

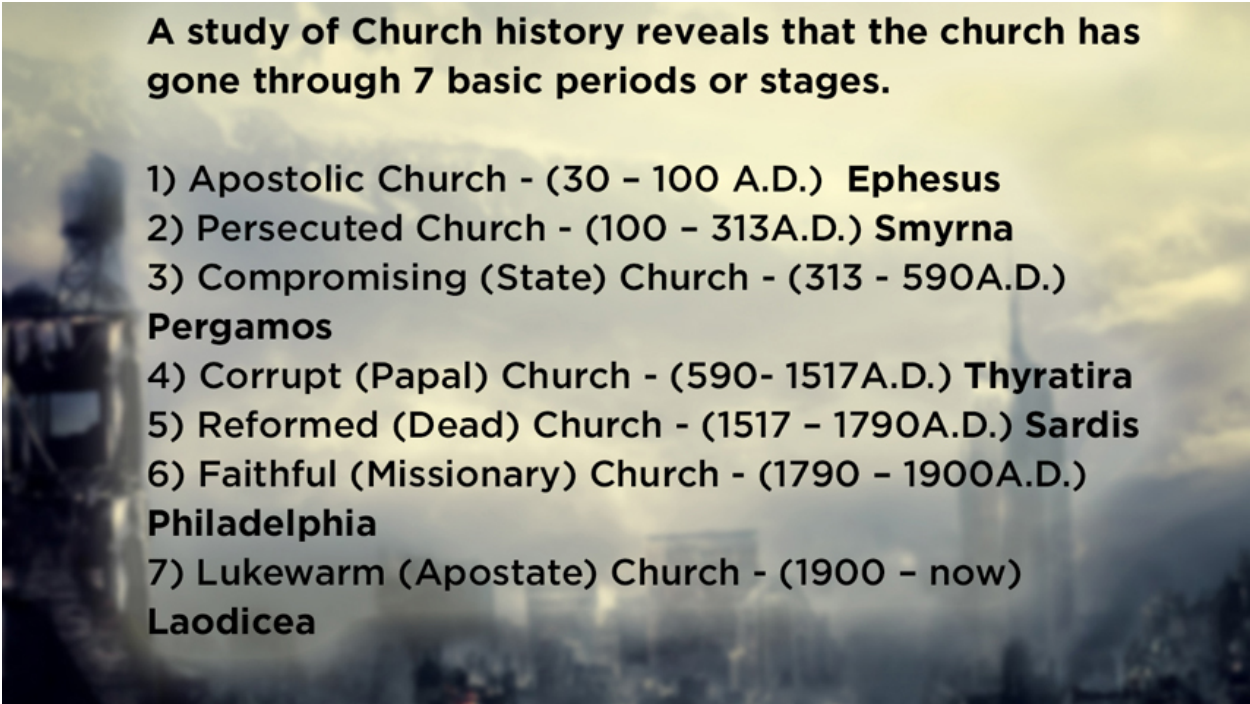
Revelation is the Greek word  
**Apokalupsis** : an unveiling, the taking  
off of a cover, to lift up a curtain  
Revelation is Singular because it is an  
unveiling of a person, Jesus Christ as  
King in His glorified state.

