Journey Through the Bible: Revelation

Session 9: The Church Where the People Reign, Laodicea (Rev. 3:14-22)

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The Revelation Special Blessing	(Singular) g Reserved for the Reader (1:3)	
Outline: "Write what you"		
-Have Seen (Ch. 1)		
-Mat Is Now (Ch. 2-3)		
	e Place Later (Ch. 4-22)	
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Levels of Application:		
-Local Churches with Local Church Problems		
-Personal Challenges Within the Church		
-Open Letters So that Every Church Can Learn		
-Prophetic Insig	ht into the Church Age	
Areas of Meaning:		
-The Name of th	e Church	
-The Title Chris	t Chooses for Himself	
-Commendation		
-Concern		
-Instruction		
-Promise to the	Overcomer	
Previous Concer		
Ephesus:	Programs and Doctrine/Lacking Devotion	
Smyrna:	Hold Fast in Times of Persecution	
Pergamum:	The Church MUST Have Different Values	
man	than the Fallen Culture Surrounding it	
Thyatira:	Discipleship Requires Discipline	
Sardis:	All Appearance and No Substance	
Philadelphia:	Keep on Mission. Demonstrate Love	
	Always (Even to Your Enemies)	
History and Cul	tuma of Londings.	
History and Culture of Laodicea:		
Λαοδίκεια – Lao-di-Ki'a: Justice of the People		
-Previously called Diospolis and Rhoas, -Site Renamed Laodicea for Laodice, the wife of		
Antiochus II King of Phrygia. (Pergamum)		
	veen 261-253 BC On the Ruins of the	
Previous Cities. (Circa 2000BC)		
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History and Culture of Laodicea (Cont.): -Built on the River Lycus, Considered Too Polluted and Unreliable to be Used as a Water Supply -Midpoint of a 3 City Underground Aqueduct System fed by the Hot Mineral Springs of Hierapolis and Led to Colossae -Popular Center for Commerce -Merchants, Bankers (Cicero), Gold Refiners, Black Wool -Evidence of Trade Extending to Punjab by the China Sea -School of Medicine Produced an Eye Salve (Infection/Pain) -Destroyed by Earthquake in 62 AD -Refused Help from Rome -Center of Hellenistic Greek Culture and Religion -Home to a Large Post-Babylonian Jewish Population -No Natural Defenses in Times of War -Built Originally by the Ionians -Claimed by the Hittite Empire (19 th Century BC) -Captured by the Phrygian Kingdom (9 th Century BC) -Captured by the Phrygian Kingdom -Conquered by Syria in 250 BC -Claimed by the Kingdom of Pergamos in 190BC -Willed to the Roman Republic Shortly Afterward -Instilled a Culture of Passivity -Church Believed to Have Been Founded by Epaphras -Instructed by Paul Through Epistles(Col.2:1) -Circular Letters Written to be Exchanged with the Colossians (Col. 4:12-14) -Lost Letter Possibly/Partially Copied into Ephesians -Potential Centers of Gnosticism (Denial of Christ's Deity) -Offers a Critique to Archippus, Possible son of Philemon As Bishop (Col. 2:1; 4:16-17) The Title Christ Chooses for Himself (v.14) Amen: "True!"; "So Be It"; "So Say We All" Faithful and True Witness: -Verification of God's Covenants -Truth of God Living Among the People -Tam the way, the truth, and the life" (Jn. 14:6) -Toriginator of Creation" -Firstborn of all Living	
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Concerns (v. 15-17)	
-Like Sardis, No Commendation	
-Lukewarm: Emetic (Robs the Body)	
-"Neither cold nor hot" (Useless)	
(2Tim. 3:5)	
-Believes Rich but Spiritually Destitute	
-Believes in Self-Sufficiency (Pride)	
-Temporal Value Only/No Spirituality	
-Denies the Deity of Christ	
-Denies or Ignores the Word of God	
-Grace Without Repentance	
"Savior not Lord"	
-Unregenerate Church	
-Spiritually Blind (Unknown Condition)	
-Naked Before God (Shame)	
-Wretched (Toiling Uselessly)	
-Pitiful (Looked Down Upon)	
Instruction (v. 18-20)	
-Buy Refined Gold (Isa. 55:1)	
-Treasure from the Refiner's Fire (1 Cor. 3:12-13)	
-Clothing Reflecting Righteousness before God	
-Offering Spiritual Sight (Regeneration)	
-Open the Door of the Church	
-Fellowship	
-Communion	
-Intimacy	
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Promise to the Overcomer (v. 21-22)	
Ref. 1 John 5:4-5	
-Throne of Christ (Throne of David: Luke 1:32)	
-Authority in the Coming Kingdom	
-Regency Under Christ	
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Prophetic Insight	
The Apostate Church	
-Denial of Christ's Lordship	
-Denial of the Authority of the Scripture	
-Denial of God's Judgment	
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Session 10:	
Review the 7 Churches	
What would Jesus write to us?	
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