

NEW HOPE CHURCH

It's The End Of The World As We Know It (And I Feel Fine) Part 2: The Last Church

The Book of Revelation:

- Chapter 1 reveals the resurrected Jesus
- Chapters 2&3 reveal The Church Age
- Chapter 4 onwards reveals what happens *after* the Church Age

Revelation chapter 2&3 contain 7 letters, written by Jesus, to 7 churches. Each of these letters is:

- To a local church
- To all churches
- To each of us as individuals
- Prophetic

The Book of Acts covers about the first 30 years of the Church; Chapters 2 and 3 of the Book of Revelation cover the next ~2,000 years.

Each church is unique because of its:

- Name
- The title Jesus gives Himself
- Their "report card"

2,000 Years of The Church Age in Revelation 2&3:

Ephesus: *Apostolic Age to ~100 A.D.*
Smyrna: *Nero (54 A.D.) to Diocletian (305 A.D.)*
Pergamos: *~313 A.D. to ~600 A.D.*
Thyatira: *~600 A.D. to the Rapture*
Sardis: *The Reformation (1500 A.D.) to the Tribulation*

Philadelphia: *1793 A.D. to the Rapture*
Laodicea: *1850-1900 to the Rapture*

The Church of Laodicea // Revelation 3:14-22

"Laos" (*people*) + "Dike" (*right, justice, judgment*) =
"Laodicea" (*the rule of the people*)

V.14 // The Titles of Jesus:

- 1) "the Amen" = The _____
- 2) "the Faithful and True Witness" = _____
- 3) "the beginning of the creation of God" =
The _____

V.16: Jesus' point is simple – being lukewarm is not
_____.

V.17: They are surprised because they thought they
_____.

They are into self-fulfillment and _____.

V.18: "white garments" implies a need for _____.

V.19: Our Response: Be _____ & _____.