

# Are You Hot, Cold, or Lukewarm

Revelation 3:14-22

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## Deuteronomy 17:15-19

<sup>15</sup> you shall surely set a king over you whom the L-rd your G-d chooses, one from among your countrymen you shall set as king over yourselves; you may not put a foreigner over yourselves who is not your countryman.

<sup>16</sup> "Moreover, he shall not multiply horses for himself, nor shall he cause the people to return to Egypt to multiply horses, since the L-rd has said to you, 'You shall never again return that way.'

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<sup>17</sup> "He shall not multiply wives for himself, or else his heart will turn away; nor shall he greatly increase silver and gold for himself.

<sup>18</sup> "Now it shall come about when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, he shall write for himself a copy of this law on a scroll in the presence of the Levitical priests.

## Deuteronomy 17:15-19

<sup>19</sup> "It shall be with him and he shall read it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the L-rd his G-d, by carefully observing all the words of this law and these statutes,

1 Kings 10:23, 25, 26, 28-29

<sup>23</sup> So King Solomon became greater than all the kings of the earth in riches and in wisdom. <sup>25</sup> They brought every man his gift, articles of silver and gold, garments, weapons, spices, horses, and mules, so much year by year. <sup>26</sup> Now Solomon gathered chariots and horsemen; and he had 1,400 chariots and 12,000 horsemen, and he stationed them in the chariot cities and with the king in Jerusalem.

1 Kings 10:23, 25, 26, 28-29

<sup>28</sup> Also Solomon's import of horses was from Egypt and Kue, and the king's merchants procured them from Kue for a price. <sup>29</sup> A chariot was imported from Egypt for 600 shekels of silver, and a horse for 150

1 Kings 11:1, 3-6

<sup>1</sup> Now King Solomon loved many foreign women along with the daughter of Pharaoh: Moabite, Ammonite, Edomite, Sidonian, and Hittite women, <sup>3</sup> He had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines, and his wives turned his heart away.

1 Kings 11:1, 3-6

<sup>4</sup> For when Solomon was old, his wives turned his heart away after other gods; and his heart was not wholly devoted to the L-rd his G-d, as the heart of David his father had been. <sup>5</sup> For Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians and after Milcom the detestable idol of the Ammonites. <sup>6</sup> Solomon did what was evil in the sight of the L-rd, and did not follow the L-rd fully, as David his father had done.

1 John 2:15-16

<sup>15</sup> Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. <sup>16</sup> For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world.

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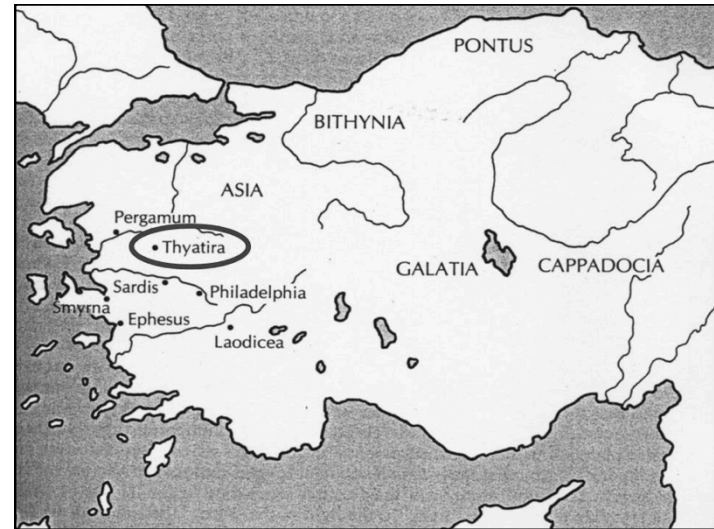
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### Colossians 1:15-19

<sup>15</sup> He is the image of the invisible G-d, the firstborn of all creation. <sup>16</sup> For 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. <sup>17</sup> He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.

