

Rev 2:1-7 / Seven Letters to the People of the Way

# Call to the Word

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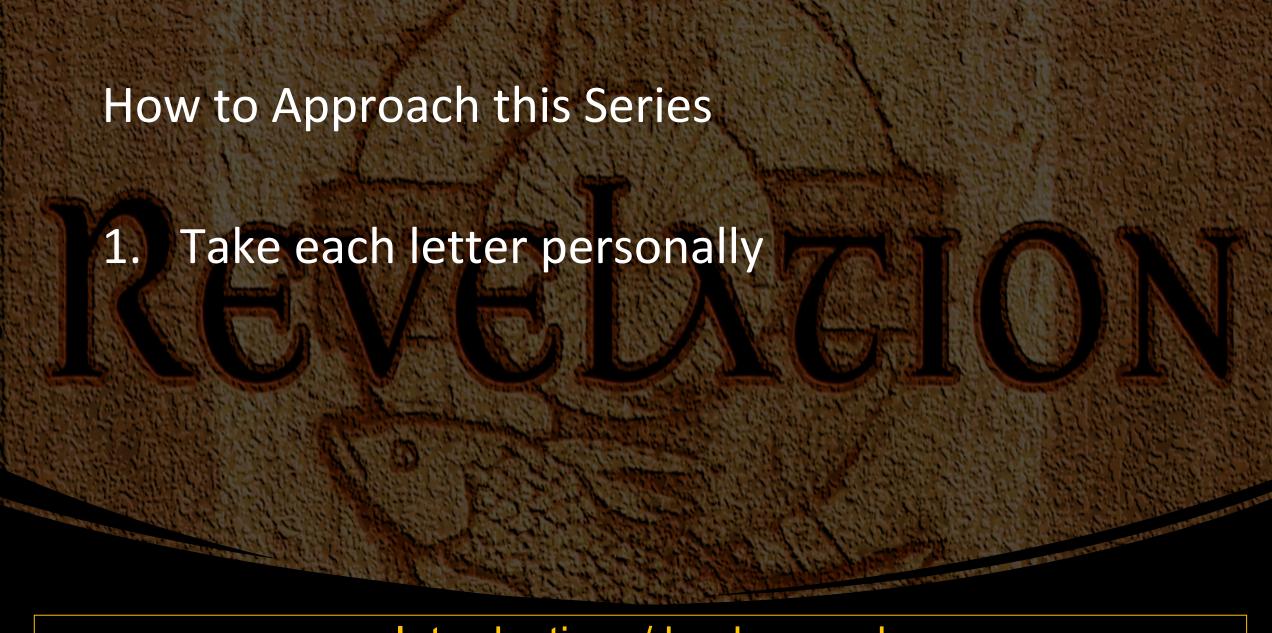
"To the angel of the church of Ephesus write, 'These things says He who holds the seven stars in His right hand, who walks in the midst of the seven golden lampstands: "I know your works, your labor, your patience, and that you cannot bear those who are evil. And you have tested those who say they are apostles and are not and have found them liars; and you have persevered and have patience and have labored for My name's sake and have not become weary.

Nevertheless, I have this against you, that you have left your first love. Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place—unless you repent.

