

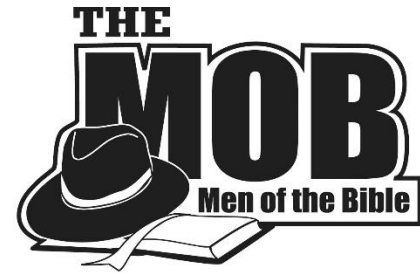
WELCOME TO THE MOB!

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (ESV)

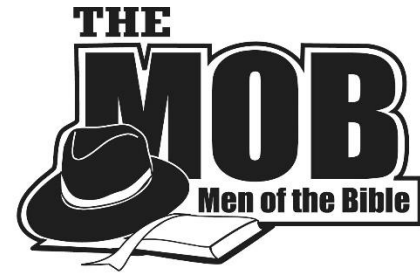


Announcements



- Welcome to the MOB!
- Website: www.ibcmob.net
- [Christian Embassy DC](#) Fellowship Dinner, Friday, October 29, 2021, 6:30 PM at Falls Church Marriott Fairview Park

Memory Verse

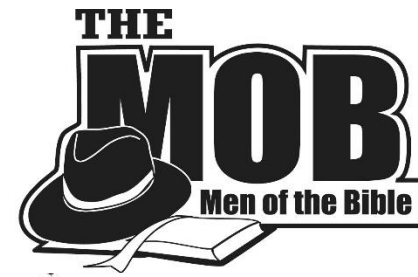


Revelation 3:20 (ESV)

Behold, I stand at the door and knock.
If anyone hears my voice and opens the door,
I will come in to him and eat with him,
and he with me.

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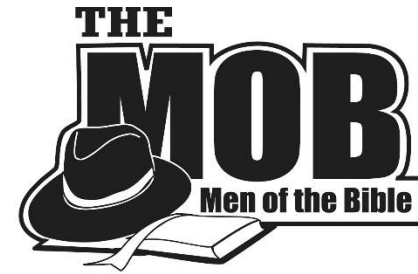
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Bible Study Schedule for Fall 2021 – Spring 2022 as of August 31, 2021

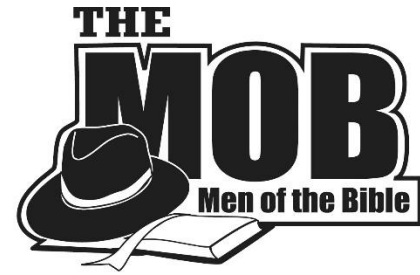
<u>Date</u>	<u>Meeting No.</u>	<u>The Revelation of Jesus Christ – Readings & Topics</u>	<u>Host Sm Grp</u>
Oct 19	7	Revelation 3:7-13 To the Church in Philadelphia <i>Constable's Notes, pp. 71 - 79, MacArthur, pp. 87-96</i>	E
Oct 26	8	Revelation 3:14-22 To the Church in Laodicea <i>Colossians 2:1-5, Constable's Notes, pp. 79 - 93, MacArthur, pp. 96-103</i>	F
Nov 2	9	Revelation 4:1-11 The Throne in Heaven, Worship of the Creator <i>Constable's Notes, pp. 94 - 108, MacArthur, pp. 107-116</i>	G
Nov 9	10	Revelation 5:1-14 The Scroll and the Lamb <i>Constable's Notes, pp. 108 - 119, MacArthur, pp. 117-124</i>	A
Nov 16	11	Revelation 6:1-17 The Scroll with Seven Seals <i>Constable's Notes, pp. 119 - 135, MacArthur, pp. 125-138</i>	B
Nov 23		Thanksgiving Break – No MOB Meeting	
Nov 30	12	Revelation 7:1-8 The 144,000 of Israel Sealed <i>Constable's Notes, pp. 135 - 142, MacArthur, pp. 139-143</i>	C
Dec 7	13	Revelation 7:9-17 A Great Multitude from Every Nation <i>Constable's Notes, pp. 142 - 149, MacArthur, pp. 143-149</i>	D
Dec 14	14	Revelation 8:1-13 The Seventh Seal, Golden Censer, Seven Trumpets: 1 – 4 <i>Constable's Notes, pp. 149 - 159, MacArthur, pp. 151-159</i>	E
Dec 21 & 28		Christmas & New Year's Break – No MOB Meetings	

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Our Study of Revelation



Last Meeting:

