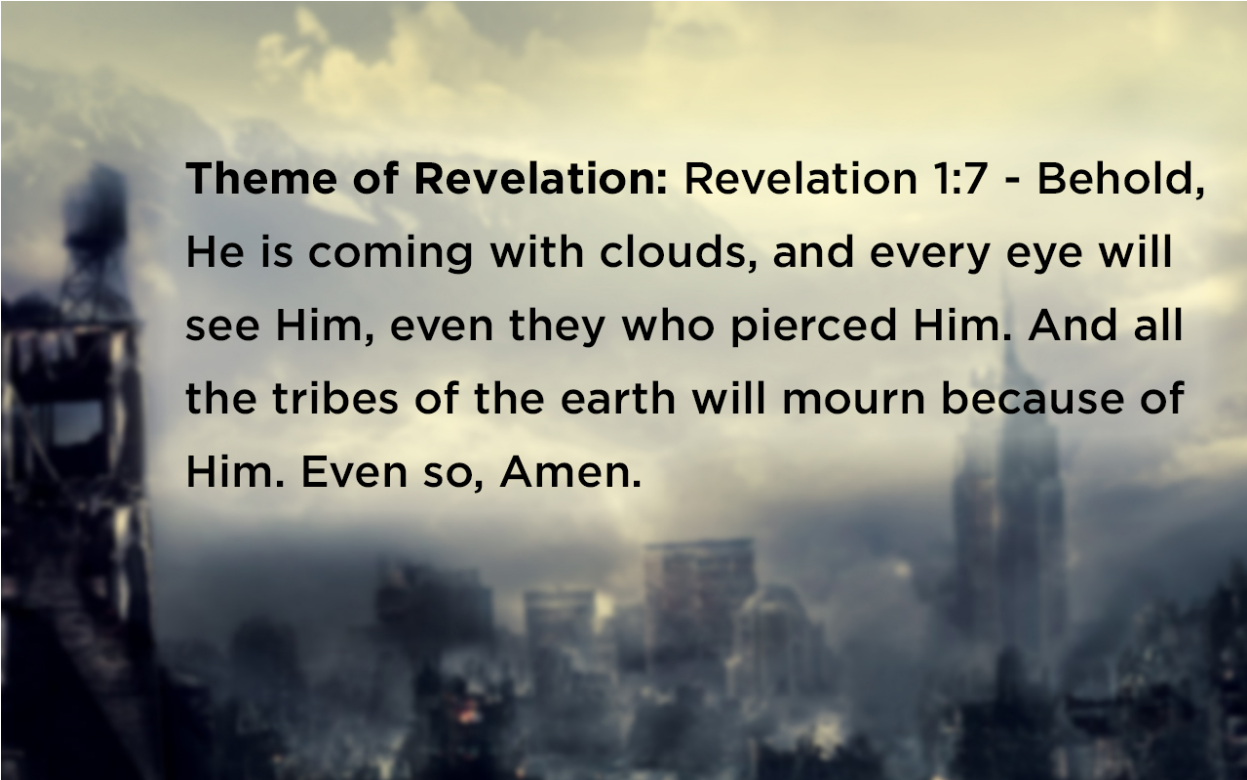


Revelation is the Greek word
Apokalupsis : an unveiling, the taking
off of a cover, to lift up a curtain
Revelation is Singular because it is an
unveiling of a person, Jesus Christ as
King in His glorified state.



Theme of Revelation: Revelation 1:7 - Behold,
He is coming with clouds, and every eye will
see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all
the tribes of the earth will mourn because of
Him. Even so, Amen.

