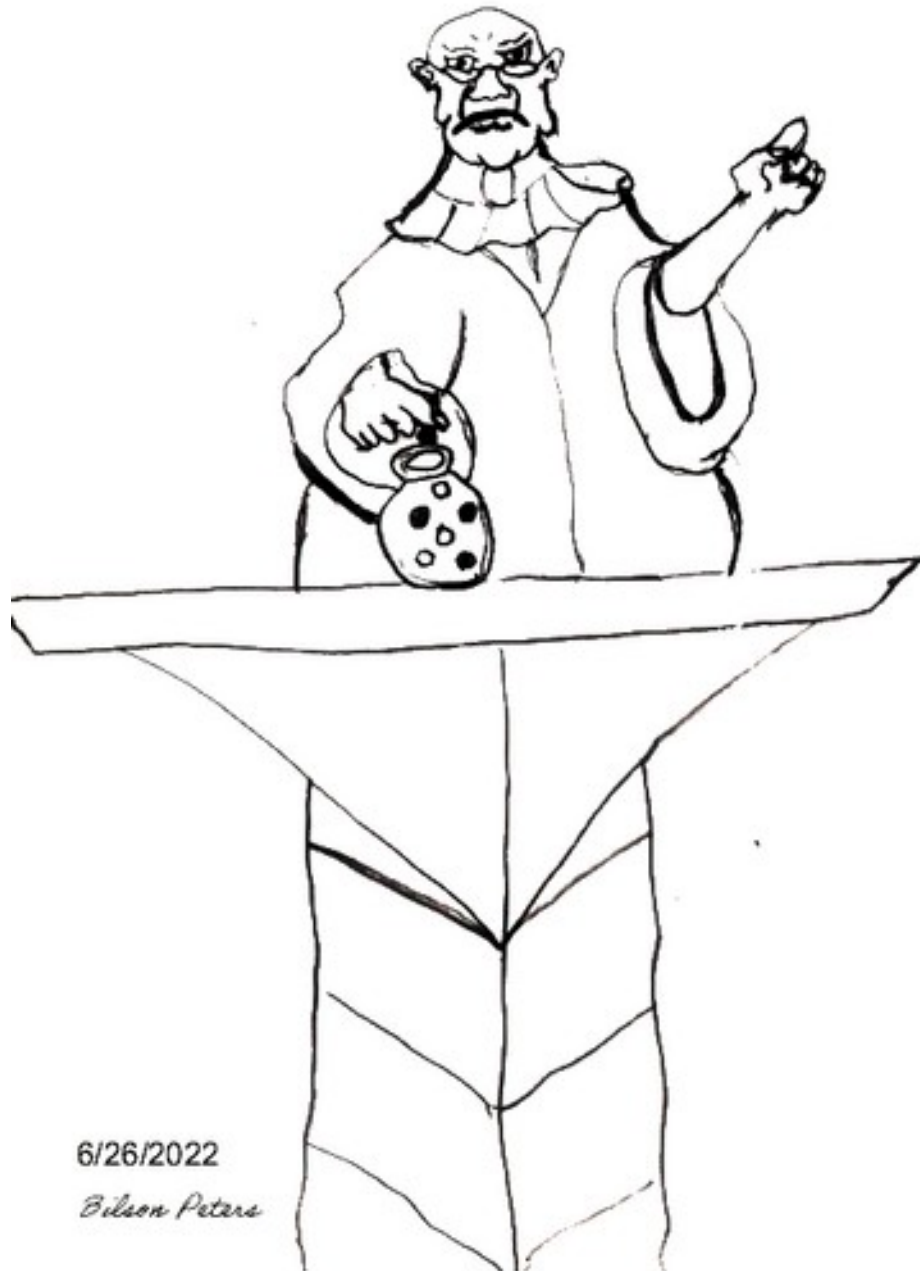
Exod 16:33 And Moses said unto Aaron, Take a pot, and put an omer full of manna therein, and **lay it up before the LORD**, to be kept for your generations. 34 As the LORD commanded Moses, so Aaron laid it up before the Testimony, to be kept. Heb 9:4 Which had the golden censer, and the ark of the covenant overlaid round about with gold, wherein was **the golden pot that had manna**, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant;

Rev 11:19 And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple **the ark of his testament**: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail.

