

NIV MEMORY VERSE: Revelation 2:25
Only hold on to what you have until I come.

PROPHECY/REVELATION 13-1

"WRITE TO THE CHURCHES . . ."
Revelation 2:1-29

1. What was significant to you from last week's lesson?

Chapters 2 and 3 of Revelation cover the letters that John wrote to the churches at the instruction of Jesus Christ. In this lesson we cover the first four of the seven messages.

2. What virtues of the church at Ephesus did Jesus commend?
3. a. Ephesus had maintained doctrinal purity. What then was the major fault of this congregation?

b. What do you think would be evident/non-evident in a congregation with that problem?
4. a. What do the following Scriptures teach us about love?
John 14:15,23

1 John 3:18

1 John 4:20,21

b. What do you do as a member of your congregation and as an individual to make your love for Christ apparent?
5. a. What did Jesus instruct the Ephesians to do in Revelation 2:5?

b. If we have lost our first love, what steps can we take to renew our commitment to Jesus?
6. What final compliment was given the Ephesians?
7. What is the wonderful promise given in verse 7 for those with an "ear to hear" what the Spirit says to the churches?

PROPHECY/REVELATION 13-2

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8. In the letter to the church at Smyrna, what did Christ say/know about . . .
 . . . their past?

 . . . their future?
9. This church at Smyrna experienced great persecution from the Jews and Satan that tested their faith. What do you think your church has experienced that tested its faith?
10. a. Jesus promised a crown of life to those who are faithful _____.
 What is the promise in verse 11 for those with an "ear to hear" what the Spirit says?

 b. Does it encourage you to know that faithfulness is greatly rewarded? Share a few Bible examples of how God rewarded or greatly blessed people because of faithfulness.
11. In the letter to the church at Pergamum, what did Christ reveal that He knew about their . . .
 . . . location?

 . . . strength?

 . . . weakness?
12. The church at Pergamum was enticed to join in worldly compromise. In what ways do we still see this today?
13. a. What was Christ's warning to this church?

 b. . . . His promise?
14. For what did Jesus commend the church at Thyatira?

PROPHECY/REVELATION 13-3

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15. a. He rebuked them because they tolerated what sins of Jezebel?
 - b. In what areas do you think Christians are too tolerant today?
16. God gave Jezebel time to repent, but she was unwilling. What would the coming punishment prove?
17. a. Not everyone had fallen into Jezebel's teaching and sought Satan's secrets. To them Jesus said in verse 25:
"_____."
- b. Share a special Scripture or promise that helps you to "hold on" in difficult times.
18. What is the promise to those who overcome?
19. Does it comfort you or convict you to know that God knows and keeps account of the works of His children and His church? Why?
20. The overcomers in each church received a solemn promise. Who are the overcomers according to 1 John 5:4,5 and how do they do it?
21. Remember Revelation 1:3. What have you "taken to heart" from this lesson?

PROPHECY/REVELATION 13-4

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LECTURE NOTES:

PRAYER REQUESTS: