

Revelation 2:2-7 Structure

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- v2 **A** I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience,
B and how thou canst not bear *them which are evil*:
C and thou hast tried them which say they are *apostles*, and are not, and hast found them liars:
v3 **D** And hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted.
v4 **E** Nevertheless I have [somewhat] against thee, because thou hast *left thy first love*.
v5 **E'** Remember therefore from whence thou *art fallen*,
D' and repent, and do the *first works*;
C' or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy *candlestick* out of his place, except thou repent.
v6 **B'** But this thou hast, that thou hatest the *deeds of the Nicolaitanes*, which I also hate.
v7 **[omission]** He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches;
A' To him that *overcometh* will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.

SUBSTRUCTURE OF REVELATION 2:2-7

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c and thy patience,
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v3 **d'** And hast borne,
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b' and for my name's sake hast laboured,
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v4 **f** Nevertheless I have [somewhat] against thee,
g because *thou hast left thy first* love.
v5 **g** Remember therefore from whence *thou art fallen*,
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k let him *hear*
l what the Spirit saith unto the churches;
m To him that *overcometh*
n will I give to eat of the *tree of life*,
n which is in the midst of the *paradise of God*.

Note:

There is an irrefutable correlation in wording between these verses in Revelation 2:2 and the verses in D&C 64:35-40, which make up elements **E**, **F**, **G**, **G'**, **F'**, and **E'** when arranged in chiasmatic form (see *Greater Things*, Vol. 1, Num. 3, Apr. 21, 1992, p. 10).

On April 22, a day after publishing the second *Greater Things* magazine, the editor happened to play for the first time an audio cassette tape he had recently purchased of the New Testament, beginning with the last tape, which began precisely at Revelation 2:2.

This is but one example among a myriad that could be mentioned in which the Lord's plan has been signaled in verifying the legitimacy of this pursuit of unfolding the scriptural structures