But this you have, that you hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God." Seven Letters
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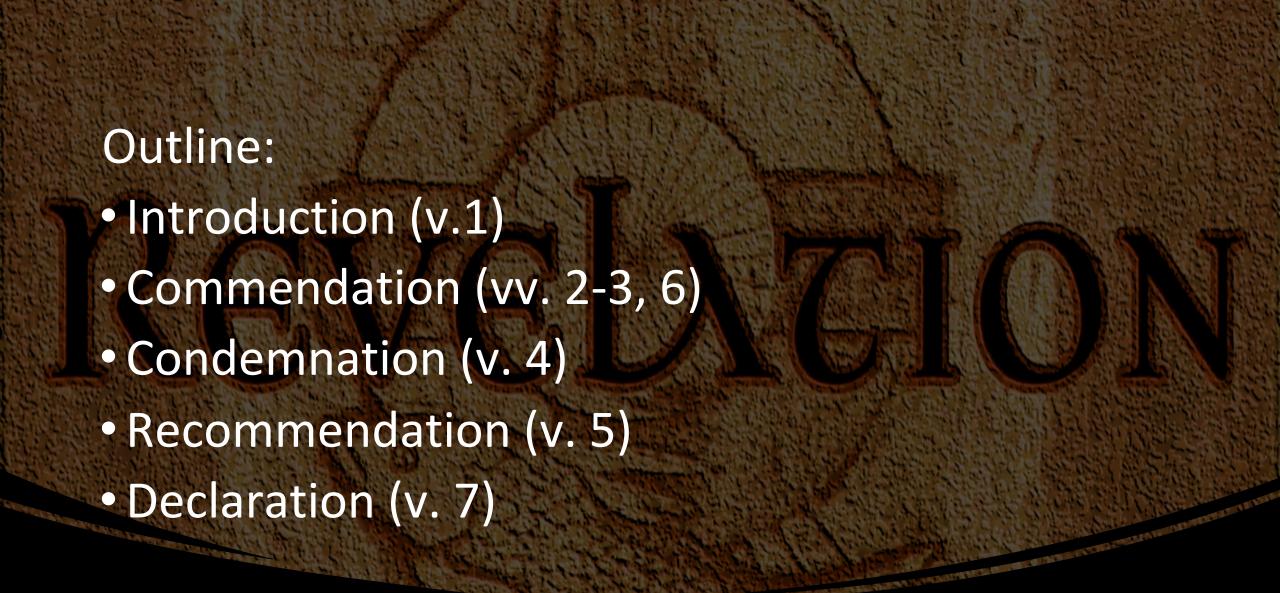
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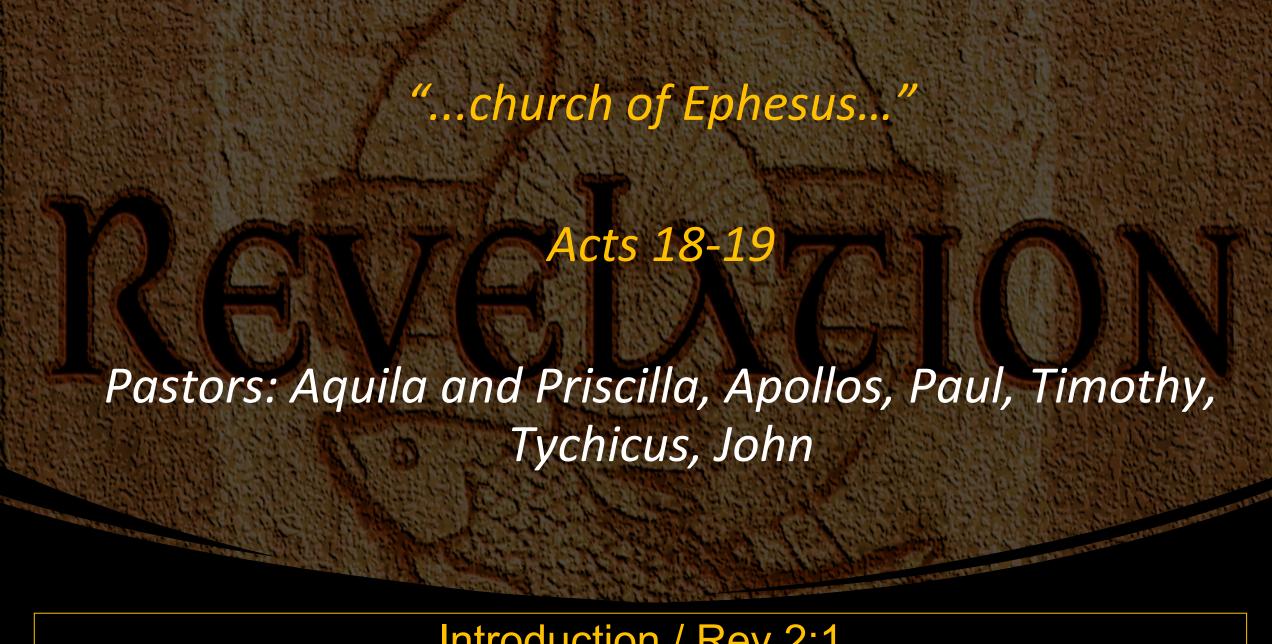
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"It is a very remarkable thing, that the church of Christ persecuted has been the church of Christ pure. The church of Christ patronized has always been the church of Christ impure." (Morgan)