**Outline of Revelation: Revelation 1:19 - Write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after this.**

**Write the things you have seen, - Chapter 1 - Past - the Glorified Son of God**

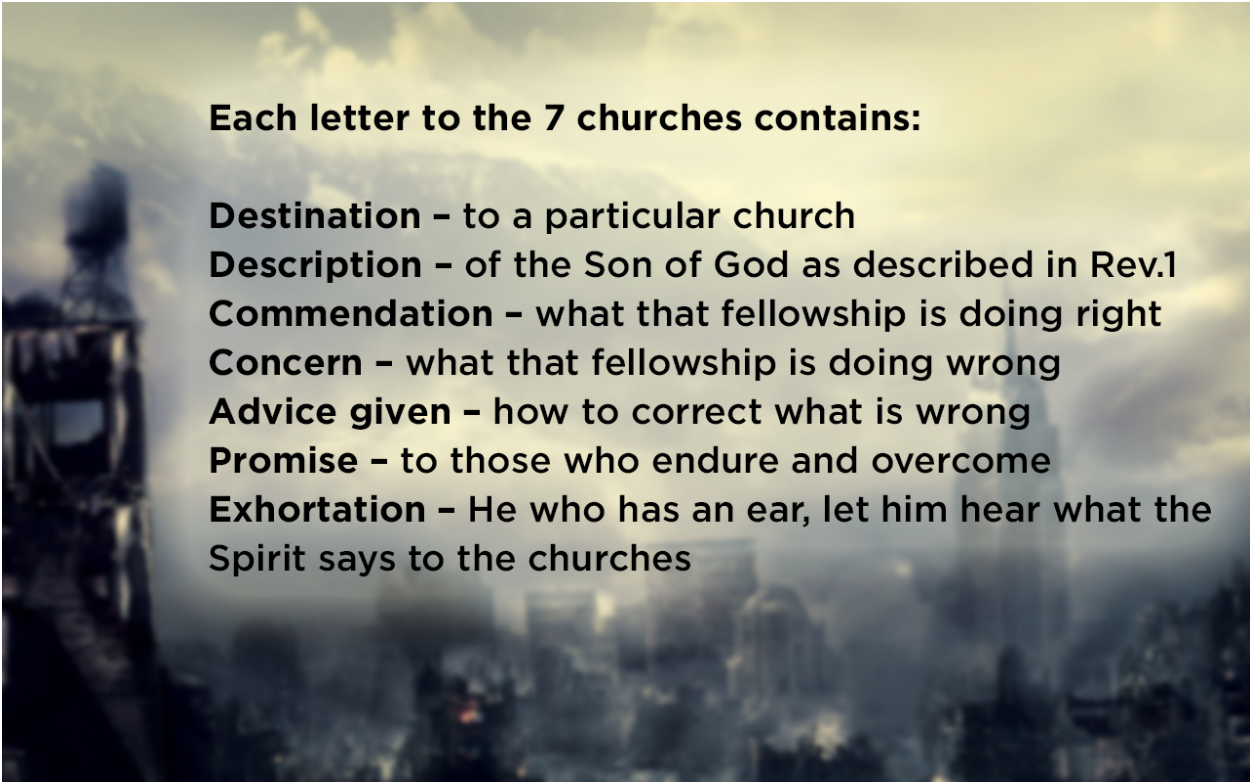
**And the things which are - Chapter 2-3 - Present - the 7 churches, the church Age**

**The things which must take place after this - Chapter 4-22 - Future - 7 yr tribulation period, Millennial Kingdom, New Heaven and New earth.**



**A study of Church history reveals that the church has gone through 7 basic periods or stages.**

- 1) Apostolic Church - (30 - 100 A.D.) **Ephesus**
- 2) Persecuted Church - (100 - 313A.D.) **Smyrna**
- 3) Compromising (State) Church - (313 - 590A.D.)  
**Pergamos**
- 4) Corrupt (Papal) Church - (590- 1517A.D.) **Thyratira**
- 5) Reformed (Dead) Church - (1517 - 1790A.D.) **Sardis**
- 6) Faithful (Missionary) Church - (1790 - 1900A.D.)  
**Philadelphia**
- 7) Lukewarm (Apostate) Church - (1900 - now)  
**Laodicea**



**Each letter to the 7 churches contains:**

**Destination** - to a particular church

**Description** - of the Son of God as described in Rev.1

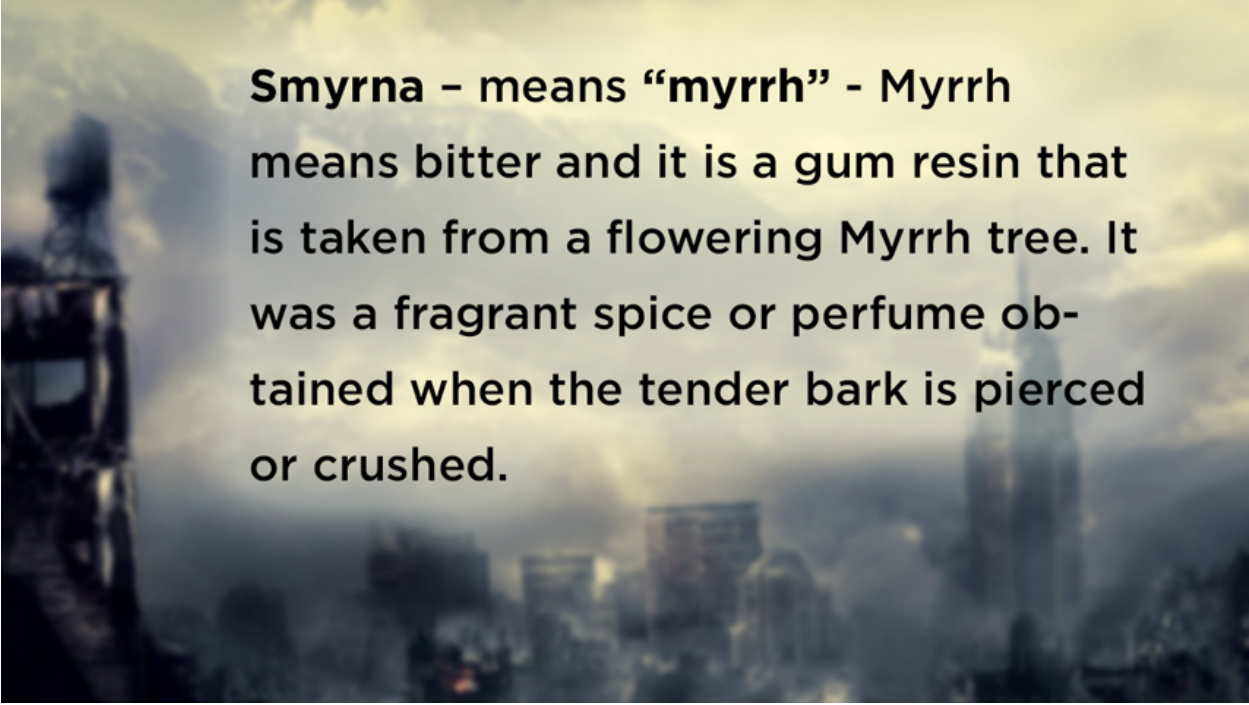
**Commendation** - what that fellowship is doing right

