



THE BOOK OF  
**REVELATION**

LESSON 2B



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# Interpreting the Letters

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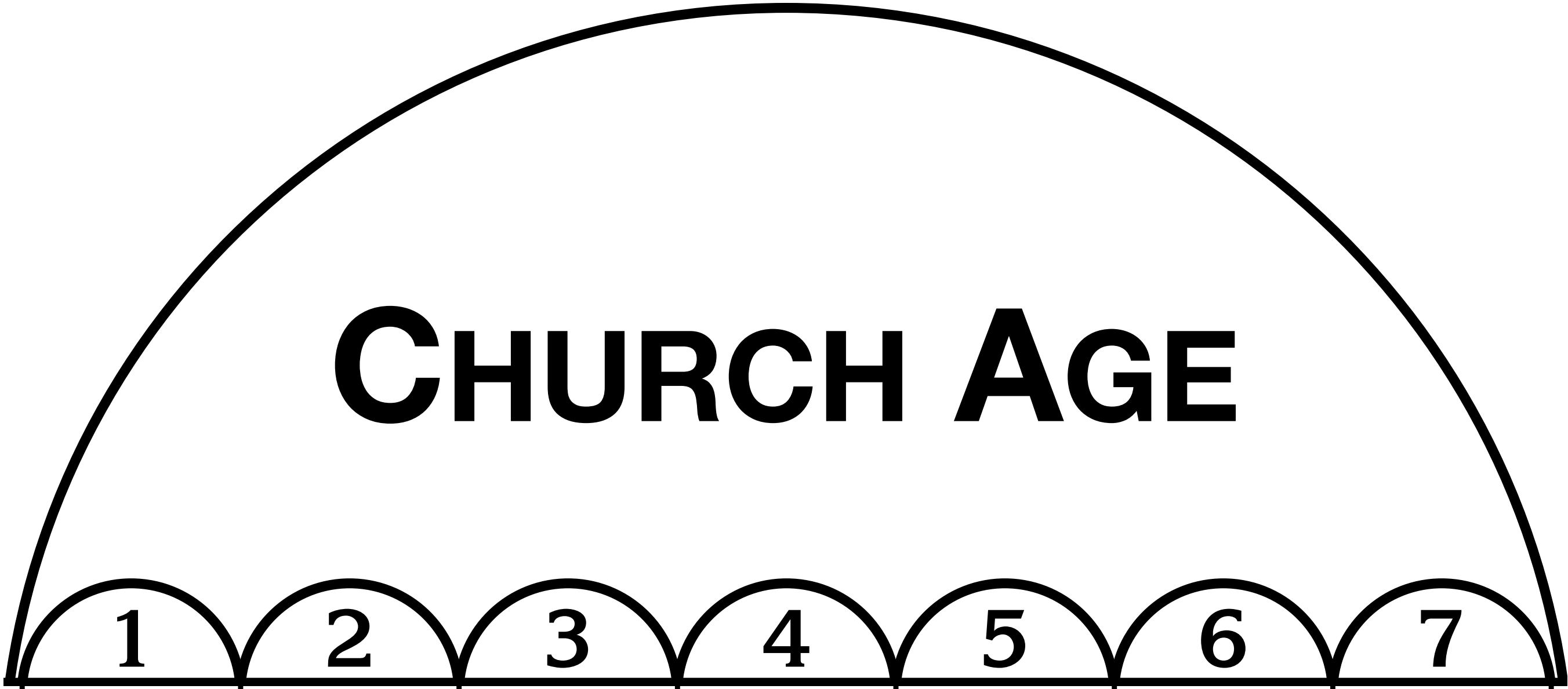
**Specific, historical**

