

# The Message to Ephesian Church plus the Comments of Christ in the First Seal

	Ephesus	Notes	First Seal	Notes
Commendation	Conquering Church	The Deeds of the Nicolaitans	It is generally held that the time period designated to this period is from the commissioning of the Apostles to their passing off the scene of history.	It is interesting to note that the chapters between the Messages to the Churches and the Sevens seals notes the exaltation of God and the Lamb who is worthy to open the seals ( the Deed of our Earth) signifying the acceptance of Christ as sufficient to redeem us back to God.
	Doctrinal Purity hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans	"Irenaeus, a second-century minister who grew up near Ephesus, referred to them in one of his writings. The Nicolaitans claimed to be christians, he said, but they considered it a matter of indifference to practice adultery, and to eat things sacrificed to idols.' <b>It appears then that the Nicolaitans were Christians who felt that faith in Jesus released them from obedience to some of the Ten Commandments.</b> " God Cares, page 99.	John the beloved died in 95 A.D. and so we approximate the end of the Apostolic Age to 100 A.D.	An account of redemption in this context is given in the Book of Ruth.
Concern	"...left first Love"		"I looked and behold <b>a white horse</b> and he who sat on it had a bow; and <b>a crown was given to him</b> , and he went out conquering and to conquer."	Christ is our Kinsman-Redeemer.
Counsel	Remember...repent and do first works	<p>Ephesus was the capital of the Roman province of Asia (today part of Turkey). Located at the intersection of several major trade routes, Ephesus was a vital commercial centre of the Roman Empire. It was the site of a famous temple for the fertility goddess Diana that was one of the seven wonders of the ancient world.</p> <p>Paul visited Ephesus briefly at the end of his second missionary tour (C. 53 A.D.). When he departed, he left behind Priscilla and Aquila to continue the ministry in that city (See <b>Acts 18: 18 -21</b>).</p> <p>On Paul's third missionary journey, he spent about three years in Ephesus. When the Apostle's gospel message was rebuffed by the Jews in the Ephesian synagogue, Paul taught Scripture to both Jews and Greeks in the school of Tyrannus.</p> <p>Paul's ministry at Ephesus was marked by several Spirit-empowered miracles. As a result, the city became a centre for evangelistic outreach to the rest of the province of Asia (See <b>Acts 19: 18 - 20</b>).</p> <p>In fact, so many people in Ephesus turned to Christ and renounced their pagan ways that some craftsman in the city started a riot because the gospel threatened their trade of making and selling idols.</p> <p>in <b>Acts 20: 17 - 38</b> Paul warned the elders of the Ephesian church about "savage wolves: who would not spare the congregation.</p>		
Promise	"To him who overcomes I will grant to eat of the Tree of Life."			
Application	Love for Christ is our first priority			
	People are more important than the program			