**Concern** - what that fellowship is doing wrong

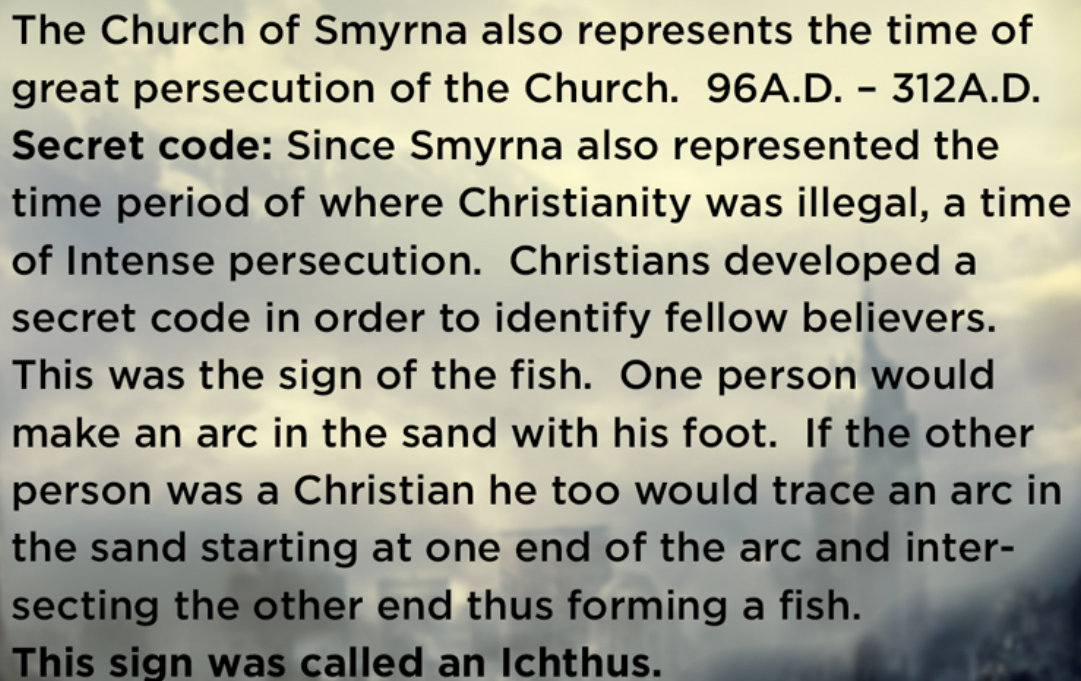
**Advice given** - how to correct what is wrong

**Promise** - to those who endure and overcome

**Exhortation** - He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches



**Smyrna** - means “myrrh” - Myrrh means bitter and it is a gum resin that is taken from a flowering Myrrh tree. It was a fragrant spice or perfume obtained when the tender bark is pierced or crushed.



The Church of Smyrna also represents the time of great persecution of the Church. 96A.D. - 312A.D. **Secret code:** Since Smyrna also represented the time period of where Christianity was illegal, a time of Intense persecution. Christians developed a secret code in order to identify fellow believers. This was the sign of the fish. One person would make an arc in the sand with his foot. If the other person was a Christian he too would trace an arc in the sand starting at one end of the arc and intersecting the other end thus forming a fish. **This sign was called an Ichthus.**

Ichthus (ikh-thoos) is the Greek word simply meaning "fish"



Ἰησοῦς = Jesus    Χριστός = Christ    Θεός = God

Υἱός = Son    Σωτήρ = Savior

GREEK TO ENGLISH	Ι	Χ	Θ	Υ	Σ	TRANSLITERATION
	i	ch	th	u	s	

**"Jesus Christ,  
God's Son,  
Savior"**

**The Wheel was also a sign of the  
Ichthus for early Christians**



Iota, Chi, Theta, upsilon, Sigma  
These are the first letters of the Greek words:  
**I**esous (**I**ota), **C**hristos (**C**hi), **T**heou (**T**heta), **U**ios (**U**psilon),  
and **S**otor (**S**igma).

**"Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior"**

