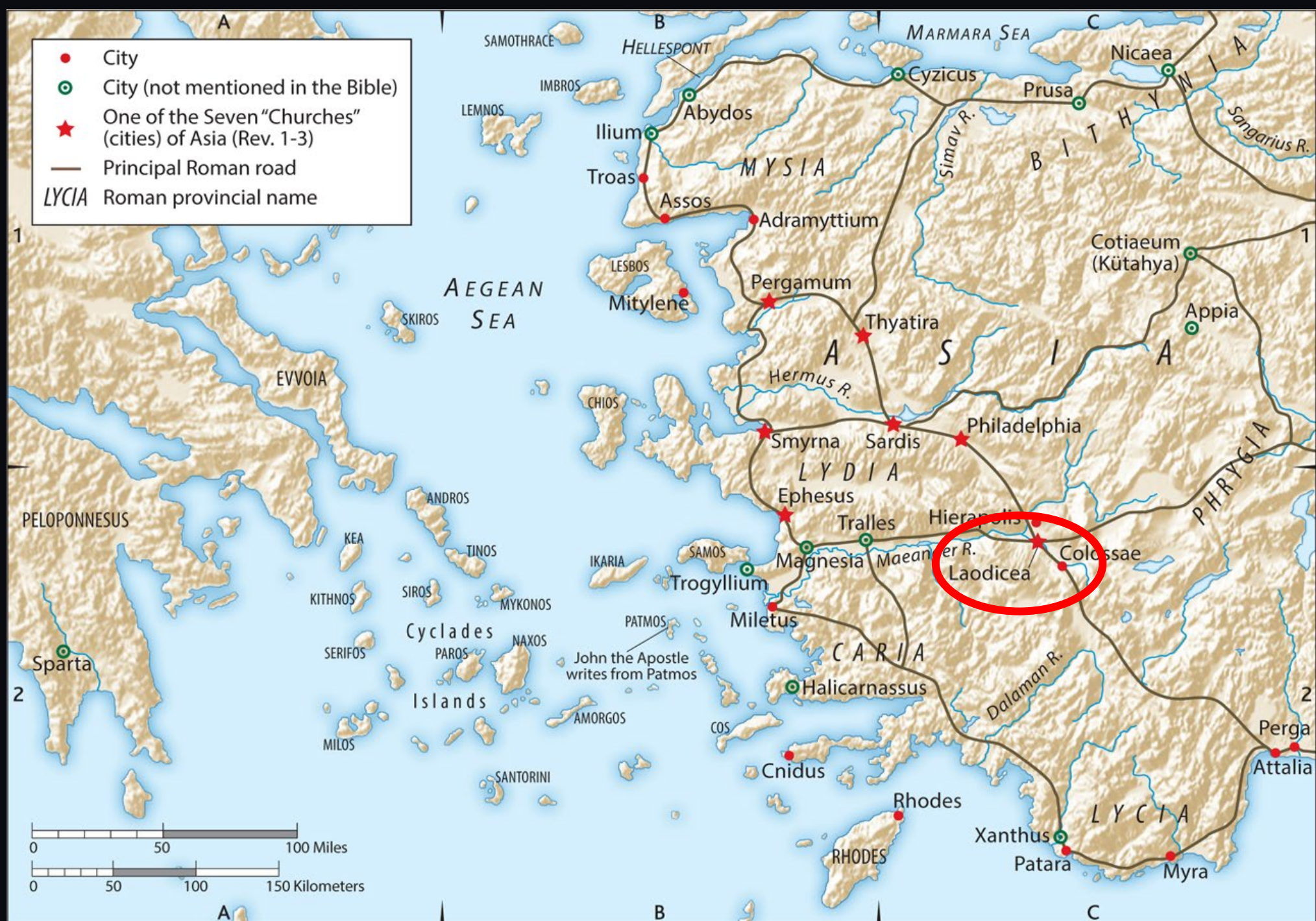


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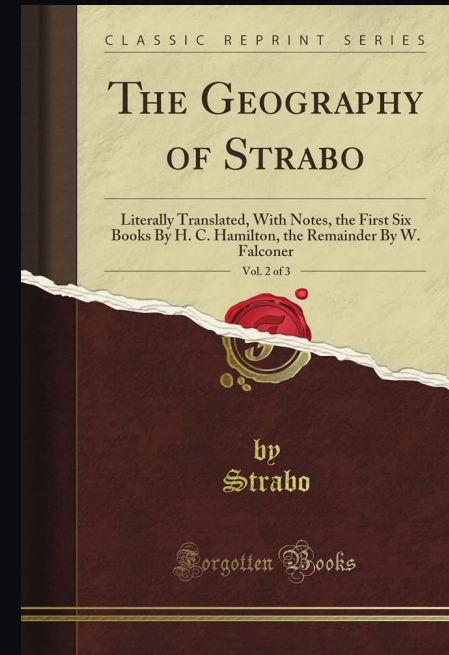
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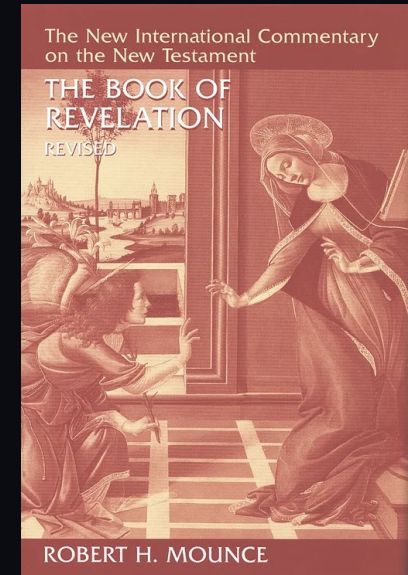




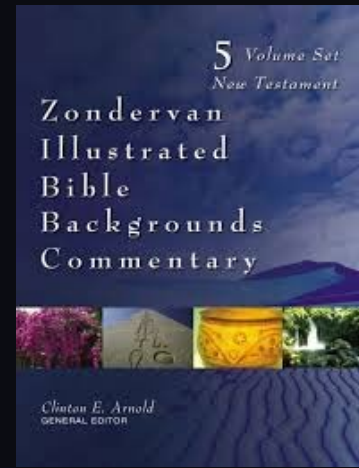
The country around Laodiceia breeds excellent sheep, remarkable not only for the softness of their wool, in which they surpass the Milesian flocks, but for their dark or raven colour. The Laodiceans derive a large revenue from them, as the Colosseni do from their flocks, of a colour of the same name.