**Universal**

**General, timeless**

**Prophetic**

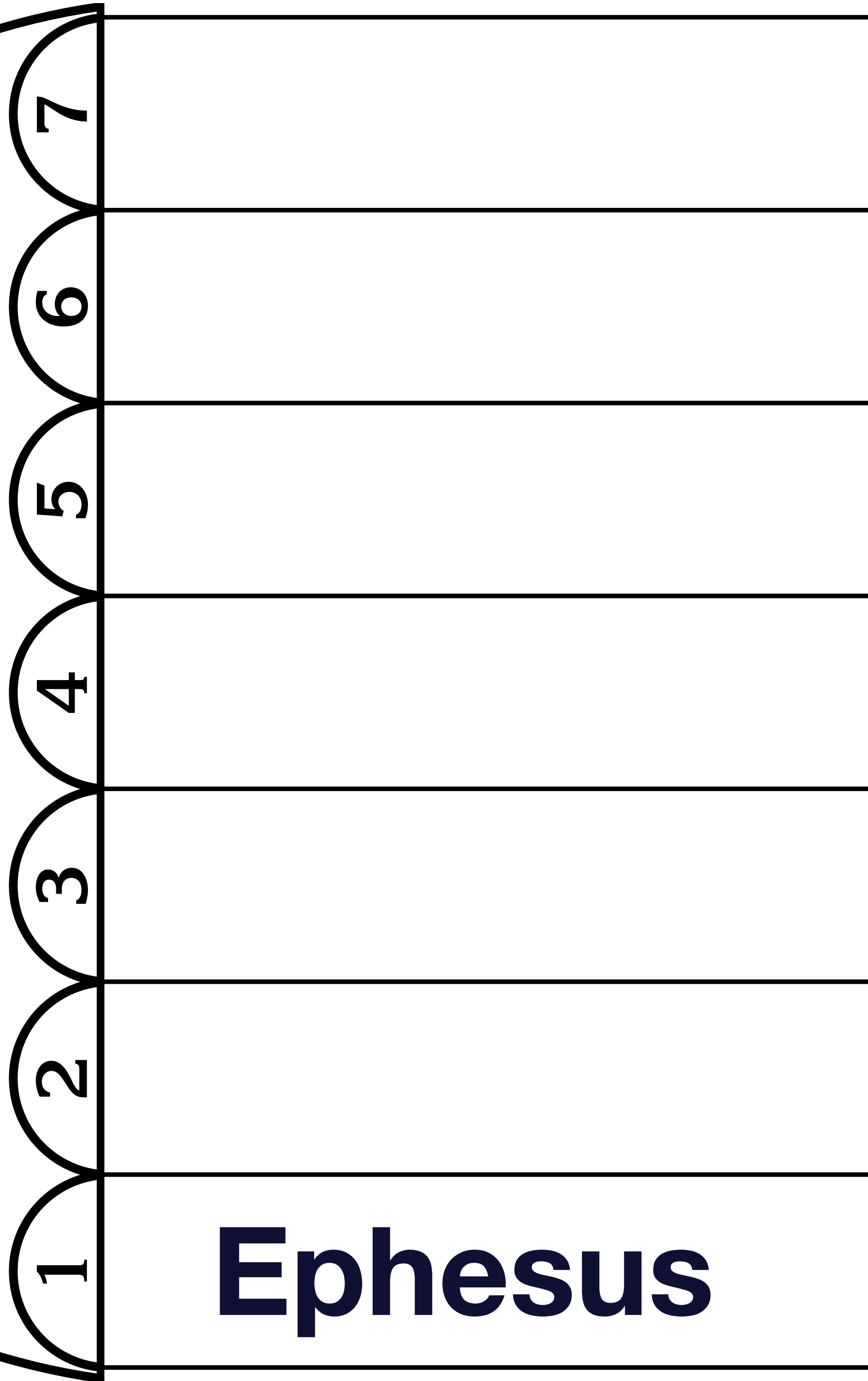
**Symbolic, eschatological**



# THE SEVEN CHURCHES



# CHURCH AGE



**Ephesus**

**Apostolic Church**  
30-100 AD

# Revelation 2:8-11

**Rev. 2:8** “And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write: The first and the last, who was dead, and has come to life, says this:

**Rev. 2:9** ‘I know your tribulation and your poverty (but you are rich), and the blasphemy by those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan.

**Rev. 2:10** ‘Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to cast some of you into prison, so that you will be tested, and you will have tribulation for ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.

**Rev. 2:11** ‘He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. He who overcomes will not be hurt by the second death.’

