

Laodicean Church Age Lessons

Part 1:

Introduction and Review:

We are going to begin our study of the last age of the seven church ages. We are living in the last age right now. This means there will be no more church ages to come after this one. When this church age is over, the Bride will be gone!

- This age is the most evil and deceptive of ALL the other ages!
- Do you know what the LAST church age is? The Laodicean Church Age
- Let's name all 7 church ages in order. Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamos, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, Laodicea
- Can you name the messengers in order? Paul, Irenaeus, Martin, Columba, Luther, Wesley, Brother Branham

Lesson 1:

- This age lapped over and started around the turn of the Twentieth Century in A.D. 1906. We do not know how long the age will last, but in June of 1933 Brother Branham had seven straight visions of seven major world events that would happen before the coming of the Lord. Most of them have already happened!

Read from The Church Age Book, page 323.

Now the age in which we are living is going to be a very short one. Events are going to transpire very rapidly.

- Now, how do we know who each messenger was to each church age? Brother Branham told us
- As we have said before, not just anyone could tell us who these messengers were to the seven church ages. Not just anyone could tell us all of the many other mysteries and things that have been revealed during the Seven Church Ages and the Seven Seals series.
- It had to be revealed through a certain prophet messenger that would come in this last age! Brother Branham gave us all of the tools and information we needed to know just who that messenger is for this last age.
- It had to be the prophet of Malachi 4 and of Revelation 10:7. Brother Branham teaches that they are the same person.

...this prophet messenger of Revelation 10:7 will be the same as Malachi 4:5-6...

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- Let's begin by reading the first verse of the letter that John was commanded to write to this angel of the Laodicean church.

Read Revelation 3:14.

And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God;

- Now, we just heard that this angel would have to be the one of Malachi 4 and of Revelation 10:7.

First of all, that messenger is going to be a prophet. He will have the office of a prophet. He will have the prophetic ministry. It will be based solidly on the Word because when he prophesies or has a vision, it will always be "Word oriented" and it will ALWAYS come to pass. He will be vindicated as a prophet because of his accuracy. The proof that he is a prophet is found in Revelation 10:7, "But in the days of the voice of the seventh messenger, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as He hath declared to His servants the prophets. An Exposition of the Seven Church Ages, p. 323

- Amen! All the mystery of God should be finished. When? In the days of the voice! All those mysteries that were kept hidden through all of these years would be made known in the days of the voice.

Sing Revelation 10:7.

- We listen to a voice, don't we? We sure do! We listen to that stored up voice on the tapes! Brother Branham said on the tape My Commission 51-0505, para 40, "...I am God's Voice to you."
- By revelation and grace given by the Lord, we know that this seventh angel messenger is Brother Branham!
- Does anyone know when the Lord sent Brother Branham to be born here on this earth? April 6, 1909
- Where was he born? Burkesville, Kentucky

Now, to the second part of verse 14.

...These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God;

- Do you remember Who this is speaking? Jesus! He wants us to know He IS GOD! ONE God all the way through the seven church ages.

Before He reveals the characteristics of the last age to us, He gives us one final look at His own gracious and supreme Deity. This is the capstone revelation of Himself.

An Exposition of the Seven Church Ages, p. 332

- This will be the capstone revelation of Himself. Let's listen close as Brother Branham explains this.

Read Revelation 3:14.

The "Amen" is the "Last." He's appeared all the way down through, and different things, but here's the last church age where it says, "I am...This is the finish, I am the Last."

Now, to show that He was the "First" also, as He was, He's "the beginning of the creation of God." Oh! Do you catch it? See? How could God be created if He's a Spirit? How could He be? He's—He's Eternal! He never was created, He never will be created, because He was God at the beginning. But He that is "the beginning of the creation of God" was Jesus Christ when He was made manifest, when God lived in Him. He is God's creation! Oh, my! See, "The First and the Last; the Amen, the beginning of the creation of God." When God created Himself a body, He come down and lived in it, that's the beginning of the creation of God. See? Oh, isn't He wonderful? 60-1211E — The Laodicean Church Age, para 108-109

- Wow! Jesus was the beginning of the creation of God. God made flesh and dwelt among us. And He now lives in us!

Part 2:

Introduction and Review:

Today we are going to continue studying the last of the seven church ages.

- What is the last church age? Laodicea
- Who is the messenger? Brother Branham
- What are the dates? 1906-now

Lesson 2:

Read Revelation 3:14-22.

- Wow, that is quite the message for this Laodicean age!
- Does anyone know what Laodicea means? Lukewarm, which means it is not cold and it is not hot.

- The city of Laodicea, which also means “people’s rights,” was a city of earthquakes and earthquakes finally destroyed it. There are many characteristics from this city in Asia Minor that types the Laodicean age that we are now living in. You can read more about these characteristics in An Exposition of the Seven Church Ages, pages 319-321.
- In all of the other ages we read that Jesus gave a commendation to each age. He told them something good that they had done or stayed with. But He doesn’t commend this Laodicean age at all. He just has a complaint and a rebuke to them.

