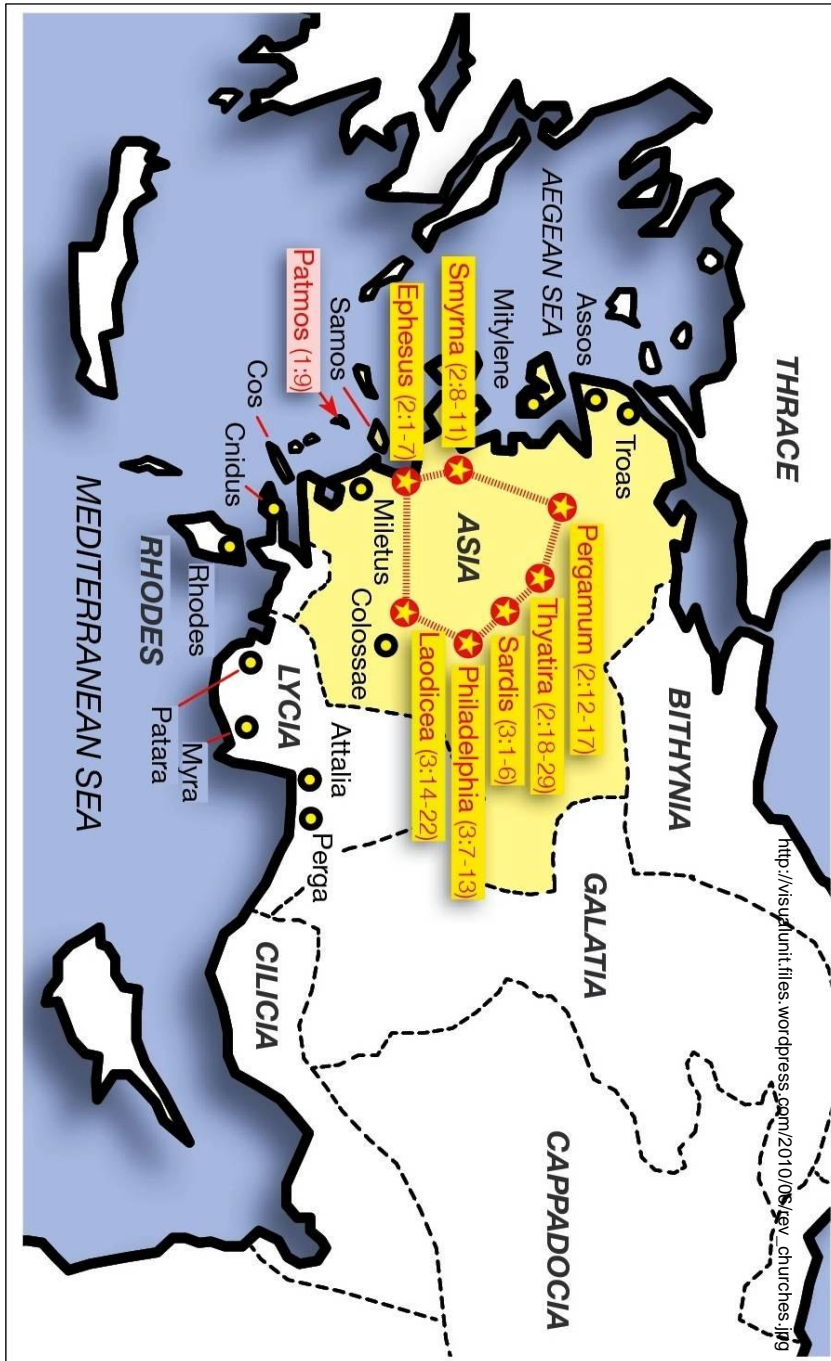


## Map of the 7 Churches



## The 7 Churches

Letters for the Church – Past, Present, Prophetical

April 20-22, 2012; Wausau, WI

### FRIDAY - APRIL 20

7:00 - 8:00 pm Evening Prayer

### SATURDAY - APRIL 21

9:00 - 9:15 Prayer  
 9:15 - 10:30 Conference Overview  
**Study 1 - Revelation Introduced**  
 Break  
 10:30  
 11:00 - 12:15 **Study 2 - The Vision of Jesus Christ**  
 12:15 Lunch  
 1:45 - 3:00 **Study 3 - Church 1 of 7 - Ephesus**  
 Visiting Workers Update  
 Break  
 3:00  
 3:30 - 5:00 **Study 4 - Church 2 of 7 - Smyrna**  
 Visiting Workers Update  
 Prayer  
 5:00 Supper  
 6:30 - 7:30 Hymn Sing & Open Ministry  
 8:00 Fellowship Activity

