

**Sordid Sardis: Revelation 3:1-6**

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**INTRODUCTION**

**REMEMBERING THE SEVEN CHURCHES**

Every small person that sings, phones loudly.  
Ephesus Smyrna Pergamos Thyatira Sardis, Philadelphia Laodicea.

**Background: Lydian Empire**

The contribution of Sardis to the modern world

**Background: The Roman Province of Lydia**

Jesus, the all knowing, told the *angelos* of Sardis that, despite his reputation, he is dead (Rev 3:1)

The *angelos* needs to be watchful and to repair what has fallen into disrepair (3:2)

The *angelos* is to go back to what he was taught, be steadfast, and repent (3:3a)

Unless the *angelos* repents soon, the Lord will unexpectedly discipline him (3:3b)

**A few in the assembly had not defiled their garments; they will walk with the Lord in white (3:4)**

**The overcomer will be clothed in white and will not have his name blotted from the book of life (3:5)**

This is another example of litotes (Cf. Rev 2:11)

No one will be blotted from the Book of Life, because the life that is given is everlasting

An incorrect theory about the Book of Life

How people's names become written in the Book of Life

**All the churches are to listen to each of the messages (3:6)**

**Conclusion**