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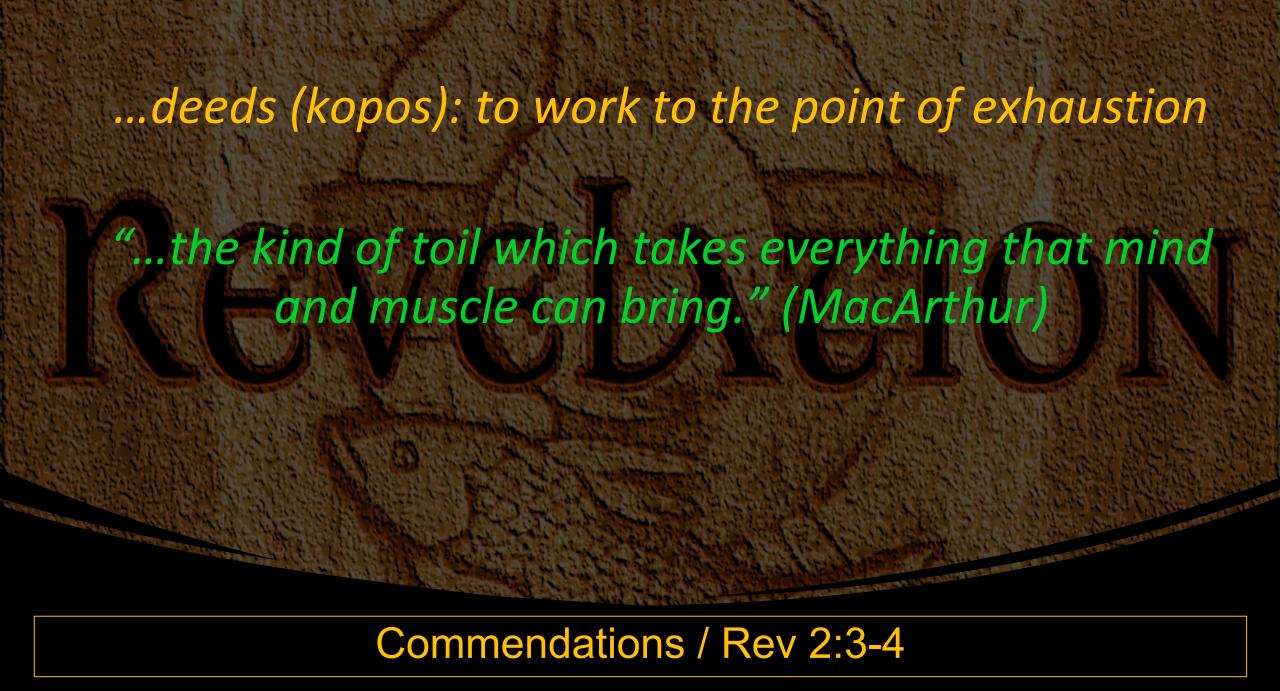
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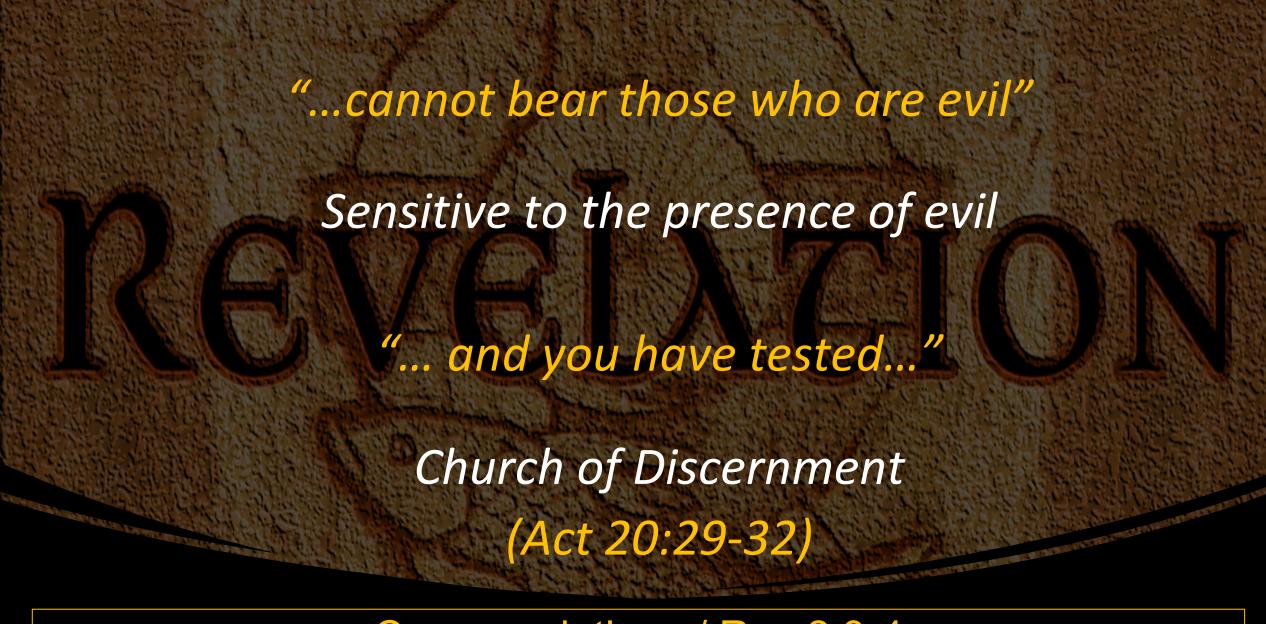
"...church of Ephesus..."

