

Working With A Segment of Scripture

TODAY'S PASSAGE:

Revelation 2-3

A chart is to a Bible student what a map is to a mariner. It aids him or her in navigating an ocean of words, pages, books, ideas, characters, events, and other information. Without a chart or some similar device, he is liable to flounder on the shoals of mental overload. There are just too many details to keep track of.

In the first part of the book of Revelation we are told of an awe-inspiring vision of John as Jesus dictated a series of letters to seven different churches. The letters follow a clear pattern. **Read Revelation 2-3** several times until you get a feel for the structure of the letters. Then create a chart that can help you visualize all that information more simply.

When you finish, you should be able to use your chart in a number of ways. By going one way (either left to right or up and down), you will have a concise analysis of the spiritual condition of each of the seven churches. But if you look at the chart another way, you will have assembled a comparison of how various churches were performing in a number of different categories.

Again, make this chart your own. It's more important to create something that is meaningful to you rather than something that is complex or fancy.