


**CHAPTERS 2-3****Common Structure**

1. Description of Jesus (*parallels to ch. 1*)
2. "I know..."
3. Rebuke / Instruction / Encouragement / Warning ("*I have this against you...*" / "*I am coming...*")
4. "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches" 
5. "He who overcomes..." (*parallels to ch. 21-22*)

Thyatira - Laodicea  
(2:18-3:22)**Ephesus – 2:1-7**

How does Jesus describe Himself to the church at Ephesus? (*parallel 1:20*)

What does Jesus commend them for? (*vv. 2-3,6*)

What problem do they have? What is the solution to their problem?

What is the consequence of not doing this? What do you think this means?

What does Jesus promise to those who overcome? (*parallel 22:2*)

**Smyrna – 2:8-11**

How does Jesus describe Himself to the church at Smyrna? (*parallel 1:17-18*)

What does He know about this church's circumstances and character? (*contrast 3:17*)

What does Jesus tell them about their future? What two instructions does He give them in face of this trial?

What promise is given to the faithful? What does Jesus promise to those who overcome? (*parallel 20:14-15*)

**Pergamum – 2:12-17**

How does Jesus describe Himself to the church at Pergamum? (*parallel 1:16*)

What does He know about this church's circumstances and character?

What does Jesus have against these brethren? What do you think this means? (*see Num 31:15-16; 25:1-9*)

What instruction and warning does He give to those who hold this teaching?

What does Jesus promise to those who overcome? What might this symbolize?

### **Thyatira – 2:18-29**

How does Jesus describe Himself to the church at Thyatira? (*parallel 1:14-15*)

What does He know about this church's character? (*contrast 2:5*)

What does Jesus have against these brethren? What does this mean? (*see 1 Kings 21:25-26*)

How should they have reacted to this false prophetess? How will Jesus act toward her and her followers?

What does Jesus promise to those who overcome? (*parallel 22:16; Ps 2:8-9*) Along with overcoming, what else must they do?

### **Sardis – 3:1-6**

How does Jesus describe Himself to the church at Sardis? (*parallel 1:4,20*)

What does He know about this church's reputation, deeds, and true character?

How does Jesus instruct them to fix this problem? What warning does He give them if they fail to change?

What positive element does Jesus see in this church? How are they described?

What does Jesus promise to those who overcome? (*parallel 21:27*)

### **Philadelphia – 3:7-13**

How does Jesus describe Himself to the church at Philadelphia? (*parallel 1:18*)

What does He know about this church's deeds and character?

What does Jesus say He has done for them? What do you think this means?

What two things does He promise He will do for them?

What does Jesus promise to those who overcome? (*parallel 21:2-3; 22:4*)

### **Laodicea – 3:14-22**

How does Jesus describe Himself to the church at Laodicea? (*parallel 1:5*)

What does He know about this church's attitude and character? How does He react to this?

What does Jesus advise them to do? What invitation does He give?

What does Jesus promise to those who overcome? (*parallel 22:5*)