

SESSION 11

REVELATION

2:1-7

(HISTORICAL/DEVOTIONAL APPLICATION)

THE LAST SESSION IN 10 TWEETS

1. Understanding history isn't simply understanding WHAT, WHERE & WHEN events happened...but WHY & HOW they happened!
#WordStrong
2. Christianity today thinks it sees the spiritual lay of the land perfectly. Jesus, however, says we're BLIND. (Rev. 3:17) #WordStrong
3. Rather than "overcoming the wicked one," most Christians doctrinally are an "accident waiting to happen." #WordStrong
4. Karl Marx said, "If you can separate people from their history, you can convince them of anything." #WordStrong
5. God is the God of history. It is actually the unfolding of "His Story." #WordStrong
6. God lets us know that He is going to reveal history to us before it happens! (Isa. 42:9; 46:9-10) #WordStrong
7. In studying history, we must not LEAVE the BIBLE! It is our STANDARD for interpreting it. #WordStrong
8. The devil keeps changing his clothes & his mask so we can't find him in history. (Job 41:13-14) #WordStrong
9. To know where you're GOING you must know where you ARE. To know where you ARE you must know where you've BEEN. (Ecc. 3:15) #WordStrong
10. The Book of Acts is God's FLIGHT PLAN to let us know the course and direction church history is heading. #WordStrong

◆ The Outline For Each of the Seven Letters

1. COMMISSION
2. CHARACTER
3. COMMENDATION
4. CONDEMNATION
5. CORRECTION
6. CALL
7. CHALLENGE

◆ The Letter to the Church of Ephesus (Historical/Devotional Application)

1. COMMISSION (Rev. 2:1a)

“Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write;...”

- “The CHURCH of Ephesus” (The Three Applications)—
 - * The _____ Application.
 - * The _____ (or Inspirational) Application.
 - * The _____ (or Prophetic) Application.
- The CITY of Ephesus—
- “The ANGEL of the church”—

2. CHARACTER (Rev. 2:1b)

“These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks;”

3. COMMENDATION (Rev. 2:2–3, 6)

A. It was a _____ church. (Rev. 2:2a)
“I know thy works,…”

B. It was a _____ church. (Rev. 2:2b,c, 3)

- *“I know…thy labour…”*
- *“…and thy patience…”*
- *“And hast borne…”*
- *“…and hast patience, and for my name’s sake hast laboured…”*
- *“…and hast not fainted.”*

C. It was a _____ church. (Rev. 2:2d,e, 6)

- *“I know...how thou canst not bear them which are evil...”*
- *“And thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars.”*
- *“But this thou hast, that thou hatest the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.”*

4. CONDEMNATION (Rev. 2:4)

“Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love.”

5. CORRECTION (Rev. 2:5)

“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.”

A. R _____.

“Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen,...”

B. R _____.

“... and repent,”

C. R _____.

“...and do the first works;”

D. R _____.

“...or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.”

6. CALL (Rev. 2:7a)

“He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches;...”

7. CHALLENGE (Rev. 2:7b)

“To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.”