

## *The Ashes of the Red Heifer* *Numbers 19:1-6*

- <sup>1</sup> Now the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying,
- <sup>2</sup> “This *is* the ordinance of the law which the LORD has commanded, saying: ‘Speak to the children of Israel, that they bring you a red heifer without blemish, in which there *is* no defect *and* on which a yoke has never come.
- <sup>3</sup> You shall give it to Eleazar the priest, that he may take it outside the camp, and it shall be slaughtered before him;
- <sup>4</sup> and Eleazar the priest shall take some of its blood with his finger, and sprinkle some of its blood seven times directly in front of the tabernacle of meeting.
- <sup>5</sup> Then the heifer shall be burned in his sight: its hide, its flesh, its blood, and its offal shall be burned.
- <sup>6</sup> And the priest shall take cedar wood and hyssop and scarlet, and cast *them* into the midst of the fire burning the heifer.

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### *Numbers 19:7-10*

- <sup>7</sup> Then the priest shall wash his clothes, he shall bathe in water, and afterward he shall come into the camp; the priest shall be unclean until evening.
- <sup>8</sup> And the one who burns it shall wash his clothes in water, bathe in water, and shall be unclean until evening.
- <sup>9</sup> Then a man *who is* clean shall gather up the ashes of the heifer, and store *them* outside the camp in a clean place; and they shall be kept for the congregation of the children of Israel for the water of purification; it *is* for purifying from sin.
- <sup>10</sup> And the one who gathers the ashes of the heifer shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until evening. It shall be a statute forever to the children of Israel and to the stranger who dwells among them.

## *The Ashes of the Red Heifer* *Numbers 19:11-15*

- 11** 'He who touches the dead body of anyone shall be unclean seven days.
- 12** He shall purify himself with the water on the third day and on the seventh day; *then* he will be clean. But if he does not purify himself on the third day and on the seventh day, he will not be clean.
- 13** Whoever touches the body of anyone who has died, and does not purify himself, defiles the tabernacle of the LORD. That person shall be cut off from Israel. He shall be unclean, because the water of purification was not sprinkled on him; his uncleanness *is* still on him.
- 14** 'This *is* the law when a man dies in a tent: All who come into the tent and all who *are* in the tent shall be unclean seven days;
- 15** and every open vessel, which has no cover fastened on it, *is* unclean.

## *The Ashes of the Red Heifer* *Numbers 19:16-19*

- 16** Whoever in the open field touches one who is slain by a sword or who has died, or a bone of a man, or a grave, shall be unclean seven days.
- 17** And for an unclean *person* they shall take some of the ashes of the heifer burnt for purification from sin, and running water shall be put on them in a vessel.
- 18** A clean person shall take hyssop and dip *it* in the water, sprinkle *it* on the tent, on all the vessels, on the persons who were there, or on the one who touched a bone, the slain, the dead, or a grave.
- 19** The clean *person* shall sprinkle the unclean on the third day and on the seventh day; and on the seventh day he shall purify himself, wash his clothes, and bathe in water; and at evening he shall be clean.

## *The Ashes of the Red Heifer* *Numbers 19:20-22*

- 20** 'But the man who is unclean and does not purify himself, that person shall be cut off from among the assembly, because he has defiled the sanctuary of the LORD. The water of purification has not been sprinkled on him; he *is* unclean.
- 21** It shall be a perpetual statute for them. He who sprinkles the water of purification shall wash his clothes; and he who touches the water of purification shall be unclean until evening.
- 22** Whatever the unclean *person* touches shall be unclean; and the person who touches *it* shall be unclean until evening.' "

*Laodicea*



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*The Repulsive Church*  
*Revelation 3:14-22*

***The Awesome  
Interrogator***  
***Revelation 3:14***

***The Lukewarm Church***

<sup>14</sup> “And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write,  
‘These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God:



