

Ephesus: A Loveless Church for Truth (Rev 2:1-7)

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The seven letters to seven churches in Revelation 2-3 have three layers of meanings: (1) seven literal first century local churches in Asia Minor; (2) seven types of churches that exist in all of the Church Age; and (3) seven periods in church history, each dominated by one of the seven types of churches. The arguments of distinct schools of interpretation for the seven churches are discussed and refuted. The first church in Ephesus represents a fundamentalist church, which hungers for orthodoxy but lacks love. It corresponds to the Apostolic Church period (A.D. 33-100), especially its later phase (A.D. 70-100).