### SUNDAY - APRIL 22

9:15 - 10:30 Worship & Remembrance  
 10:30 Break  
 11:00 - 12:00 Sunday School  
 12:00 Lunch  
 1:45 - 2:45 **Study 5 - Church 3 of 7 - Pergamum**  
 2:45 Break  
 3:15 - 4:30 Open Ministry / Prayer  
 4:30 Supper

## DESCRIPTIONS OF JESUS IN CHAPTER 1

	the faithful witness
	the first-born of the dead
	the ruler of the kings of the earth
	who loves us and released us from our sins by His blood
	made us <i>to be</i> a kingdom, priests to His God and Father
	BEHOLD, HE IS COMING WITH THE CLOUDS
	He was pierced
	in the middle of the lampstands
	one like a son of man
<b>Judicial Role</b>	clothed in a <b>robe</b> reaching to the feet,
	<b>girded</b> across His breast with a <b>golden girdle</b>
	His <b>head</b> and His <b>hair</b> were <b>white</b> like <b>white</b> wool, like snow
	His <b>eyes</b> were like a flame of fire
	His <b>feet</b> were like burnished bronze, when it has been caused to glow in a furnace
	His <b>voice</b> was like the sound of many waters
	In His <b>right hand</b> He held seven stars
	out of His <b>mouth</b> came a sharp two-edged sword
	<b>His face</b> was like the sun shining in its strength
	I am the first and the last,
	I was dead
	I am alive forevermore, and
	I have the keys of death and of Hades
	the living One

## SPEAK O LORD

Keith Getty & Stuart Townend

Conference Theme song - words removed on web release.

## PROPHETIC HISTORY OF CHRISTENDOM

### SUMMARY OF PROPHETICAL CHURCH HISTORY

Church	Ref	Approximate Date (A.D.)	Meaning of Names	Key Historical Events	Matthew 13 Parables
1 <b>Ephesus</b>	2:1-7	End of 1 <sup>st</sup> century – 167	to let go, to relax, full purpose	Early Church	Sower
2 <b>Smyrna</b>	2:8-11	167 – 313	myrrh (ointment associated w/death, from a gum emitting a sweet fragrance, used w/burntals), root word meaning bitterness.	Church undergoes 10 <b>persecutions</b> starting w/Nero in 64 to Diocletian in 310. (7 of the 10 in Smyrna's time.) The last is most severe, 10 years in duration with an attempt to wipe out Christianity.	Wheat and Tares
3 <b>Pergamum</b>	2:12-17	313 - ~600	marriage; much marriage; elevation	<b>Constantine</b> after vision and victory merges church and state. Mixes the ways of Christianity with pagan.	Mustard Seed
4 <b>Thyatira</b>	2:18-29	~600 -1520	continual sacrifice	The <b>1<sup>st</sup> Pope</b> rules in the Roman Catholic Church and is acknowledged head of the Church. The mass is observed. Teaching of Church rules over the Word of God	Leaven
5 <b>Sardis</b>	3:1-6	1520 – ~1750	escaping one or remnant	Numerous events leading up to the Reformation of 1520. <b>Martin Luther's</b> 95 thesis & following events bring about the <b>Reformation</b> . Protestants named "after the Protest". National churches rise up shortly and start the declination.	Treasure Hid
6 <b>Philadelphia</b>	3:7-13	~1750 - ~1900	brotherly love	Churches are closed to men like the Wesley's, George Whitefield and others who go out and large revivals result. Areas of the Scriptures come to light, and great movements in foreign missionary work occur.	Pearl
7 <b>Laodicea</b>	3:14-22	~1900 – Current	people's rights	General rejection of truth held in the Philadelphia Church. A church blind to its condition.	Dragnet

