

CHURCH OF THE CONQUERORS

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Ephesus:

- Seat of Emperor Worship: Government enforced compliance against Biblical beliefs
- Temple of Artemis: goddess of fertility +14 other temples to pagan gods
- Intellectual Center
- Agora, Center of Commerce: altar of incense for allegiance at entrance
- Temple of Dydimus: "*pharmakea*" witchcraft, sorcery

CO- AUTHORSHIP

Revelation 2:1 NLT "Write this letter to the angel of the church in Ephesus. This is the message from the one who holds the seven stars in his right hand, the one who walks among the seven gold lamp stands:"

1. He holds the 7 Churches in his right hand
2. He walks among the golden lamp stands - coming from the Light
3. Letter given to the Messengers, Heralds, Mouthpieces, Spokesperson

COMMENDATIONS

Revelation 2:2-3 NLT "**I know all the things** you do. **I have seen** your hard work and your patient endurance. I know you don't tolerate evil people. You have **examined the claims** of those who say they are apostles but are not. You have discovered they are liars. You have patiently suffered for me without quitting."

1. God knows- Omniscient
2. God sees - Omnipresent
3. God examines (through His church) - Omnipotent
4. God empowers His Body to expose the liars
5. Patient endurance without quitting
6. History of Ephesus church: Acts 19

COMPLAINT

Revelation 2:4-5 NLT "But I have this complaint against you. You don't love me or each other as you did at first! Look how far you have fallen! Turn back to me and do the works you did at first. If you don't repent, I will come and remove your lampstand from its place among the churches."

1. God was rating the Church: His body & Bride; making it acceptable, appropriate
2. "UNLOVED" by the bride to be & unloving to her own body
3. Fell out of love with God
4. Return to God, it's not too late!!
5. Resurrect Good Deeds
6. Repent vs Removal

CREDIT

Revelation 2:6-7 NLT "But this is in your favor: You hate the evil deeds of the Nicolaitans, just as I do. "Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit and understand what he is saying to the churches. To everyone who is victorious I will give fruit from the tree of life in the paradise of God."

1. It's in your favor that you held your ground in the TRUTH/Teachings
2. Lifestyle/Culture in the Holy Spirit: Listen, Perceive, Discern, Practice
3. Victorious in Christ:
4. Spoils: Fruit from the Tree of Life in eternity

