

Bereans Bible Institute

Module XI – Revelation

Lesson 13 – Rev. 3:14-22

I. Laodicea

- A. completely destroyed by an earthquake in AD 60, then rebuilt
- B. Extremely wealthy and affluent
- C. A famous medical school
- D. Paul wrote an epistle to Laodicea (Col. 4:15-16), Philemon.
- E. John wrote to Gaius, since Diotrophes refused to receive him (3 Jn. 1:9)

II. Jesus' Letter to the Assembly at Laodicea

A. Vs. 14 Jesus identifies Himself as:

1. The Amen (Isa. 65:16 {"truly"}, a favorite expression of Jesus in the Gospels (80 times): See: 2 Cor. 1:20
2. The faithful and true Witness from the beginning (John 3:10-13; 1 John 2:14; Rev. 19:11).
3. *"The Beginning of God's creation"*¹

a. Prov. 8:22-25 LXX *"The Lord made Me **THE BEGINNING** of His ways for His works. Before the age He established Me in the beginning. Before the creating of the land, and before the creating of the deep, before the fountains of water came forth, before the mountains were settled, before all hills, **HE BEGETS ME.**"* (cf. John 8:42, the "only-begotten Son").

b. Col. 1:15-18 LGV *"He is the image of the God who is unseen, **first-begotten of all creation**, because through Him everything was created, what is in the heavens and what is on the land, the seen and the unseen (including thrones, dominions, principalities, and authorities). Everything has been created through Him and for Him. 17 And He is before everyone, and everything has stood together in Him. 18 And He is the head of the Body (the assembly), **who is THE BEGINNING**, first-begotten out from among the dead, so that in everything He should become the prototype."*

B. Vs. 15-17 What Jesus observed:

1. Neither "cold" (impervious) nor "hot" (zealous) "lukewarm" (uncommitted).
2. Cause: rich, not reliant on God, the source.
3. Viewed by Jesus as, the miserable one, and pitiful, poor, blind, and naked because they did not value the things God values.

C. Vs. 18 Remedy:

1. buy gold from Jesus, refined in fire (Zech. 13:9; Mal. 3:3; 1 Pet. 1:1-9)
2. white clothes (righteous deeds – Rev. 19:7-8)
3. eye medicine for 'blindness'

D. Vs. 19 Discipline from love, be ZEALOUS (boiling), and repent.

E. Vs. 20 Jesus outside the assembly, knocking. He was not received by this assembly (cf. Matt. 10:40 & 3 John 1:9). He is willing to fellowship with individuals.

F. Vs. 21 Promise: Sitting with Jesus in His Throne (Psalm 2; Rev. 2:26-27)

G. Vs. 22 Listen to the Breath – Jesus

¹ http://www.4windsfellowships.net/articles/Proverbs_8.pdf