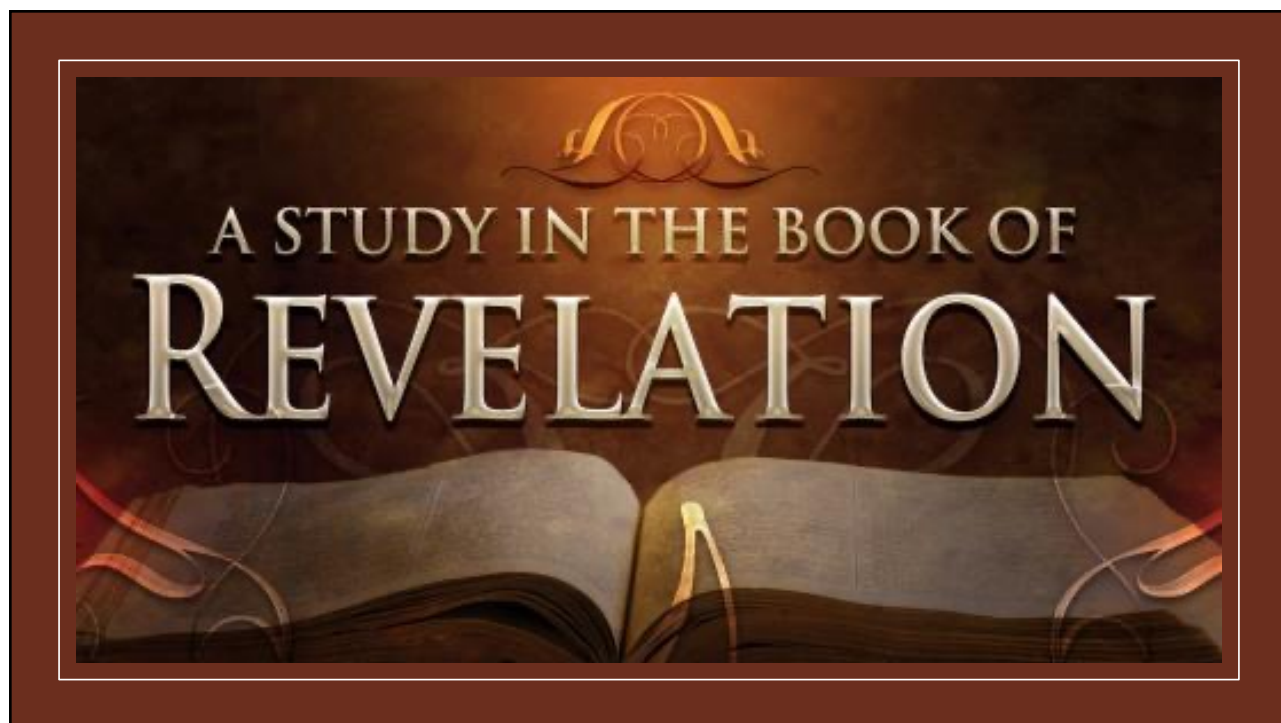
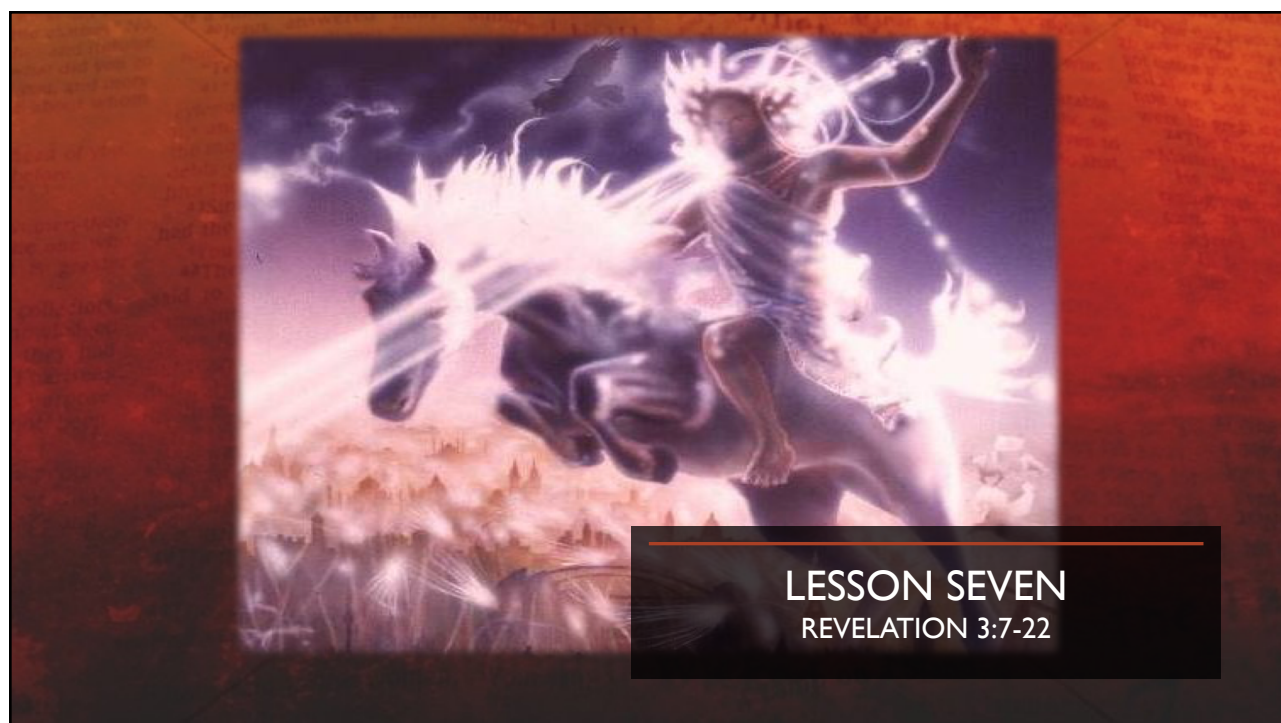