# Myrrh



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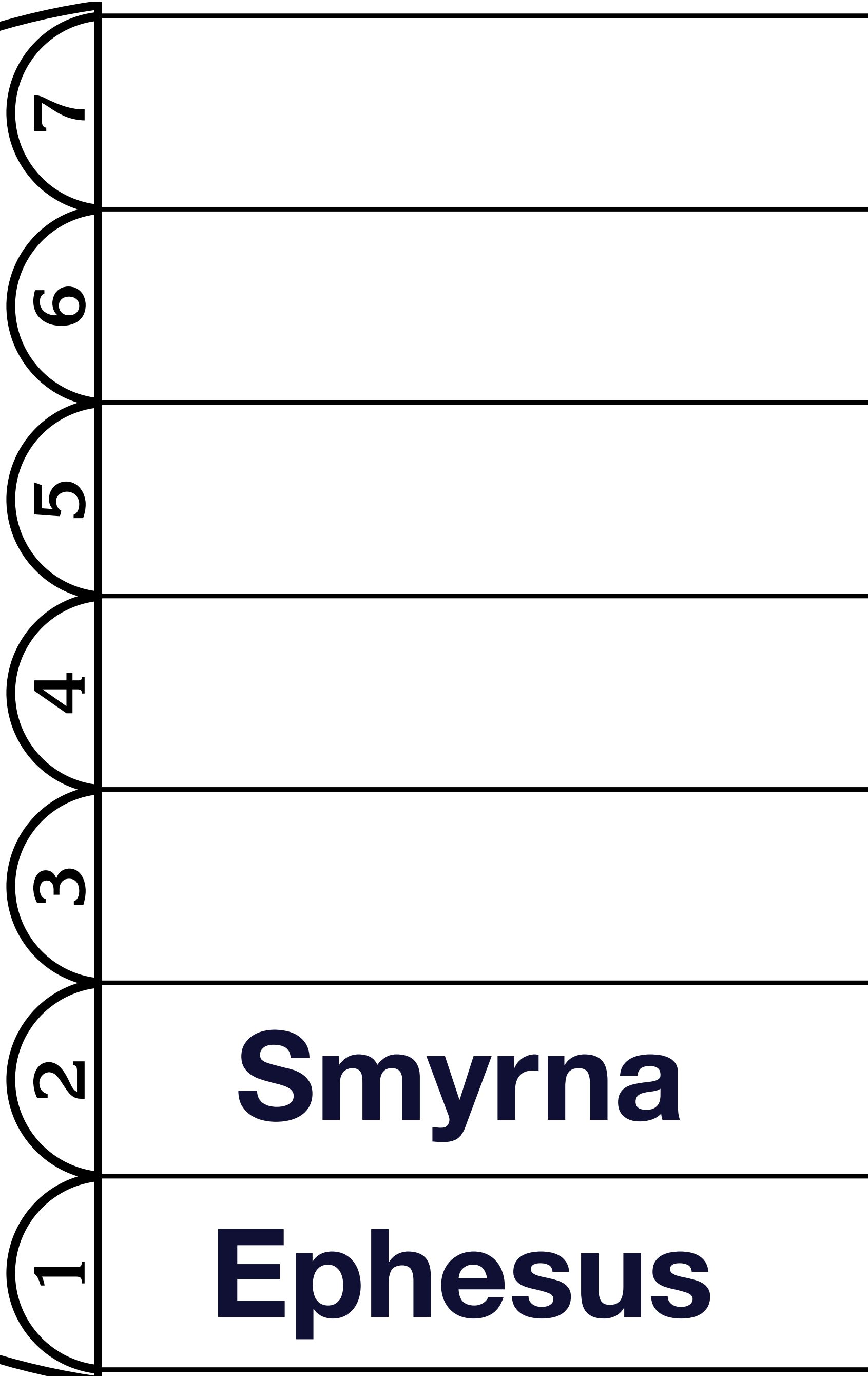
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# CHURCH AGE



1

**Ephesus**

2

**Smyrna**

3

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**Persecuted Church  
100-313 AD**

**Apostolic Church  
30-100 AD**

# Revelation 2:12-17



**Rev. 2:12** “And to the angel of the church in Pergamum write: The One who has the sharp two-edged sword says this:

**Rev. 2:13** ‘I know where you dwell, where Satan’s throne is; and you hold fast My name, and did not deny My faith even in the days of Antipas, My witness, My faithful one, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells.