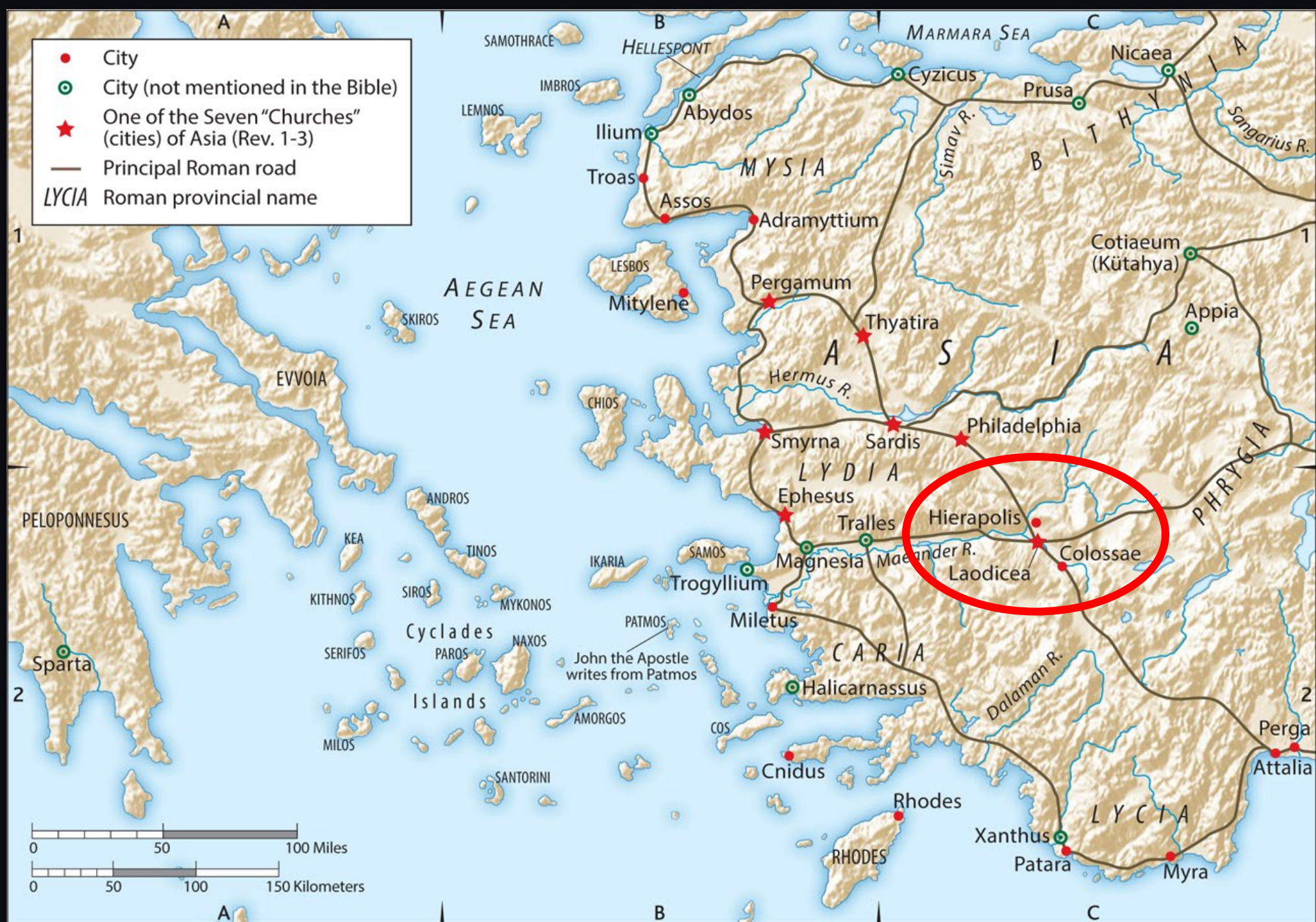


Laodicea was widely known for its medical school, established in connection with the temple of Mēn Carou thirteen miles to the north and west. It boasted such famous teachers as Zeuxis and Alexander Philalethes (who appear on coinage). Ramsay notes that the Laodicean physicians followed the teaching of Herophilos (330–250 b.c.) who, on the principle that compound diseases require compound medicines, began a strange system of heterogeneous mixtures. Two of the most famous were an ointment from spice nard for the ears, and an eye-salve made from “Phrygian powder” mixed with oil.



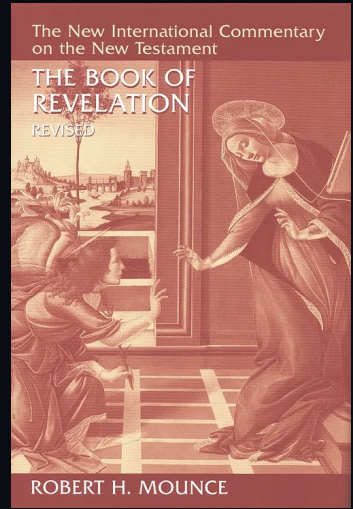
“The white travertine cliffs at Hierapolis, in view six miles north of Laodicea, were formed because of the nearby mineral hot springs. Colosse, about eleven miles to the east, was known for its cold pure waters. Laodicea, on the other hand, received its water supply through an aqueduct built by the Romans. Its source was an abundant spring five miles to the south. This water, which had a high mineral content, apparently arrived in the city lukewarm. Calcified pipes from the water system can still be seen near the city’s water tower.”



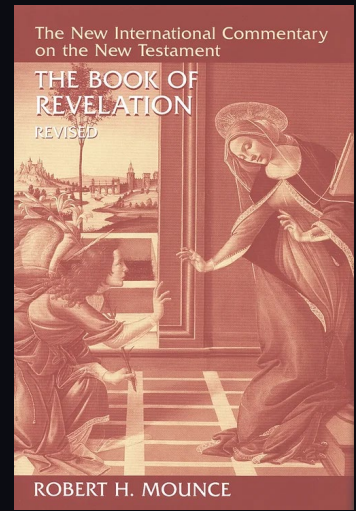




In Roman times Laodicea became the wealthiest city in Phrygia. The fertile ground of the Lycus valley provided good grazing for sheep. By careful breeding a soft, glossy black wool had been produced that was much in demand and brought fame to the region. Among the various garments woven in Laodicea was a tunic called the trimita. So widely known was this tunic that at the Council of Chalcedon in a.d. 451 Laodicea was called Trimitaria.