# *Lycus River Valley*

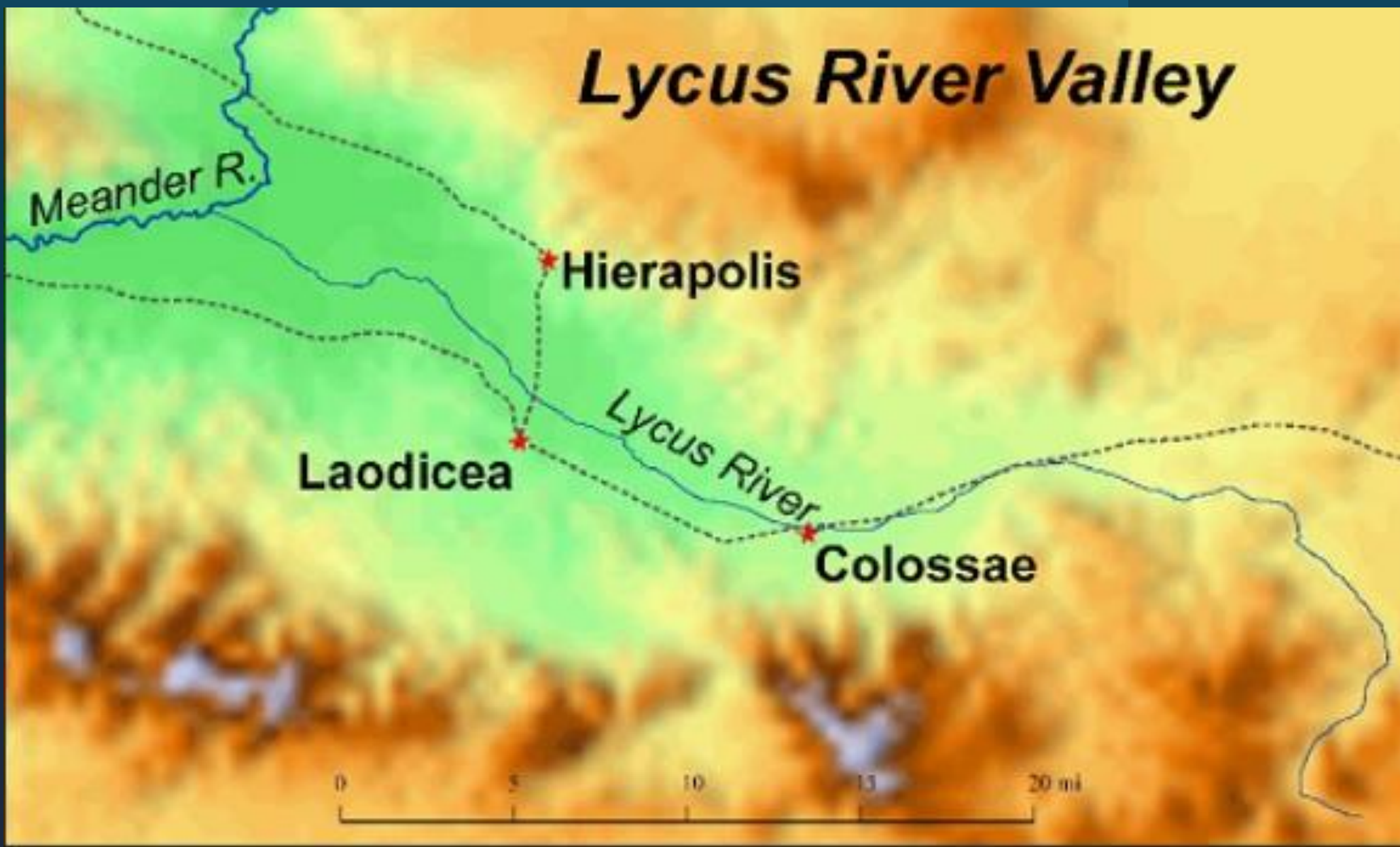
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Laodicea

Lycus River

Colossae







## ***Laodicea's History***

- Lycus River and 8000 Ft. Mountains
- Pamukkale → Cotton Castle
- Established in 261 B.C. by Antiochus II, named for his wife
- Earthquake of AD 60 destroyed the city. Refused Romo's assistance















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## *Laodicea's History – Continued*

- ❖ Papias, Pastor of Hierapolis (AD 63-155). Irenaeus, a disciple of John and companion of Polycarp. According to Codex Sinaiticus, translated John into Greek
- ❖ Claudius Apollinaris, bishop in 2<sup>nd</sup> century, sent **A Defense of the Faith** to Emperor Marcus Aurelius in AD 172.  
Distinguished from Apollinaris the Younger, whose heresy led to AD 381 **Second Constantinopolitan Council**

## *Laodicea's History – Continued*

- ❖ Wrote 5 volumes on interpreting the sayings of Jesus
- ❖ Victorinus of Pettau (Ptuj, Slovenia) followed Eusebius in criticism of Chiliasm Papias
- ❖ Victorinus (b. AD 260 – d. AD 303) wrote commentaries on:

*Genesis – Exodus – Leviticus  
Isaiah – Ezekiel – Song  
Matthew - Apocalypse*



## ***Laodicea's History – Continued***

- ❖ Zenonid family developed banking center
- ❖ Sheep famous for black glossy, soft wool
- ❖ Phrygian powder for ophthalmic therapy



***The  
Interrogator***

- **The "Amen" –**  
*Confirmation*
- The Faithful Witness
- The True Witness

# ***A Lukewarm Church***

## ***Revelation 3:15-17***

**15** “I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot.

**16** So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth.

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

# ***A Lukewarm Church***

***Revelation  
3:15-17***

- ❖ Hot  $\xrightarrow{\text{Neither}}$  Healing
- ❖ Cold  $\xrightarrow{\text{Nor}}$  Refreshing
- ❖ Runoff from Hierapolis left the Lycus undesirable
- ❖ Colossae, 6 miles down river for fresh water
- ❖ Home of Philemon and Onesimus



# Counsel

## Revelation 3:18

18 I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, *that* the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see.

- ❖ Buy gold from Me – Faith
- ❖ White robes – Purity
- ❖ Eye Salve – Vision

## *Revelation 3:19-20*

**19** As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent.

**20** Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.

- ❖ God's rebuke only for His children
- ❖ Jesus knocking on the door
- ❖ The fellowship of sharing food

# *Promises*

## *Revelation 3:21-22*

**21** To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.

**22** "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."

- ❖ Fellowship in God's house
- ❖ If you have an ear, then hear