

TRANSCRIPT – What Makes a Laodicean a Laodicean

Alrighty, Shabbat Shalom and Shabbat Shalom to all those watching with us. I have a message today called, *What Makes a Laodicean a Laodicean*.

We live in the most destructive, false, hypnotized world that has ever been since the creation of mankind. We live in the end time that Scripture states in **Revelation 12:9**, *that Satan has deceived the whole world*. Today, not only in the Congregation but also in the world most people are Laodiceans. We're in the Laodicean era. **Laodiceans are self-willed, against judicial order and government and extremely arrogant and prideful and cannot be reasoned with** as we'll see.

And because of the internet in most international news outlets Satan is able to spew his falsehoods on a world-wide level. It's something that we've **never seen before**, no matter you're on the right or the left; whether you're Christian or Atheist that there is just falsehoods **everywhere** out there for Satan to catch people in his different traps for that. And even when something in the news is **so false**, when something is **so false that you see with your eyes that what they're saying, it's not true** because the news repeats it over and over again and keeps saying that it's true. They hoodwink many people to believe the lie, right? So it's the way the human mind works that if Satan knows that Yahweh made us that way. If we condition our mind long enough something over and over that the human mind will believe it even if it's not true.

So how about you? Do you know what you believe? Are you sure about that? Are you sure that what you believe is the Truth? So before you emphatically say yes, let's look at some things ... let's start in Revelation 3 in verse 17, it says:

Revelation 3:17 *Because you say ... this is talking to the Laodicean ... I am rich, and I am made rich, and I have need of nothing, and do not know that you are miserable and a wanderer and poor and blind and naked.*

So one thing with the Laodicean is on the outside, the Laodicean will surely *tell you* everything that they believe is true. The Laodicean will **never ever say that he's wrong** because he's in need of nothing but you could see with the Laodicean because the Laodicean is miserable. The Laodicean is not a happy person. It's not person who's filled with joy; and they're a wanderer. They never stick with something. They're never part of something. They're always wandering from thing to thing and in reality they're poor and they're blind because they don't have the Truth; and naked, they have no covering, right? They're only covering is themselves and their pride.

So the Laodicean **proudly thinks** that all he knows is the only Truth. Where do we see that today? Everywhere ... and I'm not just talking about in religious circles, I'm talking about in the world. Like I said, you could watch something in the news and there could be a paper that is a certain color and the news will tell you it's different even if you see with your eyes. And the Laodicean though, no matter what, he's going to believe what he believes whether it's the Truth or not. How couldn't it be the Truth when they read it on the internet? And I've had these discussions with Laodiceans over the years over and over and over again but of course, they know better than Yahweh; whether it's Sabbath rotating each month by the New Moon; and **no matter what you show them in Scripture** to disprove it, they're not going to believe you because they know everything ... they're in need of nothing.

Or that aliens are on the earth right? That's another big one that the Laodiceans ... they want to believe in all these different conspiracy theories; and let's not forget that the Laodiceans are the **only ones that know the earth is flat**. But that's not where it stops. There's a lot of Laodiceans that don't believe the earth is flat but they believe in other falsehoods. And when you share about science, you share about Biblical proof to show that they're wrong ... don't worry they're in need of nothing. So **they don't even listen**.

And I've had like I said; over and over and over, you don't know how many conversations over the years that started with somebody, "If you can just show me one scripture to disprove this." And as I'm showing them the scripture they're not even listening. They're just getting ready to move on to their next point because they're in need of nothing. So they're certainly not in need of my scripture. The only thing they're in need of their computer and Satan's internet because that's where they're getting all their lies and distortions, right? And the prideful Laodiceans don't need any leadership because their attitude will do the rest, right? So they might **use a teacher** or they might **use a website**, whatever it is, but they don't need it because all they need is the internet and their prideful attitude will do the rest.

I'm not giving this message to the Laodicean because you're not going to change them. But **don't think that you can't fall into the same trap of Satan** because we've had people even in our Congregation that have that have fell away this way. Remember Satan is a liar and a counterfeiter and his tactics have **not changed much** over 6000 years.

So **the key today** is what I want to go over, not reiterating again about the Laodicean and the false beliefs. I think we've done that enough but **how can we protect ourselves in a world where Satan has deceived everybody?** And I think it's a great question to ask because you don't see this in any other generation where it says Satan has deceived the whole world **except for the generation we live in today**. He has deceived **many** throughout creation but in the end he's deceived the whole world.

So there is a scripture that shows how the Laodicean became how he is. And I'm going to go over that with you today and why Satan is *able* to deceive the whole world. But before I get into that scripture, first I want to show ... because since the days of the early believers 2000 years ago – the first century, the book of Revelation lays out Yahshua's Congregation. So before I get into the Laodicean, I want to briefly go into the other six congregations and show different things that we could learn from that because **if we could learn some of these things from the other congregations and it will also help us not to fall into the trap of the Laodicean**. And then when we get to the Laodicean, I want to show you this **clear cut scripture that will help us not to become a Laodicean** because the scripture I'm going to show you is really what makes a Laodicean a Laodicean.

So the seven congregational eras that are laid out in **Revelation 2 and 3**, and I go over this in my book, *The Gates of Hell Shall Not Prevail Against Her ...* anybody who's listening for the first time you could write for the book. We're happy to send it to you. But they are both historical and seven end-time congregations. So today in the end time, as we're getting closer to the end, there are these seven congregations present; they're *attitudes* of people; and the **vast majority of the attitude is the Laodicean**, but there's still Philadelphians and Sardis and different ones that are there.

