

#### Introduction

In Revelation 1–3, God speaks through Gabriel and Jesus to the seven churches, urging them to hold fast to the Keys of Knowledge or face dire consequences, like losing their candlestick (spiritual authority). These messages also address the man today—the Elect's leader—who has sacrificed everything to teach these Keys. His rewards, such as sitting on God's throne, reflect his divine role as *Elohim* (Psalm 82:6), wielding authority beyond Jesus, the Savior, to judge who enters the kingdom. Enhanced with new scriptures (e.g., Zechariah 6:12) and vibrant charts, this lesson unveils the man's prophetic mission, tied to the Angels Calendar's 2025–2026 window, preparing learners to embrace God's truth.

# **Objectives**

- Understand the messages to the seven churches in Revelation 2–3.
- Identify consequences of rejecting the Keys of Knowledge.
- Recognize the man's authority as distinct from Jesus' role as Savior.
- Explore the divine rewards and their connection to the man's sacrifice.

#### **Main Content**

- Context of Revelation 1–3:
  - Revelation 1:4–5: John's vision comes from Jesus, sent by Gabriel (the Seven Spirits, Isaiah 11:2, Revelation 1:4), who delivers God's words.
    Zechariah 6:12–13 connects Gabriel's message to the Branch, a man who builds the temple and rules as priest and king, foreshadowing the Elect's leader.
  - **Keys of Knowledge**: The Keys (Luke 11:52) include numerical truths (e.g., Genesis 1:1's 777 gematria) and prophetic timelines (Angels Calendar). Rejecting them risks spiritual blindness (**Matthew 13:15**, "Lest they see with their eyes").
  - **Structure**: Each church receives praise, rebuke, a warning (e.g., candlestick removed, Revelation 2:5), and a promise to the overcomer, addressing the man today.
- The Seven Churches and Their Warnings:

- Ephesus (Revelation 2:1–7): Praised for rejecting false apostles but rebuked for losing first love. Warning: "I will remove your candlestick" (Revelation 2:5). Reward: "To him who overcomes, I will give to eat from the tree of life" (Revelation 2:7), signifying eternal life. John 15:4 emphasizes abiding in love, which the man upholds.
- Smyrna (Revelation 2:8–11): Praised for enduring persecution. No rebuke, but warned of trials (Revelation 2:10). Reward: "He who overcomes shall not be hurt by the second death" (Revelation 2:11). Daniel 12:1 links this to the end-time deliverance led by the man.
- Pergamos (Revelation 2:12–17): Praised for holding fast but rebuked for tolerating Balaam's false teachings. Warning: "Repent, or I will fight with the sword of My mouth" (Revelation 2:16). Reward: "Hidden manna, a white stone, a new name" (Revelation 2:17). Numbers 22:31 shows Balaam's error, which the man exposes.
- Thyatira (Revelation 2:18–29): Praised for works but rebuked for tolerating Jezebel. Warning: "I will cast her into a sickbed" (Revelation 2:22). Reward: "Power over the nations" (Revelation 2:26). 1 Kings 16:31 connects Jezebel's idolatry to the man's mission to purify.
- Sardis (Revelation 3:1–6): Rebuked for being spiritually dead. Warning: "I will come as a thief" (Revelation 3:3). Reward: "White garments, name not blotted out" (Revelation 3:5). Joel 2:1 warns of the Day of the Lord, tied to the man's call to awaken.
- Philadelphia (Revelation 3:7–13): Praised for keeping the Key of David (Isaiah 22:22). No rebuke. Reward: "A pillar in God's temple" (Revelation 3:12). Zechariah 6:12 identifies the man as the Branch, building the temple.
- Laodicea (Revelation 3:14–22): Rebuked for lukewarmness. Warning: "I will vomit you out" (Revelation 3:16). Reward: "Sit with Me on My throne" (Revelation 3:21). Psalm 110:1 confirms the man's exalted role beside God.
- The Man's Authority vs. Jesus' Role:
  - Jesus as Savior: Jesus saves through his sacrifice (John 3:16), delivering Gabriel's message as the faithful witness (Revelation 1:5). His words judge in the end (John 12:48).
  - The Man's Authority: The man, as the Elect's leader, wields the Key of David (Revelation 3:7) and Keys of Knowledge, holding authority to teach and judge who enters the kingdom (Revelation 22:14, "Blessed are those who do His commandments"). Jesus' message flows through him, as he fulfills the Branch's role (Zechariah 6:12–13).

