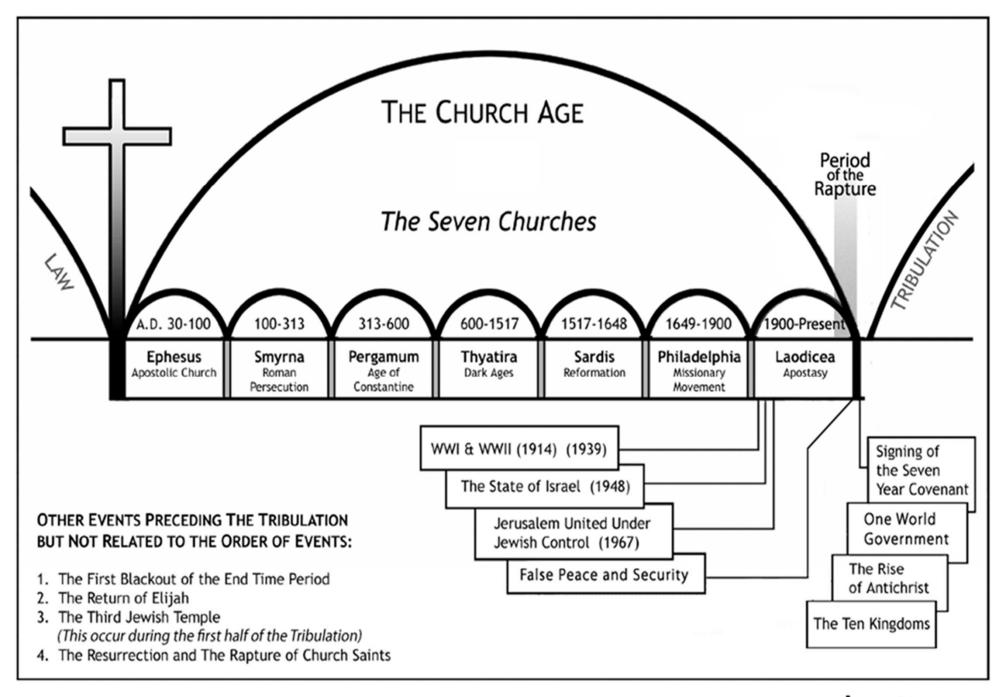
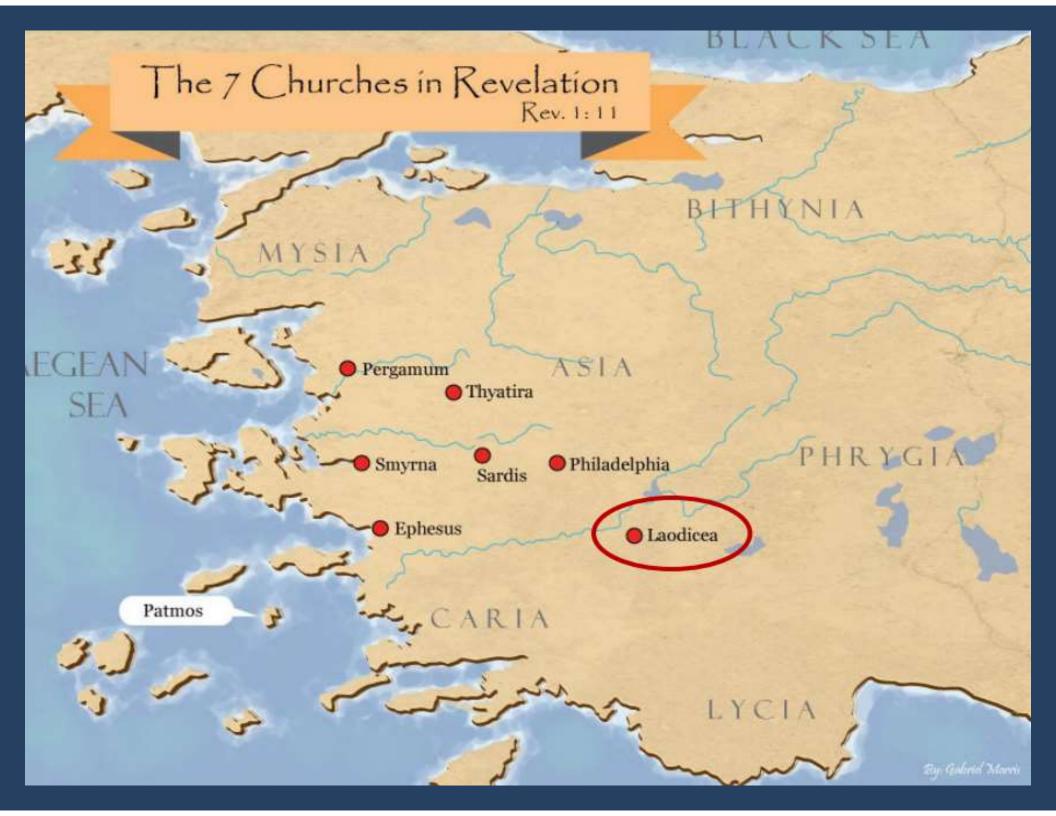
"Letter to the Church of Laodicea - The Lukewarm Church"