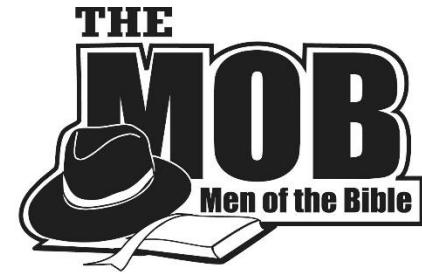
- [Revelation 3:7-13](#) To the Church in Philadelphia
- Memory Verse: [1 Corinthians 15:57-58](#)
- [Dr. Constable's Notes on Revelation, 2021 Ed., pp. 71-79](#)

This Meeting:

- [Revelation 3:14-22](#) To the Church of Laodicea
- Memory Verse: [Revelation 3:20](#)
- [Dr. Constable's Notes on Revelation, 2021 Ed., pp. 79-93](#)

Revelation 2 – 3

Letters to the Seven Churches

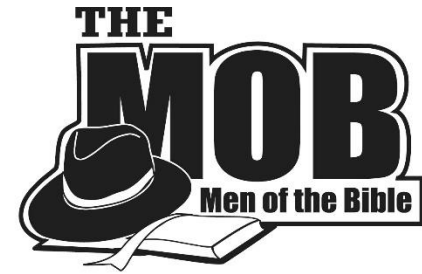


“Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea.” Revelation 1:11

- **Ephesus** **The Loveless**
- **Smyrna** **The Loyal (Persecuted)**
- **Pergamum** **The Lax (Compromising)**
- **Thyatira** **The Liberal (Corrupt)**
- **Sardis** **The Lifeless (Dead)**
- **Philadelphia** **The Laboring (Faithful)**
- **Laodicea** **The Lukewarm**



Revelation 3:14-22

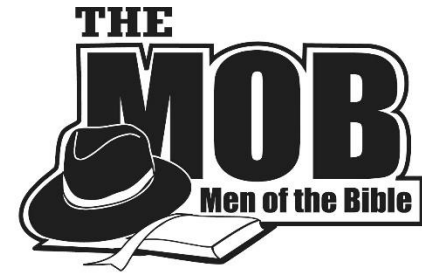


¹⁴ “And to the angel of the [church](#) in Laodicea write: ‘The words of [the Amen](#), the faithful and true [witness](#), the [beginning](#) of God's [creation](#).

¹⁵ “‘I know your [works](#): you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot! ¹⁶ So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will [spit](#) you out of my mouth. ¹⁷ For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked. ¹⁸ I counsel you to [buy from me gold refined by fire](#), so that you may be rich, and [white garments](#) so that you may clothe yourself and the shame of your nakedness may not be seen, and salve to anoint your eyes, so that you may see.

1. What is significant about the Author’s (Jesus’) titles? [John 1:3](#), [Col 1:15-20](#), [Rev 1:17](#)
2. Laodicea – Where (Location), Wealth (Banks), Wool (Black), Water (Warm), Medical
3. Jesus sees and knows from the evidence (“actions speak louder than words”)
4. Neither hot nor cold – comfortable, apathetic, indifferent – worse than cold
5. Perceived Condition: (1) rich, (2) prosperous, (3) self-sufficient (need nothing)
6. Actual Condition: (1) wretched, (2) pitiable, (3) poor ([Rev 2:9](#)), (4) blind, (5) naked
7. Remedy: buy gold refined by fire (the best: God’s Word; God’s Truth; The Gospel)
8. Remedy: buy white garments (used for celebrations & feasts; victory & weddings)
9. Buy! How? With what? (What currency?) ([Isaiah 64:6](#))
10. God’s children need to be clothed properly ([Genesis 3:21](#), [Matthew 22:1–14](#))
11. Laodicea’s salve might help relieve physical eye problems, but not spiritual blindness!

Revelation 3:14-22



¹⁹ Those whom I love, I [reprove](#) and [discipline](#), so be [zealous](#) and [repent](#). ²⁰ Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me. ²¹ The one who [conquers](#), I will grant him to sit with me on my throne, as I also conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne. ²² He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the [churches](#).'"

