

Structure of the Seven Letters

Rev 3:5-6

	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				

Promises to Sardian Overcomers, 3:5

- 1) clothed in white raiment
- 2) name not blotted out of book of life
- 3) confessed before the Father and the angels

Promises to Sardinian Overcomers: White Clothing

Rev 4:4 And round about the throne were four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in **white raiment**; and they had on their heads crowns of gold.

Rev 6:11 And **white robes** were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.

Rev 7:9 After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with **white robes**, and palms in their hands; ... 13 And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in **white robes**? and whence came they? 14 And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and **made them white in the blood of the Lamb**.

Rev 19:7 for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. 8 And to her was granted that she should be **arrayed in fine linen, clean and white**: for the fine linen is the **righteousness [righteous deeds] of saints**.

Rev 19:14 ... the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, **clothed in fine linen, white and clean**.

Promises to Sardinian Overcomers: Book of Life

Php 4:3 And I intreat thee also, true yokefellow, help those women which laboured with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and with other my fellowlabourers, **whose names are in the book of life.**

	Past Facts	Future Purposes
People's Actions	1. Record Book (OT, NT)	2. Book of Decrees (OT, NT)
People's States	3. Book of the Living (OT)	4. Book of Life (NT, maybe OT)

1) Est 6:1 On that night could not the king sleep, and he commanded to bring the **book of records** of the chronicles; and they were read before the king.

Rev 20:12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and **the books** were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of **those things which were written in the books, according to their works.**

2) Psa 139:16 Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and **in thy book** all ~~my members~~ were written, ~~which in continuance~~ the days were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them.

Rev 5:1 And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne **a book** written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals.

3) Psa 69:27 Add iniquity unto their iniquity: and let them not come into thy righteousness. 28 **Let them be blotted out of the book of the living,** and not be written with the righteous.

4) Rev 17:8 ... they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written [do not stand written] in **the book of life** from the foundation of the world.

Figure of Speech: Litotes—Negating the Opposite

	Plain Truth	Opposite	Negated Opposite (Litotes)
Acts 8:21 thy heart is not right in the sight of God	thy heart is wicked	thy heart is right	thy heart is not right
Acts 26:19 Whereupon, O king Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision:	I was obedient	I was disobedient	I was not disobedient
John 6:37 All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.	I will welcome	I will cast out	I will in no wise cast out
Rev 3:5 I will not blot out his name out of the book of life	I will preserve his name	I will blot out his name	I will not blot out his name

Confessing (Acknowledging) Someone

Gen 47:1 Then Joseph came and told Pharaoh, and said, My father and my brethren, and their flocks, and their herds, and all that they have, are come out of the land of Canaan; and, behold, they are in the land of Goshen. 2 And he took some of his brethren, even five men, and **presented them unto Pharaoh.** ... 5 And Pharaoh spake unto Joseph, saying, Thy father and thy brethren are come unto thee: 6 The land of Egypt is before thee; in the best of the land make thy father and brethren to dwell; in the land of Goshen let them dwell: and if thou knowest any men of activity among them, then make them rulers over my cattle.



https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Tissot_Joseph_and_His_Brethren_Welcomed_by_Pharaoh.jpg

Whom will the Son Confess?

	Condition	Promise to Confess	
		Before the Father	Before the angels
Rev 3:5	He that overcometh , ...	I will confess his name before my Father , ...	and before his angels .
Matt. 10:32	Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men ,	him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven.	
Luke 12:8	Whosoever shall confess me before men ,		him shall the Son of man also confess before the angels of God :

Overcomers = Confessors!