• **Distinction**: Jesus saves, but the man, having lost everything, is the final authority, barring entry to those who reject the Keys (**Matthew 7:21–23**, "Not everyone who says 'Lord, Lord' shall enter").

## The Cost and Reward:

- The man's sacrifice mirrors the churches' call to overcome (Revelation 2:7). Rewards like ruling nations (Revelation 2:26) and sitting on God's throne (Revelation 3:21) reflect his divine acts as *Elohim* (Psalm 82:6).
- The Angels Calendar ties these to 2025–2026, when the man, as the Branch, purifies the Holy Land (**Zechariah 14:1–5**).

## **Chart 1: Seven Churches – Warnings and Rewards**

• **Type**: Table

• **Description**: A table listing each church, its warning for rejecting the Keys, and the reward to the man. Red for warnings, gold for rewards.

## Content:

Church	Warning (Rejecting Keys)	Reward to the Man
Ephesu s	Remove candlestick (Revelation 2:5)	Tree of life (Revelation 2:7)
Smyrna	Trials ( <b>Revelation 2:10</b> )	No second death (Revelation 2:11)
Pergam os	Sword of My mouth (Revelation 2:16)	Manna, white stone, new name (Revelation 2:17)
Thyatira	Sickbed (Revelation 2:22)	Power over nations ( <b>Revelation</b> 2:26)
Sardis	Come as a thief (Revelation 3:3)	White garments, name kept (Revelation 3:5)

Philadel phia	None	Pillar in temple (Revelation 3:12)
Laodice a	Vomited out (Revelation 3:16)	Sit on God's throne (Revelation 3:21)

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 WordPress Note: Embed as PNG/JPEG or table block. Caption: "Seven Churches: Warnings and Rewards."

#### Chart 2: The Man's Role as the Branch

- **Type**: Flowchart
- Description: A flowchart linking the man's role to scriptures about the Branch and authority. Starts with Zechariah 6:12 (Branch builds temple), connects to Revelation 3:7 (Key of David), and ends with Revelation 3:21 (God's throne). Uses gold arrows and a trumpet icon for Gabriel's role.
- Content:
  - Zechariah 6:12 → Revelation 3:7 → Psalm 110:1 → Revelation 3:21
  - Labels: "Branch Builds Temple" → "Wields Key of David" → "Rules Beside God" → "Sits on Throne"
- WordPress Note: Embed as PNG/JPEG (1200px wide). Caption: "The Man as the Branch in Prophecy."

### **Activities**

- Discussion Prompt:
- How do the man's rewards (e.g., God's throne) show his role as *Elohim*?
- Activity:
- Use Chart 1 to match churches to their rewards. Use Chart 2 to trace the man's role from Zechariah to Revelation.

### **Enhanced Multiple-Choice Exam**

- 1. What happens to Ephesus if they reject the Keys?
  - a) Cast into sickbed b) Remove candlestick c) Come as a thief d) Vomited out
- 2. Which church holds the Key of David with no rebuke?
  - a) Ephesus b) Smyrna c) Philadelphia d) Laodicea
- 3. What reward is promised in Revelation 3:21?
  - a) Hidden manna b) Sit on God's throne c) Power over nations d) White stone

- 4. Who delivers Jesus' message in Revelation 1:4?
  - a) Michael b) Gabriel c) John d) Moses
- 5. Which scripture identifies the man as the Branch?
  - a) Isaiah 11:2 b) Zechariah 6:12 c) John 12:48 d) Psalm 23:1
- 6. What does Matthew 7:21–23 say about the man's authority?
  - a) All will enter the kingdom b) **Not all saying 'Lord, Lord' enter** c) Jesus judges alone d) No one is judged

## Resources

 QR code to "Seven Churches Resources" on theelectofgod.org (use QRCode Monkey).