Revelation 3: 14-22





Verse 14 Destination and Description of Jesus

Laodicea = the people rule

The Church of apostasy reigns today in most of the world

Jesus is faithful and true - isn't that refreshing in a world that is pummeling you with lie after lie?

What does faithful really look like?

"If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me." Luke 9: 23

What does "take up your cross" mean?

It is an invitation to die to the self-life, your will, and your way, <u>DAILY!!</u>

This is a Remnant Church lifestyle - it is <u>not</u> an about me life!

Verse 15 - 17 Condemnation

How Jesus views you is exceedingly important!

Jesus viewed the Laodicean's as lukewarm - *sickening!*

They viewed themselves as rich, in need of nothing

Talk about deceived!

How would you describe a Laodicean Christian?

Self-centered, self-sufficient, haughty, "king baby", good for nothing - 2 Timothy 3: 5

This is the only Church that makes Jesus sick to His stomach!

Jesus viewed them as they really are - a far cry from what they thought!

"wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked"

Jesus sees through the smoke and mirrors of your life!

Jesus speaks about wealth:

What does this tell us about riches?

Do not make them your idol
Luke 18: 25

Is it wrong to have stuff?

No, just so the stuff does not have you - 1 Timothy 6: 17

Apostasy is truly an indicator we are living in the "Last Days"

Apostasy will be prevalent prior to Christ's return-2 Thessalonians 2: 3

What is the condition of the majority of the western Church?

"Wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked"

Verse 18 - 20 Exhortation

Jesus hits this Church at their source of value:

- 1) Their gold wealth
- 2) Their garment industry prestige
- 3) Their world renown eye salve fame

Hear the counsel of Jesus "I counsel you to buy from Me"

- 1) Gold refined in the fire speaking of a life with the impurities scraped off = salvation
- 2) White garments not phony Laodicean garments, but garments of salvation
- 3) Eye salve not Laodicean eye salve, but Jesus' eye salve (who opens blind eyes) = salvation eye salve

What is Jesus saying to this Church?

YOU NEED TO BE SAVED!!

Hear the cry of Jesus to this Church (vs 20) - *SAID WITH PASSION!!*

Verse 21 - 22 Promise

Promise: Overcomers will sit with Jesus on His throne

- This is a position of honor and authority!

There is still a chance for this Church to overcome apostasy and to believe in Jesus

As long as there is life, there is HOPE!!

- In a moment, an eternity can be changed forever!

"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches"

CLOSING: LETTER TO LAODICEA THE LUKEWARM CHURCH

Would you agree that we are living in a time like no other?

We are living to see prophesy fulfilled right before our eyes

I believe the next thing on the prophetic agenda is the Rapture of the Church

During this time of immense change, I pray that God will use you to:

1) Stand like a bull in a blizzard for truth



During this time of immense change, I pray that God will use you to:

2) Resist indoctrination

3) Use your life to tell people about the amazing love of Christ

WHEN OUR LORD COMES FOR US, MAY WE BE FOUND FAITHFUL!!