



# The Foundation Bible Lessons

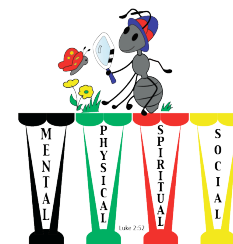
## PART 6: The Sure Word of Prophecy

Topic: The Seven Churches

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### MISSION STATEMENT

Foundation Progressive Sabbath Advent Ministries (FPSAM), Inc. exists to build upon the four **PILLARS** (*Mental, Physical, Spiritual and Social*) that **GUIDED** Jesus' life.

#### VISION

All Foundation Progressive Sabbath Advent Ministries (FPSAM), Inc. members will use the four pillars to establish and build their personal life and that of others.

#### SLOGAN

"Don't Accommodate Eliminate"

#### MOTTO

"Building on FOUR"

#### TEXT

"And Jesus increased in wisdom (Mental) and stature (Physical & Spiritual), and in favor with God (Spiritual) and man (Social)." **Luke 2:52**

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**14. What title was given to the fourth state of the church?**

"And unto the angel of the church in \_\_\_\_\_ write." **Revelation 2:18**

**NOTE:** Thyatira means *song of labor*, or *sacrifice of contrition*, and points out the condition of God's people during the long, dark period of 1260 years, beginning with the establishment of papal supremacy in 538 A.D., and closing with the downfall of that power in 1798. During that time, millions of saints of God were put to death in the most cruel manner that wicked men and demons could invent. Christ referred to this time in His wonderful prophecy recorded in **Matthew 24**, in these words: "For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened." The tribulation of the 1260 years was cut short through the influence of the Reformation.

**15. What promise did God leave for these persecuted ones?**

"But that which ye have already hold fast till I come. And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, *to him will I give \_\_\_\_\_ over the \_\_\_\_\_*: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father." **Revelation 2:25-27**

**16. By what name is the fifth state of the church addressed?**

"Unto the angel of the church in \_\_\_\_\_ write." **Revelation 3:1**

**NOTE:** Sardis means *song of joy*, or *that which remains*. A cause for joy at that time was the fact that the great tribulation of the people of God was at an end. It was only as a result of the Reformation that any of God's people were left *remaining*. See **Matthew 24:21-22**, and note under question 14. The Sardis church continued from the close of the papal power, 1798 A.D., until the beginning of the great advent movement in 1833, which was marked by the falling of the stars in November 13 of that year, as foretold by Christ in **Matthew 24:29**.

**17. What endearing title is given the sixth church?**

"And to the angel of the church in \_\_\_\_\_ write." **Revelation 3:7**

**NOTE:** Philadelphia means *brotherly love*, and applies to the church under the judgment-hour message. See **Lesson 56** in this series

**18. What words to this church show the second advent near?**

"Behold, I come \_\_\_\_\_ hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown." **Revelation 3:1**

**19. What is Christ's message to the last church?**

"And unto the angel of the church of the \_\_\_\_\_ write; . . . I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. . . . Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; . . . I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed. . . . As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent."

**Revelation 3:14-19**

**NOTE:** Laodicea signifies *the judging of the people*, or, according to Cruden, *a just people*. This church exists in the time of the judgment and the proclamation of the final warning messages preceding Christ's second coming. See **Revelation 14:6-16**. See readings in Lesson 56. thru 58. This is a time of great profession, with but **little vital godliness and true piety**.

**20. What encouragement is given to heed this message?**

"Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear My voice, and open the door, \_\_ will \_\_\_\_ in to him, and will \_\_\_\_ with him, and \_\_\_\_ with Me."

**Revelation 3:20**

**NOTE:** The pointed, searching messages to the seven churches contain most important lessons of admonition, encouragement, and warning for all Christians in all ages. The seven promises to the overcomer found in this line of prophecy (**Revelation 2:7,11, 17, 26-28; Revelation 3:5, 12, 21**), with the eighth or universal promise recorded in **Revelation 21:7**, form a galaxy of promises as precious, as comforting, and as inspiring as any recorded in the Scriptures.