Revelation 2:17

17 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it.

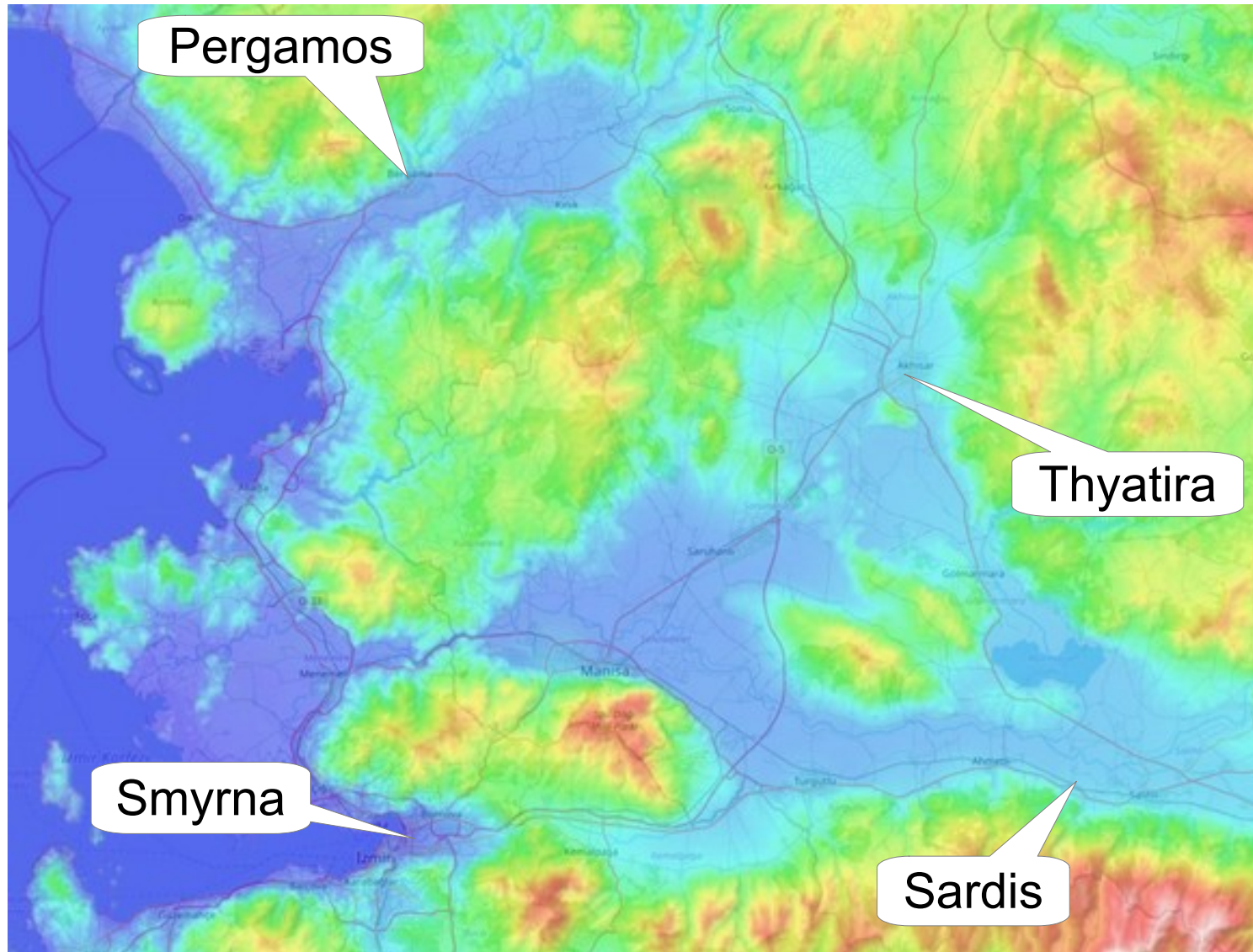
- What did Jesus promise the over comer in the Church of Pergamum?



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# Thyatira



Act 16:14 And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, **of the city of Thyatira**, which worshipped God, heard us: whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul.

