

## Discussion 2

# Letters from YHVH to His Beloved

### *Primary Reading:*

- Revelation Chapters 2 and 3

### *Passages for Comparison:*

- Revelation 2:1-7 => Zenos 3:34-40 :: Michael - Adam - Ephesus
- Revelation 2:8-11 => Zenos 4:16-18 :: Zaphkiel - Enoch - Smyrna
- Revelation 2:12-17 => Zenos 6:2-8 :: Gabriel - Noah - Pergamos
- Revelation 2:18-29 => Zenos 7:4-10 :: Raphael - Melchizedek - Thyatira
- Revelation 3:1-6 => Zenos 8:14-15 :: Haniel - Moses - Sardis
- Revelation 3:7-13 => Zenos 9:39-41 :: Zadkiel - John The Baptist - Philadelphia
- Revelation 3:14-22 => Zenos 10:13-17 :: Uriel - Joseph Smith Jr. - Laodicea

### *Objectives:*

- See the members of God's kingdom in different dispensations in their differing settings along with their struggles and achievements.
- See that we are all of the dispensations, and all of God's kingdom are one.
- Plant a seed of desire to have ears to hear, and eyes to see the invitation of YHVH.

### *Reading:*

2:1-7 :: Ephesus - Adam

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| <p>2:1. Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write; These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks;</p> <p>2:2. <b>I know thy works</b>, and thy labour, and thy patience, and 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:</p> <p>2:3. And hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted.</p> | <p>3:34. And it came to pass that YHVH Elohim called Adam and Eve and their sons and daughters to say unto all they that worshiped the leviathan: <b>YHVH knows thy works, and thy labors, and He shall not long be patient;</b></p> <p>3:35. <b>For how many days more dost thou think YHVH will bear them which are evil?</b></p> <p>3:36. <b>And thou hast listened to them which say they are holy men and women, and are not, and YHVH hast found them liars.</b></p> | <p>In Revelation, the message feels like it is to the church. In Zenos, the message seems to be what the church is being asked to share with the world. Do you have thoughts on that juxtaposition?</p>            |
| <p>2:4. Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because <b>thou hast left thy first love.</b></p> <p>2:5. <b>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.</b></p> <p>2:6. But this thou hast, that thou hatest the deeds of the Nicolaitanes, which I also hate.</p>  | <p>3:37. And YHVH has seen <b>they that have left their first love;</b> and He has known them but has crossed out their name.</p> <p>3:38. And to these YHVH says: Remember, O remember, <b>from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do again thy first works;</b></p> <p>3:39. And if thou will not, <b>I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy fire out of its place, except thou walk again in teshuvah.</b></p>   | <p>What is our "first love"?</p> <p>What were our "first works"?</p> <p>What does it mean to have our fire (or candlestick) removed from its place?</p> <p>Who are the Nicolaitanes, and what are their deeds?</p> |
| <p>2:7. <b>He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches;</b> To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.</p>   | <p>3:40. And unto they that overcometh shall I give them to eat of the tree of life, which ye left behind in the Eden of Elohim.</p>   |  |

2:8-11 :: Smyrna - Enoch

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| <p>2:8. And unto the angel of the church in Smyrna write; These things saith the first and the last, which was dead, and is alive;</p> <p>2:9. 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.</p> | <p>4:16. And I saw great works of darkness, and tribulation, and poverty—even unto those that were rich of the things of the world.</p>                                    | <p>The juxtaposition of being rich and impoverished have differing meanings in these two passages. Thoughts on the two ways of looking at it?</p> |
| <p>2:10. 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.</p>  | <p>4:17. And it came to pass that the angel of YHVH said unto me: Fear not any of those things which thou shalt suffer;</p> <p>4:18. For YHVH has given thee life, ...</p> | <p>Interesting that Revelation is the one that calls it the Crown of life, not Zenos.</p>   |
| <p>2:11. 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.</p>   | <p>(4:18 ...) and unto all that overcometh the world, these shall not see the second death.</p>  |   |

