Revelation 1:11 (NKJV)
11 saying, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last." Also, write what you write in a **book** and send it to the **seven churches**: Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamos, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea.

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Revelation 1:1-8

The Church of Ephesus - Our revelation lens

Revelation to the church, for the church

1.1 To the church of **Ephesus**:

Revelation 1:1-3 (NKJV)
1 **The Revelation of Jesus Christ**, which God gave him to show His **servants**—things which must shortly take place; and he sent and signified it by his angel to his servant John,
2 who bore witness to the word of God, and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, to all things that he saw.
3 **Blessed** is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for **the time is near**.

Revelation 1:4-8
4 John, to the **seven churches** which are in Asia: Grace and peace from He who is and was and is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne,
5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and washed us from our sins in his own blood,
6 and made us kings and priests to God and his Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.
7 Behold, he comes with clouds, and every eye will see him, and those who pierced him; and all the tribes of the earth will wail because of him. Even so, Amen.
8 "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End," says the Lord, "who is and was and who is to come, the Almighty."

Revelation 1:9-11
9 I, John, your brother and companion in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patience of Jesus Christ, was in the island that is called Patmos, for the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ.
10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet,
11 saying, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last." Also, what you see write in a book and send it to the seven churches: Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamos, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea.

Revelation 1:12-20
12 Then I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands,
13 and in the midst of the seven lampstands one like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the breasts with a golden band.
14 His head and hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and His eyes were like a flame of fire,
15 and His feet like fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and His voice as the sound of many waters.
16 He had in His right hand seven stars; out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword; and His face was like the sun shining in its strength.
17 And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying, saying, "Fear not; I am the First and the Last,
18 and the living one; and I was dead, and behold, I am alive forever and ever, and have the keys of hell and of death.
19 Write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will be after this.
20 The mystery of the seven stars which you saw in My right hand, and the seven golden lampstands: the seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands which you saw are the seven churches.

The Ephesian evaluation report:

Some 7 letters are congregational **evaluation reports**

Pray and ponder by James Fitzsimmons Jr. in order to prepare them for their seven coming letters, and their seven coming evaluations.

The structure of these reports:
- **Introduction** - Jesus **SPEAKS** to the church
- A quick reminder of character attributes of Jesus Christ, Jesus **IS**
- **Commendation** - genuine, personal affirmation of things Jesus noticing, and **KNOWS**
- **Condemnation** - correcting against a spiritual status quo, right, then or **Jesus** is **Condemnation**
- **Exhortation** - a call to remember the way things were, to remember what Jesus has done, to repent and return to the way of the first love, to overcome, obey, and receive a promise
- **Conclusion** - scripture, children, listening to any ministers and apply the contextual pre-written statement
- **Promise** - **Overcomer**

The divine theological system: the entirety of scripture, is a seamless whole.

Spiritual truth is seen:
- Line upon line, precept upon precept, here a little, there a little
- Jesus has spoke, and, and, every word, and, and, that proceeds out of the mouth of God, and, and, and