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THE OUTLINE

“Therefore, write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after these things.

~ Revelation 1:19



The Organizing Principle of the Book Itself...

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INTRODUCTION

- Ephesus
 - Many good deeds & did not tolerate false teachers
 - But left their first love
- Smyrna
 - Faithful, steadfast, fearless
- Pergamum
 - Did not deny Christ
 - But tolerated false teachers.
- Thyatira
 - Love & faith led to service & perseverance
 - But compromised to get along – tolerated false teachers
- Sardis
 - Dead church

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7-FOLD PATTERN OF THE MESSAGES TO THE CHURCHES

The Structure—with a couple of exceptions

Event	Passage Wording
Commission	"To the angel of the church in...write..."
Character (of Christ)	"The one who...says this..."
Commendation	"I know your deeds..."
Condemnation	"But I have this against you..."
Correction	"Repent, turn, change..."
Call	"He who has an ear, let him hear..."
Challenge	"To him who overcomes..."

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7-FOLD PATTERN OF THE MESSAGES TO THE CHURCHES

The Structure—with a couple of exceptions

- To the angel of the church in...write
- Jesus (depicted in glory in terms from 1:13-18) says...
- I know...
- But I have this against you...
- Therefore, ...
- Pay attention...
- Promise to the overcomer...

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7-FOLD PATTERN OF THE MESSAGES TO THE CHURCHES

With a couple of exceptions

Church	Christ	Commendation	Condemnation
Ephesus (2:1)	Walks among the lampstand (2:1)	Toil & perseverance (2:2-3)	Left 1 st love (2:4, 7)
Smyrna (2:8a)	1 st and the last (2:8b)	Tribulation & poverty (2:9-10a)	
Pergamum (2:12a)	Sharp 2-edged sword (2:12b)	Did not deny My faith (2:13)	False doctrine (2:14-15)
Thyatira (2:18a)	Eyes like a flame of fire (2:18b)	Love & ministry (2:19)	False doctrine (2:20-23)
Sardis (3:1a)	7 Spirits of God (3:1b)		Spiritually dead (3:1c)
Philadelphia (3:7a)	Opens & no one will shut (3:7b)	Open door (3:8-10)	
Laodicea (3:14a)	Faithful & true witness (3:14b)		Lukewarm (3:15-17)

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7-FOLD PATTERN OF THE MESSAGES TO THE CHURCHES

With a couple of exceptions

Church	Call "He who has an ear..."	Challenge
Ephesus (2:1)	2:7a	2:7b—Eat of the tree of life
Smyrna (2:8a)	2:11a	2:11b—Not hurt by 2 nd death
Pergamum (2:12a)	2:17a	2:17b--Hidden manna; white stone; new name
Church	Challenge	Call "He who has an ear..."
Thyatira (2:18a)	2:26-28—Rule w/ Christ; morning star	2:29
Sardis (3:1a)	3:4-5—Clothed in white	3:6
Philadelphia (3:7a)	3:12—Pillar in temple of God	3:13
Laodicea (3:14a)	3:21—Rule w/ Christ	3:22

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PHILADELPHIA (3:7-13) THE FAITHFUL CHURCH / THE MISSIONARY CHURCH

- Christ
 - The one who is HOLY, TRUE, RETAINS THE KEY OF DAVID
- Commendation
 - Promise of Protection
 - Promise of Christ's soon return
- Challenge
 - Hold tight
 - Don't lose your reward

