

## REVELATION 2:7-13

Listed on the board today: in Asia Minor, or Turkey at the time. These have a prophetic meaning, telling what's going to happen to the churches throughout history.

<b>Apostolic age:</b>	<b>Ephesus (Backslidden)</b>	<b>AD70-AD170</b>
<b>Age of persecution:</b>	<b>Smyrna (Persecuted)</b>	<b>AD170-AD312</b>
<b>Dark Ages:</b>	<b>Pergamos (Licentious)</b>	<b>AD312-AD606</b>
<b>Constantine takes over Rome: started Nicolaitans (Catholics)</b>		

The doctrine of Balaam is – “if you can’t kill them, join them”. Divide & conquer. This is known the ‘sensuous church’.

<b>Thyatira (Lax)</b>	<b>AD606-AD1520</b>
<b>Sardis (Dead)</b>	<b>AD1520-AD1750</b>
<b>Philadelphia (Favored)</b>	<b>AD1750-AD1900</b>
<b>Laodicea (Lukewarm)</b>	<b>AD1900-Rapture</b>

Revelation 2-3 are the 7 letters to the 7 churches. The Lord says first and foremost of each of the 7 churches in each letter: “I know your works.” It is very important what you do, not just what you say.

Rev 2:6 But this thou hast, that thou hatest the works of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. They say you have to go thru them to get to God, a teaching which Jesus hates, because this doctrine is not true.

Proverbs 6:16-19 ASV: “There are six things which Jehovah hateth; Yea, seven which are an abomination unto him: <sup>17</sup> **Haughty eyes**, a **lying tongue**, And hands that **shed innocent blood**; <sup>18</sup> A heart that deviseth **wicked purposes**, Feet that are **swift in running to mischief**, <sup>19</sup> A **false witness** that uttereth lies, And he that **soweth discord among brethren.**”