So they're historical though that they're eras from the first century until today and they're also seven end-time congregations. So when we're looking at these, the historical end-time *attitudes* that Yahshua warned for us to watch about, that's what we're going to look into today. And also there are two congregations that Yahshua actually commended out of the seven. So two that were commended and five that were told they need to change or else they wouldn't be in His Kingdom. So we need to study these and especially the Philadelphian Congregation that we went over many times on how not to be deceived. So let's start with Ephesus, like I said I'm going to go through these very quick because the main one we're going to focus on is Laodicean but I think by going into these other congregations and seeing some of the things that Yahshua told to them, it will help us understand also about how not to be a Laodicean today.

So first we have the **Ephesus Congregation**, which is the time of the apostles and the first century after Yahshua was crucified. These people had great faith. They had good works but they had a problem. They actually thought Yahshua was returning very quickly. And probably I'm sure if any of us were there, I know if I was and I lived and I saw Yahshua, I met Him ... if I was even one of His disciples, I would have clearly thought that He would be returning in that time period,

especially from some of the things that He said. There's some of you that are here that are here during His transfiguration that will not see death until you see the Kingdom of Yahweh; but He was talking about the transfiguration, not the literal Kingdom.

But so, face it if you were there at that time and not only didn't He return they had some of the worst persecution that the Congregation has ever seen. You could see why people would have become discouraged; and they did. So this is what Yahshua told them ... Revelation 2:4 and 5 ... this is what the message that He's telling to the Ephesus Congregation, He says:

Revelation 2:4-5 *Nevertheless, I have something against you, because **you left your first love** ... you left your first love ... Then remember from where you have fallen, and repent, and **do the first works**. And if not, I am coming to you quickly, and will remove your menorah from its place, unless you repent.*

Now although we're in the Laodicean era, like I said all seven congregations are present in the end time and I think this is one that many people can relate to. I know I can because I've been around awhile. I've been in the Truth for not thirty years, but getting close to it, around twenty-seven years, and I know when I first came into the Truth, at that time they were already saying that Yahshua was returning at any time. And actually if I look into the congregational history from even twenty or thirty years before that they were saying it.

So basically in the whole era we're living in today ... face it, we went through World War 2, we went through Hitler, we went through all these things that many people thought Yahshua would be returning way before now in 2021 and they had reason to ... many of the things because we've been in the end time since World War 2, right? And we've seen these things so many people believed it. So you could see *why* after ten or twenty or thirty even forty years people would get discouraged just like in the first century. And especially like in the first century what happened? All the apostles died and then you had these Roman Bishops that were taking over changing things like Sabbath and whatnot. So it was a very discouraging time in the first century and it was a very discouraging time for our time today.

But yet, what these people have to realize, the ones that are losing their first love is, **you have to go back to when you first came to the Truth**. Because if you are a true believer and you had true repentance, then at that time ... and I know with myself when I found out about that Truth and I was a young man, just in my late teens ... and **I didn't care about nothing else in life. There was nothing that mattered when Yahweh was sharing His Truth with me**. If we go to Hebrews 10 in verse 32 ... Hebrews 10 in verse 32, it says:

Hebrews 10:32-35 *Therefore, **remember the former days**, those in which after you received baptism, you endured much tribulation; indeed being exposed both to **trouble and reproach** you became an **object of ridicule**; and you have become companions of those men who have endured these things. For also you had pity on those in prison; and you accepted the seizure of your possessions with joy, knowing yourselves to have a better and abiding possession in Heaven. Then **do not throw away your confidence, which has great reward**.*

And this is what happened when we came to the Truth for many of us. We went through trials and I know myself, I lost all my possession and it didn't matter, I was happy to. When Yahweh was taking me and He was purifying me; and yet, as time goes on, I've met people, I've known many people in the Congregation that went through this happily and in faith and believed. And then all of a sudden when Yahshua didn't return they started again about the worldly things. They started thinking about the things they don't have and the things they want and instead of **looking ahead** to say, *wow I put all this time in. Now I just got to endure to the end! I got to make it to the end*. I want to look at this when I first became a believer and I **joyfully** would give up anything for the Kingdom. And now, now what am I doing?

So this was the problem of the Ephesus Congregation. So we **have to get back to that love of the Truth** when we were first called, right? And that's what it comes down to ... your first love – your love of the Truth; **the zeal that you have, willing to forsake and lose everything**. These were good hearted, faithful believers who made a mistake and incorrectly calculated the time of Yahshua's return. And when it didn't happen they simply needed some encouragement on how to move on from there. And they did!

If we look in Revelation 2 ... we see before we get to Revelation to Smyrna ... we see that they are given encouragement in verse 7:

Revelation 2:7 *The one who has an ear, hear what the Spirit says to the congregation. To him overcoming, I will give to him to eat of the Tree of Life which is in the midst of the Paradise of Elohim.*

So that's all they needed was a little bit of encouragement. So next we come to **Smyrna** ... verse 9 and 10:

Revelation 2:9 *I know your works, and the affliction, and the poverty; but you are rich. And I know the evil speaking of those saying themselves to be Jews, and they are not, but are of the synagogue of Satan.*

Comment: So what time period is this? This is right after that. This is from the second to the fourth century. This is when Rabbi Akiva is making the new religion and they're persecuting believers and even killing believers; and the Roman Empire is killing believers; and the great pogroms that went by and the great persecution; ten different pogroms leading up to Constantine the Great where many, many people died – the Smyrnians. But look in verse 10 ...

Revelation 2:10 *Do not at all fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw you into prison, so that you may be tried; and you will have affliction ten days. **Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life ... Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life***

So now these people like I said were part of this great martyrism; and **they had zeal**. They were full of faith. And since they had very little material possessions, Satan was not able to physically or spiritually tempt them the way he was for some others in other time period. So we don't really see any criticism of these people; and they did go through **horrible persecution** but **Yahweh gives them encouragement** just basically to hold on. They simply were given encouragement that through physical trial and suffering **that this too will pass**; it can only last for so long; and at the end of that is the Kingdom of Yahweh and our reward. And that **Yahweh will never put us past what we can bear**; that's what His Word says. And they had the faith to believe this.