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# The Son of God

2:18 who hath his **eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet are like fine brass**

Rev 1:14 and **his eyes were as a flame of fire; 15 And his feet like unto fine brass**, as if they burned in a furnace;

Dan. 10:4 And in the four and twentieth day of the first month, as I was by the side of the great river, which is Hiddekel; 5 Then I lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold a certain man clothed in linen, whose loins were girded with fine gold of Uphaz: 6 His body also was like the beryl, and his face as the appearance of lightning, and **his eyes as lamps of fire**, and his arms and **his feet like in colour to polished brass**, and the voice of his words like the voice of a multitude.

Dan 10:20 and now will I return to fight with **the prince of Persia**: and when I am gone forth, lo, **the prince of Grecia** shall come.

# Complementary Strengths

	Tangible Love	Doctrinal Discernment
Thyatira	19 thy love ... the last more than the first	20 thou sufferest ... to teach
Ephesus	4 thou hast left thy first love	2 thou canst not bear them which are evil



# An Echo of Jezebel

20 that woman **Jezebel**, which calleth herself a prophetess

1 Kings 16:30 And Ahab the son of Omri [king of Israel] ... 31 ... took to wife **Jezebel** the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Zidonians, and went and **served Baal, and worshipped him**. 32 And he reared up an altar for Baal in the house of Baal, which he had built in Samaria.

1Ki 21:25 But there was none like unto Ahab, which did sell himself to work wickedness in the sight of the LORD, **whom Jezebel his wife stirred up**.

to teach and to seduce my servants to commit **fornication**, and to eat things sacrificed unto **idols**.

2Ki 9:22 And it came to pass, when Joram saw Jehu, that he said, Is it peace, Jehu? And he answered, What peace, so long as the **whoredoms** of thy mother Jezebel and her **witchcrafts** are so many?

21 And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not.

Matt 18:15 Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. 16 But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. 17 And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican.

23 And I will kill her children with death

1 Cor 11:30 For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep. 31 For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged. 32 But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world.

# 23 he which searcheth the reins [kidneys] and hearts

Jer. 17:10 I the LORD **search the heart, I try the reins**, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings. (11:20; 20:12; Ps 7:9; 26:2)

The thinking heart:

Ec 1:13 And I gave my heart to seek and search out by wisdom concerning all things that are done under heaven:

Prov 16:9 A man's heart deviseth his way: but the LORD directeth his steps.

Isa 65:17 For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind [heart].

The feeling reins:

Psa 73:21 Thus my heart was grieved, and I was pricked in my reins.

Pr 23:16 Yea, my reins shall rejoice, when thy lips speak right things.

Modern:

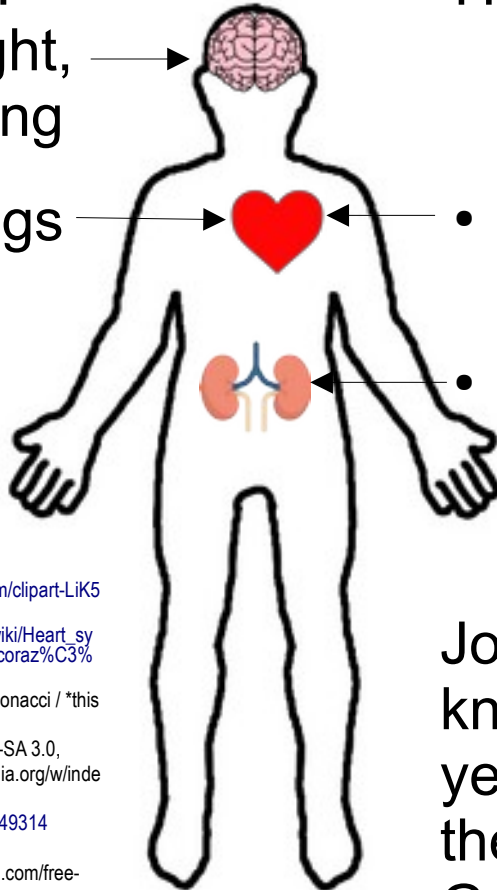
- Thought, planning

- Feelings

Hebrew:

- Thought, planning

- Feelings



Joh 5:42 But I know you, that ye have not the love of God in you.

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