

**Notes – May 28, 2022**  
**Memorial Day**  
**“The Church Today – Like Laodicea?”**  
**Revelation 3:14-22**



Memorial Day is an American holiday, observed on the last Monday of May, honoring the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. Originally known as Decoration Day, it originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971. People across our nation observe Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries or memorials, holding family gatherings and participating in parades. Unofficially, it marks the beginning of the summer season.

In our nation, there is a time, 3PM when we are called to take a moment to be silent. I encourage you not to be complacent with the Lord tomorrow. Stop whatever you are doing, and take that moment of silence, take time to pray with one another for one another, for our communities, for our Nation and for the World. Take time to thank our gracious Lord for the freedoms we have and for those who bravely fought hard on our behalf, giving up their lives in doing so.



**The Church Today – Lukewarm like Laodicea?**  
**Revelation 3:14-22**

“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 1:1

“The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show His servants things that must shortly take place. And He sent and signified it by His angel to His servant John.”

### Revelation 1:9-20

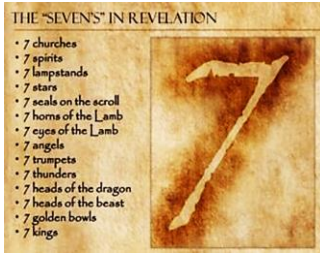


“I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and kingdom and perseverance that are in Jesus, was on the (*Greek*) island of Patmos because of the word of God and my testimony about Jesus.”  
“I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet, saying **“I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last”** and “what you see, write in a book and send it to the seven churches which are in Asia, to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamos, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia and to Laodicea.

Then I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands and in the midst of the lampstands, One like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to his feet and girded about the chest with a golden band. His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire. His feet were like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace, and His voice the sound of many waters. He had in his right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and His countenance was like the sun shining in its strength. And when I saw Him, I fell at his feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, **“Do not be afraid, I am the He who lives and was dead, and behold, I am alive forever more. I have the keys for Hades and Death. Write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after this. The mystery of the stars which you saw in my right hand, and the seven golden lampstands. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches and the seven lampstands which you saw are the seven churches.**

## The Sevens of Revelation

Extracted From: [How many “sevens” in Revelation? | Creation Concept \(wordpress.com\)](https://creationconcept.wordpress.com/2012/01/17/how-many-sevens-in-revelation/)  
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**49 explicit  
sets of 7**

Explicit sevens	References
churches	1:4; 1:11; 1:20 (2)
spirits	1:4; 3:1; 4:5; 5:6
candlesticks	1:12; 1:13; 1:20 (2); 2:1
stars	1:16; 1:20 (2); 2:1; 3:1
lamps	4:5
seals	5:1; 5:5
horns	5:6
eyes	5:6
angels	8:2; 8:6; 15:1; 15:6; 15:7; 15:8; 16:1; 17:1; 21:9
trumpets	8:2; 8:6
thunders	10:3; 10:4 (2)
thousand men	11:13
heads	12:3; 13:1; 17:3; 17:7; 17:9
crowns	12:3
plagues	15:1; 15:6; 15:8; 21:9
vials	15:7; 17:1; 21:9
mountains	17:9
kings	17:10

**+ Many More  
Implicit 7s**

Implicit sevens	References
God’s prophets	10:7; 11:18; 16:6; 18:20; 18:24; 22:6; 22:9
“earthquake”	6:12; 8:5; 11:13 (2); 11:19; 16:18 (2)
“blessed”	1:3; 14:13; 16:15; 19:9; 20:6; 22:7; 22:14
Christ’s sword	1:16; 2:12; 2:16; 13:10; 19:15; 19:21 (2)
“sharp”	1:16; 2:12; 14:14; 14:17; 14:18 (2); 19:15
candlestick	1:12; 1:13; 1:20 (2); 2:1; 2:5; 11:4
Christ’s blood	1:5; 5:6; 5:9; 5:12; 7:14; 12:11; 13:8
Christ’s name	2:13; 3:8; 3:12; 13:6; 15:4; 16:9; 19:12
the book of life	3:5; 13:8; 17:8; 20:12; 20:15; 21:27; 22:19
prophecy	1:3; 11:6; 19:10; 22:7; 22:10; 22:18; 22:19
“this book”	22:7; 22:9; 22:10; 22:18 (2); 22:19 (2)
judgment	14:7; 15:4; 16:7; 17:1; 18:10; 19:2; 20:4
kingdom	1:9; 11:15 (2); 12:10; 16:10; 17:12; 17:17
“right hand”	1:16; 1:17; 1:20; 2:1; 5:1; 5:7; 13:16
the saints	8:4; 11:18; 13:7; 13:10; 14:12; 17:6; 20:9
God Almighty	4:8; 11:17; 15:3; 16:7; 16:14; 19:15; 21:22
day, night	4:8; 7:15; 8:12; 12:10; 14:11; 20:10; 21:25
voices	14:2 (2); 14:6; 14:7; 14:8; 14:13; 14:18
the bottomless pit	9:1; 9:2; 9:11; 11:7; 17:8; 20:1; 20:3
come quickly	2:5; 2:16; 3:11; 11:14; 22:7; 22:12; 22:20
Jesus lives	1:18 (2); 4:9; 4:10; 5:14; 10:6; 15:7