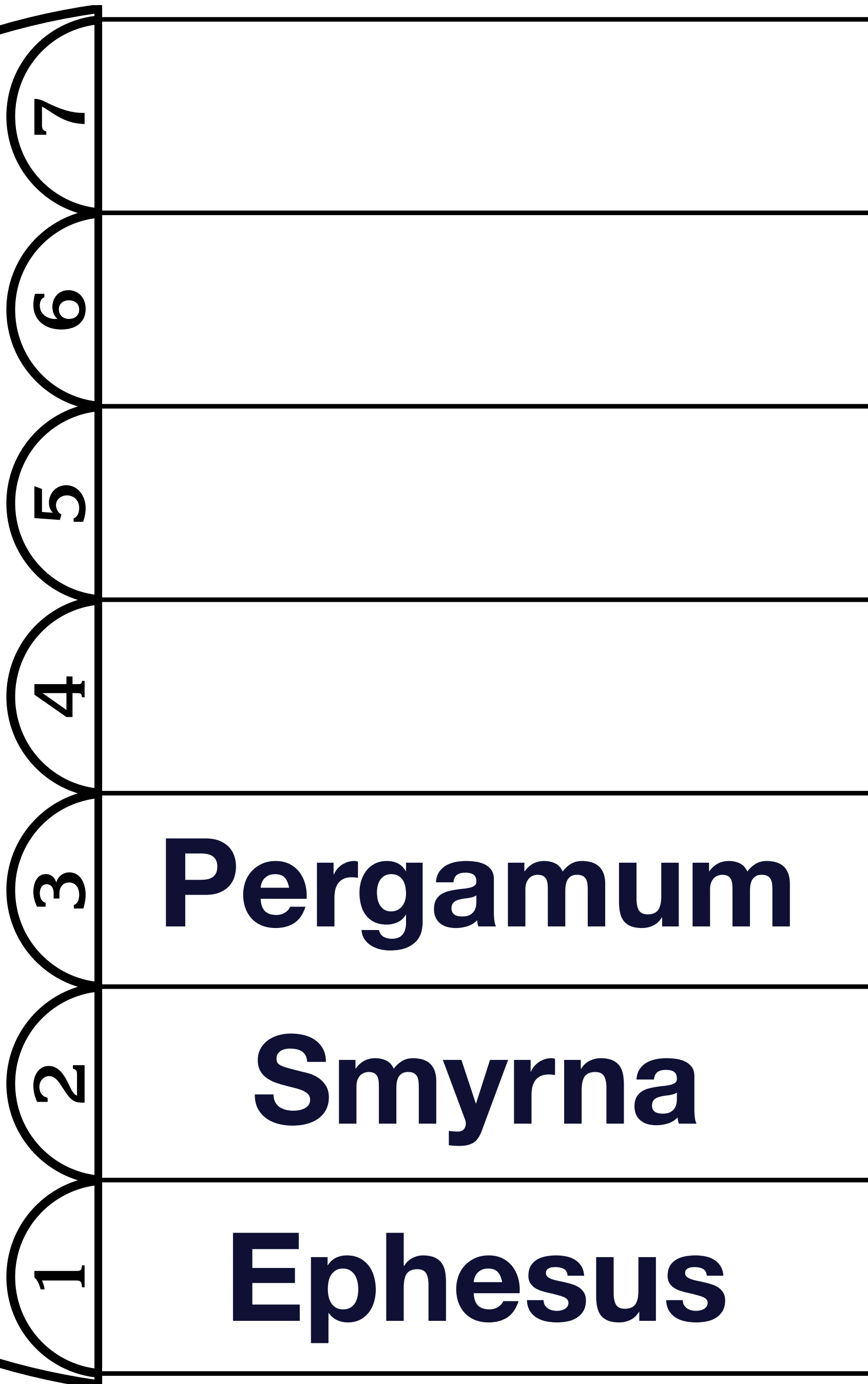
**Rev. 2:14** ‘But I have a few things against you, because you have there some who hold the teaching of Balaam, who kept teaching Balak to put a stumbling block before the sons of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols and to commit acts of immorality.

**Rev. 2:15** ‘So you also have some who in the same way hold the teaching of the Nicolaitans.

**Rev. 2:16** ‘Therefore repent; or else I am coming to you quickly, and I will make war against them with the sword of My mouth.

**Rev. 2:17** ‘He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, to him I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, and a new name written on the stone which no one knows but he who receives it.’

# CHURCH AGE



**Roman Empire Church**  
313-600 AD

**Persecuted Church**  
100-313 AD

**Apostolic Church**  
30-100 AD

# Revelation 2:18-29



**Rev. 2:18** “And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write: The Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and His feet are like burnished bronze, says this:

**Rev. 2:19** ‘I know your deeds, and your love and faith and service and perseverance, and that your deeds of late are greater than at first.

**Rev. 2:20** ‘But I have this against you, that you tolerate the woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, and she teaches and leads My bond-servants astray so that they commit acts of immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols.

**Rev. 2:21** ‘I gave her time to repent, and she does not want to repent of her immorality.

**Rev. 2:22** ‘Behold, I will throw her on a bed of sickness, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of her deeds.

**Rev. 2:23** ‘And I will kill her children with pestilence, and all the churches will know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts; and I will give to each one of you according to your deeds.

**Rev. 2:24** ‘But I say to you, the rest who are in Thyatira, who do not hold this teaching, who have not known the deep things of Satan, as they call them — I place no other burden on you.