## Commendation s

Rev 2:2-3







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"...perseverance, patience..."
Hupomone': to bear up under

They worked hard at it, and they stayed under the difficulties and persevered – hard-working, relentless, indomitable. What a wonderful church: not lazy, not looking for instant gratification." (MacArthur)

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"...hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans..."

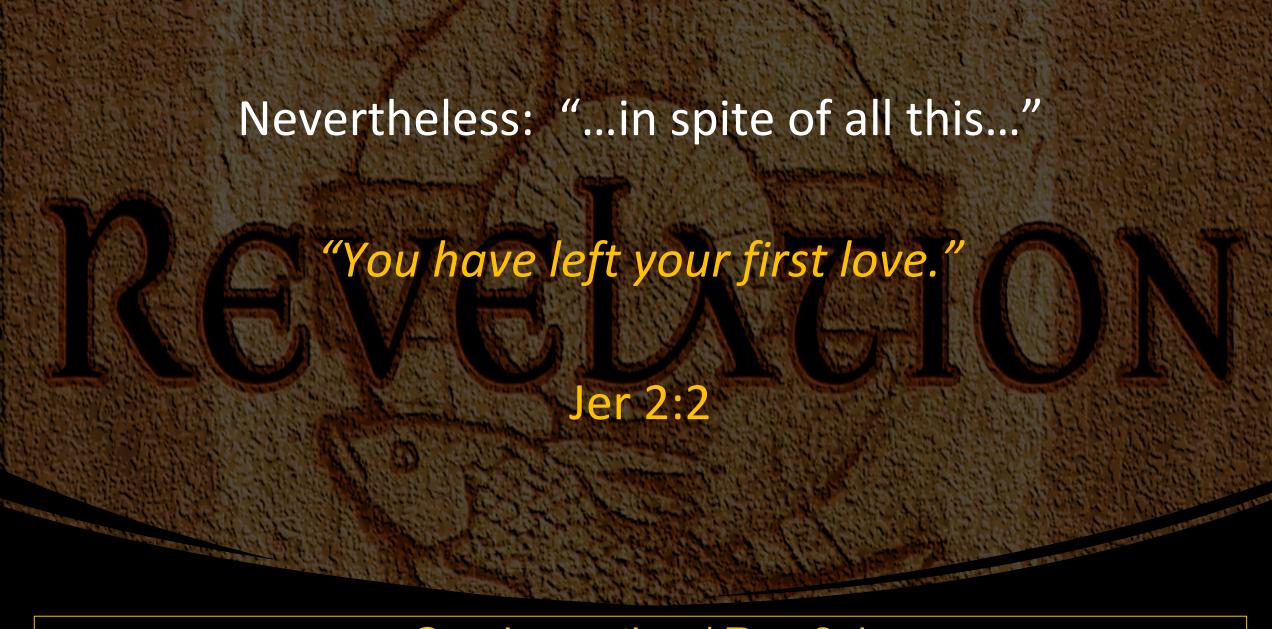
"They abandon themselves to pleasure like goats, leading a life of self-indulgence." It has been associated with loose living, immorality, perversion – maybe in the name of grace, maybe a kind of libertine license. But they rightly hated it."

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## Condemnation

Rev 2:4





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"It is my honor, my desire to put your desires, your needs above my own... in your happiness I find joy, your arms contentment... your acceptance wholeness for our love is a compellation...a union of two lives molded into one... a life commitment of tenderness; devotion measured in years, not moments of passion which pass like the night winds..." (unknown)

