

The Revelation of
Yeshua The Messiah To Yochanan (John)

Study Notes

Sardis PT. 2

Revelation 3:1-6 (NASB) - “¹To the angel of the church in Sardis write:

He who has the seven spirits of God and the seven stars, says this: ‘I know your deeds, that you have a name that you are alive, and *yet* you are dead. ² Be constantly alert, and strengthen the things that remain, which were about to die; for I have not found your deeds completed in the sight of My God. ³ So remember what you have received and heard; and keep *it*, and repent. Then if you are not alert, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come to you. ⁴ But you have a few people in Sardis who have not soiled their garments; and they will walk with Me in white, for they are worthy. ⁵ The one who overcomes will be clothed the same way, in white garments; and I will not erase his name from the book of life, and I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels. ⁶ The one who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.’”

Review:

Revelation 3:1- 6 (Read All)

Note: Just like with the four previous letters, Jesus addresses the letter to the angel of the Church of Sardis.

Verse 1 - “To the angel of the church in Sardis write:

He who has the seven spirits of God and the seven stars, says this: ‘I know your deeds, that you have **a name** that you are alive, and *yet* you are dead.’”



Angel-(Greek)-*angelos*-a messenger; especially an "angel"; by implication, a pastor.

- Jesus introduces Himself as, “He who has the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars” (Revelation 1).
- Jesus is saying here that it is only by the working of the Holy Spirit He gives that His Church can do His will.
- And He alone is in control of His Church and the leaders are in His hands.

Revelation 1:4 (CJB) – “⁴From: Yochanan To: The seven Messianic communities in the province of Asia: Grace and shalom to you from the One who is, who was and who is coming; from the sevenfold Spirit before his throne; ⁵and from Yeshua the Messiah, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead and the ruler of the earth’s kings. To him, the one who loves us, who has freed us from our sins at the cost of his blood,”

This Prophecy Had Three Sources:

- From the **only God** that continuously existed before the beginning of all things...Eternal God. (**John 1:1**)
- **Spirit - (Greek)-*pnuema***-a current of air, i.e. breath (blast) or a breeze; by analogy or figuratively, a spirit, i.e. (human) the rational soul, (by implication) vital principle, mental disposition, etc., or (superhuman) an angel, demon, or (divine) God, **Christ's spirit, the Holy Spirit:** —ghost, life, spirit (-ual, -ually), mind.
- **Seven - (Biblical numerology)**-completion or perfection.

“I am perfectly complete within Myself!” – He doesn’t need us!

Understanding: These aren't seven distinct Spirits, but the one Holy Spirit in His seven-fold activity. The Messiah will possess an anointing in its fullness and perfection of the seven-fold Spirit of God.

Reference:

The Seven Spirits Before The Throne- (**Isaiah 11:1-2**)

Note: There is a purpose for why Yeshua is emphasizing the Spirit here in how He is introducing Himself: this is the "Dead Church"!

If your spirit left you, would you still be alive?

"You Have A Name."

Name-(Greek)-*onoma*-from a presumed derivative of the base *ginosko*-know-a "name" (literally or figuratively) (authority, character): —called.

- This Church was known throughout the world at its time.
- This Church was spoken of in very high circles.
- The elite spoke the name of this Church in the ears of Emperors.
- Sardis was considered one of the greatest of all the cities.
- Extremely wealthy king and impressive architecture.

Note: The Lydians in the time of Croesus, it is believed, were the first people to mint coins as money.



“BUT”

- Jesus said, you have “*A Name*” that you are alive, **BUT** you are dead.

Dead-(Greek)-*nekros*-a corpse.

- One who has breathed their last breath.
- Deceased.
- Destitute of life.

Key: Metaphorically Yeshua is saying:

- You are spiritually dead.
- Inactive in respect to doing right.
- Destitute of force, power, inactive, inoperative.

Word of the Lord Given to Dr. Anita 4/23/2024 – “A Hard Reboot”

- “ ‘the eggs are a sign of what I am about to do in my Church and it shall be My Grace and Mercy to a Church that now must strengthen what remains.’ (Sardis).”



Understanding: A Church that Jesus cannot see His Spirit operating; is a Church that uses His name without having His name!

- Without His Spirit you are dead.
- You must be born again.
- Religion without relationship has made you a dead Church.
- Immorality and paganism were found in this Church.

- Move from profession of your faith to possession of Christ by His Spirit.

Verse 2 – “Be constantly alert, and strengthen the things that remain, which were about to die; for I have not found your deeds completed in the sight of My God.”

Understanding: Yeshua is saying, “repent and turn to me, for I am the only one that can give you life”! This is His grace and His mercy!

Jesus Comforts The Disciples: He is preparing them for His departure.