Excerpts from: The Prophetic History of Christendom, R. Campbell; Dispensational Truth, C. Larkin; Miller's Church History, Andrew Miller

## STUDY 5: Church 3 of 7 - Pergamum

Reading: Rev 2:12-17

OPEN MINISTRY 2: Sunday Afternoon

## 2 YEAR STUDY OUTLINE

	Study	Study Description	Rev
Year 1 2012	1	Revelation Introduced	1:1-8
	2	The Vision of Jesus Christ	1:9-20
	3	Church 1: Ephesus	2:1-7
	4	Church 2: Smyrna	2:8-11
	5	Church 3: Pergamum	2:12-17
Year 2 2013	6	Church 4: Thyatira	2:18-29
	7	Church 5: Sardis	3:1-6
	8	Church 6: Philadelphia	3:7-13
	9	Church 7: Laodicea	3:14-22
	10	Summary	1:1-3:22

## STUDY PASSAGE AND OUTLINE

### STUDY 1:

#### REVELATION INTRODUCED

- Reading: Rev 1:1-8
- Why Revelation is written
- Who Revelation is to
- Who Revelation is from

### STUDY 2:

#### THE VISION OF JESUS CHRIST

- Reading: Rev 1:9-20
- The vision's background
- The vision
- The vision's responses

### STUDY 3:

#### CHURCH 1 OF 7 - EPHEBUS

- **Reading:** Rev 2:1-7
- Message to the 1<sup>st</sup> century church
- Message to the 21<sup>st</sup> century church
- Prophetic history considerations

### STUDY 4:

#### CHURCH 2 OF 7 - SMYRNA

- Reading: Rev 2:8-11
- Outline: same as Study 3

### STUDY 5:

#### CHURCH 3 OF 7 - PERGAMUM

- Reading: Rev 2:12-17
- Outline: same as Study 3

**Conference Introduction &  
STUDY 1: Revelation Introduced**

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*Reading: Rev 1:1-8*

**OPEN MINISTRY 1: Saturday Evening**

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**STUDY 2: The Vision of Jesus Christ**

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*Reading: Rev 1:9-20*

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

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**STUDY 3: Church 1 of 7 - Ephesus**

Reading: Rev 2:1-7

**STUDY 4: Church 2 of 7 - Smyrna**

Reading: Rev 2:8-11

**THE DIVINE TEMPLATE**

**THE DIVINE TEMPLATE: PARTS OF EACH LETTER**

	1	2	3	4	5	6
	To: the Angel...	"I Know" Commendation	"I Know" Rebuke	God's Directions: w/commands, warnings, action to be taken	He who has an ear ... Spirit says	Promise to the Overcomer
Church	From: Christ w/attributes "says this"					
1 Ephesus	X	X	X	X	X	X
2 Smyrna	X	X		X	X	X
3 Pergamum	X	X	X	X	X	X
4 Thyatira	X	X	X	X	X	X
5 Sardis	X	X	X	X	X	X
6 Philadelphia	X	X		X	X	X
7 Laodicea	X		X	X	X	X

**1: EPHEBUS**

1 ¶ "To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: The One who holds the seven stars in His right hand, the One who walks among the seven golden lampstands, **says this:**

2 **'I know** your deeds and your toil and perseverance, and that you cannot endure evil men, and you put to the test those who call themselves apostles, and they are not, and you found them to be false;

3 and you have perseverance and have endured for My name's sake, and have not grown weary.

4 **'But I have this against you, that you have left your first love.**

5 **'Remember** therefore from where you have fallen, and **repent** and **do** the deeds you did at first; or else I **am coming** to you, and **will remove** your lampstand out of its place—unless you **repent.**

6 'Yet this you do have, that you hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.

7 **'He who has an ear,** let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. **To him who overcomes,** I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the Paradise of God.'

**2: SMYRNA**

8 ¶ "And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write: The first and the last, who was dead, and has come to life, **says this:**

9 **'I know** your tribulation and your poverty (but you are rich), and the blasphemy by those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan.

10 **'Do not fear** what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to cast some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. **Be faithful** until death, and I **will give** you the crown of life.

