

Revelation  
Lesson 6  
Revelation 3:14-22

Memory Verse – Revelation 22:3 – *“And there shall be no more \_\_\_\_\_: but the \_\_\_\_\_ of God and of the \_\_\_\_\_ shall be in it; and his \_\_\_\_\_ shall serve \_\_\_\_\_:”*

Memory Verse for the Next Lesson – Revelation 22:4 – *“And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads.”*

Passage to Read for the Next Lesson – Revelation 4:1-11

Review – Taken from Revelation 3:1-13 –

R R S I T L D T S C F C Y W E W E X L P  
 S Y U T M E D I Y H E B J N S U J I I H  
 X U Z I V B W Q B U R B O A I D Y L Z W  
 B N S A N A E T D R A V U N M K L T Z B  
 N I S E R O Q D C C S W I J O A B S F A  
 N N I N O N I U D H E B G E R S A N G Z  
 U B I C R R O R H E D B W I P T C P C S  
 F N V I H O C I F S D O W N M O M V L S  
 G A J G H Z W R T J V O F H O X G O X H  
 Z J V W I F Y Y W U J K L V C I D Y B T  
 E F T O J B N S W U C Q H F P I E M V N  
 P S G K J B K K E S Q E S T S Q U G S A  
 Y S Z E Z L K S U F V O S X S C T E G N  
 A N N D J Z G T F J P J O R N A R P W M  
 F O A I H P L E D A L I H P E U R E G E  
 P B C R O U R C R O W N X L S P A D N R  
 N L R P D C X X U W X R P A E K Y V I J  
 J E R U S A L E M Y E K E M P K F H D S  
 E G O O N M M E M B E R S D Z T K U C M  
 Y R O T S I H L D U T J B Z M Y S Z A C

Sardis  
 warning  
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 Lydia  
 Croesus  
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 pride  
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*“Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter;” – Revelation 1:19*

### **Revelation 3:14-22**

Here is the last of the “things which are” portion of Revelation. It contains the last of the seven letters written to local churches near Patmos. Laodicea was a real place, and the letter is couched in terms and phrases that would resonate with its inhabitants. For instance –

1. Laodicea was known as a center for trade.
2. Laodicea was known for its production of wool.
3. Laodicea was known for its production of an eye salve.

### **Revelation 3:14**

Jesus describes Himself as the “Amen” (final word), the “faithful and true witness,” and the “beginning” (ruler?) of God’s creation.

### **Revelation 3:15-16**

It seems spiritual coldness or spiritual fervor are conditions Jesus can work with as opposed to the middle ground of being lukewarm. I have the tendency to go from cold to hot to lukewarm about the things of the Lord. In other words, being neither cold nor hot is the usual final state in my Christian walk. The church at Laodicea was in danger losing its standing as a witness as far as the Lord was concerned.

### **Revelation 3:17-19**

What a contrast between their physical prosperity and their spiritual poverty! If they were to come to Jesus recognizing their needs, He would supply them abundantly with spiritual riches. The references to gold, clothing, and eye medicine are exactly tailored to the city’s industries.

### **Revelation 3:20-21**

In its context, it’s easy to see 3:20 is not speaking of salvation, our hearts, or to unbelievers. Using this verse as a salvation verse is a prime example of the kind of distortion of the Gospel that destroys a church’s status as a “faithful witness.” Compromise concerning Creationism vs. Evolution, distractions with politics, etc., can lead to a local church appearing “hot” but being “lukewarm.”

### **Revelation 3:22**

For the seventh time, we are exhorted to pay attention to the content of these seven church letters.