



#SEVENCHURCHES

THE 7 SEVEN

CHURCHES OF REVELATION





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The Different Church

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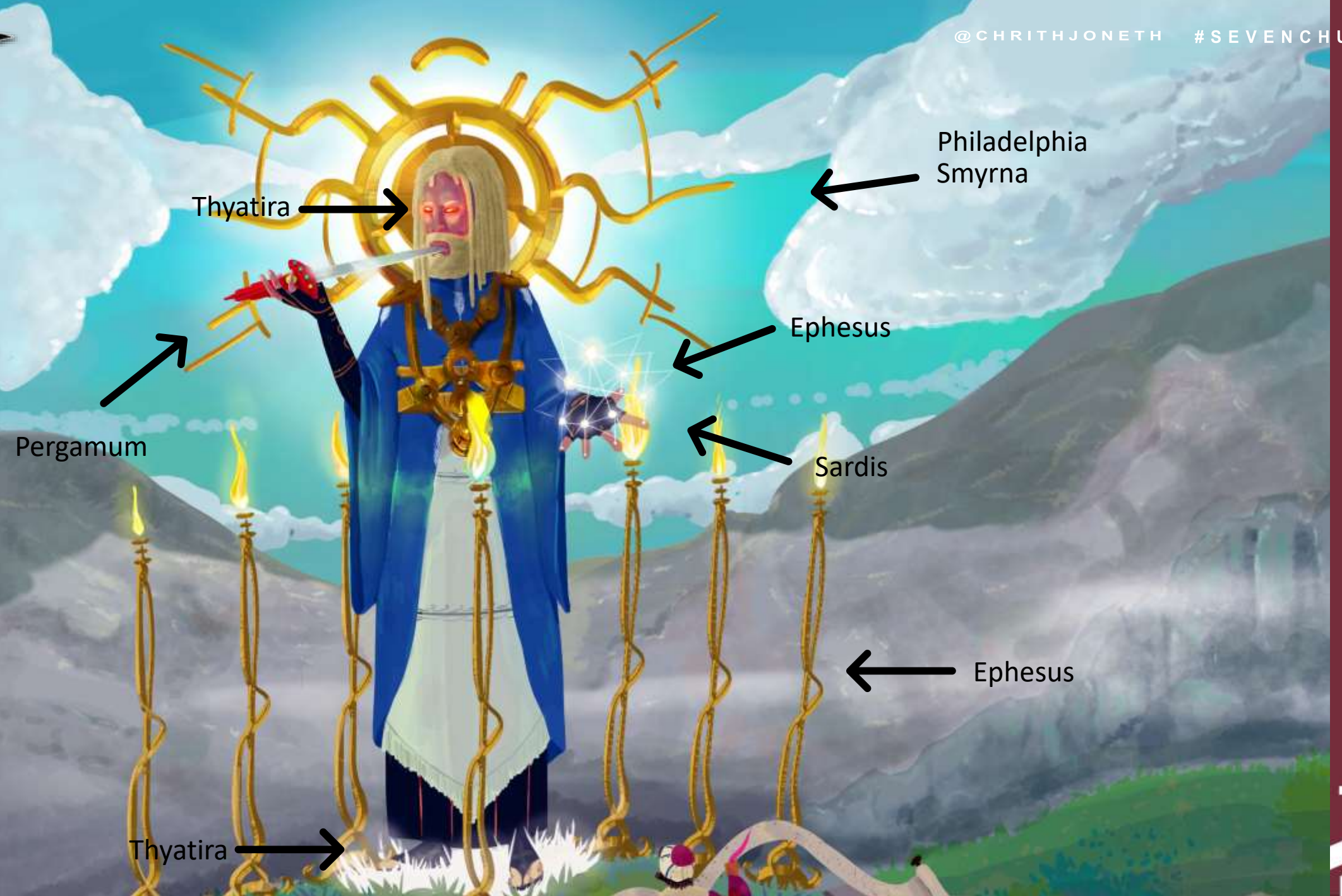
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Thyatira

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- *An address to a particular church*
- *A "Revealing" of Jesus*
- *Jesus KNOWS the conditions of the church*
- *Gives a verdict based on condition*
- *What He Wants THEM to do about it*
- *What he wants the CHURCH to do*
- *Gives a promise*





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- * *A "Revealing" of Jesus (Gives a different description)*
- *Jesus KNOWS the conditions of the church*
- * *He does not critique. Instead jumps to a promise, then another, then another, then two more.*
- * *What HE is going to do*
- *What he wants the CHURCH (Us) to do*





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“Down a long corridor of closed doors we may sometimes have to pass. It seems heartbreaking to see doors labelled, Friendship, Love, Home shut against us; but beyond them there is the one unclosed door through which we shall enter into our true life. Oh do not lose heart and hope in useless weeping over the closed doors of the past. Follow Him, who has the keys.”

-F.B. Meyer





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Holy & True. Set Apart & Genuine

Jesus revealed His whole person to the Philadelphians as “Holy & True”. Since the church didn’t need correcting, its as if Jesus is saying “Yes! You understand ME!”
Though Jesus DOES go on to describe the church.





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- They had an open door, no one can shut
 - This door can represent the opportunities Jesus has set for them to speak the gospel. [1Corinthians 16:9](#)
 - “In all you do preach the gospel, and [when](#) necessary use words”





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- They had a little strength
 - Its not as if they lacked strength and needed more. Yes, they lacked strength, but this did not make them weak. It allowed them Genuine strength by relying on Jesus.





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- They had “Kept My Word & have not denied my name”
 - They not only expressed their devotion to Jesus, they also lived it out.
 - Faithfulness to Jesus!





Relying on Jesus, Keeping to His word, & not denying His name. Jesus didn't commend the Philadelphian church for their prophets, their big churches, their eloquent speakers, or how broad their influence was. Jesus measured their success on these three simple characteristics.





A Persecution

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Jesus is offering us believers the same strength, to remain standing when everything around us crumbles.

With Jesus as our foundation, and the strength he offers us, those people around us, those open doors, will easily see us.





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