

Study Notes and Questions for Revelation 2 (Part 1) :1-7

- Where were the seven churches located in the ancient world?
- Who is dictating these letters?
- To whom does Jesus address this letter in 2:1?
- What other meaning can the Greek word **aggelos** (translated: *angel*) have?
- The rebuke Jesus has for the Ephesian church is “You have forsaken the love you had at first” (2:4). What do you think this means?
- Why do you think this matter is so serious that it merits the threat of removal of the lampstand (see 2:5)?
- What do you think the removal of the lampstand means?
- Summarize in your own words the strengths and weaknesses of the Ephesian church.
- For Further Study: To understand “the right to eat from the tree of life” (Revelation 2:7), study Genesis 2:8–9, 15–17; 3:22–24; Revelation 22:1–2.
- What is the tree of life?
- What is the paradise of God?
- How should churches today heed the message of this letter?
- What is the strongest message from this letter to you personally?