Remember: what it was like, where you left off

 Repent: change your mind, don't stay in a spiritual state of lovelessness

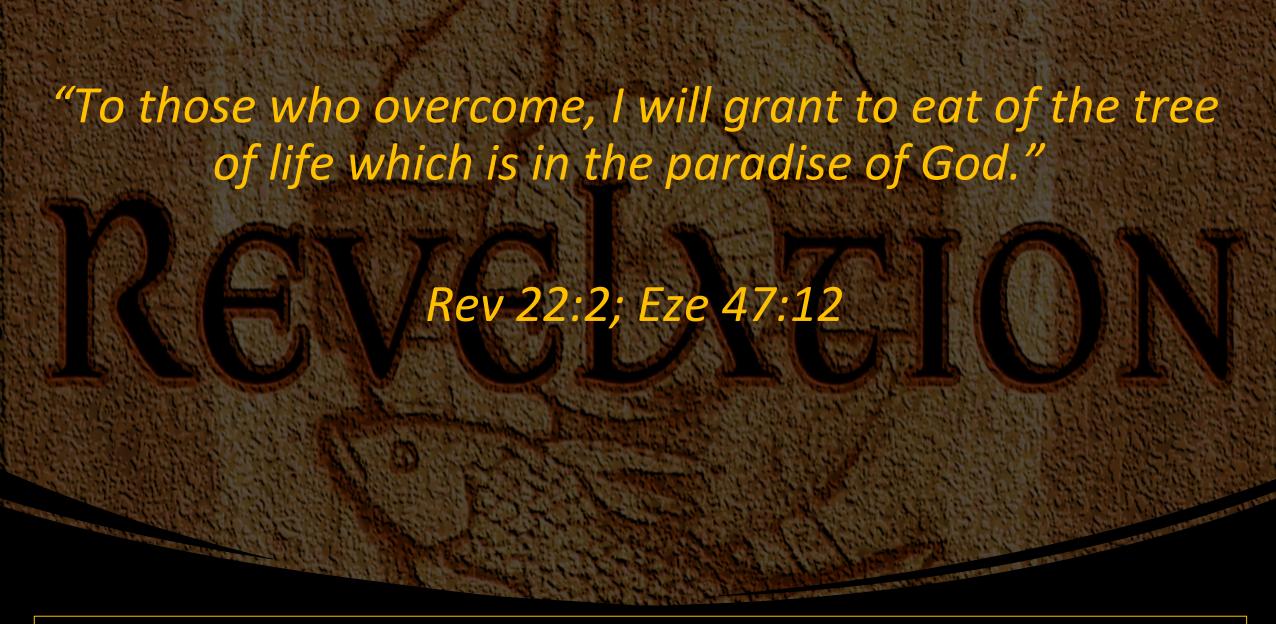
 Repeat: the first things you did when you first fell in love with Jesus

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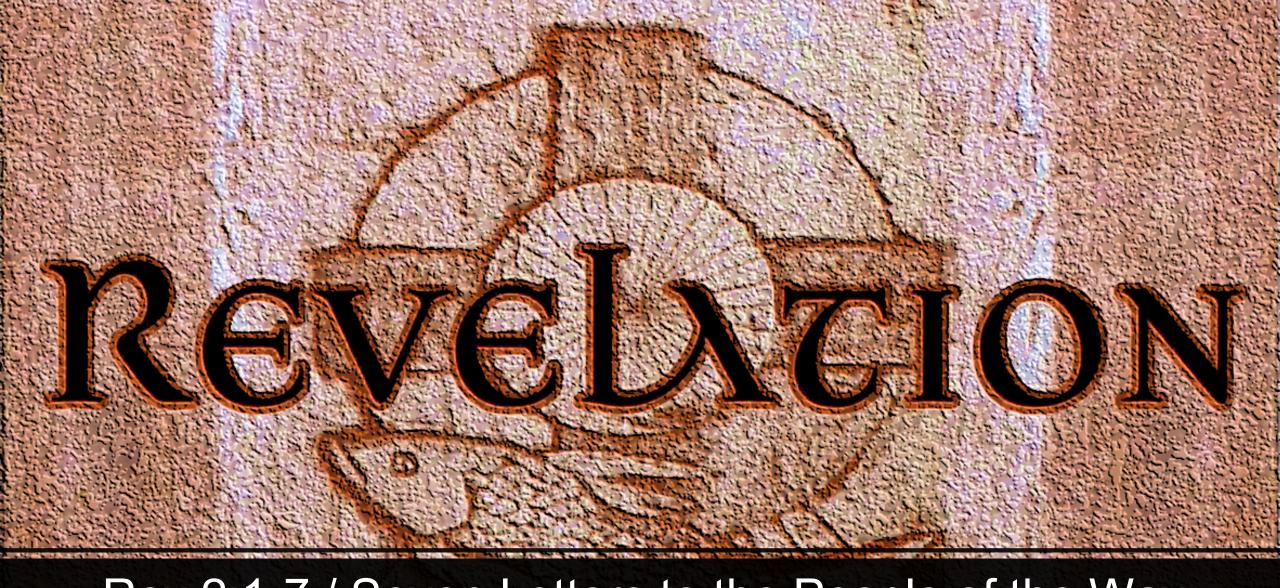
# Declaration of Reward

**Rev 2:7** 





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