

Structure of the Seven Letters

Rev 3:8-11

	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				

3:9 The Synagogue of Satan

Rev 3:9a Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, **which say they are Jews, and are not**, but do lie;

Rev 3:9b behold, I will make them to **come** and **worship** before **thy feet**, and to know that **I have loved thee.**

Rom 2:28 For **he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh:** 29 But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God.

Isa 60:14 The sons also of them that afflicted thee shall **come** bending unto thee; and all they that despised thee shall **bow themselves down** at the soles of **thy feet**; and they shall call thee, **The city of the LORD**, The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.

Helpful References on 3:10

The word of (about) my patience

Heb. 12:1 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with **patience ὑπομονή G5281** the race that is set before us,

... my patience

Heb 12:2 **Looking unto Jesus** the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him **endured ὑπομένω G5278** the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 For consider him that **endured ὑπομένω G5278** such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.

Rev. 1:9 I John, who also am your brother, and your companion in the tribulation and kingdom and **patience** of Jesus Christ,

all the world οἰκουμένη G3625

Rev. 12:9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which **deceiveth the whole world οἰκουμένη G3625**:

2Ti 3:12 Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. 13 But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.

I will keep thee from τηρέω G5083 ἔκ ...

John 17:15 I pray not that thou shouldest **take them out of αἴρω ἔκ** the world, but that thou shouldest **keep them from τηρέω G5083 ἔκ** the evil.

Rev 2:10 behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be **tried πειραζω G3985**; and ye shall have tribulation θλίψις ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.

11 Behold, I come quickly ...

	Philadelphia	Thessalonica
Persecution	Rev. 3:10 Because thou hast kept the word of my patience , I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.	2 Thes 1:4 So that we ourselves glory in you in the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that ye endure: 5 Which is a manifest token of the righteous judgment of God, that ye may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which ye also suffer:
Lord's return bringing judgment	Rev 3:11 Behold, I come quickly	2 Thes 1:6 Seeing it is a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you; 7 And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels , 8 In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: 9 Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power; 10 When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day.