

A large aircraft carrier is shown from a high-angle perspective, sailing on the ocean. The ship's deck is visible, with several aircraft parked on it. The ship's superstructure, including the bridge and various masts, is prominent. The water is dark, and the sky is a pale, hazy blue. The overall scene is a powerful representation of naval military power.

REVELATION

**One of the most important
books of the entire
BIBLE**

7 CHURCHES

1. Ephesus - left 1st love
2. Smyrna - persecuted
3. Pergamum - compromised
4. Thyatira - apostasy
5. Sardis - dead

OUTLINE

- I. Vision of J.C. among 7 Churches 1-3**
 - A. Introduction 1:1-8**
 - B. Vision of Jesus Christ 1:9-20**
 - C. Letters to the 7 Churches 2-3**
 - 1. Church at Ephesus 2:1-7**
 - 2. Church at Smyrna 2:8-11**
 - 3. Church at Pergamum 2:12-17**
 - 4. Church at Thyatira 2:18-29**
 - 5. Church at Sardis 3:1-6**





Synagogue



Bathhouse

Temple



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3:2 Wake up, and strengthen the things that remain, which were about to die; for I have not found your deeds completed in the sight of My God.

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3:4 'But you have a few people in Sardis who have not soiled their garments; and they will walk with Me in white, for they are worthy.



**Spiritually dead
with small remnant**

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- 3. Wake up - 2 terms**
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- 5. Overcome - νικάω (nikao)**

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2 classes or all true Christians?

POSITIONAL TRUTH

- **Salvation ->** 3 tenses
- **Forgiveness ->** fellowship
- **Justification ->** before men
- **Sanctification ->** 3 tenses
- **Holy ->** progressive
- **Overcome ->** on-going

2 VIEWS

Conditional

Verbal idea

Prescriptive

What must be done

Continuous effort

Works based

Possible results

Illust - believe

Characteristic

Present participle

Descriptive

What one is

Assurance of blessing

Grace based

Ultimate result

Believer

SUPPORT

- 1. Typical of positional truth**
- 2. Context**
- 3. Some promises for all believers**

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6. **Will not -** οὐ μή (ou me)
strongest negation = absolutely not
Jn 10:27-29

2 BOOKS

Book of life

Physical life

Conception

Ex 32:32,

Ps 69:28

Lamb's book of life

Spiritual life

Regeneration

3:5, 20:12, 15

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8. Call -

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**3:6 ‘He who has an ear, let him hear
what the Spirit says to the
churches.’**

Sea of Galilee

A photograph of the Sea of Galilee at sunset. The sun is a bright yellow-orange orb on the right side of the horizon, casting a long, shimmering reflection across the water. In the foreground, a dark, curved pier structure with several vertical posts extends into the water from the left. The sky is a gradient of orange and yellow, and the water is a deep blue with gentle ripples.

Do you live ... ???

- 1. Catching up to position**
- 2. Spirit filled life**