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Yahweh's Assembly in Yahshua

Revelation 3:15–16 NASB
(referencing Laodicea)

“I know your deeds,
that you are neither
cold nor hot; I wish
that you were cold or
hot. So because you
are lukewarm, and
neither hot nor cold,
I will spit you out
of My mouth.”

Assembly in Focus: Laodicea

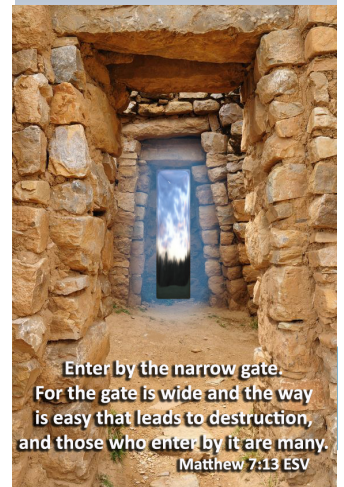
Laodicea (people judged) – The end of the road - 1900 AD - Tribulation
Laodicea was located 37 miles southeast of Philadelphia and was a famous health resort. The city was popular for its hot baths and the Collyrium eye salve that was produced there. The hot water for the baths was ingeniously piped to the resort in an insulated clay lined aqueduct. Since the aqueduct was some 5 miles long, the mineral rich water was frequently cloudy and lukewarm by the time it arrived at its resort destination.

Laodicea boasted imposing fortifications that conveyed the false appearance of strength and promoted a feeling of security. However, its valley location and exposed water supply made the city quite vulnerable. The oldest known name of the city is Diospolis (800 BC) which means “City of Zeus.” The city was re-named to Laodice, who was the wife of Antiochus II (King of Syria) in 246 BC.

Under Roman rule, Laodicea prospered and became an affluent commercial city that was known for its trade in black wool. Enormous trading caravans from the east, sometimes numbering into the hundreds of men, would pass through Laodicea during their journey to the larger cities in the west. Because of this perpetual commerce, many Laodicean’s became wealthy. The city was heavily influenced by Greek Hellenistic culture, and was known for its science, medical schools, literature, clothing and textiles, and eye salve industries. The city was recognized for an extensive banking system that used gold as the medium of exchange. Laodicea also minted its own coins.

Numerous buildings were dedicated to the arts, philosophy, and music. The ruins that have been excavated, including remnants of excessively decorated architecture and pretentious monuments, clearly boast the wealthy lifestyle enjoyed by the residents. As with most prominent Greco-Roman cities, Laodicea had a large amphitheatre that seated thousands, along with a number of temples and public buildings. Zeus was worshipped throughout this region, as well as Apollo, and both had temples that were dedicated to their names.

Despite their financial affluence, the region and residents of Laodicea were victims of insurmountable geological seismic activity. During the history of Laodicea, there were numerous earthquakes that leveled the city only to be rebuilt prior to the next disaster. After a large earthquake during the reign of Nero, the residents of Laodicea were wealthy enough to rebuild the city without Roman assistance. This degree of affluence and self-reliance led them to trust in their own assets and abilities and disregard Yahweh as their provider. The end result was the city became abandoned due to the repeated natural disasters.



Enter by the narrow gate.
For the gate is wide and the way
is easy that leads to destruction,
and those who enter by it are many.
Matthew 7:13 ESV

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- Rev. 3:14-22 – Assembly of Laodicea – laid back, apathetic faith vs. 16

Salutation	Vs 14 – these things say the amen (trustworthy one), faithful & true witness Matt. 5:18 –amen=G281/H543=amain=verily or truly, Isa. 65:16 – find truth Vs 14 – the beginning of the creation of Yahweh (not evolution)
Assets	None given – only assembly with none
Liabilities	Vs 15 – not hot or cold (see intro regarding hot water aqueducts) Spiritually lukewarm-2 Tim 4:3-4, 1 John 2:15-16, Jer. 5:20-31, 1Tim. 4:1-4 Gnostic doctrines, do it yourself Vs 17 – I am rich & have need of nothing, Luke 12:34, 1 Tim. 6:10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heb. 10:26-39 – no turning back, Jer. 23 – all – lying preachers • Amos 8:11 – famine of the word • 2 Thes. 2:1-7 – a falling away, give up the truth for self security • Matt. 6:24 – one master • Matt. 13:22 – choke out by cares of the world • Mail route started in Ephesus & ends in Laodicea
Rebuke	VS 15 – I know your works, I wish you were cold or hot – like the aqueduct
Exhortation	Vs 16 – I will spew (G1692=vomit) you out of my mouth Vs 17-19 – Wretched=subject to enduring trial, miserable=needing mercy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poor=distressed & no substance, blind=high minded & not seeing clearly • Naked=stripped of covering & without Yahshua, buy=redeem • White=light (of truth), raiment=garments • Clothed=vested or invested, shame of nakedness=sinfulness is gone • Anoint=rub in & consecrate, that you may see=understand & perceive • Love=embrace with personal attachment, chaste=educate Zealous=warm feelings & fervent mind, repent=think differently Vs 18 – buy gold tried in the fire=tribulation, Zech. 13:8-9, 1Pet .1:5-8, James 5:1-5 Vs 18 – clothed in white raiment – vs. 17 naked, in spite of black wool business Vs 18 – become rich in spirit and truth – John 4:24, Matt. 7:14 Vs 18 – anoint your eyes (see intro Collyrium eye salve) 2 Pet. 1:1-9 - can't see, see vs. 17 blind, Isa. 59:1-15 - lawlessness Vs 19 – Yahweh chastens – Pro. 3:11-22 Vs 19 – be zealous and repent – 1 John 1:9, Luke 13:3, 2 Pet. 3:9 Vs 20 – I stand at the door waiting to be invited in – Luke 12:36-37, John 14:23
Reward	Vs 21 – sit with me in My throne – Matt. 19:28-30 – I overcame world, John 16:33
Post Script	Vs 22 – he that has an ear