You don't hear of people falling away during this time period. So it's amazing; and I say today, would you rather be a believer today in Europe or Babylon; or would you rather be a believer in North Korea? Or one of these persecuted areas? And although certainly you have way more freedoms in Europe, in Babylon, than you do in North Korea; but I can tell you one thing, the believers in North Korea are stronger than the believers in Europe and Babylon because when you go through this persecution and you give up everything for Yahweh; and **literally, it's not a saying but you are willing to give your life up for the Truth** – you're strong in faith and it builds your faith!.

So they gave us a wonderful history of encouragement for us today in this generation that we're going to see the same kind of trials because there's also going to be a great martyrism in the times we're living in today. So **we just have to get our priorities straight**; and these people did; and like I said, **having little possessions helped**. We don't need more physical things. We don't need more money. We don't need more mammon and these things. **What we need is more faith**; that's what's going to get us through.

So next we come to **Pergamos and Thyatira**. I'll put those two together because they're the wilderness congregations that start with Constantine the Great, right? Right after this great persecution is over and Constantine comes and says he is now a Christian and he says he'll take everything that he's been doing to Baal and the great sun worship and he will blend this in with Christianity now. So Constantine starts the counterfeit religion and what happens during the Pergamos and Thyatira era? They have to flee to the wilderness. They fled society for the wilderness and they had love and they had works and they had faith. So if we go to chapter 2 of Revelation ... still verse 14 ... but Yahshua does say:

Revelation 2:14-15 *I still have a few things against you, that you have there those holding the **teachings of Balaam**, who taught Balak to throw a stumblingblock before the sons of Israel, to eat idol sacrifices, and to commit fornication.*

So this was their problem that **some of them were letting the worldly influences affect them**. They were the first Congregation to flee society altogether and go to the wilderness but some it was too much. They didn't look at the wilderness as a **place of sanctification and a place of purification**; they wanted to edge back. There was goats among the sheep and they wanted to edge back to the world; and the same we see today, right? Wow, here we are, we're going to the wilderness now. Yahweh's calling His people; whether it's individually to a literal wilderness that people are fleeing to; or whether it's the congregations and the communities that we're building, we're seeing the same thing. And we're seeing ... we're seeing that most of our brethren are strong in faith. They want to be sanctified but there are some goats among us too that want to go back. They want to look back and be back to the world.

So **Satan was going to try to deceive them by their physical hardships** and they did go through a lot of physical hardships, no doubt. But just like the Israelites in Egypt, when you read the Exodus and you see what they went through, they went through hardships. So they had **every right** to talk about the suffering they went through but there was just one reason why they had not to because **Yahweh was with them and Yahweh was delivering them**, right?

So they were using ... **Satan was going to try to use their physical hardships to deceive them that they would bear under the Roman Empire and barter with them for an easy life for simple compromise**; because just remember, Constantine was to the compromising Laodicean in that time, Constantine was a hero. Constantine stopped their persecution. He stopped their death as long as they compromised. That's all he asked for. And if they compromised they had no problem whatsoever. They can still believe in *quote/unquote* Iēsous – Jesus; as long as they would stop believing in the Sabbath; as long as his edicts, they would stop meeting on Holy days and stop keeping Passover and keep Ishtar Sunday; and worship Baal and Sunday, the sun god. Constantine would have no problem with them.

So this is the way that Satan was going to try to deceive them, baptizing their babies, that was something that they did. They wanted to baptize babies. And we know baptism is the most serious ceremony you ever do in your life, more than even getting married; and it's not for babies. But they wanted to do it because that was part of their pagan rituals and that's what Constantine said. And not only Constantine, after him, Julienne, the Apostate, and the other Roman Emperors that came in from there that simply if they would baptize their babies and go to church on Sunday and follow all the pagan traditions of the Universal or Catholic Church then they wouldn't suffer persecution. If we go down to verse 20 ... Revelation 2 in verse 20 ... and we'll see, and this is why Yahshua says He has a few things against them.

Revelation 2:20-23 *I have a few things against you, that you allow the woman Jezebel to teach, she saying herself to be a prophetess, and to cause My servants to go astray, and to commit fornication, and **eat idol sacrifices**. And I gave time to her that she might repent of her fornication. And she did not repent. Behold, I will cast her into a coffin, and those committing adultery with her into great affliction, unless they repent of their works. And I will kill her children with death; and all the congregations will know that I am the One searching the inner parts and the hearts. And I will give to each of you according to your work.*

So we've used this scripture for Seventh Day Adventists and it fits the fact of Ellen White, the false prophet; but in a general sense in the wilderness this **also fits the woman being the Congregation of Catholicism** – the Universal Church. And that's what happened, from the time of the late first century when the Catholic Bishops started to turn over and they said because the Resurrection was on the first day of the week, we are going to start honoring Sunday instead of keeping the Sabbath; and honor Ishtar Sunday instead of keeping Passover, and all these changes that they were doing. And it took several hundred years until they got to this point but now they're at the point where literally they're being persecuted with death. And we see that the brethren literally had to flee to the wilderness for 1260 years.