1. Jesus disciplines His children, just like a loving father ([Hebrews 12:1-12](#))
2. Therefore, be [zealous \(zestos \(ζεστός\) boiling hot\)](#) and [repent \(metanoéo \(μετανοέω\) to change one's mind or purpose\)](#)
3. Jesus was outside of this [church](#) (Its His [church](#)!)
4. Dining together was an important event in ancient times. ([Luke 19:1-10](#), other examples)
5. The one who [conquers \(nikaó \(νικάω\) to conquer, prevail\)](#), ([John 16:33](#)), gets what?
6. Are you listening? Do you hear (understand) what God is saying to His [church](#)?
1577 *ekklēsia* (from [1537](#) /ek, "out from and to" and [2564](#) /kaléō, "to call") – properly, people called out from the world and to God, the *outcome* being the *Church* (the mystical *body of Christ*) – i.e., the universal (total) body of believers whom God calls *out* from the world and *into* His eternal kingdom.
 [The *English* word "*church*" comes from the Greek word *kyriakos*, "belonging to the Lord" (*kyrios*).
[1577](#) /*ekklēsia* ("church") is the root of the terms, "ecclesiology" and "ecclesiastical."]
7. After this, no mention of [church](#) until [Revelation 19:1-9](#) (Marriage Supper of the Lamb)



Revelation 2 - 3
7en Church Letters

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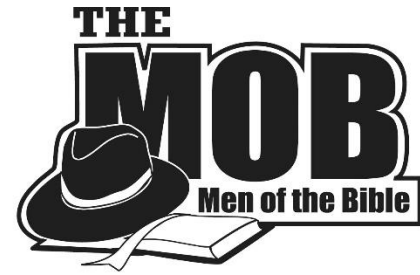
Letters to 7 Churches Summary



Church	Christ	Commendation	Complaint	Correction	Judgment	Promise
Ephesus	He who holds the seven stars and walks in the midst of the lampstands	Worked, labor, patience, testing of pseudo apostles, and hating the deeds of Nicolaitans	Loss of proper motivation for service, namely, the love of Jesus	Remember where you once were, repent, and do the first works.	Removal of lampstand	Access to the Tree of Life in Paradise
Smyrna	The First and the Last, who was dead and came to life	Works, tribulation, and poverty for Christ's sake	None	None	None	A crown of life and evasion of the consequences of the second death
Pergamos	The One who has a sharp sword with two edges	Faithfulness to Christ's name even in the face of martyrdom	Tolerance of those promiscuous persons who taught the doctrine of Balaam and the Nicolaitans	Repent!	Warfare against the church with the sword of Christ's mouth	Sustenance with hidden manna, the possession of a white stone, and a new name
Thyatira	The One with eyes like a flame of fire and feet like fine brass	Love, service, faith, and patience which has continued to grow	Tolerance of false prophetess Jezebel and her wicked practiced	Repent!	Casting of Jezebel's consorts into Great Tribulation and the killing of her children	Power over the nations, and possession of the morning star
Sardis	The One possessing the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars	A few in Sardis who have not defiled their garments	A reputation for life but they were actually dead	Be watchful and strengthen what remains. Remember, hold fast and repent.	Approach of Christ as a thief	Being clothed in white garments, permanence in the Book of Life, confession of one; name before the Father
Philadelphia	The One who is holy and true, holding the key of David	Faithfulness to the Word of Christ	None	None	None	An open door, subjection of enemies, deliverance from the Great Tribulation, permanence in the temple of God, and the new name of God
Laodicea	The Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God	None	Lukewarmness and overestimate of status before God	Seek fervently after genuine spiritual riches and repent of you sins.	Expulsion from the mouth of the Lord	Intimacy of relationship, co-rulership with Christ on His throne

What We Teach

[\(Ref. IBC What We Believe\)](#)



Future

We believe that Jesus Christ will physically return in the air to take the church out of the world to be with Him forever ([John 14:2-3](#); [1 Thessalonians 4:16-17](#)). Scripture tells us to be ready always for His coming ([1 Thessalonians 5:4-6](#); [Revelation 22:20](#)). At that moment, the dead in Christ and living believers will be given their eternal bodies ([1 Corinthians 15:51-53](#)). Jesus Christ will then bring a seven-year period of wrath upon the earth known as the tribulation ([1 Thessalonians 5:2-3](#); [Revelation 6-18](#)). At the end of this period of judgment, He will return bodily ([Acts 1:9-11](#); [Zechariah 14:4-8](#)) with the church to set up a kingdom to rule in righteousness the entire earth for a thousand years ([Revelation 19:1-20:6](#); [Matthew 13:41-43](#)).