“He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches” occurs seven times, in: 2:7; 2:11; 2:17; 2:29; 3:6; 3:13; 3:22.



The city known in the New Testament as Laodicea was founded by King Antiochus II, a Seleucid (Se-lucid) king who reigned in the middle of the third century before Christ (261–246 BC). Seleucid was one of the 4 empires that split off from Alexander the Great after his death, which is prophesied about in the Book of Daniel. King Antiochus II's Grandson was Antiochus IV, the king who destroyed the temple in 221 BC. Antiochus II named the city after his wife, Laodice.

In the first century, Laodicea was known for its abundant wealth. It had a theater, a stadium, a gymnasium, a public bath house and a medical college connected with the worship of Mên Carou (a pagan god of healing who was later assimilated with Asclepios-the god of medicine). It is also interesting to note that the Hippocratic oath (the commitment to do no harm) that we utilize today originated from this period of time and this area of the world. Hippocrates was a well known physician who lived in this era. The medical school in Laodicea produced a highly valued ointment for weak eyes.

Most of the city's wealth came from its banking. Laodicea was so rich that it did not need any government assistance to rebuild after a devastating earthquake destroyed it in AD 60. One of Laodicea's most prized products was its unusually beautiful black wool with its brilliant glossy luster. Nearby in Colossae an equally stunning glossy dark violet wool was produced. Although these species of dark sheep thrived as late as the eighteenth century, they are almost entirely extinct. The closest remaining are the Plymouth sheep here in the US.



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**“Set your minds on things above, not on things of the earth...Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth, fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness which is idolatry. Colossians 3:2,5**

**Jesus' ...**

- 1. Direct Accusation (3:15,17)**
- 2. Righteous Warning (3:16)**
- 3. Wise Council (3:18-19)**
- 4. Invitational Promise (3:20-21)**

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**1. Jesus' Direct Accusation:** “I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish that you were cold or hot because you say, I am rich and have need of nothing, and do not know you are wretched, miserable, blind and naked.

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**Jesus' Righteous Warning:** So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot. I will vomit you out of my mouth. (Revelation 3:16)

**“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, So that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. John 3:16**



## Sermon On The Mount – The Beatitudes

“Looking at his disciples, He said: “Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, when they exclude you and insult you and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man. “Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their ancestors treated the prophets. But woe to you who are rich, for you have already received your comfort. Woe to you who are well fed now, for you will go hungry, Woe to you who laugh now, for you will mourn and weep. Woe to you when everyone speaks well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.



Our choice (yours & mine) is either God or the World...because Satan owns the fence...there is no middle ground. **Matthew 12:30** **“He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters abroad.**

Jesus’ words were written down with the intent of convicting our hearts while there is still time. Jesus does not leave us there, convicted, guilty... sentenced to death as He had been; for He died for our sins, rose and ascended so we could be set free. Listen to Jesus’ Wise Counsel and REPENT, because Jesus IS the DOOR to life, answer His Invitation, open His Door wide so He can come in for Supper.



### Question for Today

Where do I (we) stand with God?  
Am I (are we) too preoccupied with the things of this world?  
Does the word **LUKEWARM** hit a little too close to home?  
Do I (we) need to repent?  
**Let us be found ZEALOUS!!**



### Revelation 2-3: The Seven Churches

The Message to Ephesus (2:1-7)  
The Message to Smyrna (2:8-11)  
The Message to Pergamum (2:12-16)  
The Message to Thyatira (2:18-29)  
The Message to Sardis (3:1-6)  
The Message to Philadelphia (3:7-13)  
The Message to Laodicea (3:14-22)