

Rev. 3:1-6
The Church at Sardis

Background

- *Great Wealth (King Croesus)
- *ideal mountain side location giving false sense of invincibility
- *wool industry
- *Necropolis nearby
- *earthquake in AD 17 from which Sardis never fully recovered

I. Heavenly Greeting

- *Angel/pastor
- *thy, thou, etc. (cf. 2:5 “*thy candlestick*”)

II. Divine Description

- *hath seven Spirits
- *hath seven stars

III. Saviour’s Acknowledgement

- *pastor accountable for her works
- *good reputation, bad reality

IV. Careful Analysis

- *watchful
- *strengthen
- *works incomplete

V. Expected Response

- *remember
- *received and heard
- *hold fast
- *repent
- *coming of Christ to remove candlestick status

VI. Eternal Promise

- *a few names not defiled and will walk with Christ in white
- *worthy
- *overcomers will not be blotted out of the book of life
- *the Lord will confess them before the Father and angels

VII. Spirit’s Encouragement

- *church members need to hear what Spirit says to the churches.