Attributes - charismatic movement, we've arrived, we have it all, self sufficient, physically rich, spiritually poor, my wealth will save me, prosperity gospel.

- The name Laodicean (G2994-Laodikea) is derived from 2 words:
 - 1.G2992=laos (laity)=people
 - 2.G2993 =dike =judgment or justice
 - 3.People justice or power to the people, i.e., human rights not Yahweh's rights

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- Col. 2:1, 4:13-16 – Colossae and Laodicea instructed to share letters by Paul

During the Council of Laodicea in Phrygia in 363-364 AD, approximately 300 Bishops determined the 7th day Sabbath was outlawed and changed to Sunday per Canon 29, stating: *“Christians must not judaize by resting on the Sabbath, but must work on that day, rather honouring the Lord’s Day; and, if they can, resting then as Christians. But if any shall be found to be judaizers, let them be anathema from Christ.”*

The History of the First Century by Eusebius, states on page 243, *“The Sabbath was not dropped by the church at Laodicea until the year 363.”* On page 188, *“The Jewish Christians also observed the Sabbath.”*

- Parable – Matt. 13:47-50 - the net
- Paul’s epistle – Colossians

7 Assemblies historical summaries courtesy:

- http://amazingdiscoveries.org/S-deception-Revelation_letter_seven-churches Author:Walter J. Veith, PhD
- Bible Believers’ Commentary – e-sword
- The Bible Knowledge Commentary – e-sword

Correlation of 7 Assemblies – 7 Parables - 7 Epistles		
Rev 2-3	Matt 13	Paul’s Epistles
Ephesus – Apostolic Assembly • Sowing a variety of seeds	Sower and 4 Different Soil Conditions	Ephesians – good works but backsliding Eph. 4:1-3–unity, good works
Smyrna – Persecuted Assembly • Weeds creeping in causing persecution	Wheat and Tares	Philippians – suffering Phil. 1:12-18 – Paul’s suffering Phil. 3:7-21 – the power of Yahshua’s resurrection
Pergamos – Married to the World Assembly • Organizational structure becomes important	Mustard Seed	Corinthians – worldly, abuses of liberty, conflicting values 1 Cor. 10-21 – make a choice 1 Cor. 13 – love detailed
Thyatira – Priesthood and False Doctrine Assembly • Syncretism of truth and pagan worship practices	Woman and Leaven	Galatians – idolatrous and deceived Gal. 3:1 – foolish Galatians Gal. 5:1-4 – fallen from grace
Sardis – Dead Orthodoxy Assembly • Discovery of truth but no spirit & few works	Treasure in the Field	Romans – Jews & gentiles competing, justified by faith Rom. 1:16-17 – live by faith
Philadelphia – Rebirth of Spirit and Truth Assembly • Love of Yahweh and love of neighbor	Pearl of Great Price	Thessalonians – return of Yahshua & saint’s resurrection 1Thes. 4:16 – first fruits resurrection
Laodicea – KnowledgeofGoodandEvil.com Assembly • Deceived	The Dragnet	Colossians – near Laodicea Col. 2:8 – deceit through philosophy Col. 4:16 – read in Laodicea

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Conclusion of the 7 Assemblies and final considerations

- 7 epistles to individuals: Timothy, Titus, Philemon, James, Peter, John, Jude
- Matt. 13:52 – the householder, OT and NT, the parables are all new, share the treasure
- Prov. 8:1-36 – vs. 17 – I love them that love me
- 1 Peter 1:1-25 – the word endures forever
- Previous Seven Assembly studies are located in the following YAIY Newsletters: Ephesus (June '12), Smyrna (Aug. '12), Pergamos (Sept. '12), Thyatira (Oct. '12), Sardis (Dec. '12), Philadelphia (Feb. '13).

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“Sing for joy and be glad, O daughter of Zion; for behold I am coming and I will dwell in your midst, declares Yahweh. Many nations will join themselves to Yahweh in that day and will become My people. Then I will dwell in your midst, and you will know that Yahweh of hosts has sent Me to you. Yahweh will possess Judah as His portion in the holy land, and will again choose Jerusalem.”

— Zechariah 2:10-12 NASB