

A photograph of the ancient ruins of Laodicea in Turkey. The scene is dominated by numerous tall, weathered stone columns of varying heights, some standing in small groups and others as single pillars. The ruins are set on a hillside with sparse, dry vegetation. In the background, a modern city with many buildings is visible under a clear blue sky. A large, semi-transparent orange arrow-shaped graphic points from the left towards the right, containing white text.

The Seven Churches of Asia Minor

Laodicea – Revelation 3:7-13

REVELATION: ROME & THE SEVEN CHURCHES

© 2010 Mark Barry. Please do not republish without permission, but feel free to copy for personal use.



"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." ' "

(Revelation 3:14-22 NKJV)



The Letter to Ephesus

- Labor
 - Patience
 - Intolerance
- 



The Letter to Smyrna

- “I am the First and the Last, who was dead and came to life.”
- I know”
 - your works:
 - Tribulation
 - Poverty
 - “the blasphemy of those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan.”
- Do not fear any of those things you are about to suffer.
- You will have tribulation ten days.
- Be faithful until death and I will give you the crown of life.



The Letter to Pergamos

- He who has the sharp two-edged sword:
- I know”
 - Where you live, where Satan’s throne is...
 - your works:
 - You hold fast to My name
 - Did not deny my faith



The Letter to Thyatira

- These things says the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and His feet like fine brass:
- I know your works:
 - Love (agape)
 - Service (diakonos)
 - Patience (hupomone)
 - The last are **more** than the first (pleion)



The Letter to Sardis

- “These things says He who has the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars,
- “I know your works:
 - “You have a name that you are alive
 - “There are a few names, even in Sardis, who have not soiled their garments...”



The Letter to Philadelphia

- “These things says:
 - He who is holy
 - He Who is true
 - Who has the key of David
 - He Who opens and no one shuts,
 - and shuts and no one opens
- “I know your works:
 - You have a little **strength**
 - You have **kept** My word
 - You have not denied My name



What Positive Lesson can We Learn from Laodicea?

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.

(Revelation 3:20-21 NKJV)