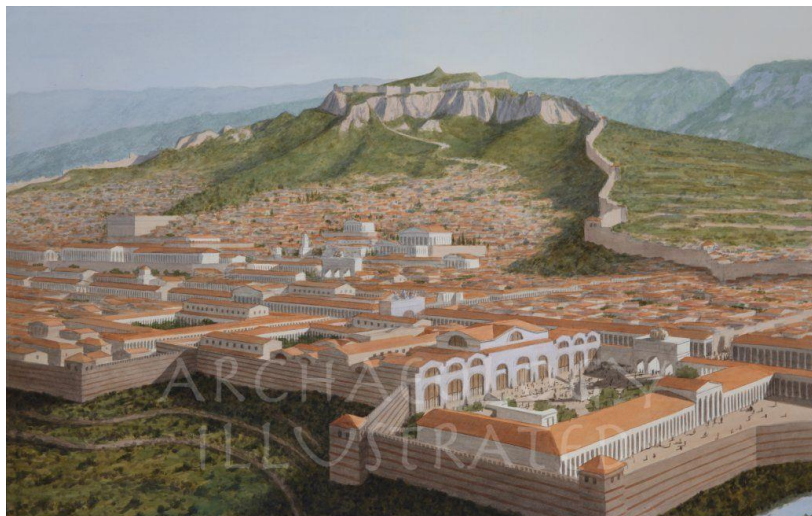
John 14:1-6 (NASB) - “¹‘Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me. ²In My Father’s house are many rooms; if *that* were not *so*, I would have told you, because I am going *there* to prepare a place for you. ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I am coming again and will take you to Myself, so that where I am, *there* you also will be. ⁴And you know the way where I am going.’ ⁵Thomas said to Him, ‘Lord, we do not know where You are going; how do we know the way?’ ⁶Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father except through Me.’”

Note: His mercies endure forever! Yesua reaches His hand out to give this dead Church a way of escape and a warning!

Verse 3 – “So remember what you have received and heard; and keep *it*, and repent. Then if you are not alert, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come to you.”

Key: Those reading this letter at the time that John wrote it would understand these words that only they could!

History of The Fall of Sardis:



- Remember, this is the city that thought that they were impenetrable.
- 1500 Ft. high walls.
- Positioned on a hill that was very high up.

Note: When Cyrus and His army came in to besiege the City of Sardis, he initially could not get in.



- Cyrus positioned his army all the way around the city and waited.
- One night one of Cyrus's men was watching a guard on the wall who fell asleep, and his helmet came off and went over the wall.
- The soldier went down steps and through a secret door, retrieved the helmet and got back on his post.
- Cyrus sent most of his whole army to the opposite side of the wall to draw the army of King Croesus away from the side with the secret door.
- He then sent a small group of soldiers to the side with the secret door, and they were able to get in and take the city.

Understanding: After the city was rebuilt from the siege of Cyrus, Sardis would be taken again by the Persian army!

- The enemy has no new tricks. If he sees an area in your life hasn't been fortified, he will come in again the same way.

The Persian Siege Of Sardis:

- When the Persians came in to take the city, they initially could not take the city.

- While besieging the city they saw vultures circling in the sky.
- Soldiers were throwing dead bodies over the wall.
- The Persians went to that gate and realized; it was unprotected.
- The Persian army went in and took the city.

Key: Jesus used his coming to them “like a thief in the night” because they knew how the city was captured before.

Understanding: This was not just for the Church in Sardis, but also for the Church that is on the earth when He returns.

Revelation 16:15-16 (NASB) – “¹⁵(‘Behold, I am coming like a thief. Blessed is the one who stays awake and keeps his clothes, so that he will not walk about naked, and *people* will not see his shame.’) ¹⁶ And they gathered them together to the place which in Hebrew is called Har-Magedon.”

Yeshua Promises A Remnant Will Be Preserved: The Few Things That Remain

Verse 4 – “But you have a few people in Sardis who have not soiled their garments; and they will walk with Me in white, for they are worthy.”

- Yeshua made them look at their history.
- Yeshua warned them of the pride that comes before the fall.

Note: The phrase, “not soiled their garments” means they have not cozied up next to the world!

- Vision of a lighthouse in a great storm: Even the brightest light can be turned dark when there is more darkness than the light.

1 Corinthians 15:33- “³³ Do not be deceived: ‘Bad company corrupts good morals.’”

Verse 5 – “The one who overcomes will be clothed the same way, in white garments; and I will not erase his name from the book of life, and I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.”

- The remnant did not forsake His name.
- Eternal life can only be given in the name of Jesus.
- Yeshua states when you stay faithful to my name, I will stay faithful to your name.

Verse 6 – “The one who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”

Will You Remain Faithful To His Name?

Get to know the Holy Spirit!

The End