

THE APOSTATE CHURCH OF THE TARES, Part One Studies in the Revelation

Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of the prophecy,
and heed the things which are written in it; for the time is near.
Revelation 1:3

“And behold, I am coming quickly. Blessed is he who heeds the
words of the prophecy of this book.”
Revelation 22:7

THE CHURCH THAT MAKES CHRIST SICK – (AD 1900 - Tribulation)

“To the angel of the church in Laodicea (church of the Laodiceans – KJV)
write...”
Revelation 3:14a

“laodicea” means: _____

THE DESCRIPTION CHRIST CHOSE FOR HIMSELF:

“To the angel of the church in Laodicea write: (1) The Amen, the (2)
faithful and true Witness, the (3) Beginning of the creation of God, says
this ”
Revelation 3:14

First, Jesus is The Amen:

“Because he who is blessed in the earth will be blessed by the God of
truth; and he who swears in the earth will swear by the God of truth;
Because the former troubles are forgotten, and because they are hidden
from My sight!”
Isaiah 65:16

For as many as are the promises of God, in Him they are yes; therefore
also through Him is our Amen to the glory of God through us.
2 Corinthians 1:20

“You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have
eternal life; it is these (the Scriptures) that testify about Me.”
John 5:39

Revelation: The beginning pair of Amens:
And He has made us to be a kingdom, priests to His God and Father— to
Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen. Behold, He

is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see Him, even those who
pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him. So it is
to be. Amen.”
Revelation 1:6-7

The Revelation: The ending pair of Amens:
He who testifies to these things says, “Yes, I am coming quickly.” Amen.
Come, Lord Jesus. The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen.
Revelation 22:20-21

Next, Jesus is the Faithful and True Witness:

Jesus said to him, “I am (1) the way, and (2) the truth, and (3) the life; no
one comes to the Father but through Me. If you had known Me, you
would have known My Father also; from now on you know Him, and
have seen Him.” Philip said to Him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is
enough for us.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been so long with you, and yet
you have not come to know Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen
the Father; how can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? “Do you not believe
that I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me? The words that I say to
you I do not speak on My own initiative, but the Father abiding in Me
does His works. Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father is in
Me; otherwise believe because of the works themselves.”

John 14:6-10

Finally, Jesus is the Beginning of the Creation of God:

God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many
portions and in many ways, in these last days has spoken to us in His Son,
whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the
world.
Hebrews 1:1-2

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the
Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into
being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has
come into being.
John 1:1-3

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by
Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and
invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities— all
things have been created through Him and for Him. He is before all
things, and in Him all things hold together. He is also head of the body,
the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that
He Himself will come to have first place in everything.

Colossians 1:15-18

THE GOOD STUFF:

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THE “NOT SO GOOD”...UH, MAKE THAT “BAD” STUFF:

One, the testimony of deeds and not mere words:

“I know (what) your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot.”
Revelation 3:15a

“You will know them (who) by their fruits. Grapes are not gathered from thorn bushes nor figs from thistles, are they? So every good tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot produce bad fruit, nor can a bad tree produce good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. So then, you will know them (how) by their fruits.”
Matthew 7:16-20

Two, the difference between the “you say” and the “you are”:

“Because you say, ‘I am rich, and have become wealthy, and have need of nothing,’ and you do not know that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked.”
Revelation 3:17

“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter.”
Matthew 7:21

And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write: The first and the last, who was dead, and has come to life, says this: ‘I know your (1) tribulation and your (2) poverty (but you are rich).’
Revelation 2:8-9a

THE RESPONSE OF JESUS TO THE CHURCH:

“I wish that you were cold or hot. So because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit (or, vomit) you out of My mouth.”
Revelation 3:16

For I testify about them that they have a zeal for God, but not in accordance with knowledge.
Romans 10:2

But realize this, that in the last days difficult times will come. For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good, treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, holding to a form of godliness, although they have denied its power; Avoid such men as these.
2 Timothy 3:1-5