

## Sermon Notes

### *Jesus Walks Among the Lampstands*

“Jesus’ Assessment of Sardis: Part A” – Revelation 3:1-6

#### I. Introduction

##### A. Map location.

###### 1. Reading of the Text

##### B. Background on the city.

###### 1. Location

###### 2. Size

###### 3. Importance

###### 4. Especially identified with two things.

a. An U\_\_\_\_\_ A\_\_\_\_\_

b. Large J\_\_\_\_\_ C\_\_\_\_\_

##### C. Views of the ancient city.

##### D. Acropolis unconquerable or not?

###### 1. Actually conquered twice.

##### E. Large Jewish Community.

###### 1. Obadiah 20.

###### 2. Antiochus III

###### 3. Josephus

###### 4. Largest synagogue ever discovered outside of Jerusalem.

##### F. Seeds of compromise.

#### II. Exposition.

##### A. Christ Title

###### 1. Revelation 3:1

###### 2. Two attributes revealed.

a. Seven spirits of God.

###### 1. Other references: Rev. 1:4; 4:5; 5:6.

###### 2. Old Testament Background.

a. Zechariah 4:2-10

###### 3. Revitalization may only take place by the Holy Spirit.

##### b. He holds . . . the seven stars.

###### 1. Who are the seven stars?

a. Probably angelic beings.

b. Jesus holds them which indicates his power over them.

###### 2. Correction of Roman pagan belief.

a. Emperor Hadrian.

b. The deceased son of Domitian.

##### 3. Summary of Christ Title.

a. Christ’s power is in view.

b. Practical implication – **WARNING!**

#### B. The Commendation

##### 1. There is none!

##### 2. Similar to Laodicea.

##### 3. Still corresponds to Smyrna with a mixed situation.

#### III. Point for Reflection.

##### A. Complacency is a very subtle condition which results in the loss of spiritual vitality.

###### 1. Philippe Petit

###### 2. Oxford Dictionary

###### 3. Isaiah 29:13