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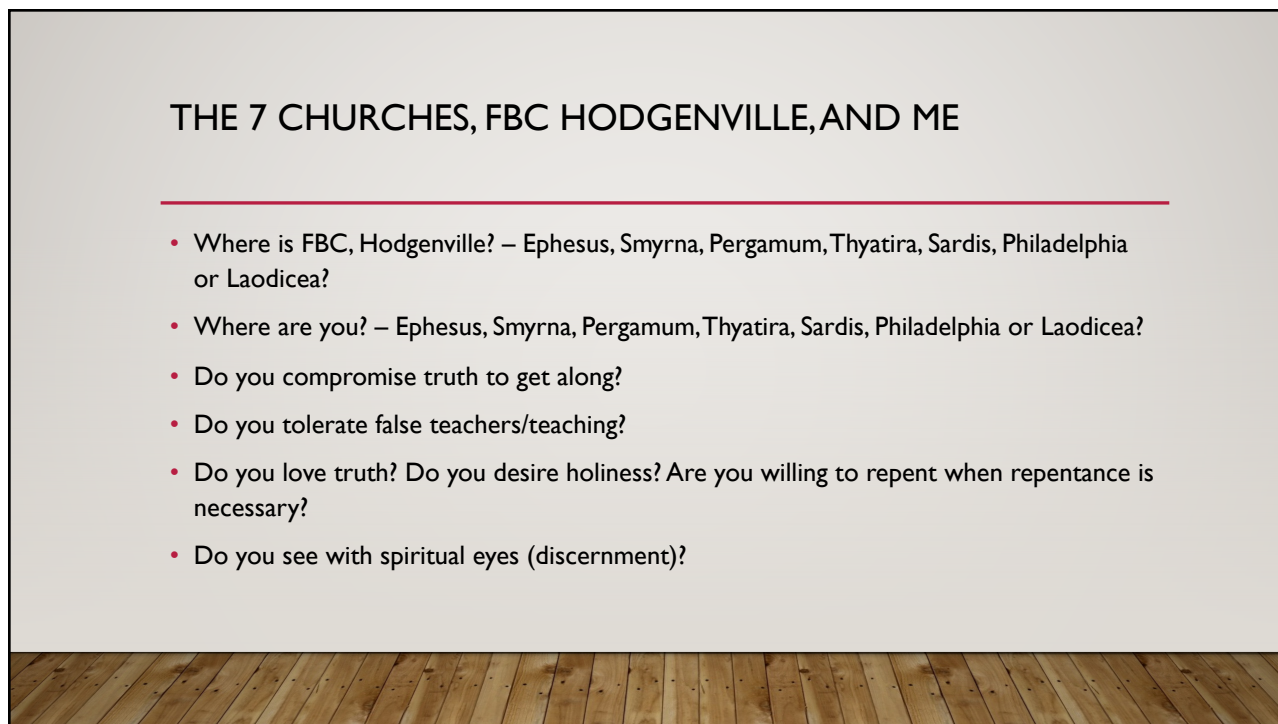
LAODICEA (3:14-22) THE LUKEWARM CHURCH

- Christ
 - The AMEN, FAITHFUL & TRUE WITNESS, RULER OF GOD's CREATION
- Condemnation
 - Lukewarm & disgusting
- Challenge
 - To see with spiritual eyes (discernment)
 - Warning of discipline

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With a couple of exceptions

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7 SIGNS WE ARE LIVING NEAR THE END OF THE LAST DAYS (On the edge of Daniel's 70th Week)

- Aliya—Israel's Return to the Land & Jewish Immigration to the Israel (Ex. 36:8-12, 24; 37:12; Jer. 16:15)
- Alignment of Nations (Ps. 83; Ez. 38-39; Dan 2; 7; 9; 11, Rev. 13)
- Anticipation for Peace (Dan. 9:27; Is. 28:14, 18; 1 Thess. 5:3)
- Arrangements for the 3rd Temple (Dan. 9:27; Matt. 24:15; 2 Thess. 2:3-4; Rev. 11:1-2)
- Argument over Jerusalem (Zech. 12:2-3; Ez. 35:10)
- Apostasy in the Church (1 Tim. 4:1; 2 Thess. 2:3; 2 Tim. 3:1-9; 1 John 2:19)
- All-Inclusive Globalism & a Global Economy/Currency (Dan. 2; 7:1-28; 8:1-27; Rev. 13)

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“Now these were more noble-minded than those in Thessalonica, for they received the word with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so.”

~ Acts 17:11



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LESSON EIGHT

REVELATION 4-5

A Throne Room in Heaven

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