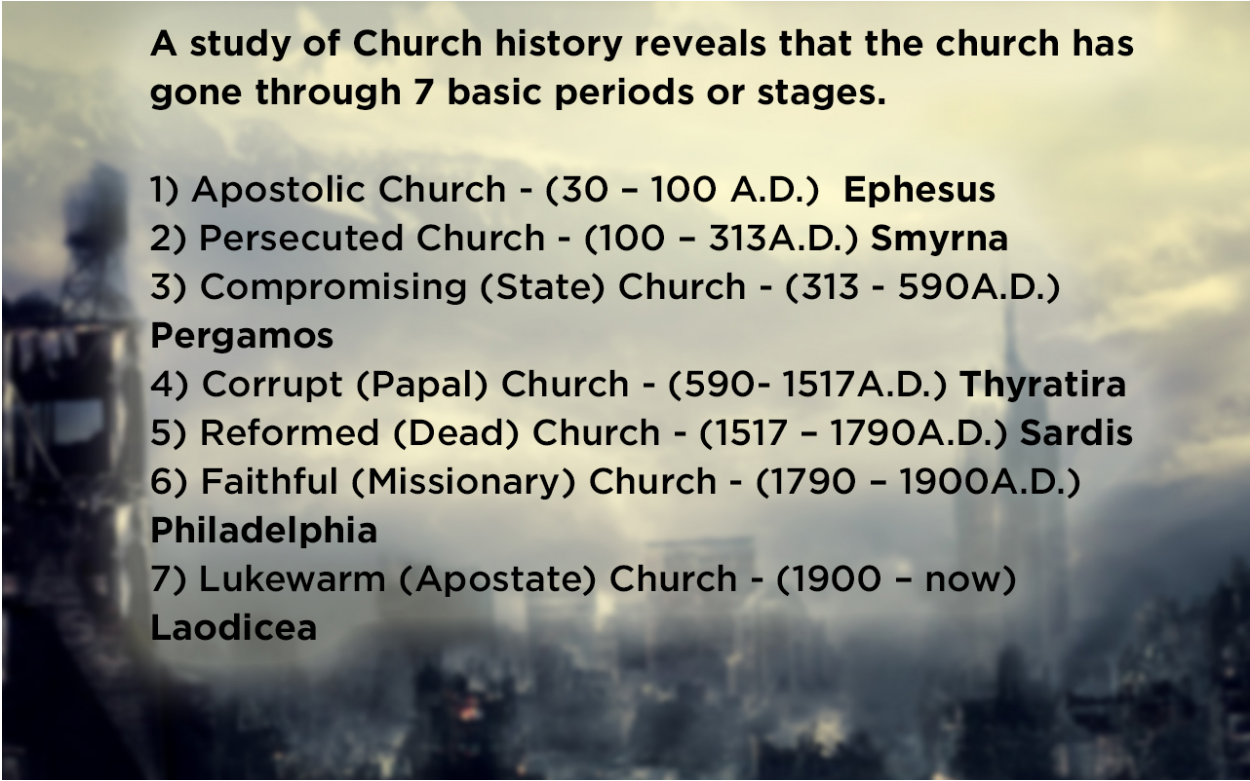
Outline of Revelation: Revelation 1:19 - Write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after this.

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

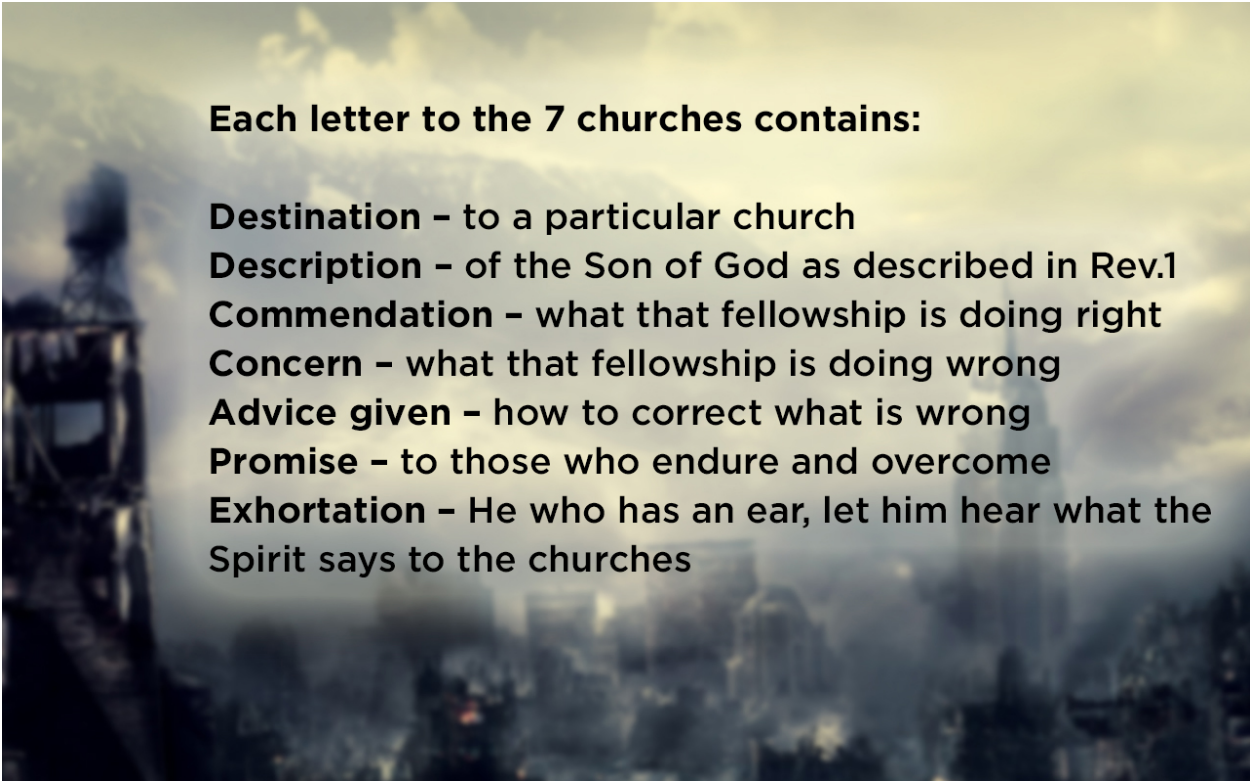
The things which must take place after this - Chapter 4-22 - Future - 7 yr tribulation period, Millennial Kingdom, New Heaven and New earth.