**Rev. 2:25** ‘Nevertheless what you have, hold fast until I come.

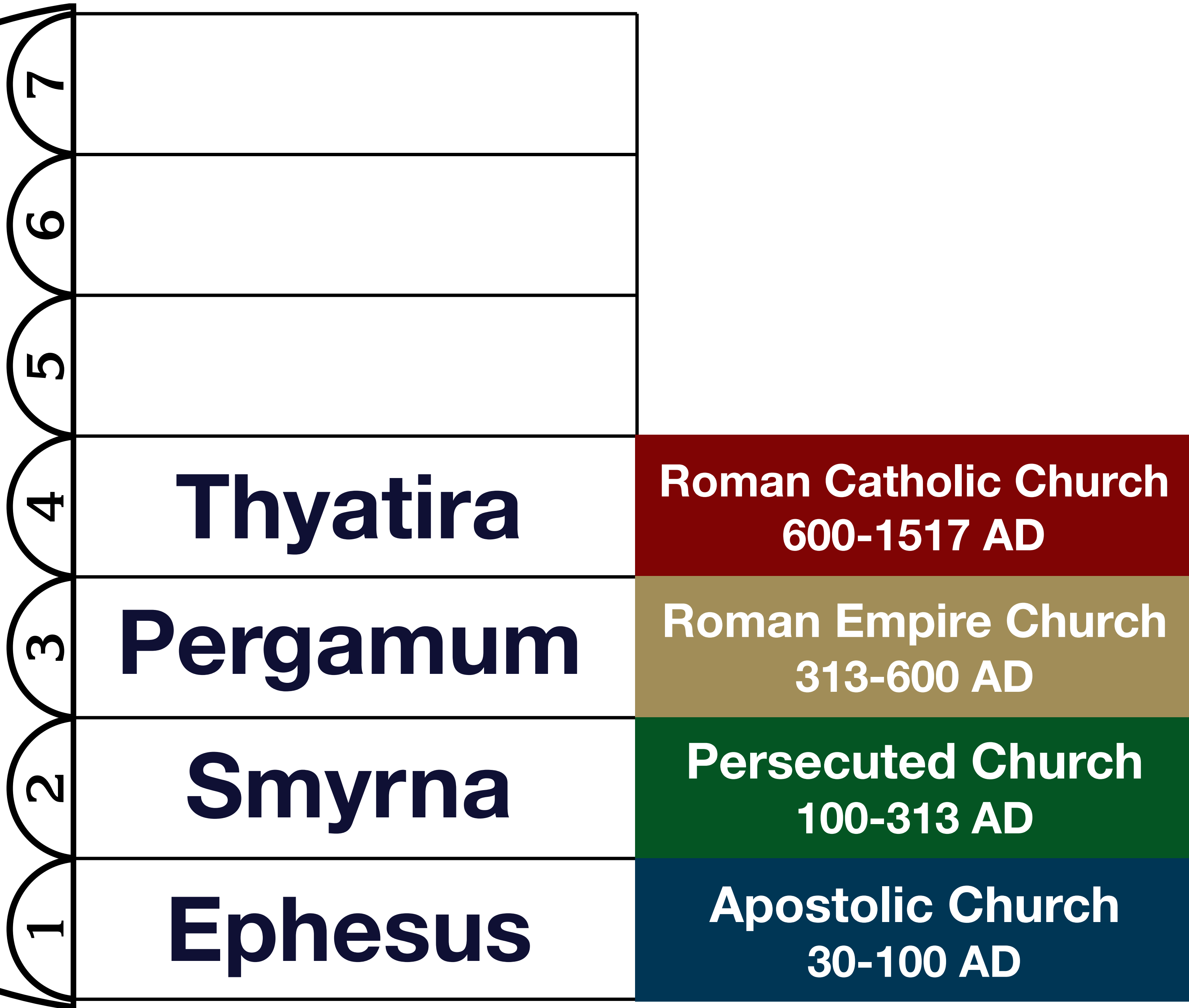
**Rev. 2:26** ‘He who overcomes, and he who keeps My deeds until the end, **TO HIM I WILL GIVE AUTHORITY OVER THE NATIONS;**

**Rev. 2:27** **AND HE SHALL RULE THEM WITH A ROD OF IRON, AS THE VESSELS OF THE POTTER ARE BROKEN TO PIECES,** as I also have received authority from My Father;

**Rev. 2:28** and I will give him the morning star.

**Rev. 2:29** ‘He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.’

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