Agricultural and commercial prosperity brought banking industry to Laodicea. Cicero, the Roman statesman and philosopher of the last days of the Republic, wrote of cashing his treasury bills of exchange there. The most striking indication of the city's wealth is that following the devastating earthquake of a.d. 60 the city was rebuilt without financial aid from Rome. Tacitus wrote, "Laodicea arose from the ruins by the strength of her own resources, and with no help from us."



¹⁷“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 (NASB95)

Key Takeaway:

Recognize and repent of self-sufficiency. Open yourself to living in constant dependence on Jesus.

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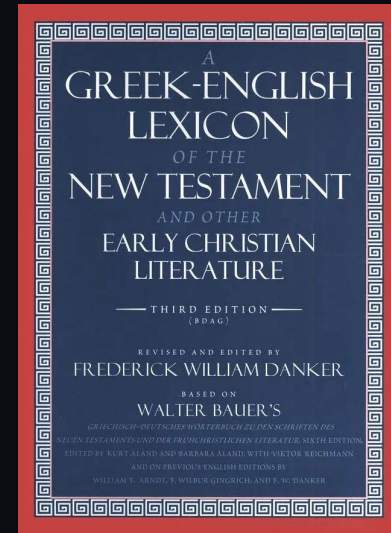
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Revelation 3:14 (NASB 2020)

ἀμήν (*amēn*)

- ① **strong affirmation of what is stated,**
liturgical formula at the end of the liturgy, spoken
by the congregation
- ② Christ as the ultimate affirmation, the Amen



אָמֵן ('āmēn)

1. orig.

adj. **trustworthy** (BL 464z), Sir 7:22
animal used for riding;

2. “surely!”, solemn formula



³⁴Give thanks to the LORD, for *He is good*; For His faithfulness is everlasting. ³⁵Then say, “Save us, God of our salvation, And gather us and save us from the nations, To give thanks to Your holy name, And glory in Your praise.” ³⁶Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, From everlasting to everlasting! **Then all the people said, “Amen,” and praised the LORD.**

1 Chronicles 16:34–36 (NASB 2020)

³Grace to you and peace from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴who gave Himself for our sins so that He might rescue us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, ⁵to whom *be* the glory forevermore. **Amen.**

Galatians 1:3–5 (NASB 2020)

¹⁶For otherwise, if you bless *God* in the spirit *only*, how will the one who occupies the place of the outsider *know to say* the “Amen” at your giving of thanks, since he does not understand what you are saying?

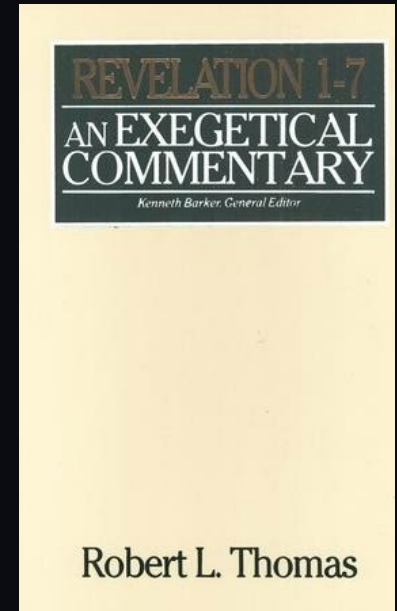
1 Corinthians 14:16 (NASB 2020)

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Revelation 3:14 (NASB 2020)

⁵Then they said to Jeremiah, “May the LORD be **a true and faithful witness against us** if we do not act in accordance with the whole message with which the LORD your God will send you to us.

Jeremiah 42:5 (NASB 2020)

...a faithful witness can be trusted never to misrepresent His message by exaggeration or suppression, with His veracity extending not only to His character but also to the content of His message.



