

" Ephesus – The Church of Harsh Purity "

Portions of this message were inspired during personal prayer and study time primarily in the Book of Revelation. Additional study sources for this series include:

The Revelation by John F. Walvoord; *The Revelation Record* by Henry M. Morris; *E Quake* by Jack Hayford; *Keys to Revelation* study notes by Jack Hayford; *The New International Bible Commentary*, edited by F. F. Bruce; *The NIV Study Bible*, 1985 by The Zondervan Corporation; *Thru the Bible* by J. Vernon McGee; *Prevision of History* by Elizabeth Williams; *Seeing Things John's Way* by David A. deSilva; *The Book of Revelation (Revised)*, The New International Commentary on the New Testament by Robert H. Mounce; *Revelation Expounded* by Finis Jennings Dake; *The Book of Revelation* by Clarence Larkin; *Systematic Theology (Revised Edition)* edited by Stanley M. Horton; *Bible Doctrines: A Pentecostal Perspective* by William W. Menzies and Stanley M. Horton; *Faith Lessons on the Early Church: Conquering the Gates of Hell* by Ray Vander Laan; LearnTheBible.org; JewishEncyclopedia.com; AllAboutArchaeology.org;

Pastor Ed recommends these and other resources to you. He invites you to contact him at info@EastonWorshipCenter.org to join in our online discussions.

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Revelation 1:20 NIV

20 The mystery of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand and of the seven golden lampstands is this: The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.

Revelation 2:1-7 NIV

*1 "To the angel of the church in Ephesus write:
These are the words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand and walks among the seven golden lampstands:*

Revelation 2 NIV

*2 I know your deeds, your **hard work** and your **perseverance**. I know that you cannot tolerate **wicked men**, that you have **tested those** who claim to be apostles but are not, and have **found them false**.*

*3 You have **persevered** and have **endured hardships** for my name, and have **not grown weary**.*

Revelation 2 NIV

4 Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken your first love.

*5 **Remember** the height from which you have fallen! **Repent** and **do the things you did at first**. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place.*

Remember ... Repent ... Repeat

Revelation 2 NIV

6 But you have this in your favor: You hate the practices of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.

Matthew 7.15 NIV

"Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves."

Revelation 2.6 NIV

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2 Peter 2.1, 3, 8, 18; Jude 4; 2 John 7, 10

Acts 20.29 NIV (Paul to the Elders at Ephesus)

29 I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock.

Revelation 2 NIV

7 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.



<i>Life Scriptures for this week</i>	
Mon, Jun 14	Revelation 2.1-7
Tue, Jun 15	Acts 19.1-10
Wed, Jun 16	Acts 19.11-20
Thu, Jun 17	Acts 19.23-41
Fri, Jun 18	Ephesians 2.1-18
Sat, Jun 19	Ephesians 4.1-7
Sun, Jun 20	Ephesians 4.17-32