So many of them stayed strong to the faith but unfortunately like all eras some of them failed and compromised. Some of them had such great trial in the wilderness that the idea that they could go back a normal life for simply baptizing their small children into Catholicism or going to church on Sunday, it was too much for them to handle because **they never built faith in Yahweh when they had the time. When this decision came up, life and death, they chose life in Satan's society with compromise; than death as a true believer in Yahweh.**

And I always say this, I've said it for years, I teach it at the Bible school on the class I do on the underground Congregation that **you better know what you're willing to live for; and you better know what you're willing to die for because nobody is going to die for a doubt.** So if you have any doubts with Yahweh's Truth or Yahshua's Congregation, you better get rid of them because you will compromise like anything like these people. Because they reasoned, *isn't it better for my child to be alive in a false religion than to have them killed by Catholic Popes? And okay, I'll go to mass on Sunday because I don't believe it anyway. I'll just go.* No, little did they know that **when you do such compromise you are quenching the Ruach Ha Khodesh, the Holy Spirit, and you're cutting off any little bit of faith you might have had.** Remember the parable of the talents? Take the little that the one man had that he didn't use and give it to the man that has ten **because to him who has faith, he will get more; and for him that has tiny faith and not using it, even the little he has will be taken away from him.**

So this is what it's about. Sure you can make some great excuses why compromise is fine and why you can compromise with the Truth. There's people that do it on Sabbath. Well, they don't want to lose their job because then they won't have money to tithe to Yahweh, so they'll compromise with the Sabbath and they'll say, "Well, I'll take the money I earn on Saturday and I'll give it. I'll give 100% to Yahweh." Like Yahweh is some form of a prostitute. No, that's not the way it works. Yahweh didn't say to work and give you the money he makes on Saturday, **Yahweh said to rest on Sabbath. Yahweh said not to work.** So this is the Laodicean attitude. This is the attitude someone who's not convicted that is going to make up these kinds of things. And like I said, with the time we're going in now, **you better know what you believe and you better be able to stay strong and not compromise.**

So little did they know that they were quenching the Holy Spirit and the ones that compromised wound up falling away completely; and a lot of them were even killed anyway. Because it's like with somebody who's a kidnapper, are you really going to trust that kidnapper that when the money is paid that he's going to keep you alive? Of course not, you're the witness. So they're going to trust the kidnapper and most of them lose their life anyway.

They had lost their focus and life is a test. Life is a test and wow did they fail they fail that test. And **no situation in life can happen to you unless Yahweh allows it.** And that's why **no matter what situation we get in, like the people of Smyrna, we have to say: Yahweh allowed this to purify me; I want to learn what I have to learn and Yahweh gives life and Yahweh takes life away.** And **there's nobody on this earth that's going to kill me before he's ready to take my life; and there's nobody on this earth that's going to keep me alive if it's my time to go.** So that's what we have to believe. That a situation can only happen if Yahweh allows it and He only allows trials to test us and mature us for rulership in His Kingdom; that's what it's all about. Romans 8:28 ... famous scripture we talk about a lot.

Romans 8:28 *But we know that to the ones loving YAHWEH all things work together for good, for those being called according to purpose ... all things work together for the good, those being called according to purpose.*

Once someone will go over to a spirit of compromise then they have willingly given over their authority to Satan, just as Adam and Eve did in the Garden which got them expelled from Eden; just as actions by these people got them expelled from being a first fruit and the bride of Messiah in the Congregation. So it's the same way that's happening. People are disqualifying themselves for entrance into Yahweh's Kingdom, when you're compromising.

Compromise is cowardice and treason before Yahweh and His Word but not everybody in these congregations in Pergamos and Thyatira compromised. There was a large remnant that didn't. Some did. Many of these fervent, faithful saints held fast to what is true and never gave their mind over to the adversary for even one single moment. So those are the ones we're focusing on.

The people that were faithful, right? **They knew that life is a test and Yahweh was in control and testing their loyalty and steadfastness.** He was also **testing how much they loved the precious Truth that He revealed them and not the world; and what they were willing to lose to hold onto this Truth.** And in my book, *The Gates of Hell*, I go over some of these stories, right? How the Roman Empire came up and literally, and literally cut the heads of their children off and had these people walking down that mountain with the heads of their children around their necks; and they still didn't compromise; and they still didn't quit; and they still didn't baptize their children or go to Sunday service. They weren't going to do it.

The letters that these people wrote from that time that we have, that we cherish these letters that wrote back when the Catholic Popes wrote and said all you have to do is this compromise and we'll leave you alone. They said, "What you're going to do to us is up to you; but as far as compromise, don't even think about it not for a moment. We are not going to compromise with the precious Truth that Yahweh has given us." Because we're that 1%, 1% or less of the people in the world have this precious Truth and Yahweh didn't give you that Truth to have you compromise with it. That's not the reason He did it. John 17, in verse 14 ... John 17 in verse 14 says:

John 17:14-17 *I have given them Your Word, and the world hated them because they are **not of the world**, as I am I do not pray that You take them out of the world, but that You **keep them from the evil**. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. **Sanctify them in Your Truth; Your Word is Truth** ... Sanctify them in Your Truth.*

And that's what we are. That is the **only thing in our life** that sanctifies us. That is the only thing in our life that is keeping Satan away from us. That is the only thing in our life that we can pray around doors and our gates and our property and keep Satan out and he can't come in ... **he can't come in when we stay sanctified in the Truth.** The minute you compromise, the minute you start negotiating with Satan, you're done. You're done because you're giving him authority to come into your life and come into your home and destroy it. And he will. Believe me he has no pity, he has no mercy and when you're down, he will kick you in the teeth until you don't get up.

These faithful brethren loved the Truth and were willing to give **everything they had** including their **very lives** to hold on and to keep that Truth that was so precious in their site. And let's go to verse 24 now, because what was the end of it? They passed the test. The remnant passed the test and look what He says:

Revelation 2:24 *But I say to you and to the rest in Thyatira, as many as do not have this teaching, and do not know the deep things of Satan, as they say: **I am not casting another burden on you.***

Comment: So here it is, Yahweh put the test up there and some of them compromised and went back to Catholicism and the others that didn't that moved on, and once the test was over, Yahweh said, "I'm not going to put nothing else on

you.” Like we said, He’s not going to put us past what we can handle. So there’s a point where **when we pass the test, Yahweh doesn’t have to test us anymore**. So it’s **not everything is just trial and suffering and death**. No, Yahweh is trying us and the ones that compromise they lost out on eternal life and the ones that passed the test, He said, “Okay, now that’s it. Now that’s it. I will put nothing else upon you.” No other burden was cast upon these congregations there.

