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(4) Nevertheless I have *somewhat* against thee, because thou hast left thy first love.
 (5) Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.
 (6) But this thou hast, that thou hatest the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.
 (7) He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.
 (8) And unto the angel of the church in Smyrna write; These things saith the first and the last, which was dead, and is alive;
 (9) I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and *I know* the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but *are* the synagogue of Satan.
 (10) Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast *some* of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.
 (11) He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death.

(4) Nevertheless I have *somewhat* against you, because you have left your first love.
 (5) Remember therefore from where you have fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come to you quickly, and will remove your candlestick out of its place, unless you repent.
 (6) But this you do have, that you hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans^b, 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 give to eat of the tree of life^c, which is in the midst of the paradise^d of God.
 (8) And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write; These things says the First and the Last^e, Who was dead, and is alive;
 (9) I know your works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but you are rich) and *I know* the blasphemy of those who say they are Jews, and are not, but *are* the synagogue of Satan.
 (10) Do not be afraid of those things which you will suffer: look, the devil will cast *some* of you into prison, that you may be tried; and you will have tribulation ten days; be faithful to death, and I will give you a crown of life.
 (11) He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches; He who overcomes will not be hurt by the second death.

2:6b - Nicolaitans - supposed Christians who were guilty of fornication (having sex with those they were not married to), adultery (having sex with someone who is married to someone else), and eating of food offered to idols. They supposedly also shared their wives with each other. They rejected "holiness of living." Note: It is the deeds of the Nicolaitans that the Lord hates -- not the Nicolaitans themselves! See Rev.2:15
 - See note on Mat. 5:32; I Cor. 6:9-20; Acts 15:20f; Gal. 5:19-21

2:7c- tree of life - Gen. 3:22; Rev. 22:2

2:7d - paradise - Luke 23:43

2:8e - the First and the Last - Is. 44:6

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(12) And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write; These things saith he which hath the sharp sword with two edges;
(13) I know thy works, and where thou dwellest, *even* where Satan's seat is: and thou holdest fast my name, and hast not denied my faith, even in those days wherein Antipas *was* my faithful martyr, who was slain among you, where Satan dwelleth.
(14) But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication.
(15) So hast thou also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate.
(16) Repent; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth.
(17) He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth *it*.
(18) And unto the angel of the church in Thyatira write; These things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet *are* like fine brass;

(12) And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write; These things says He Who has the sharp sword with two edges;
(13) I know your works, and where you live, *even* where Satan's seat is: and you hold fast My Name, and have not denied My faith, even in those days in which Antipas *was* My faithful martyr, who was killed among you, where Satan lives.
(14) But I have a few things against you, because you have there those who hold the teaching of Balaam^f, who taught Balac to cast a stumbling-block before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols, and to commit fornication^g.
(15) So you have also those who hold the teaching of the Nicolaitans, which thing^h I hate.
(16) Repent; or else I will come to you quickly, and will fight 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 I will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and on the stone a new name written, which no man knows except him who receives *it*.
(18) And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write; These things says the Son of God, Who has His eyes like a flame of fire, and His feet *are* like fine brassⁱ;

2:14f - Balaam and Balak - see Num. 22:1-24:25; 31:15-16

2:14g - See Mat. 5:32

2:15h – which thing I hate {Note it is the teaching of the Nicholaitans that God hates}

2:18i – feet like fine brass – Dan. 10:5-6

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(19) I know thy works, and charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience, and thy works; and the last *to be* more than the first.
(20) Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols.
(21) And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not.
(22) Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds.
(23) And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works.
(24) But unto you I say, and unto the rest in Thyatira, as many as have not this doctrine, and which have not known the depths of Satan, as they speak; I will put upon you none other burden.
(25) But that which ye have *already* hold fast till I come.
(26) And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations:
(27) And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father.
(28) And I will give him the morning star.
(29) He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