2:12-17 :: Pergamos - Noah

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| <p>2:12. And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write; These things saith he which hath the sharp sword with two edges;</p> <p>2:13. <b>I know thy works</b>, 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.</p>  | <p>6:2. These things saith He which holdeth in his hands that sharpened two-edged sword;</p> <p>6:3. For He knows thy works, and where thou dwellest; therefore, hold thee fast the name YHVH, and speak not His holy name in vain!</p>   | <p>How is this "church" the one that is where satan dwells? And what does that even mean?</p>  |
| <p>2:14. 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.</p> <p>2:15. So hast thou also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitanes, which thing I hate.</p> <p>2:16. Repent; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth.</p> | <p>6:4. Eat not anything sacrificed unto idols, for this is to commit adultery and fornication, but walk thee in teshuvah;</p> <p>6:5. Or I shall come at thee quickly, and when ye least expect, and will fight against thee with the sword of my mouth;</p>   | <p>What does it mean to eat things sacrificed to idols? Didn't Paul say that wasn't a big deal?</p> <p>A few verses ago, the sword was in his hands, now it's in his mouth. What is this sword? And, in both cases, what is the imagery trying to say? What do they say together?</p>          |
| <p>2:17. <b>He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches</b>; 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.</p>  | <p>6:6. But to they that overcome shall be given to eat of the hidden manna, and the fruit of the tree of life,</p> <p>6:7. And unto these shall be given a new name written upon a white stone, and no one shall look upon the stone and see in it except they that do receive it;</p> <p>6:8. For the new name given unto the kaddish of YHVH is thy call to service to YHVH in His Holy Priesthood, and the white stone is thy urim and thummim.</p> | <p>Manna and the Fruit of the Tree ... Is Zenos just saying the same thing twice, or are these two different things? Either way, what are they?</p> <p>Is the white stone something the church receives as a group? Or that we each receive individually? Is it physical, or metaphorical?</p> |

2:18-29 :: Thyatira - Melchizedek

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| <p>2:18. 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;</p> <p>2:19. <b>I know thy works</b>, and charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience, and thy works; and the last to be more than the first.</p>  |  | <p>This is the third letter where YHVH says specifically "I know thy works". What does that really mean, and why does he keep repeating it?</p>  |
| <p>2:20. 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.</p> <p>2:21. And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not.</p> <p>2:22. Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds.</p> <p>2:23. 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.</p> | <p>7:4. And it came to pass that I saw as it were Lilith about the earth calling herself a prophetess, teaching and seducing kaddish to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols;</p> <p>7:5. And though YHVH had given her space to repent of her fornication, she repented not;</p> <p>7:6. And I saw that great distress awaited those that went with her into her bed to commit adultery with her, except they return from their deeds.</p> <p>7:7. Yea, and YHVH did slay her children with death when she left the garden, refusing to return; for YHVH gives unto all, yea everyone, according to their works;</p> | <p>Again, he mentions eating things sacrificed to idols. What's the deal there? In what way do we do that today? And what does it have to do with Jezebel/Lilith?</p> <p>Does Jezebel/Lilith still have a window of repentance?</p> <p>What does he mean when he says he will slay the children of Jezebel/Lilith? Any why not just "live and let live"?</p> <p>What are the reins, and how does YHVH "search" them?</p> |
| <p>2:24. 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.</p> <p>2:25. But that which ye have already hold fast till I come.</p>   |  |  |
| <p>2:26. And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations:</p> <p>2:27. And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even</p>   | <p>7:8. But unto they that overcometh, and are keeping the Word and the works of YHVH unto the end, to these will He give power and dominion;</p> <p>7:9. For these YHVH shall rule with the rod of iron; and he shall be their</p>  | <p>Rod of Iron? Is this the "word of God" that leads to the tree, like Nephi describes? Or is the Iron Scepter that is held by the King in his throne room? Are those somehow the same thing, if so how does that work?</p>  |