Revelation 2:25-29 *but what you have, hold until I shall come ... because they held onto the Truth ... And the one overcoming, and the one keeping My word until the end, "I will give to him authority over the nations," and "He will shepherd them with an iron staff" like the vessels of the potter they shall be shattered, as I also have received from My Father. And I will give to him the Morning Star. The one who has an ear, hear what the Spirit says to the congregations.*

Wow, so once they passed the test that was it. Now, they’re waiting for rulership in the Kingdom of Yahweh, praise Yahweh for that. So they passed the test and Yahweh would put no further burden on the strong faithful remnant.

Then we come to **Sardis**. Sardis is the next Congregation who also would be tried and suffer physical persecution. Satan would also try them in the same way he tried their predecessors by giving opportunity to join the Protestant Reformation if only they would compromise and give up the Sabbath day and the covenant promises of Yahweh. So read that in Revelation 3:2 and 3, He says:

Revelation 3:2-3 *Be watching, and establish the things which remain ... this is to Sardis ... which are about to die. For I have not found your works being fulfilled before Elohim. Then **remember how you received and heard, and keep, and repent**. If, then, you do not watch, I will come upon you like a thief and you will not at all know what hour I come upon you.*

So in the past many of them would never join Catholicism and the evil things there but unfortunately many of the true believers did join the Protestant Reformation. They did join and they felt like they didn’t have to follow all the pagan stuff of Catholicism and many wound up giving up the Sabbath day. And this where the Amish, the change outcome because they originally, the Mennonites, were Sabbath keepers but when they joined the Protestant Reformation and the Amish came out of the Mennonites, they had given up the very thing that made them the Covenant promises, children of Yahweh.

So they’re warned to **regain their focus**, just like we are now and **remember** the things that got them to where they’ve been the last 1500 years. And that’s why I give a message like this. They understand that what’s happening today is just not a coincidence. Everything is history. Everything is repeating itself and the history of the Ephesus Congregation moving up is just as important to us as the history of the Laodicean that we’re in today because it’s one history. Its one history that repeats itself. So they had to regain their focus. If they didn’t take this warning seriously Yahweh would allow the enemy to overtake them and they would give Satan full authority in their lives by denying the Truth that got them to where they are. Like I said, Satan has nothing over you unless what you give him. And when you compromise you’re giving him authority in your life. So then what happens? Verse 4:

Revelation 3:4-6 *You also have a few names in Sardis which did not defile their robes, and they shall walk with Me in white because they are worthy ... so even though there was a good amount of people that wound up joining the Protestant Reformation leaving the Truth, He says there are some ... there are some who did not defile themselves ... The one overcoming, this one shall be clothed in white garments ... he’s going to be at the Wedding Supper ... and I will not at all blot his name out of the Book of Life; and I will acknowledge his name before My Father, and before His cherubs. The one who has an ear, hear what the Spirit says to the congregations.*

Praise Yahweh for that! That there was a remnant, there always is that moves on. There's always a remnant that **stays strong and humble and never compromise with their values and belief**. They **strengthen their faith and look forward forgetting the things behind and looking forward to the Kingdom of Yahweh**. Praise Yahweh for that.

And it was this very remnant of Sardis that was blessed to take flight and go into the New World and for the first time since the New Testament Congregation started, they would be blessed to preach the Good News in freedom without persecution and death. They also would now have the newly invented printing press to be able to use to print Bibles and materials and bring the Good News of Yahshua all over the world. They became the Philadelphian Congregation. The remnant of Sardis that didn't go along with the Protestant Reformation and overcame their descendants were the ones who became the Philadelphians. If we to chapter 3 verse 8 and 9 now ... verse 8 and 9, He says:

Revelation 3:8-9 *I know your works ... this is to Philadelphia ... Behold, I have given a door being opened before you, and no one is able to shut, for you have a little strength and have kept My Word, and have not denied My name. Behold, I give out of the synagogue of Satan those saying themselves to be Jews, and they are not, but they lie. Behold, I will make them come and bow down before your feet, and they shall know that I loved you.*

So wow, this is the **Philadelphian Congregation**. This is the one that didn't have persecution to the degree of the other ones. There was no martyrism. They had an open door for preaching. They had the printing press and they were allowed to bring Bibles all throughout the world from the New World. And like I said, they're who became the Philadelphians were the leftovers from the Sardinians.

But we have to remember that although they were Philadelphians in this historic time frame. **They were also the remnant of the faithful Ephesians, Smyrnians, Pergamons, Thyatirans, and Sardinians. Unless every single era had a faithful remnant there would have been no Philadelphians.** So we have to ... that's why I said that's why sermons like this really give perspective because we realize we realize **we're part of something bigger than ourselves**. And even though in our life those problems at the time that come, whether its money or health, or whatever it might be, they may seem big and they are. **You have to think bigger**. You have to **keep your focus**. You have to realize we are just another part of history and the baton is passed to us now in this relay race. And now **we have to be faithful**.

Because if there's no faithful remnant to us who's going to go into the Kingdom? Who's going to be next? And the ones who will be next after us will be our children who will be the **rulers** in Yahweh's Kingdom – the first human rulers to rule in the Kingdom of Yahweh will be our very children. So boy, the stakes were never higher for us to be faithful now. But if it wasn't for those other remnants of the other congregations there'd be no Philadelphians.

And now we come to our current time – the Laodiceans. So I just wanted to give you a perspective. I wanted to round this all out but this is really ... because here we are now in the Laodicean era and there's some things we have to share now so that we don't fall into the traps that Satan has for the whole world. We're already seeing how **Satan uses pride and deception to trick brethren into giving into compromise thinking their life will be easier**. And we've also stated how the Laodicean in these end times has fallen lock, hook and sinker right into Satan's hands with all his false deceptions.

