

Structure of the Seven Letters

Rev 3:14

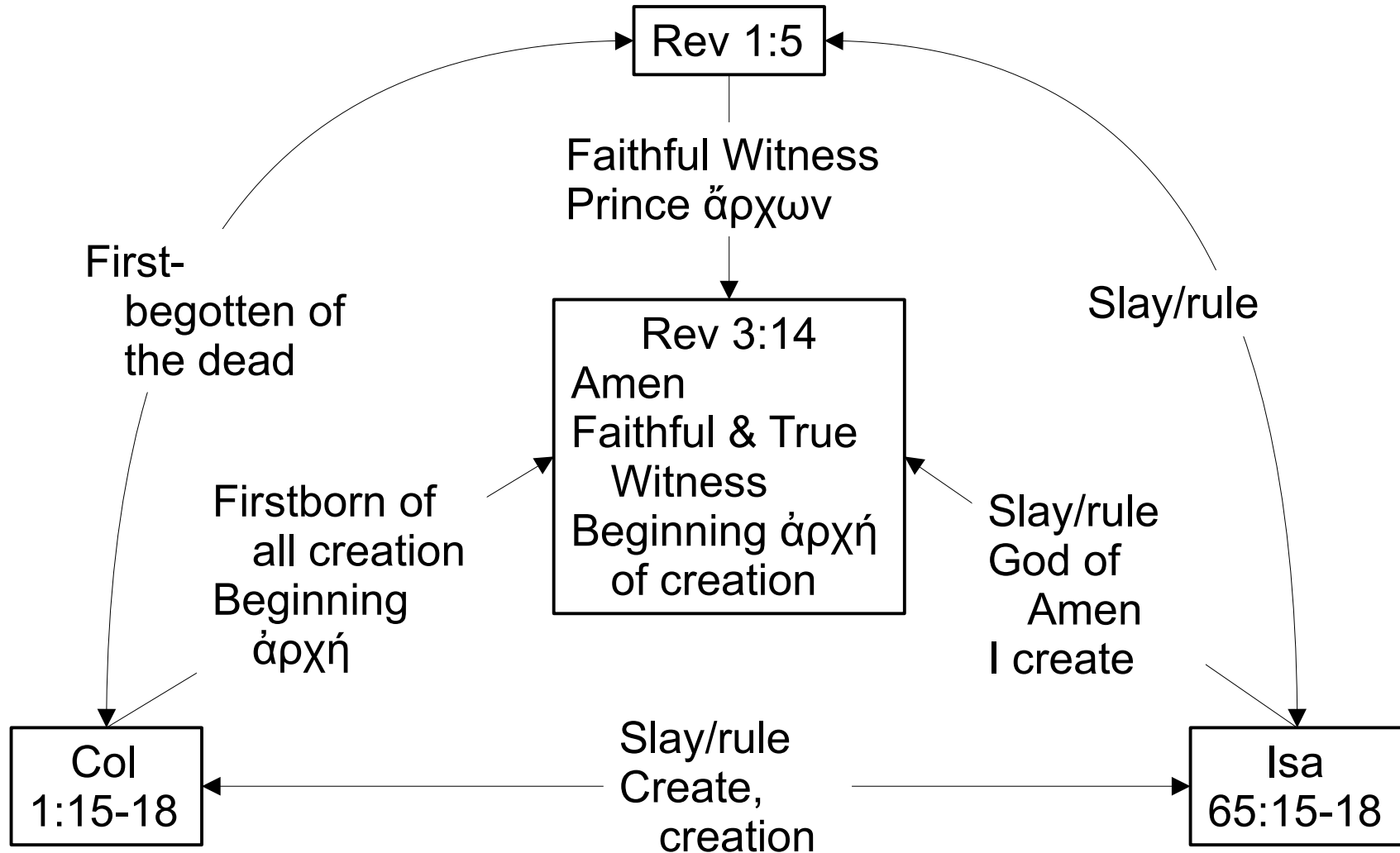
	Ephesus, 2:1-7	Smyrna, 2:8-11	Pergamos, 2:12-17	Thyatira, 2:18-29	Sardis, 3:1-6	Philadelphia, 3:7-13	Laodicea, 3:14-22
Command to write	1a	8a	12a	18a	1a	7a	14a
Title from ch. 1	1b	8b	12b	18b	1b	7b	14b
Message	2-6	9-10	13-16	19-25	1c-4	8-11	15-20
I know thy works	2a	9a	13a	19a	1c	8a	15a
Praise	2-3	9b	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				

Introductions from Revelation 1

Church	Intro in Epistle	Revelation 1
Ephesus	2:1 These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks ;	1:13 And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, ... 16 And he had in his right hand seven stars :
Smyrna	2:8 These things saith the first and the last, which was dead, and is alive ;	1:17 Fear not; I am the first and the last: 18 I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore,
Pergamos	2:12 These things saith he which hath the sharp sword with two edges ;	1:16 out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword .
Thyatira	2:18 These things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet are like fine brass ;	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;
Sardis	3:1 These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars ;	1:4 ... Grace be unto you, and peace, ... from the seven Spirits which are before his throne; ... 16 And he had in his right hand seven stars :
Philadelphia	3:7 These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David , he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth;	1:18 ... behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death .
Laodicea	3:14 These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning ἀρχή of the creation of God;	1:4 Grace be unto you, and peace, ... 5 ... from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness , and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince ἀρχων of the kings of the earth.

Scriptural Context of Rev 3:14

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**, and the **first begotten of the dead**, and the **prince ἄρχων** of the kings of the earth.



Helpful References on Rev 3:14

Christ as a witness

Joh 18:37 To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should **bear witness μαρτυρέω G3140** unto the truth.

1Tim. 6:13 I give thee charge in the sight of God, who quickeneth all things, and before Christ Jesus, who before Pontius Pilate **witnessed μαρτυρέω** a good confession;

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

Mat 10:32 Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. 33 But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.

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 (Amen, amen)**, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

Revelation 3:14

14 And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God;

- How is our Lord Jesus Christ described in verse fourteen of the book of Revelations?



Isaiah 65 and Colossians 1

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 slay thee, and **call his servants by another name**: 16 That he who blesseth himself in the earth shall bless himself in the God of truth [**God of Amen** אֱלֹהֵי אֱמֵן]; and he that sweareth in the earth shall swear by the God of truth [**God of Amen** אֱלֹהֵי אֱמֵן]; because the former troubles are forgotten, and because they are hid from mine eyes.

17 For, behold, **I create** new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind. 18 But be ye glad and rejoice for ever in that which **I create**: for, behold, **I create** Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy.

Col 1:15 Who is

- the image of the invisible God,
- **the firstborn of every creature [all creation]:**

[*image of the invisible God:*] 16 For by him were all things **created**, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were **created** by him, and for him: 17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

[*firstborn of all creation:*] 18 And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the **beginning**, the **firstborn from the dead**; that in all things he might have the preeminence.