Read Revelation 3:15-16.

Is that a commend? That’s a rebuke to this ungodly Laodicean age, the worst of the whole bunch. All the rest of them under torments and everything they had; they had nothing, they was poverty-stricken, wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, and destituted, and sawed and burned to death, and fed to lions, and everything else, and still held the Faith. And this bunch is “rich and have need of nothing,” and everything else, and a prostitute! That’s right.

Now, we got a great big lesson, I hope the Lord helps us in. He—He said, “Because you are neither hot or cold, lukewarm.”

Like milk, see. A good cold milk is good. Isn’t it? Hot milk is good for you. But lukewarm milk will make you vomit.

60-1211E - The Laodicean Church Age. Para 114-116

- The Laodicean church (not the true Bride church) has completely gotten away from the Word of God, but they claim they have it. Do they have it? No! They are lukewarm, and because of this God is going to spue this false church out of His mouth. As Brother Branham said, lukewarm milk will make you vomit.
- Where does the Word of God proceed from? Yes, from the very mouth of God. He has a Voice that He is using in this last day to blast against the lukewarm Laodicean church that claims they have the Word of God.

The Word has been put aside, so God says, “I am going against you all. I will spue you out of My mouth. This is the end. For seven out of seven ages, I have seen nothing but men esteeming their own word above Mine. So at the end of this age I am spuing you out of My mouth. It is all over. I am going to speak all right. Yes, I am here in the midst of the Church. The Amen of God, faithful and true will reveal Himself and it will BE BY MY PROPHET.” Oh yes, that is so.

An Exposition of the Seven Church Ages, p. 339

- Whose voice is Jesus going to use? The voice of Revelation 10:7, Brother Branham

Read Revelation 3:17.

- Now, Brother Branham tells us the Laodicean church is speaking here as if they are the very mouthpiece of God. But are they? No!
- He said, "Because thou sayest..." They are saying they are spiritually rich and have everything that they have need of, but Jesus says they are wretched, miserable, poor, blind and naked spiritually. They don't have anything!

Read Revelation 3:18.

- He's telling them what to do. Come to me and buy these things. You don't have them, spiritually, like you say you do. He also says "anoint thine eyes with eyesalve" so you can see. What is the eyesalve? Let's listen close and hear what Brother Branham says...

See, it's strange them doctors of divinity didn't have any of that, isn't it? They had a lot of perfume, had a lot of theology. But they needed eyesalve, God's Holy Spirit, to massage their eyes and let them look for the coming of the Lord, let them look at the Bible, let them look at the Word. They know how to say "ah-man" just exactly right. They had the perfume, they had all the ointments. But, "They needed eyesalve," the Lord said. Said, "You need a little salve to go on your eyes, and it'll open them up."

60-1211E - The Laodicean Church Age, para 191

- What is the eyesalve? The Holy Spirit

Read Revelation 3:19.

- He tells them turn from your ways and REPENT! Just as John the Baptist did in his day. He cried, "Repent!" There is no other way but to confess that you are wrong and repent.

Read Revelation 3:20-22.

This is one of the most outstanding statements that I have ever seen in the New Testament. I want you to notice, "I stand at the door and knock." This is generally used, a quotation for the appeal for sinners. Is that right? We tell sinners, "Jesus is at the door, knocking." But here He's knocking at the church door for He once walked with them, but they (with their organization and worldliness and coldness) had excluded Him. He's on the outside of the church.

Now, remember, in the first of the church ages, as we close, He was walking among the seven golden candlesticks (Is that right?), the seven church ages. And at the end here, we find Him outside of what church? The Laodicean, the Laodicean church. Outside, they had exclu-...excluded Him. Why, He was standing on the outside trying to get back in. What a pitiful picture! The Saviour of the world, standing outside of the church that He bought with His Own Blood. Shame upon them! 60-1211E - The Laodicean Church Age, para 222-223

- What a sad picture! Jesus kicked out of His own church, knocking, trying to get back in.

- But there is a reward to those that overcome all of the evil and deceptions of this age. The reward to the overcomers is to sit with Jesus on His Throne! What a reward! To sit with Jesus on His throne!
- One more thing before we finish. Does anyone know what happened after Brother Branham was finished preaching the Seven Church Age series? The Angel of the Lord came down and drew the church ages on the wall at the Branham Tabernacle. They were drawn just exactly how Brother Branham had drawn them

And, by the way, has anybody ever heard them tapes on the church ages? On the last time I had those ages drawn out there on the blackboard, and the Heavenly Father knows this is true, when I completed it with the best I could, under the inspiration that God would give me, that Angel of the Lord that you see in the picture (many have seen that picture, haven't you, that Light?), It came right down in the room, before about three hundred or four hundred people, went right over on the side of the wall (as a Light like that) and drew those church ages by Itself. We all stood there looking at It, watched It draw the first church age, the second, third, and fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh. 63-0116 - The Evening Messenger, para 63
- What a vindication. Praise the Lord! We are following the Message of the seventh angel messenger, and that Message will get us ready for the Rapture and for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.