(19) I know your works, and charity, and service, and faith, and your patience, and your works; and the last *are* more than the first.
(20) Nevertheless I have a few things against you, because you allow that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce My servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed to idols.
(21) And I gave her time to repent of fornication; but she did not repent.
(22) Look, I will cast her into a bed, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of their deeds.
(23) And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches will know that I am He Who searches the hearts and minds: and I will give to every one of you according to your works.
(24) But to you I say, and to the rest in Thyatira, as many as do not have this teaching, and who have not known the depths of Satan, as they call it; I will put upon you no other burden.
(25) But that which you have *already* hold fast until I come.
(26) And he who overcomes, and keeps My works to the end, to him I will give power over the nations:
(27) And he will rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter they will be broken to pieces: even as I received of My Father.
(28) And I will give him the morning star.ⁱ
(29) He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

2:28j - Rev. 22:16 [see note on Is. 14:12 concerning the corruption of New Age versions of the Bible]

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Chapter 3

- (1) And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write; These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead.
- (2) Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God.
- (3) Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.
- (4) Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy.
- (5) He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.
- (6) He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.
- (7) And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth;

Chapter 3

- (1) And to the angel of the church in Sardis write; These things says He Who has the seven Spirits of God^a, and the seven stars; I know your works, that you have a name that you live, but you are dead.
- (2) Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain that are ready to die: because I have not found your works perfect before God.
- (3) Remember therefore what you have received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore you will not watch, I will come upon you as a thief, and you will not know what hour I will come upon you.
- (4) You have a few names even in Sardis who have not defiled their clothes; and they will walk with Me in white: because they are worthy.
- (5) He who overcomes, the same will be clothed in white robes; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life^b, but 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.
- (7) And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things says He Who is holy, He Who is true, He Who has the key of David, He Who opens, and no man shuts; and shuts, and no man opens;

3:1a – Seven Spirits – Rev. 1:4; 4:5; 5:6; Is. 11:2

3:5b – book of life – Rev. 20:12, 15

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(8) I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.

(9) Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee.

(10) Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.

(11) Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.

(12) Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, *which is* new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and *I will write upon him* my new name.

(13) He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

(14) And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God;

(15) I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot.

(8) I know your works: look, I have set before you an open door, and no man can shut it: because you have a little strength, and have kept My word, and have not denied My Name.

(9) See, I will make those of the synagogue of Satan, who say they are Jews, and are not, but lie; I will cause them to come and worship before your feet, and to know that I have loved you.

(10) Because you have kept the word of My patience, I also will keep you from^c the hour of temptation, which will come upon all the world, to try those who live upon the earth.

(11) See, I come quickly: hold fast that which you have, that no man takes your crown.

(12) He who overcomes I will make a pillar in the temple of My God, and he will no more go out: and I will write upon him the Name of My God, and the name of the city of My God, which is New Jerusalem^d, which comes down out of heaven from My God: and I will write upon him My new Name.

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

(14) And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God;

(15) I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot: I wish that you were cold or hot.

3:10c – “from” – {εκ} ek - lit. – “out of” not {δια} dia “through”; see Is. 26:20

3:12d - New Jerusalem - Rev. 21:10f

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(16) So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.
(17) Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:
(18) I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and *that* the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.
(19) As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.
(20) Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.
(21) To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.
(22) He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

Chapter 4

(1) After this I looked, and, behold, a door *was* opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard *was* as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter.
(2) And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and *one* sat on the throne.

(16) So then because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew you out of My mouth.
(17) Because you say, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and do not know that you are wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:
(18) I counsel you to buy from Me gold tried in the fire, that you may be rich; and white clothing, that you may be clothed, and that the shame of your nakedness does not appear^e; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see.
(19) As many as I love, I rebuke and discipline: be zealous therefore, and repent.
(20) Look, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hears My voice, and opens the door, I will come in to him, and will dine with him, and he with Me.
(21) To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with My Father on His throne.
(22) He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

Chapter 4

(1) After this^a I looked, and, a door *was* opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard *was* as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, **Come up here, and I will show you things which must be hereafter.**
(2) And immediately I was in the spirit: and, look, a throne was set in heaven, and *One* sat on the throne.

3:18e - white clothing - righteousness; [Rev. 19:8] - nakedness - unrighteousness

4:1a- lit. after these things - meta tauta {μετα ταυτα} - Rev. 1: 19; Rev. 7:1, Rev. 18:1, Rev. 19:1