But now I want to give specifically why Satan is able to deceive the Laodicean; to encourage you and to warn you to check your life and not fall into his web of deception. Did you ever notice that in all the deceived churches, whether you go into the Greek and Roman and Armenian Orthodox, whether you go into Catholicism, even Amish. In all the deceived churches, if you go to most of the older, staunch people from those churches, do you ever notice it's impossible to change them? Believe me, I know it. I come from a family of Catholicism. Try to go an old Aunt that is brought up, like I

said, in Greek Orthodox or Armenian Orthodox or Romanian Orthodox and try to change them, try to bring the Truth to them. You'll get nowhere. You'll get nowhere with them. Same with the Amish, why have they lasted 400 years?

In the world we live in today, can you imagine that they're still riding horse and buggy? How is that? Why is this? Go and try to bring the Truth to some of these older people and it's like you're speaking to a brick wall, and you know why? You'll get nowhere even though you can clearly prove to them. You have proof from Scripture that they're wrong and the reasons are, they are stone cold. They're stone cold. They're cold, there's no way you're going to change them because they're stone cold.

The ones who have the Truth and are immovable, the true believers and zealously hot ... you're not going to change them either. There's no way that a true believer will ever fall for this nonsense that's out there. And like I said **if you would follow the leaders that Yahshua put in His Congregation for the last 2000 years, you'd never fall into this.** Because I don't know any true elder of Yahweh that has fallen into all of these traps, these internet traps; whether it's the Sabbath being the wrong day or any of this other nonsense that goes on out there. So the ones who are hot are immovable and the ones who are deceived by religion and won't look at anything but their false belief, they're stone cold hard and they're unmovable. And that's why Yahshua said this ... this is the scripture that will stop you from becoming a Laodicean. Revelation 3 in verse 15, what does Yahshua say?

Revelation 3:15 *I know your works, that you are neither **cold nor hot**. I would that you were cold, or hot.*

So right? We know that Yahshua condemned false religion in the wilderness going back like we went into in some of the other eras, but in the year we're living in now, He's not condemning people that are staunchly into their false pagan religion. Who is He condemning? **He's condemning the one that has no conviction.** That's the one He's condemning. This is the scripture that makes a Laodicean a Laodicean, right? Why?

Because if somebody is cold, like we said, if somebody is these little old grandmas in their Roman Orthodox or Armenian Orthodox or whatever they are, and they're following this way of life. Well, **they're proving to Yahshua that they can stick with something if they're convicted of it.** They just haven't gotten the Truth. And what's going to happen? In the White Throne Judgment these people will make the Kingdom of Yahweh in the White Throne Judgment. The **people who are zealous, the first-fruits that are willing to die for their belief and they'll never change no matter what because we know the Truth and the Truth sets you free.** And once you have the Truth you'll never believe the lie. They're the first-fruits. They're the ones that are going into the Kingdom and going to be the kings and priests.

The ones who are lukewarm. **The ones who actually come into the Truth for a little time and then go back to lies, they're the ones that Yahweh can't use.** He can't do anything with them because they **have no conviction.** And this is the scripture that makes a Laodicean a Laodicean. Yahshua said He wished they were hot or cold because **if they were hot they'll never change and they're filled with zeal and the faith for Yahweh's Truth.** However, if they're cold and they're also completely dedicated and unchangeable but simply to something that's untrue; because they are least faithful to what they **think** is true, even though it's not. They're faithful to something even though it's not.

Yahshua knows that when the time comes, like I said, He can open up their minds to the Truth in the White Throne Resurrection and He has no doubt they're going to follow because they've already proved it. Even though they proved it in a wrong way, they still proved it. Jeremiah 35 proves this point. Jeremiah 35 ... you remember the Rechabites? Jeremiah 35 in verse 5, it says:

Jeremiah 35:5-6 *And I set bowls and cups full of wine before the sons of the house of the Rechabites. And I said to them, Drink wine. But they said, **We will not drink wine**, for Jonadab, the son of Rechab our father, commanded us, saying, **You shall not drink wine, you nor your sons forever.***

Jeremiah 35:7-8 *And you shall not build a house nor sow seed, nor plant a vineyard, nor shall there be anything to you; but all your days you shall live in tents, so that you may live many days on the face of the land where you are residing. And we have obeyed the voice of Jonadab, the son of Rechab our father, to all that he commanded us, to drink no wine all our days, we, our wives, our sons, and our daughters ... and these people were Kenites. That's where the Kenites come from. They're an offspring of the Kenites.*

Jeremiah 35:9-10 *nor to build houses for us for our dwelling; nor do we have a vineyard, or field, or seed. But we live in tents, and we have obeyed and done according to all that Jonadab our father commanded us.*

Just like the Amish today, they **follow their forefathers**, Jacob Ammon. They follow the forefathers of Simon Menno of the Mennonites and that's what they're following. They **never looked to the right and they never looked to the left**. So although it's hard, although some Amish today are coming to Truth, they have followed where they are today because they followed. They were convicted and they followed their forefathers. They're following what they're convicted of and they will not compromise. And just like the Rechabites and like I said even the Amish, they received the information from their ancestors and they haven't swerved to the right or the left in what was given to them. It's just sad that like I said, a lot of what they believe is not true.

However the Laodicean is neither hot nor cold. He left the falsehoods of his ancestors. He might have come into the Congregation of the Truth for a small time but not because he was convicted of the Truth. Either he came into to escape the tribulation or simply because it was the easier way at the time. Some come in because they want to prove others wrong. That's the only reason they come into the Truth so they can tell other people where they're wrong; or to be different from society.