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

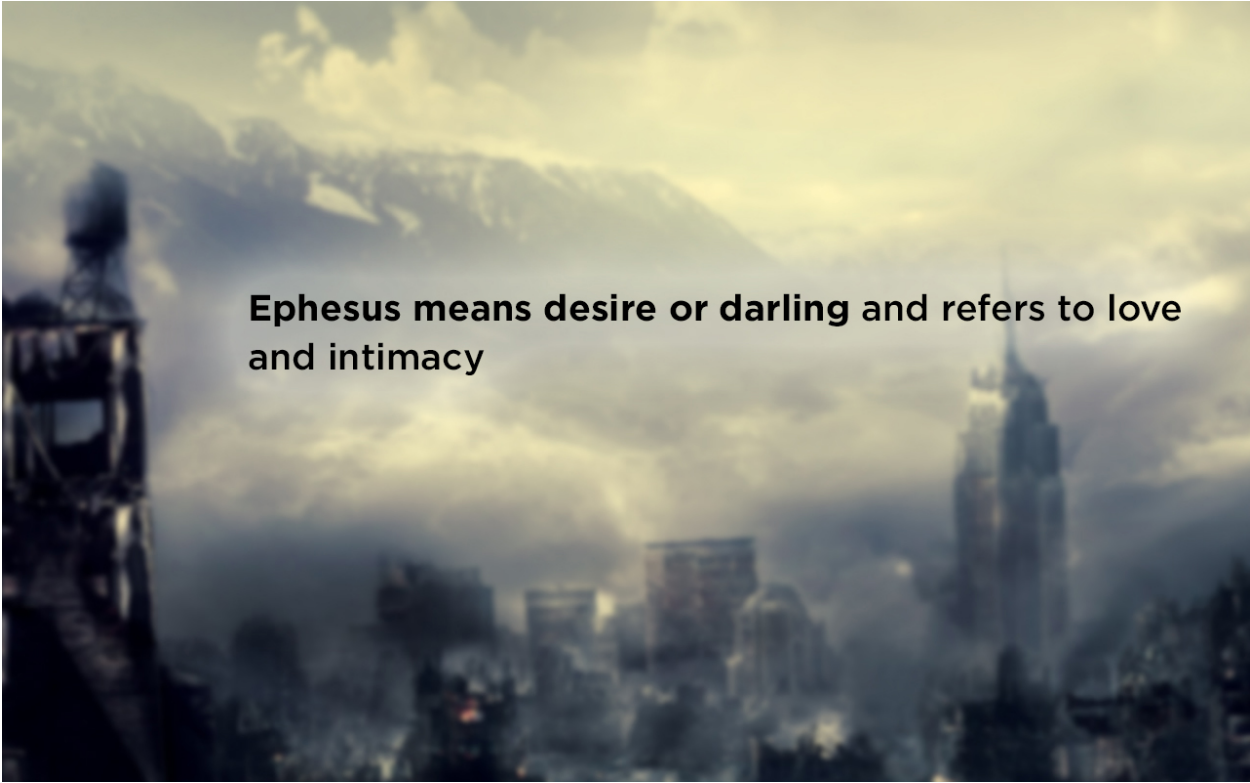
Commendation - what that fellowship is doing right

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



Ephesus means desire or darling and refers to love and intimacy



Nicolaitans :

Nico - grk means - To conquer, or ruling

Laus - grk means - the laity or the people

Balaam :

Bela - heb. Means - to conquer

Ha'am - heb means - the people



First letter:

Destination - Church of Ephesus vs 1

Description - of the Son of Man - Vs 1

Commendation - I know...vs 2-3, 6

Concern - Nevertheless....or else Vs 4, 5b

Advice given - Remember....Repent...Vs 5a

Promise - To him who overcomes...vs 7b

Exhortation - He who has an ear ...vs 7a