

# 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				

# Promises to Philadelphian Overcomers

a pillar in the temple

Eph. 2:19 Now therefore ye ... 20 ... are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; 21 In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto **an holy temple** in the Lord: 22 In whom ye also are builded together for **an habitation of God** through the Spirit.

1Pet. 2:5 Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a **spiritual house**, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

Gal. 2:9 And when James, Cephas, and John, who seemed to be **pillars**, perceived the grace that was given unto me, they gave to me and Barnabas the right hands of fellowship; that we should go unto the heathen, and they unto the circumcision.

... in the temple

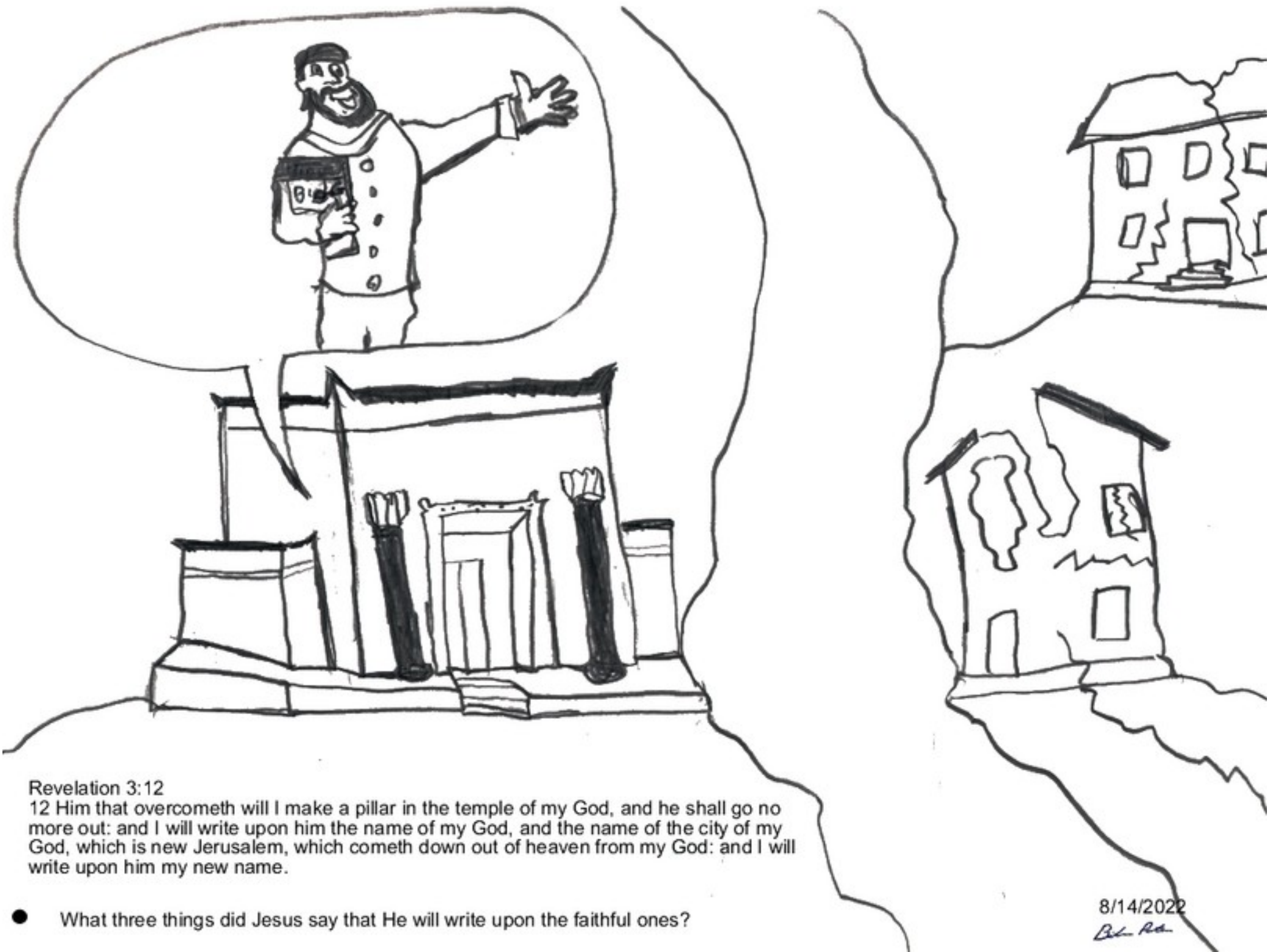
Rev 21:22 And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.