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| <p>as I received of my Father.</p> <p>2:28. And I will give him the morning star.</p>   | <p>potter, and they His chosen vessels that He shall mold and form; for these He shall receive from Elohim;</p> <p>7:10. And these that shall be given Him shall be as His morning stars.</p> |  |
| <p>2:29. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.</p> |   |  |

| 3:1-6 :: Sardis - Moses  |  |   |
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| <p>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; <b>I know thy works</b>, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead.</p> <p>3:2. Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God.</p> <p>3:3. 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.</p> | <p>8:14. And it came to pass that a loud voice as thunder came saying unto the earth: I know thy works, be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, for I have not found thy works perfect;</p> <p>8:15. Receive ye, therefore the Torah, and hold fast to it, and walk in teshuvah before YHVH, and behold, there is more yet to come.</p> | <p>What does it mean to live, and also be dead?</p> <p>What are the “things which remain” and how do you “strengthen” them?</p> <p>What does it mean to Hold Fast to the Torah? (To be honest, this sounds more like the “iron rod” than the reference last section).</p> |
| <p>3:4. 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.</p> <p>3:5. 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.</p>  |  | <p>What does it mean to “walk with me in white raiment?”</p>  |
| <p>3:6. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.</p>   |  |   |

3:7-13 :: Philadelphia - John T. Baptist

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| <p>3:7. 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;</p> <p>3:8. <b>I know thy works:</b> 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.</p> | <p>9:39. And the Lamb spoke unto me saying: Behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it;</p> <p>9:40. For though thou hast little strength, thou hast kept my Word, and hast not denied my name;</p> | <p>What open door has been set before us?</p>  |
| <p>3:9. 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.</p>  |  |  |
| <p>3:10. 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.</p>  | <p>9:41. And 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.</p>                              | <p>What hour of temptation?</p>  |
| <p>3:11. Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.</p> <p>3:12. 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.</p>                   |  | <p>All of this “writing upon him the name” sounds a lot like the 144 thousand. Is this just a reference to that? Are these different names being written all the same things from a different perspective? Or are they each their own thing that we should be seeking out?</p> <p>What does it mean to be a pillar in the temple of God?</p> |
| <p>3:13. <b>He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.</b></p>   |  |  |

3:14-22 :: Laodicea - Joseph Smith Jr.

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| <p>3:14. 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;</p> <p>3:15. <b>I know thy works</b>, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot.</p> <p>3:16. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.</p> <p>3:17. 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:</p> | <p>10:13. And this is why YHVH hath said unto those who breathe neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot;</p> <p>10:14. Therefore unto those that art lukewarm, being neither cold nor hot, I will spew thee out of my mouth.</p> <p>10:15. For these are the rich of this world who say: I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing;</p> <p>10:16. Yet these are wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked, being lukewarm, neither hot nor cold, for they are indifferent, with no love in their hearts for their fellow man.</p> | <p>In what sense can a person be either hot or cold? And what does it mean to be lukewarm?</p> <p>Again, we have the juxtaposition of wealth and poverty. What are your thoughts here?</p> |
| <p>3:18. 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.</p>  | <p>10:17. Wherefore, I say unto these: Give thy gold unto the poor that thou mayest be rich and I shall dress thee in white garments, that thou mayest be clothed in righteousness.</p>   | <p>Again, white raiment. What's the underlying meaning?</p> <p>What is this eyesalve, and how do we anoint our eyes with it? What is he saying we will see?</p>                            |
| <p>3:19. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.</p> <p>3:20. 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.</p> <p>3:21. 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.</p>  |   |  |
| <p>3:22. <b>He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.</b></p>  |   |  |



*Discussion:*

At the beginning of each Letter, YHVH declares himself by stating one of the aspects of YHVH that was described in the first chapter of Revelation when John described his vision of YHVH. He does not have one intro that gets repeated to each of the churches. Do the different aspects of YHVH somehow apply to the different messages, or different dispensations, or is he just mixing things up to keep us on our feet?

The FIRST thing that YHVH says to each church is "I Know Thy Works." What does that mean, why is it repeated?

In what ways are the churches of the different dispensations different from each other? In what ways are they all the same? Do you believe it is the purpose of YHVH that we see ourselves in each of them?

The way these letters are presented, they appear to be addressed to other people (not us). People from different cities, and different times. But seven times, YHVH repeats the phrase "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches." What is so significant about these passages? How can we decipher their intended meaning?