



FROM ANCIENT TO MODERN

SEVEN CHURCHES OF REVELATION TODAY

Laodicea: Church in Moderation

“And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write, ‘These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God: “I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot I will vomit you out of My mouth. Because you say, ‘I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing’—and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked—I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent. Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me. To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne. “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.””

LAODICEA

Population: _____

The city was named for _____.

The two other cities, besides Laodicea that made the tri-city area were _____ and _____.

The city was destroyed by an earthquakes in _____ and _____.

Laodicea rebuilt without _____.

COMMENDATION

NOTE: Especially after Philadelphia, which received no condemnation, it feels even more stark that Laodicea receives no commendation. It is the only church of the seven that does not receive one.

AMEN

Amen, from the Greek, means _____

In the Gospels when Jesus says, “Verily, verily I say to you...”, He is literally saying, “Amen, amen I say to you...” To paraphrase literally He is telling us—listen, this is the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth!

In Isaiah 65:16, God calls Himself the “God of truth.” The Hebrew word translated “truth” is also, “amen.” So, God is the Amen God. He is the true God.

It should also be noted that in Revelation and Isaiah, right after Jesus calls Himself the “Amen,” the Bible speaks of creation. The truth of God is that He is the creator—and the re-Creator!

CONDEMNATION

NOTE: All six things have more to do with a spiritual condition than a physical condition.

COUNSEL:

God’s greatest gifts to us are free, but they cost everything. No coins or checks or credit cards can buy them—only the whole of our hearts.

CHALLENGE:

God is going to _____ it out because the church is lukewarm.

NOTE: The challenge of Jesus is tough. But thankfully those aren’t His last words to us. There is hope, and there is another chance.

COMPENSATION:

_____ with Jesus and _____ on His _____.