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Edward Church

WE WERE WARNED

REVELATION

THE END OF DAYS™

7 Churches pt 3

*“Let Me Introduce Myself”*



# Purpose

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**Revelation was to Prepare...**

**...and Strengthen the Christians of**

**...Asia Minor (seven churches)**

**...that they will Remain Faithful**

**...Against the Impending Persecution**





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## Revelation 1:19

- **Chap 1 - “*things you have seen*”**
  - **The Lord’s Work in His Church**
- **Chap 2-3 – “*things which are*”**
  - **The Lord’s Word to His Church**
- **Chap 4-22 – “*things which shall be*”**
  - **“ ”Lord’s Word (prophetic) after His Church**

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**Revelation 1:20 (KJV)**

*“The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches”*



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## What this Would Mean to Persecuted Churches

- **Comfort Knowing Jesus...**
    - ...was in the Middle of the Churches**
    - ...They Were Held in His Hand.**
  - **We Too Should Know In All This...**
    - ...He is Still in the Middle**
    - ...We Are Still in His Hands.**
- He Comes to Us, Cares For Us, Comforts Us...**  
**...We Don't Have to Be Afraid**

# Revelation 2-3 Has a 3-fold View

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## It Can Be Viewed...

- **Practically**
  - They represent literal congregations
- **Prophetically**
  - They represent different church ages
- **Personally**
  - They rep. modern congregations
  - They rep. individual Christians

# **Revelation chapters 2 and 3**

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- **He Calls Each of These Churches  
...By Name**
- **He Gives Each Church...  
...a Specific Word**
- **He Gives Each Church...  
...a Special Promise**



# **Thirty Years Have Passed...**

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**The Lord Comes to His Churches...**

THE ...to Speak to Them About THE END OF DAYS™

- **Where They Are...**
- **Where He Wants Them to Be...**
- **He Comes to Them w-...  
...a Message Of Comfort**

# Each Church has Unique Introduction

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They are Reminded in (1) that He Has  
Them Safely in His Hand.

The Word "*Holdeth*" Speaks of...  
"*Being In Absolute Control*".

In a Society That Was Out Of Control,  
They Needed To Know...

...He Was In Control.



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- 1. Loveless Church- Ephesus (2:1-7)**
- 2. Persecuted Church- Smyrna (2:8-11)**
- 3. Compromising Church- Pergamos (2:12-17)**
- 4. Divided Church- Thyatira (2:18-29)**
- 5. Lifeless Church- Sardis (3:1-6)**
- 6. Living Church- Philadelphia (3:7-13)**
- 7. Lukewarm Church- Laodicea (3:14-22)**

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## **Jeremiah 29:11 (MSG)**

**I know what I'm doing. I have it all planned out—plans to take care of you, not abandon you, plans to give you the future you hope for.**