Joh 17:21 That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, **that they also may be one in us:**

I will write upon him the name of my God

Rev 14:1 I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, **having his Father's name written in their foreheads.**

Isa 65:15 the Lord GOD shall ... call his servants by **another name.**



Revelation 3:12

12 Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name.

- What three things did Jesus say that He will write upon the faithful ones?

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# Promises Anticipating the Culmination

Church	Promise to Overcomers	Culmination
Ephesus	2:7 To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the <b>tree of life</b> , which is in the midst of the paradise of God.	22:2 In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the <b>tree of life</b> , ... and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. 22:14, 19
Smyrna	2:11 He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the <b>second death</b> .	21:8 the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the <b>second death</b> . 20:6, 14
Pergamos	2:17 I ... will give him a white stone, and in the stone <b>a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it.</b>	19:12 His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had <b>a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.</b>
Thyatira	2:26 ... to him will I give power over the nations: 27 And <b>he shall rule</b> them ...	20:4 and they lived and <b>reigned with Christ</b> a thousand years. 20:6
	2:27 And he shall rule them <b>with a rod of iron</b> ; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers:	19:15 And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them <b>with a rod of iron</b> :
	28 And I will give him the <b>morning star</b> .	22:16 I Jesus ... <b>am</b> the root and the offspring of David, and <b>the bright and morning star</b> .

# Promises Anticipating the Culmination (cont.)

Church	Promise to Overcomers	Culmination
Sardis	3:5 He that overcometh, the same shall be <b>clothed in white raiment</b> ;	19:8 And to her was granted that she should be <b>arrayed</b> in fine linen, clean and <b>white</b> :
	and I will not blot out his name out of the <b>book of life</b> ,	20:15 And whosoever was not found written in the <b>book of life</b> was cast into the lake of fire. 20:12
Philadelphia	3:12 Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the <b>temple</b> of my God,	21:22 for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the <b>temple</b> of it.
	I will write upon him ... the name of the city of my God, which is <b>new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God</b> :	21:2 And I John saw the holy city, <b>new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven</b> ,
	and I will write upon him <b>my new name</b> .	19:12 His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and <b>he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself</b> .
Laodicea	3:21 To him that overcometh will I grant to <b>sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne</b> .	22:3 And there shall be no more curse: but <b>the throne of God and of the Lamb</b> shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him: 22:1

# 3:14 The Laodiceans

Relation to Colossae and Hierapolis

Col 4:12 Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, ... 13 ... he hath a great zeal for you, and them that are in **Laodicea**, and them in **Hierapolis**. 14 Luke, the beloved physician, and Demas, greet you. 15 Salute the brethren which are in **Laodicea**, and Nymphas, and the church which is in his house. 16 And when this epistle is read among you, cause that it be read also in the church of the **Laodiceans**; and that ye likewise read the epistle from **Laodicea**.

Col 4:17 And say to **Archippus**, Take heed to the ministry which thou hast received in the Lord, that thou fulfil it.

Phm 1:1 Paul, a prisoner of Jesus Christ, and Timothy our brother, unto Philemon our dearly beloved, and fellowlabourer, 2 And to our beloved Apphia [P's wife?], and **Archippus** [P's son?] our fellowsoldier, and to the church in thy house:



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# 3:14 Introducing the Lord

The faithful and true witness

Rev 1:4 Grace be unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne; 5 And from **Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness,**

Witness

Joh 18:37 To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should **bear witness** unto the truth.

Joh 3:11 Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and **testify** μαρτυρέω that we have seen; and ye receive not our **witness** μαρτυρία G3141. 12 If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things? 13 And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven.

Faithful = trustworthy, speaking truth  
True (G228, not G227) = genuine, ideal  
The Amen

Neh. 8:6 And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God. And all the people answered, **Amen, Amen.**

John 3:3 Jesus answered and said unto him, **Verily, verily**, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

Is. 65:11 But ye are they that forsake the LORD, that forget my holy mountain, that prepare a table for that troop, and that furnish the drink offering unto that number. ... 15 the Lord GOD shall ... call his servants by another name: 16 That he who blesseth himself in the earth shall bless himself in the **God of truth אלהי אמן**; and he that sweareth in the earth shall swear by the **God of truth אלהי אמן**; because the former troubles are forgotten, and because they are hid from mine eyes.