11 **'He who has an ear,** let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. **He who overcomes** shall not be hurt by the second death.'

**3: PERGAMUM**

12 ¶ "And to the angel of the church in Pergamum write: The One who has the sharp two-edged sword **says this:**

13 **'I know** where you dwell, where Satan's throne is; and you hold fast My name, and did not deny My faith, even in the days of Antipas, My witness, My faithful one, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells.

14 **'But I have a few things against you, because you have there some who hold the teaching of Balaam, who kept teaching Balak to put a stumbling block before the sons of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols, and to commit acts of immorality.**

15 **'Thus you also have some who in the same way hold the teaching of the Nicolaitans.**

16 **'Repent** therefore; or else I **am coming** to you quickly, and I **will make** war against them with the sword of My mouth.

17 **'He who has an ear,** let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. **To him who overcomes,** to him I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, and a new name written on the stone which no one knows but he who receives it.'

**4: THYATIRA**

18 ¶ "And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write: The Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and His feet are like burnished bronze, **says this:**

19 **'I know** your deeds, and your love and faith and service and perseverance, and that your deeds of late are greater than at first.

20 **'But I have this against you, that you tolerate the woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, and she teaches and leads My bond-servants astray, so that they commit acts of immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols.**

21 **'And I gave her time to repent; and she does not want to repent of her immorality.**

22 **'Behold, I will cast** her upon a bed of sickness, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of her deeds.

23 **'And I will kill** her children with pestilence; and all the churches will know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts; and I **will give** to each one of you according to your deeds.

24 **'But I say to you, the rest who are in Thyatira, who do not hold this teaching, who have not known the deep things of Satan, as they call them—I place** no other burden on you.

25 **'Nevertheless what you have, hold fast** until I come.

26 **'And he who overcomes,** and he who keeps My deeds until the end, **TO HIM I WILL GIVE AUTHORITY OVER THE NATIONS;**

27 **AND HE SHALL RULE THEM WITH A ROD OF IRON, AS THE VESSELS OF THE POTTER ARE BROKEN TO PIECES,** as I also have received authority from My Father;

28 and I will give him the morning star.

29 **'He who has an ear,** let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'

**5: SARDIS**

1 ¶ "And 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, but you are dead.

2 **'Wake up,** 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 **'Remember** therefore what you have received and heard; and **keep it,** and **repent.** If therefore you will not wake up, I **will come** like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I **will come** upon 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 **'He who overcomes** shall thus be clothed 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 **'He who has an ear,** let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'

**6: PHILADELPHIA**

7 ¶ "And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: He who is holy, who is true, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, and who shuts and no one opens, **says this:**

8 **'I know** your deeds. Behold, I have put before you an open door which no one can shut, because you have a little power, and have kept My word, and have not denied My name.

9 **'Behold, I will cause** those of the synagogue of Satan, who say that they are Jews, and are not, but lie—behold, I **will make** them to come and bow down at your feet, and to know that I have loved you.

10 **'Because you have kept** the word of My perseverance, I also **will keep** you from the hour of testing, that hour which is about to come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell upon the earth.

11 **'I am coming quickly;** **hold fast** what you have, in order that no one take your crown.

12 **'He who overcomes,** I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he will not go out from it anymore; and I will write upon him the name of My God, and the name of the city of My God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God, and My new name.

13 **'He who has an ear,** let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'

**7: LAODICEA**

14 ¶ "And to the angel of the church in Laodicea write: The Amen, the faithful and true Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God, **says this:**

15 **'I know** your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot; I would that you were cold or hot.

16 **'So because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of My mouth.**

17 **'Because you say, "I am rich, and have become wealthy, and have need of nothing," and you do not know that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked,**

18 **I advise you to buy** from Me gold refined by fire, that you may become rich, and white garments, that you may clothe yourself, and that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and eye salve to anoint your eyes, that you may see.

19 **'Those whom I love,** I reprove and discipline; **be zealous** therefore, and **repent.**

20 **'Behold, I stand at the door and knock;** if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I **will come in** to him, and **will dine** with him, and he with Me.

21 **'He who overcomes,** I will grant to him to sit down with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.

22 **'He who has an ear,** let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'"