



A Study of Revelation

The Seven Churches of Asia: Revelation 1-3

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The message to the church at Laodicea: Revelation 3:14-22

1. What Laodicea was like (ISBE):
 - a. Founded by Antiochus II (261-246 BC) of Syria, who named it for his wife Laodike, and who populated it with Syrians and with Jews who were transplanted from Babylonia to the cities of Phrygia and Lydia.
 - b. A great wealthy center of industry, with extensive banking, famous specially for the fine black wool of its sheep and for the Phrygian powder for the eyes, which was manufactured there. In the vicinity was the temple of Men Karou and a renowned school of medicine.
 - c. In the year 60 AD, the city was almost entirely destroyed by an earthquake, but so wealthy were its citizens that they rejected the proffered aid of Rome, and quickly rebuilt it at their own expense.
 - d. The ruins, now called Eski Hissar, or old castle, lie near the modern Gonjelli on the railroad, and they have long served as a quarry to the builders of the neighboring town of Denizli. One of the two Roman theaters is remarkably well preserved, and there may still be seen the stadium, a colonnade, the aqueduct which brought the water across the valley to the city by an inverted siphon of stone pipes, a large necropolis, and the ruins of three early Christian churches (meeting houses).
2. The Apostle Paul also refers to Laodicea when writing to the Colossians (Colossians 2:1; 4:13, 15, 16).

3. Revelation 3:14-22

a. How is Jesus described in the message to this church?

- i. The _____.
- ii. The _____ and _____ Witness.
- iii. The Beginning of the _____ of God.

b. What did Jesus say that He knew about this church?

- i. Their _____.
- ii. They were neither _____ nor _____.
- iii. They were lukewarm.
 - 1. Jesus wishes they were _____ or _____.
 - 2. What is the Jesus' response to their lukewarm way? _____

c. What was their self evaluation?

- i. I am _____.
- ii. Have become _____.
- iii. Have need of _____.

d. In reality they were _____, _____, _____, _____, and _____.

e. They needed to "buy" three things:

- i. _____ refined in the fire.
- ii. White _____.
- iii. Eye _____.
- iv. Notice why they needed each of these.

f. The Lord Loves them so:

- i. He _____ and _____.
- ii. He calls them to be _____ and _____.

g. Explain the meaning of verse 20. _____

h. Those who overcome will sit with Jesus on His _____, as Jesus sat down with His _____ on His _____.

i. Who is to hear this message? _____