

audience – seven 1st Century churches in 'Asia'

"John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you . . ."

vs. 11 "What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea."

Revelation 22:16

"I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. . ."



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"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."

". . . I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held:"

"... These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."



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"These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful."



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