The kingdom will end in rebellion against Christ and His people ([Revelation 20:7-9](#)), but the rebellion will fail in the face of Christ's victory over Satan and all who oppose Him ([Revelation 20:9-10](#)). The unbelieving dead of all time will then be raised and given eternal bodies to face God in final judgment ([Revelation 20:11](#)), after which they will be thrown into the lake of fire to eternal torment ([Revelation 20:15](#)). Believers will enter a new heaven and new earth ([Revelation 21:1-22:6](#)) prepared for them to enjoy perfect, everlasting fellowship with God.



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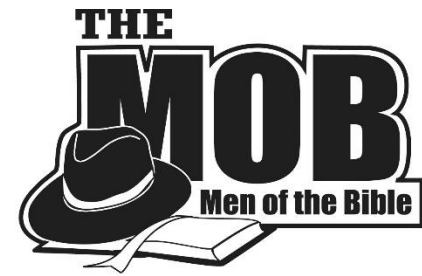


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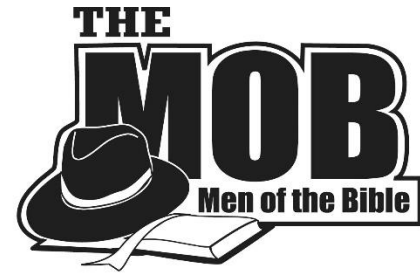
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Study:

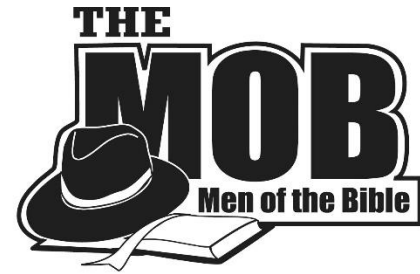
- [Revelation 4:1-11](#) Throne in Heaven, Worship the Creator
- Memory Verse: [Revelation 4:11](#)
- [*Dr. Constable's Notes on Revelation, 2021 Ed., pp. 94-108*](#)
- Refreshment Host: Small Group G

Questions 1 of 2



1. What do you know about the city of Laodicea and why might it be difficult for this church and its would-be believers to survive there? ([Matthew 19:16-30](#))
2. What do you know about the founding of the church of Laodicea? ([Colossians 2:1; 4:12-17](#), [Philemon 1:1-2](#))
3. How did the Lord identify Himself to the church of Laodicea and why might He characterize Himself to them in the way He did, particularly the part about the, “Beginning of the creation”?
4. What did the Lord know about the church of Laodicea that the believers in the church apparently didn’t know? Why might they have been so out of touch or “blind” to their condition?
5. What was it about the church in Laodicea that the Lord, “just couldn’t stomach”?
6. How would, “buy from Me (Jesus) gold refined by fire,” and acquiring, “white garments,” help fix their problem?

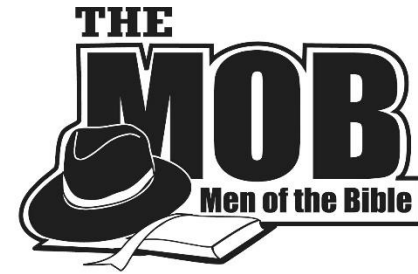
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7. What kind of “eye salve” would help the Laodiceans “see better” and was it available there?
8. What is the purpose for God’s reproof and discipline process for believers according to this and other passages from the Bible?
9. What is your understanding of the context and applicability of [Revelation 3:20](#) for both “professing” and “would-be” believers in Laodicea and in our world today?
10. What does the Lord promise those who “[overcome](#)” and how does this promise compare with the promises made to the overcomers of the other six churches?
11. How would you evaluate your own faith over time on a simple “temperature scale” (Hot, Cold, Lukewarm)? Why? Action?
12. How would you sum up the letters to the seven churches and the applicability of these messages to the church today?



