

Some Good Revelation Q & A

→ **Q:** Watched your video on Chapter 3. Verse 5 Mentions the book of life - this is the book for Christians destined to Heaven to spend life with God, right?

...Is the book of Life the same book the OT calls Book of Lambs

...Is there a book of Death?

⇒ **A:** Psalm 69:28 (and Exodus 32;32 refers to it) is the Book of Life. That book has everyone who has ever been born's name in it.

...People who die are erased from this book because they no longer live. Their prayer was "Don't kill me." So therefore it looks as if God is keeping a running record of those still alive.

...In Revelation the Book of Life refers to the Lamb's book of life (21:27). When your name goes into this book...there is NO erasing. That's the promise by Jesus...if you conquer...your name goes in and it does not come out.

...FYI: There are other books in heaven...one in particular. Those who uphold the name of God to the point of discussing Him and rejoicing in Him during times of persecution are written down in the "Book of Remembrance." Malachi 3:15-17. NOTE: This may be the Old Testament name for the Lamb's Book of Life because the Lamb's Book does not show up until the Lamb is sacrificed. The Lord there says He will remember them and they are given great reward. However...there is persecution going on in Malachi 3, and these people more than endure, but like the Lamb's Book these people are separated from the wicked. So it may allude to the same book.

→ **Q:** Do any of the 7 churches in Revelation still exist today?

I was reading something said Jesus was believed to have started the CATHOLIC Church – is there any truth to that

⇒ **A:** Recall... back then, say 50-100 AD these seven churches (and many others) were already in existence and were NOT Catholic, although significant problems began to arise. Especially the idea that Caesar wanted everyone to worship him and Christians had to choose. Many of them would hide their Christianity, and others began to die for it. Catholicism didn't really get going until the 300s but Syncretism (the culmination of Christianity and another pagan religion) was ongoing thru the 200s.

But it was 313AD when Constantine combined the Romans citizenship with Christianity. He mandated Christianity for all Roman citizens. So people served the church/Rome out of fear. They did not serve Jesus. SO ""NO"" Catholicism **does not** go back to Christ.

→ **Q:** When I asked you what are we to learn about 7 churches

Can you tie a person to each church

Can you put a description of each church (and the kind of person it represents in our today language

⇒ **A:** Seven churches: recall: these were seven literal churches at 90AD...AND they were found "generally" in seven periods of time"... AND furthermore we still see individual churches today with these problems. ALL these three ideas apply.

...Ephesus: **Loveless Church** (great works but lost love...excitement for Jesus..no longer out to win for Him alone 33-100 AD. Happened soon after Christ death.

...Smyrna: **Persecuted Church** (by the Romans and the up-coming Catholic church) 100-313AD (Catholicism at 313AD).

...Pergamum: **Married to the World/Not Jesus**...took on the look of the world. 313-600AD Catholicism and others sects led the church into immorality and worldly behavior... including a business type mode of operations.

...Thyatira: False Teaching/Immoral Church (this was not the height of these two evils...but it took root here: Immorality steeped in religion. 600-1517

...Sardis: **Dead church**. No Holy Spirit...lost its light. 1517 - 1648 Reformation church: The Church almost dies. Jesus calls it to "Wake up." It does...SOMEWHAT during the Reformation. HOWEVER...not completely and this church goes forward to continue to die. Sardis...the dull stone...its lights going out. NO Strength in the HOLY SPIRIT.

...Philadelphia: **Faithful Church** (Can see this in particular in the missionary church of the 1800s and early 1900s). Nothing bad said about this church. It actually lives along side the dying church. This one is out to save souls. It has little Power...the false church has the reformed idea...they take the place of the Jews so are the Synagogue of Satan. They persecute the real church (Protestants). But the Protestants have little power. Its okay tho... Jesus will save them from the hour of trial.

...Laodecia: **The Apostate Church**. The only one where Jesus says to come out of her... This one in particular is the ones whose members will go into the tribulation. Others are warned of it...this church will see it. This is NOT the true church. This church is the culmination of all the denominational churches in the last days (in general..I need to be careful in stating that every local church falls into this category...some lone denominational-local churches still serve Jesus..but in general they are all falling apart).

BTW: Lukewarm is **NOT** good in any way, shape, or form. This is **not** talking specifically about salvation. Look at it this way:

1. Would you drink lukewarm water? Or bath with it? NO...

2. Hot **is good** for showers, baths, coffee... Cold **is good** for drink and refreshment.

Lukewarm IS OF "NO" Use. Throw it out... ALL OF IT> So this is why Jesus calls to the "ONE" person in the church to come out of her. Jesus stands on the **OUTSIDE** of this church saying "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door." Jesus is the faithful true witness...as opposed to their lying ways. Look at the title... He is the Creator. They are naked. So was Adam and Eve. They need God's riches and His white garments... They need NEW BIRTH.

➤ **Q:** Vs 7 mentions Key of David – this key represents Jesus was the fulfillment of Davids Covenant and also he ruling the New Jerusalem in the future, Am I correct in this thinking

⇒ **A:** You got it. Now follow that idea of the key to a door to a city.... take that thru the letter:

-I have set before you an open door (key), which no one is able to shut. (to dwell in the Kingdom)

-I will keep you from the hour of trial that is coming on the whole world, to try those who dwell (no entrance to the new city) on the earth.(That ain't us)

-No one may seize your crown. (Reign with Him in that city)

- In the temple of my God (in the city where David dwelt)

- Never shall he go out of it (the city opened by that key is forever)... the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down from my God out of heaven