Because the Laodicean remember, he's a rebel. The Laodicean ruled by the people, he doesn't want to be to society; and sometimes they only join just to be different. And then when the Truth of Yahweh became expendable, once it came whether it was something they didn't like what the elder said; or this new internet conspiracy came about, when the Word of Yahweh became expendable, **they left the Word of Yahweh, the Truth, for either some worldly desire or some false conspiracy theory they found on the internet**. So they proved to Yahweh they could accept the Truth, at least for a little bit of time, but they **couldn't hold onto it and cherish it. No conviction**. And through the years, I'm sure every one of you have met Laodiceans, we're in the Laodicean era. Probably seven out of ten people on the earth today are Laodiceans. So we all met people, in the world and in the Congregation.

And politics, just about every politician is a Laodicean. They're convicted of nothing. Yes, you do have that small percentage. Maybe five percent or more that are convicted that became a politician to change something. That will stand for the Truth even if it's going to mean them getting kicked out of their office. You see this but very few do it. Most politicians are sickening. They're sickening because they believe in nothing but power. They'll turn on the drop of a hat. They'll lie to people. They lie for everything and that's what it is; they're Laodiceans. And they think they're rich and increased with goods because they have power and money and they don't know they're poor, they're blind, they're miserable and naked. So maybe some even come into the Congregation like I said for a small time they accept the Truth but they couldn't hold on to the Truth and they certainly didn't cherish it. There is absolutely no conviction. Matthew 13 in verse 44 ... Matthew 13 in verse 44:

Matthew 13:44 *Again, the kingdom of Heaven is compared to treasure being hidden in the field, which finding, a man hid; and for the joy of it, he goes and sells all things, as many as he has, and buys that field.*

Is that your attitude? **Is the Truth of Yahweh worth every single thing that you have including your very life?** Are you **willing to sacrifice everything** no matter what it is, worldly position, job, relationship, houses, money? Maybe even your very life for that Truth?

When somebody is hot or cold he doesn't want to hear another belief. But when somebody is called out of the false world of Satan into Yahweh's marvelous Truth, he's overjoyed at the real Truth that he would not compromise in it for nothing. Remember **John 10:27**, *My sheep hear My voice and I know them and they follow Me. They will never follow a stranger.* The Laodicean, he may be a curiosity seeker because remember there's goats in that herd of sheep. But the goat, he's the one always wandering away. He's not the one who's cuddled in with the rest of the group. *My sheep hear My voice and know them and they follow Me.*

And there's a reason why Yahweh put elders and put leaders in the Congregation. We know it. I'm not going to go there. We went many times in **Ephesians 4:11-13**, so the people **would not be swayed and thrown by every wind of false doctrine.** And yet, it's the **people who leave the leadership and leave the elders**, that's exactly what happens. They get swayed by everything of false doctrine.

So that is the key to not becoming a Laodicean. **The Laodicean is not convicted.** He's not convicted. He may have curiosity when learning the Truth. He may even be baptized if others are being baptized but the real problem with the Laodicean, **He is lukewarm and not convicted.** He's not ready to die for the precious Truth given to him. That's why I said, you're not going to die for a doubt. **You'd better know what you're willing to die for.** That's why Revelation 3:16, what does Yahshua say to these Laodiceans? He says:

Revelation 3:15-16 *I know your work, you're neither cold nor hot. I would that you were cold, or hot ... but look at verse 16, what a powerful, shocking scripture ... So, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I am about to vomit you out of My mouth ... I am about to vomit you out of My mouth.*

Because the Laodicean is so **indifferent** with this precious Truth of Yahweh because he has no zeal; because he'll compromise and take the easy way out, Yahweh is sickened. He's sickened by such blasphemy to His glorious Truth. He's actually sickened by it and He will literally vomit him out of His mouth. Just think about it for a minute. Why do people vomit? It's not a normal thing. It's not normally that people eat and then vomit. The reason why people vomit is because when they take something into their system that is either spoiled or rancid and it's literally where your body can not keep such a vile, rancid substance inside of it. And it's an automatic thing that the body will automatically vomit it out because it's so rancid; it's so spoiled. And the body of Messiah, this is what's happening here. **The body of Messiah can't keep half-hearted Laodiceans in the body of Messiah.** And that's what Yahshua says and Yahweh says. They will literally vomit these people out because they're a cancer to the Body.

A true first-fruit believer in Yahshua would never even listen to such nonsense. And like I said, I remember this Sabbath thing started years ago, the Sabbath rotating by the month. And I'm thinking, *c'mon, nobody can fall for that.* No true believer can. I can tell you that much. I don't one true believer who did. But I can tell you that Laodiceans will. Laodiceans will look for anything that sounds different at the time because they're lukewarm. The lackadaisical compromising spirit that got them into that place to begin with.

The Laodicean had no love for the Truth. No zeal, no faith in Yahweh, no spirit of appreciation and no humility for the Truth; which is the most precious gift Yahweh could ever give us and unfortunately some would even leave the Truth

over a conspiracy theory. And we're not at the end of it, there's a lot more of this crazy stuff that will come out and that's what people are more interested in; more interested in aliens than they are in Truth. But even that, even Yahweh at this time that we're living in now vomiting out these Laodiceans because it's the point where He's getting ready to take His bride to the wilderness.

And the Laodicean doesn't go. He clearly says it in Ezekiel 34 that Yahweh ... or **Ezekiel 20 in verse 34. Yahweh will separate His bride and He will separate the Laodicean from the Philadelphian in the wilderness.** Revelation 3 in verse 10 ... Revelation 3 in verse 10. And again, because **the true believer when they're brought something that they've done wrong** ... like it says, it's the wise man who loves correction. **They're thankful. They're thankful for leaders. They're thankful for elders, they're thankful for correction.** But the Laodicean because he needs nothing, wow, try to correct the Laodicean, you'll get your eyes scratched out because he doesn't want it. He doesn't want this. So let's go to verse 10 now of Revelation 3, to the Philadelphian, He says:

