



REVELATION 30 – LAODICEA: TRUE WITNESS?

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Revelation 3:14-16

LAODICEA: *PEOPLE'S JUSTICE*

- Name literally means: *People's Justice*, or justice of the people; i.e., democracy
- Wealthy city situated along interior trade route with the coast along with Hierapolis {Holy City} and Colossae {Punishment or Monstrosities} {Balance?}
 - When nearly destroyed by earthquake in 66 A.D., declined Rome's help and rebuilt itself from its own resources: Pride in its own resources
- Known for:
 - Seamless black wool robes
 - Eye salve {Healing medicinals: Asclepius (Moses Serpent Staff)} (Ex 4:1-5; Nu 21:4-9)
 - Jewish synagogue, pagan temples and Dialectic {Thesis-Antithesis-Solution}-Hermetic-Gnostic hostility toward Truth *masquerading* as apathy toward Christ

CHRIST'S SELF-REVELATION: ONLY WITNESS TO FATHER'S *TRUTH*

- Jesus reveals Himself to Laodicea through a triad applicable to all believers
- He is *The Amen*: Hebrew transliterated word of absolute Truth, especially doubled as in John's Gospel; frequently used as confirmation of Truth
(Is 65:15-16; 1Ti 1:16-17)
 - Christ is the *Living Amen* of the Father's Truth confirmed by His Works as *The Amen* from the Father (Jn 1:14-18; 5:32-38; 2Co 1:20-22; Col 1:15)
- Since He is Father's *Amen*, His *Witness* is reliable as He alone has seen the Father and made Him known to Believers; rejected by Unbelievers (Jn 8:13-19)
 - No person has seen the Father **ever**, He is *spirit* and *truth*; we cannot perceive spirits as our senses are empirical only and confounded by sin (Jn 4:23-24; Ro 1:18-28; 8:5-8; 1Co 13:12)

CHRIST'S SELF-REVELATION: BEGINNING-HEAD OF CREATION

- Word *beginning* is Greek {ἀρχή, arche} which can also mean first or highest
 - Christ is the *only begotten* {monogenesis} from the Father; i.e., Son of God and Man (Ge 1:3-5; Jn 1:1-5; Ep 2:14-18; Col 1:15-20; He 2:5-8, 14-18; 5:5)
 - After the Father created *ex nihilo*, Son brought order out of Chaos in heaven and earth and created **all** beings (Ge 1:1-2; Col 1:15-20; He 1:10-12)
 - Christ, through His faithful death for sin on stauros, was resurrected to become the First Fruit {Body} which we all eagerly await to attain as ordained (1Co 15:20-23; He 5:7-10)
- Salvation comes only through Christ
 - Salvation only for those saved after the similitude of Abraham; not angels (He 2:14-18)
 - As He heard, He speaks giving us the very words of Father: Faithful Witness (Jn 8:26-29)

I KNOW YOUR WORKS: HIS WITNESS IS TRUTH

- Christ speaks as He sees on the inside while man sees the outside and what appeals to his *personal*, sinful advantage (1Sa 16:7; Ro 1:32-2:11)
- Laodicea is neither *hot nor cold*; i.e., faithful nor hostile: Middle of the Road
 - Every other church either praised or condemned or both; not this church
- Laodicean church ruled by the people, of the people, for the people; pleasing self, not God (Ja 4:4-8)
 - If pleasing self, one does not please God (Lk 16:13; Ga 1:10)
 - Church is double-minded {two-souled} showing worldly wisdom; they do not discern the Scriptures; i.e., they are Lost, their *light* is Darkness (Mt 6:22-23; 7:21-23; He 5:11-14; Ja 1:5-8; 4:8)

LIVING THE DELUSIONAL DREAM: FOLLOWING SATAN'S LIE

- Christ would *spit* them out because they are willfully unredeemable being neither *hot* {maturing Saved} or *cold* {antichrist hostile to Truth}
- Satan's Delusional Promise to Woman: *Be as gods*, meaning they would be able to define themselves as righteous though they live in *Darkness: The Lie* (Ge 3:5; Is 5:20; 2Th 2:3-12)
- *False Old Testament* Jews lived by works to *prove* themselves righteous; steeped in sin they murdered their Savior and prophets who spoke Christ's Truth: Stephen (Mt 23:29-35; Ac 7; Ro 2:17-24)
- *Christendom* follows same path defining their sin as good and rejecting God's witnesses (Ro 11:17-24)
- *Churches*, but are not, have slowly adopted world's Dialectic-Hermetic-Gnostic triad fashioning their Lie according to Satan's direction in the World: Laodicea is the result (Lk 16:22-31; He 3:7-14)