

Journey Through the Bible: Revelation

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

Remember Acts 17:11

The Revelation (Singular)
Special Blessing Reserved for the Reader (1:3)

- Outline: "Write what you..."
- Have Seen (Ch. 1)
 - What Is Now** (Ch. 2-3)
 - What Will Take Place Later (Ch. 4-22)

- Levels of Application:
- Local Churches with Local Church Problems
 - Personal Challenges Within the Church
 - Open Letters So that Every Church Can Learn
 - Prophetic Insight into the Church Age

- Areas of Meaning:
- The Name of the Church
 - The Title Christ Chooses for Himself
 - Commendation
 - Concern
 - Instruction
 - Promise to the Overcomer

- Previous Concerns in Brief:
- Ephesus: Programs and Doctrine/Lacking Devotion
 - Smyrna: Hold Fast in Times of Persecution
 - Pergamum: The Church MUST Have Different Values 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 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)
 - City Built Between 261-253 BC On the Ruins of the Previous Cities. (Circa 2000BC)
