

Types of the Church in the Letters to the Seven Churches of Asia

(From *Through New Eyes* by James Jordan)

Ephesus: Eden and the Fall	
2:1 the Lord walking among tree-like lampstands (Ex.37:19-21)	The Lord walking in Eden (Gen. 3:8)
2:4-5 falling from the first love	Adam's fall
Reward:	
2:7 tree of life; paradise of God	Genesis 2:9
Smyrna: The Patriarchs, especially Joseph	
2:8 death and resurrection	Rom. 4:19; Gen. 25:21; 29:31; Gen. 22:1-14; Heb. 11:17-19
2:9 poverty and riches	Heb. 11:9; Counterfeit Isaac, Gen. 21:9; Gal. 4:22-31
Reward:	
2:10 prison & elevation to the crown	Gen. 39, 41
Pergamum: The Exodus and Wilderness	
2:13 Satan's environment	Wilderness, Matt. 4:1; 12:43
2:14 Balaam	Num. 22-24; 31:16
2:14 Balak	Num. 25:1-3
2:16 sword against fornicators	Phineas, Num. 22:31; 25:7-8; 31:8
Reward:	
2:17 hidden manna	Heb. 9:4 (manna hidden in ark)
2:17 white stone	Ex. 28:9-12; Zech. 3:5-9
Thyatira: The Davidic Monarchy	
2:18 bronze legs	Jachin & Boaz, 1 Kings 7:15-22
2:20 Jezebel	1 Kings 16, 21
2:22 great tribulation	1 Kings 17; Rev. 12:6; 13:5
2:23 God searches the heart	Psalms of David, esp. Ps. 51, 139
Reward:	
2:26-27 Kingly rule	The Davidic Son, Psalm 2
2:28 the morning star	Root of David, Rev. 22:16
Sardis: Jeremiah and the Later Prophetic Period	
3:1 almost dead	Judgment and exile
3:3 invasion like a thief	Sack of Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar (cp. Luke 12:39; Rev. 16:15; the sack of Jerusalem by Titus)
3:4 soiled garments	the garments of Joshua, Zech. 3
Reward:	
3:5 white garments, Christ defending us against Satan before the Father	Zech. 3

Philadelphia: The Return from Exile	
3:7 restored David	Zerubbabel, Zech. 4
3:8 little power	The post-exilic community (Ezra, Nehemiah)
3:8 open door	World influence (Esther)
3:9 false Jews	Ezra 4; Neh. 4, 6, 13
3:10 hour of testing	The invasion of Antiochus Epiphanes, Dan. 11
Reward:	
3:12 Rebuilt Temple	Haggai, Zechariah, Ezekiel 40-48
3:12 Inscribed Name	Zechariah 3:5, 9; 14:20
Laodicea: The Period of Christ and the Apostles	
3:15-16 Lukewarm	Jews of Jesus' day
3:16 Spit you out of His mouth	Lev. 18:24-28; Luke 21:24
3:20 The Lord's Supper	New Covenant sacrament
Reward:	
3:21 Enthronement	Rev. 20:4-6