Revelation 3:10-12 *Because you kept the Word of My patience, I also will keep you out of the hour of trial which is going to come upon all the world in order to try those dwelling on the earth. Behold, I am coming quickly. Hold what you have that no one take your crown. The one overcoming, I will make him a pillar in the sanctuary of My Elohim, and he shall not go out any more. And I will write the name of My Elohim on him, and the name of the city of My Elohim, the New Jerusalem which comes down out of Heaven from My Elohim, and My new name.*

Wow, so this is the key here. **The key here is that we're not there yet.** We're getting there now, right? This is the time that Yahweh is separating the wheat from the chaff and **each of us has to decide.** Each of us is part of one of those seven end-time congregations. Many are Laodiceans at this point, but we have to make that decision. We don't have to stay where we are. **We have to get convicted. We have to get fervency. We have to lay it all on the line and we have to be willing to give up everything.**

And to think in our mind if we're ever thinking of like there's something that we lost, *Oh, wow*, whatever mammon or whatever job or whatever, **whatever that you may have lost over the Truth and you actually think that any form of mammon or even a human being could equal Yahweh's Truth than you're a Laodicean** because that's what makes a Laodicean a Laodicean. We have to cherish that Truth and it's **by our conviction** that we're proving to Yahweh that we're not a Laodicean. And like I said, the people that are into false religion, I mean Yahweh doesn't agree with the false religion, but they're not as bad as the Laodicean. He says He would rather have them cold than be Laodiceans. Laodiceans is the worst situation that you can be in.

So the seven congregations in Revelation are both historical and end time. And although most of this era are Laodiceans there is still a Philadelphia remnant being called out in our time. **The key to being a Philadelphian and not being a Laodicean is to be fully convicted of what we believe, not being lukewarm. You have to take a stand. You have to be willing to stand up for the Truth.** And in the world we live in today, wow, it might cost you everything.

You look today people that were standing up for Truth that were being kicked off of Facebook, kicked off of Twitter, kicked off of this and I just kind of chuckle because there aren't a lot they can kick me off of. I was never on Facebook, never on Twitter, never on any of those things and I'm glad! I'm glad I wasn't now because what can they take from me? There's nothing they can take from me, right? And I can stand for the Truth; and I can preach the Truth. **Don't give Satan a foothold in your life.** I said this a long time ago when you look at the internet all you have to do is ask yourself, who created the internet, Yahweh or Satan? And if you can't answer that question by now, then you're a Laodicean. It's that simple. Key to being a Philadelphian not a Laodicean is being fully convicted in what we believe and not being lukewarm.

We need also to realize **that we would not be here today** if our brethren throughout the ages of the seven congregations had compromised in their belief and there was not a faithful remnant to move on. So it's important to remember that, right? These seven congregations, it's like a circle, it's like a race, and it's a baton race; a relay race and we're handing over. Let's go to 1st Corinthians 9. It's a relay race and we would not be here today if there weren't faithful Ephesians and faithful people from Smyrna and Thyatira and Pergamos and Sardis. If there were not faithful people from these other congregations we would not be here today. But look what the Apostle Paul says in 1st Corinthians 9 in verse 24, he says:

1st Corinthians 9:24 *Do you not know that those running in a stadium indeed all run, but one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain.*

Comment: He actually is putting our calling as this relay race. And you know with a relay race, what happens? One runs so far and gives the baton to the next. He runs so far, he gives the baton to the next. He runs so far, he gives the baton to the next. **In that way everyone can run their best** during their time. And that's why you had Ephesians and Smyrnians and Thyatira. That's why you have seven congregations and not one because **Yahweh knows as human beings we're going to burn out**; so when they're burning out **you do your best** and when that one's burning out they give to the next one; and here we are. That baton is given to us.

1st Corinthians 9:24-27 *And every man who battles in the contest frees his mind from everything else ... every man who battles in the contest frees his mind from everything else ... We got to free our mind from **everything but winning this race** ... And yet they run to win a crown that is perishable, but we to win one that is **everlasting**. So I run accordingly, **not as uncertainty** ... right? No doubt, no Laodicean ... **so I fight, as not beating air**; but I conquer and subdue my body, so that, by no chance, when I have preached to others, I myself will be rejected.*

So this is why, we're not worried what Satan can do to our bodies. We want to get rid of our bodies anyway. That's the whole point. **We're dying to the flesh daily** so that's the point of life – die to the flesh daily, not try to hold onto this flesh. We're looking for a ... not a perishable crown ... but we're looking for an eternal crown, and that's what it's about. It's the end of the relay race and we have the baton and we have to **run as fast as we can to finish this work to the end**. **Martyrism or death are not the end of life but only the beginning of our eternal life**. Not everybody will be that, but some will in this end time. Some will be martyrs; and death is not the end of life but only the beginning of our eternal life.

When we are faithful and hot, filled with zeal and don't compromise then we limit Satan so he cannot deceive us. We must **cherish the Truth and hold it tight as our greatest asset**. **As Satan brings new laws through his global end-time government we cannot be lukewarm to laws that compromise with Yahweh's Torah**; it's that simple. We can't compromise on Yahweh's Torah for Satan's laws for convenience. We cannot willingly take things in our body through vaccines or any other way that we know are unclean and immoral, right? You cannot be injected with aborted baby parts from killed fetuses. We cannot be injected with monkey serum and pig serum and dog serum.

We must stand firm to the Truth as true Philadelphians. The Apostle Paul did not compromise. He had great zeal and he wound up in prison for years where he did some of his greatest work for Yahweh when he was in prison; and most of his epistles were written in prison. His writings have been an inspiration for true believers for almost 2000 years; and most important to our time now. Satan has deceived the whole world but not Yahshua's true remnant.

So I pray that you take this serious. Listen to this message two and three times. Let's get the message from every congregation because all seven congregations are for us – the good and the bad. But let's most importantly focus on

that scripture I gave you in **Revelation 2** about what makes a Laodicean a Laodicean. And let's have fervency for Yahweh's Truth until the very end. Yahweh bless, Shabbat Shalom.