

## Revelation 2-3

### *Letter Structure*

- Address to the church's angel
- A description of Christ coming from ch. 1 (corresponds to promise)
- Commendation
- Condemnation
- Challenge
- Eschatological promise
- Invitation to heed the Spirit

**Ephesus:** Walks among lampstands

I will remove your lampstand

**Smyrna:** Who died and came to life

Be faithful to death; receive crown of life

**Pergamum:** Has the two-edged sword

I will war against them with mouth-sword

**Thyatira:** Feet of bronze

Rule with iron rod and smash (Dan 2; Ps 2)

**Sardis:** Seven spirits and stars

Confess before Father and angels

**Philadelphia:** Opens door none can shut

Shall never go out of temple

**Laodicea:** Faithful and true witness

One who conquers

## Chapters 4-5

### *Chapter 4*

The throne room: OT and politics

Living Creatures

Worship

### *Comparing 4 and 5*

Theophany= “revelation/appearance of God”

Christophany= “revelation/appearance of Christ”

Reconfiguring God

### *Chapter 5*

The sacrificial lamb

Identity of the lamb with God the Father

### *Some Statistics: Fours and Sevens*

Four= whole world

Seven= completeness

- Four corners and four divisions of world (5:13, 7:1, 14:7, and 20:8)
- Fourfold expression for all people of the world “the peoples and tribe and languages and nations,” (5:9; 7:9; 10:11; 11:9; 13:7; 14:6; 17:15- repeated 7 times)
- Lamb= 28 times
- Jesus= 14 times
- Christ= 7 times