

Appendix 1

Introductions to the Seven Letters

	First Four		Last Three
	Ephesus	Smyrna	Sardis
1	(2:1) "To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: These are the words of	(2:8) "To the angel of the church in Smyrna write: These are the words of	(3:1) To the angel of the church in Sardis write: These are the words of
2		him who is the First and the Last,*	
3		who died and came to life again.	him who holds the seven spirits of God
4	him who holds the seven stars in his right hand and walks among the seven golden lampstands:		and the seven stars.
	Pergamum		Philadelphia
5	(2:12) "To the angel of the church in Pergamum write: These are the words of		(3:7) "To the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: These are the words of
6			him who is holy and true,*
7	him who has the sharp, double-edged sword.		who holds the key of David. What he opens no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open.
	Thyatira		Laodicea
8	(2:18) "To the angel of the church in Thyatira write: These are the words of		(3:14) "To the angel of the church in Laodicea write: These are the words of
9	the Son of God,		the Amen,
10	whose eyes are like blazing fire and whose feet are like burnished bronze.		the faithful and true witness,
11			the ruler of God's creation.*

Note: Let an asterisk (*) indicate a clause which has no parallel in another letter.