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NASB2020: “the **Origin** of the creation of God”

NASB95: “the **Beginning** of the creation of God”

ESV: “the **beginning** of God’s creation”

HCSB: “the **Originator** of God’s creation”

NIV: “the **ruler** of God’s creation”

NKJV: “the **Beginning** of the creation of God”

NET: “the **originator** of God’s creation”

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³**All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him not even one thing came into being that has come into being.**

John 1:1–3 (NASB 2020)

¹⁶for 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.

Colossians 1:16 (NASB 2020)

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

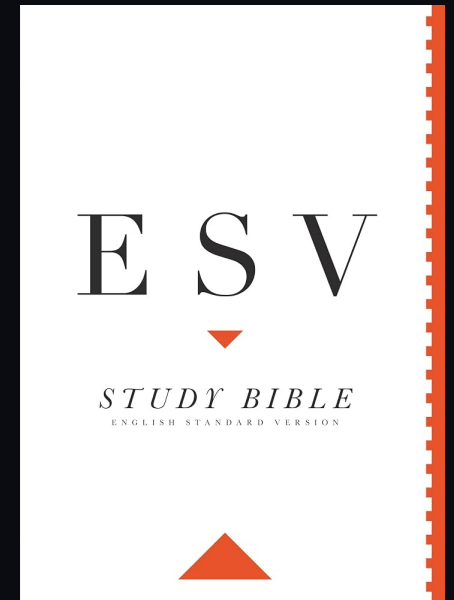
Hebrews 1:1–2 (NASB 2020)

We see these different functions in the work of creation. God the Father spoke the creative words to bring the universe into being. But it was God the Son, the eternal Word of God, who carried out these creative decrees.

Don Garlington, Biblical Reflections on the Doctrine of the Trinity, *Reformation and Revival* 10, no. 3 (2001): 32.



When God is recognized as the Creator of everything, he takes his rightful place as the one upon whom we are utterly dependent for all we are and have. Nothing exists apart from the creative and sustaining power of God, and all things owe honor and submission to him.



“What we’ve said is if there is a creator, then that creator will know about purpose and design far more than anything that is created itself. If we are creation, then there will be times we think we know what is best for us, but in reality, the Creator himself knows what’s best for us.”



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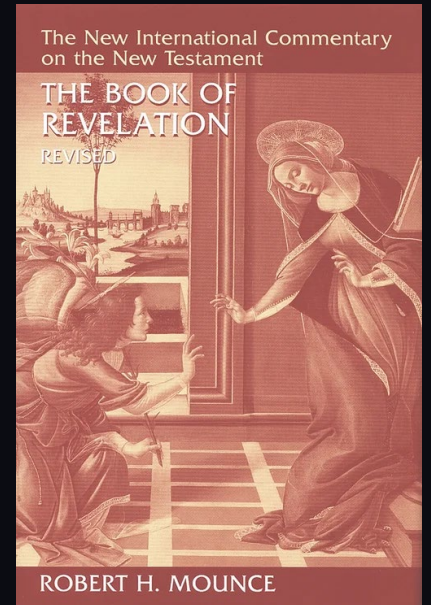
¹⁹Those whom I love, I rebuke and discipline; therefore be zealous and repent.

Revelation 3:19 (NASB 2020)

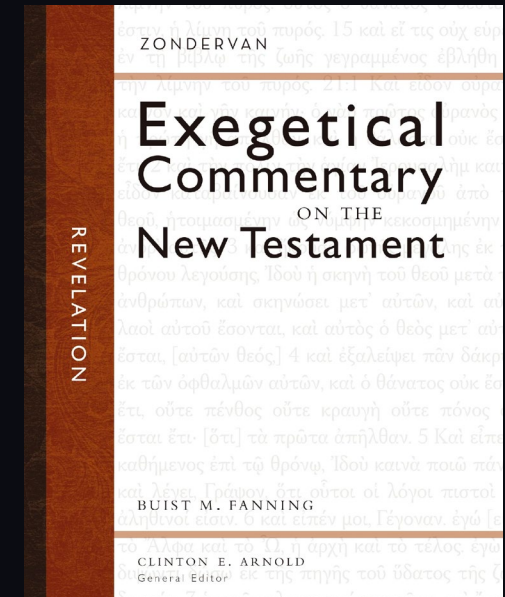
¹⁰For they disciplined *us* for a short time as seemed best to them, but **He** *disciplines us for our good, so that we may share His holiness.*

Hebrews 12:10 (NASB 2020)

This unexpected show of personal affection has seemed strange to some but not to those who recognize that God's stern hatred of evil is a necessary part of his love for people. It takes the form of rebuke and discipline.



