

The Significance of a Name

	Church	Meaning	Character Reference	Historical Reference
1 	Ephesus	Desirable	But his delight <i>is</i> in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. Ps 1:2	But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. Acts 1:8
2 	Smyrna	Sweet Smelling When Crushed	Precious in the sight of the LORD <i>is</i> the death of his saints. Ps 116:15	Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake. ...But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved. Matt 24:9,13
3 	Pergamos	Actual Marriage	But thou didst trust in thine own beauty, and playedst the harlot because of thy renown, and pouredst out thy fornications on every one that passed by. Eze 16:15	[But] <i>that day shall not come</i> , except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; 2 Thess 2:3
4 	Thyatira	To Wear Away	They that hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of mine head: they that would destroy me, <i>being</i> mine enemies wrongfully, are mighty: Ps 69:4	And he shall speak <i>great</i> words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time. Dan 7:25
5 	Sardis	Things Remaining	I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, ... ¹⁰ And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth? Rev 6:9	And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened Matt 24:22
6 	Philadelphia	Brotherly Love	Behold, how good and how pleasant <i>it is</i> for brethren to dwell together in unity! Ps 133:1	And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. Matt 25:6,7
7 	Laodicea	Judging of the People	For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; 2 Cor 5:10	... [And] the judgment was set, and the books were opened. Dan 7:10