

The Promises to the Overcomer:

Part 1: The Seven Promises "to He/She that Overcomes"

- 1. ...will I give to **eat of the tree of life** which is in the midst of the paradise of God.
- Revelation 2:7 *Ephesus*
- 2. ...shall **not be hurt** of the **second** death.
- Revelation 2:11 *Smyrna*
- 3. ...will I give to eat of **the hidden manna**, and will give him **a white stone**.
- Revelation 2:17 *Pergamos*
- 4. ...will I give **power over the nations**... And I will give him the **morning star**.
- Revelation 2:26 & 28 *Thyatira*
- 5. ...shall be clothed in **white raiment**; and I will **not blot** out his name out of the book of Life.
- Revelation 3:5 *Sardis*
- 6. ...will I make a **pillar in the temple** of My God...and I will write upon him **the name** of My God.
- Revelation 3:12 *Philadelphia*
- 7. ...will I grant to **sit with Me** in my throne, even as I also overcame.
- Revelation 3:21 *Laodicea*

Part 2: The Revelation 12 Connection

The conceptual thread **linking** the seven promises of Chapters 2 & 3 to the events of Chapter 12 centers entirely on how victory is defined and executed.

The Blueprint of Victory (Revelation 12:11)

- Text: *"And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death."*
- Connection: Revelation 12 provides the structural "how-to" for the promises in Chapters 2 & 3. The seven individual promises are the rewards for conquering, while Revelation 12 reveals the mechanism of that conquest: reliance on Christ's sacrifice, holding fast to the confession of faith, and enduring through ultimate testing.

Authority and Ruling (The Thyatira/Laodicea Link)

- Text: Revelation 12:5 mentions the man-child *"who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron."*
- Connection: This identical "rod of iron" ruling authority is explicitly promised to the overcomer in Thyatira (Rev 2:27) and tied to sitting on the throne in Laodicea (Rev 3:21). The authority achieved by Christ in Revelation 12 is directly given to the faithful believers of Chapters 2 & 3.