The most loving thing anyone can do for us is to help us, in all gentleness and sensitivity, to see the truth about ourselves and about God. When we are self-deceived and sinning, we don't need sentimental reinforcement that we're doing fine and that everything will be okay.



⁶Faithful are the wounds of a friend,
But deceitful are the kisses of an
enemy.

Proverbs 27:6 (NASB 2020)



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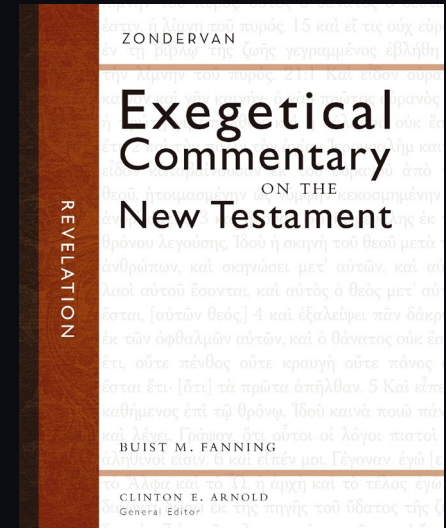
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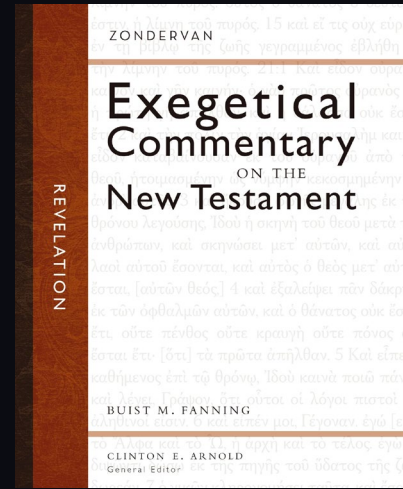
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Most modern readers are likely to take “lukewarm” and “neither hot nor cold” to mean half-hearted, indifferent, vacillating, and in religious matters perhaps also nominal or syncretistic. This would be in contrast to “hot” as fervent, ardent, enthusiastic (cf. the related verb in Acts 18:25; Rom 12:11) and “cold” as lifeless, aloof, hard-hearted (cf. related verb in Matt 24:12).



There may be evidence for this in the command of v. 19 to be earnest or zealous. But is this really the point of Christ's rebuke? The context suggests that "lukewarm" is the only negative here, and "hot" or "cold" are equally desirable alternatives. Does Christ actually prefer even outright spiritual hostility or rejection rather than half-heartedness (v. 15c: "I wish that you were cold or hot")?



For example, drinks taken with a meal (water as well as wine) were not always served at room temperature. If a host could manage it, there was a preference for cold drinks on some occasions and for hot on others, depending on the climate. Diners desired cold drinks when it was hot and hot drinks when it was cold according to Plato (Rep. 437 d–e), and other writers reflect this too. At a minimum this background for the imagery of 3:15–16 suggests that Christ faults the Laodicean church not so much for half-hearted commitment or passivity as for conduct repulsive to him, conduct that he vehemently rejects (he is about to “spit” it from his mouth, v. 16b).

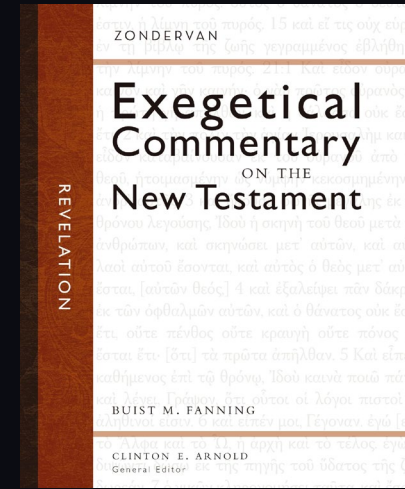




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Revelation 3:15–17 (NASB 2020)

²²‘You are therefore to keep all My statutes and all My ordinances, and do them, **so that the land to which I am bringing you to live will not vomit you out.** ²³Furthermore, you shall not follow the customs of the nation which I am going to drive out before you, because they did all these things; **therefore I have felt disgust for them.** ²⁴So I have said to you, “You are to take possession of their land, and I Myself will give it to you to possess, a land flowing with milk and honey.” I am the LORD your God, who has singled you out from the peoples.