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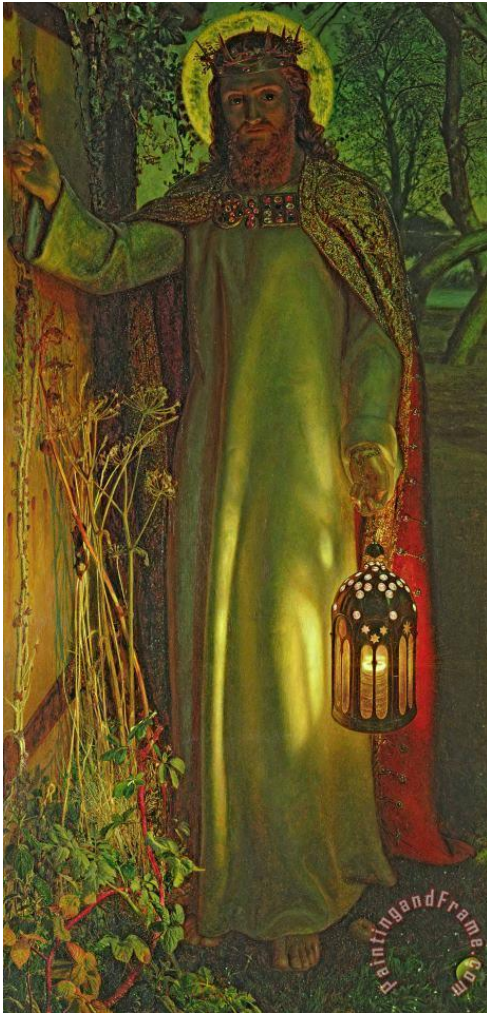
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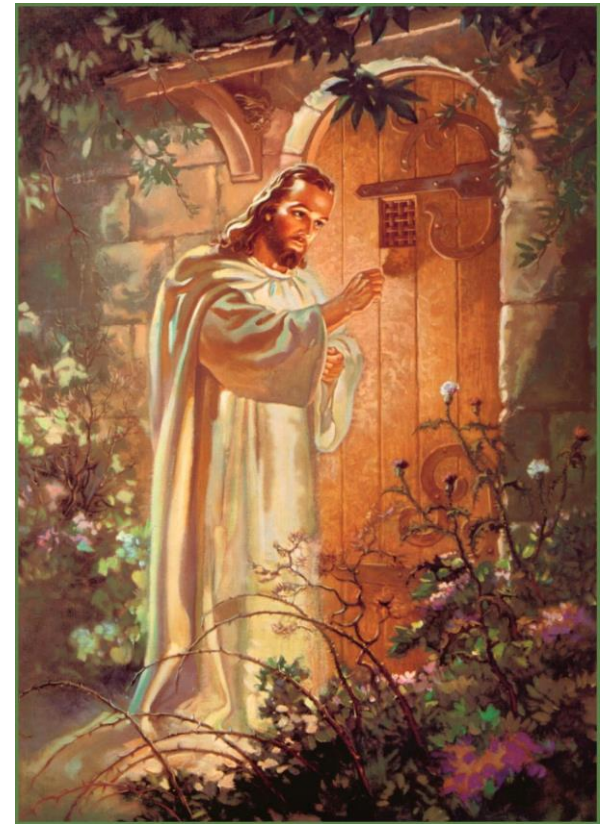
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Closing

- Questions
- Benediction

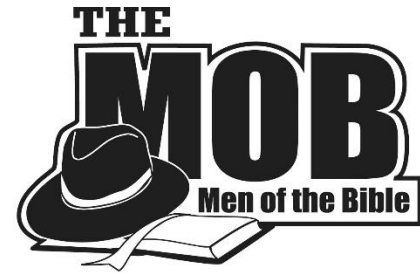


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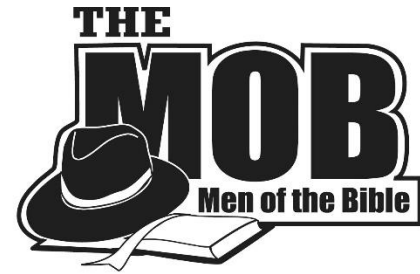
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Additional References (if needed and as time permits):

- [Dr. Constable's Notes on Revelation \(Full Commentary - FREE pdf download\)](#)
- [Precept Austin \(Pastor Tom's favorite Bible study reference site\)](#)
- [Hebrew Interlinear \(look up the meaning of the original Hebrew words\)](#)
- Others references available at www.ibcmob.net/resources and online

Interpreting Scripture

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1. **Normal** - understanding the words of Scripture in their common usage unless otherwise indicated by the context.
2. **Literal** - understanding the meaning of Scripture in its ordinary sense unless the context requires a figurative interpretation.
3. **Grammatical** - using the recognized rules of grammar to interpret the text.
4. **Historical** - understanding the words of Scripture in the context of the times in which they were written.
5. **Systematic** - categorizing and comparing the teaching of the Scriptures with the whole of Scripture in view.