Leviticus 20:22–24 (NASB 2020)

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Revelation 3:15–17 (NASB 2020)

⁶Therefore, return to your God, Observe kindness and justice, And wait for your God continually. ⁷A merchant, in whose hands are false balances, He loves to oppress. ⁸And Ephraim said, “**Surely I have become rich, I have found wealth for myself; In all my labors they will find in me No iniquity, which *would be* sin.**”

Hosea 12:6–8 (NASB95)

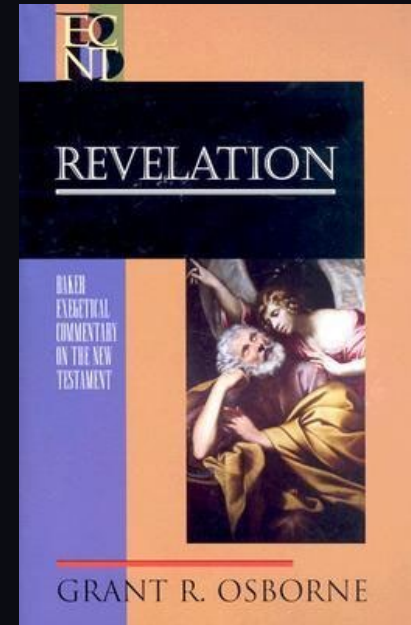
⁷Two things I have asked of You; Do not refuse me before I die: ⁸Keep deception and lies far from me, Give me neither poverty **nor riches**; Feed me with the food that is my portion, ⁹**So that I will not be full and deny You** and say, “Who is the LORD?” And that I will not become impoverished and steal, And profane the name of my God.

Proverbs 30:7–9 (NASB 2020)

⁵I am the vine, you are the branches; the one who remains in Me, and I in him bears much fruit, **for apart from Me you can do nothing**. ⁶If anyone does not remain in Me, he is thrown away like a branch and dries up; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned.

John 15:5–6 (NASB 2020)

The problem was, the city had no perceived need for help from Rome, and the church had no perceived need for help from God.



³Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?

Galatians 3:3 (NASB 2020)

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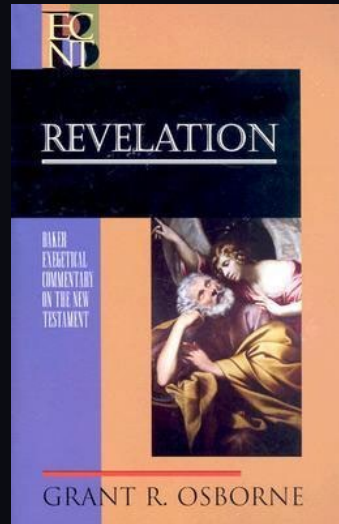
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Revelation 3:18 (NASB 2020)

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Revelation 3:18 (NASB 2020)

They think their accumulated possessions have made them rich (3:17), but they are actually poverty-stricken because they have purchased the wrong things. The idea of “purified” gold also appears in 1 Pet. 1:7 (“gold, which perishes even though refined by fire”) in a context of suffering and may recall Ps. 66:10 (“you refined us like silver”; cf. Zech. 13:9; Isa. 1:25). If so, Swete may be correct (1911: 62) in seeing here a reference to the purifying effect of suffering.



⁴But you have a few people in Sardis who have not soiled their garments; and they will walk with Me in white, for they are worthy.

Revelation 3:4 (NASB 2020)

⁷Let's rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, because the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His bride has prepared herself.” ⁸It was given to her to clothe herself in fine linen, bright *and* clean; for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.

Revelation 19:7–8 (NASB 2020)

²⁷Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after Me cannot be My **disciple**.

²⁸For which one of you, when he wants to build a tower, does not first sit down and **calculate the cost**, *to see if he has enough to complete it?*

Luke 14:27–28 (NASB 2020)

³³So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has **cannot be my disciple.**

Luke 14:33 (ESV)

³⁴And He summoned the crowd with His disciples, and said to them, “If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me. ³⁵“For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel’s will save it. ³⁶“For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world, and forfeit his soul? ³⁷“For what will a man give in exchange for his soul?

Mark 8:34–37 (NASB95)

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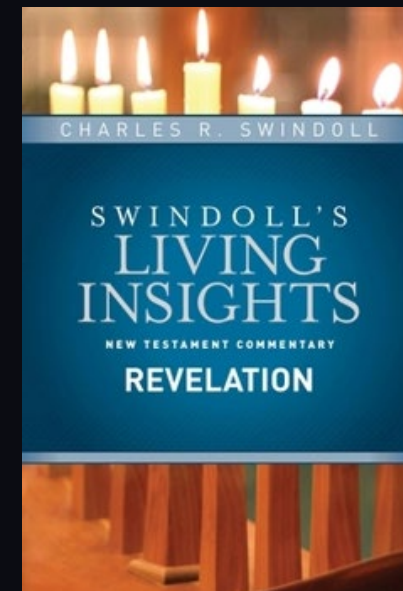
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The image of Christ knocking at the door (3:20) brings to mind a call for intimate fellowship. In this case, Christ desired fellowship with the lukewarm believers at Laodicea, whose pride, self-sufficiency, and hypocrisy had kept Him at arm's length.



⁴“What man among you, if he has a hundred sheep and has lost one of them, does not leave the *other* ninety-nine in the open pasture and go after the one that is lost, **until he finds it?**

Luke 15:4 (NASB 2020)

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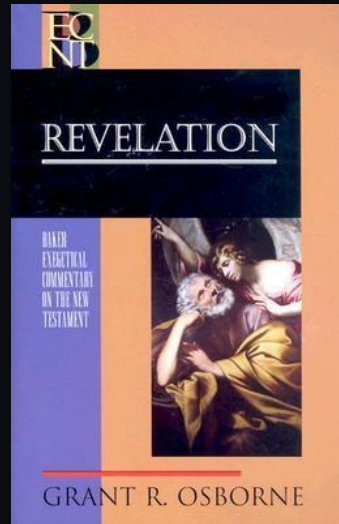
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²²The one who has an ear, let him
hear what the Spirit says to the
churches.’ ”

Revelation 3:22 (NASB 2020)

But there is a condition—“If any hear my voice and open the door.” This emphasizes the importance of personal response. Christ does not force entry but rather makes himself available. The individual must make a decision to allow him to enter. The opening challenge, “hear my voice,” anticipates the call to listen in 3:22 and is the preparatory action. Christ identifies himself at the “door” and calls for a response. The person then responds in repentance and “opens the door” to Christ.



¹²Take care, brothers *and sisters*, that there will not be in any one of you an evil, unbelieving heart that falls away from the living God.

Hebrews 3:12 (NASB 2020)

¹⁴For we have become partakers of Christ if we keep the beginning of our commitment firm until the end, ¹⁵while it is said, “TODAY IF YOU HEAR HIS VOICE, **DO NOT HARDEN YOUR HEARTS,** AS WHEN THEY PROVOKED ME.”

Hebrews 3:14–15 (NASB 2020)

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Revelation 3:21 (NASB 2020)

¹⁶The first *slave* appeared, saying, 'Master, your mina has made ten minas more.' ¹⁷And he said to him, 'Well done, good slave; since you have been faithful in a very little thing, you are to have authority over ten cities.'

Luke 19:16–17 (NASB 2020)

⁶Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, so that He may exalt you at the proper time,

1 Peter 5:6 (NASB 2020)

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Revelation 3:21 (NASB 2020)

⁸And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death: death on a cross. ⁹For this reason also God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and *that* every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2:8–11 (NASB 2020)

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Revelation 3:21 (NASB 2020)

¹¹The statement is trustworthy: For
if we died with Him, we will also live with Him;
¹²If we endure, we will also reign with Him;
If we deny Him, He will also deny us;
¹³If we are faithless, He remains faithful,
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2 Timothy 2:11–13 (NASB 2020)

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