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<sup>18</sup> He is also head of the body, the congregation; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything. <sup>19</sup> For it was the Father's good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him,

Revelation 21:6

<sup>6</sup> Then He said to me, "It is done I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end I will give to the one who thirsts from the spring of the water of life without cost.

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Revelation 3:15

<sup>15</sup> "I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot; I wish that you were cold or hot.

Luke 8:5-8, 11-15

<sup>5</sup> "The sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell beside the road, and it was trampled under foot and the birds of the air ate it up. <sup>6</sup> "Other seed fell on rocky soil, and as soon as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. <sup>7</sup> "Other seed fell among the thorns; and the thorns grew up with it and choked it out.

Luke 8:5-8, 11-15

<sup>8</sup> "Other seed fell into the good soil, and grew up, and produced a crop a hundred times as great." As He said these things, He would call out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

<sup>11</sup> "Now the parable is this: the seed is the word of G-d. <sup>12</sup> "Those beside the road are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their heart, so that they will not believe and be saved.

Luke 8:5-8, 11-15

<sup>13</sup> "Those on the rocky soil are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no firm root; they believe for a while, and in time of temptation fall away.

<sup>14</sup> "The seed which fell among the thorns, these are the ones who have heard, and as they go on their way they are choked with worries and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to maturity.

Luke 8:5-8, 11-15

<sup>15</sup> "But the seed in the good soil, these are the ones who have heard the word in an honest and good heart, and hold it fast, and bear fruit with perseverance.

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Revelation 3:16

<sup>16</sup> 'So because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of My mouth.

John 15:2, 6

<sup>2</sup> "Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away <sup>6</sup> "If anyone does not abide in Me, he is thrown away as a branch and dries up; and they gather them, and cast them into the fire and they are burned.

1 Corinthians 5:1, 3, 5, 13

<sup>1</sup> It is actually reported that there is immorality among you, and immorality of such a kind as does not exist even among the Gentiles, that someone has his father's wife. <sup>3</sup> For I, on my part, though absent in body but present in spirit, have already judged him who has so committed this, as though I were present.

1 Corinthians 5:1, 3, 5, 13

<sup>5</sup> I have decided to deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of his flesh, so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the L-rd Yeshua. <sup>13</sup> But those who are outside, G-d judges. REMOVE THE WICKED MAN FROM AMONG YOURSELVES.

1 Corinthians 11:30

<sup>30</sup> For this reason many among you are weak and sick, and a number sleep.

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Revelation 3:17

<sup>17</sup> '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

Hosea 12:8

<sup>8</sup> And 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."

Psalm 73:3-9, 12b, 16-20

<sup>3</sup> For I was envious of the arrogant as I saw the prosperity of the wicked. <sup>4</sup> For there are no pains in their death, and their body is fat. <sup>5</sup> They are not in trouble as other men, nor are they plagued like mankind. <sup>6</sup> Therefore pride is their necklace; the garment of violence covers them. <sup>7</sup> Their eye bulges from fatness; the imaginations of their heart run riot.

Psalm 73:3-9, 12b, 16-20

<sup>8</sup> They mock and wickedly speak of oppression; they speak from on high. <sup>9</sup> They have set their mouth against the heavens, and their tongue parades through the earth. <sup>12</sup> and always at ease, they have increased in wealth. <sup>16</sup> When I pondered to understand this, it was troublesome in my sight <sup>17</sup> Until I came into the sanctuary of G-d; then I perceived their end.

Psalm 73:3-9, 12b, 16-20

<sup>18</sup> Surely You set them in slippery places; You cast them down to destruction. <sup>19</sup> How they are destroyed in a moment! They are utterly swept away by sudden terrors! <sup>20</sup> Like a dream when one awakes, O L-rd, when aroused, You will despise their form.

### 1 Timothy 6:17-19

<sup>17</sup> Instruct those who are rich in this present world not to be conceited or to fix their hope on the uncertainty of riches, but on G-d, who richly supplies us with all things to enjoy.

<sup>18</sup> Instruct them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share,

<sup>19</sup> storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is life indeed.

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Revelation 3:18

<sup>18</sup> I advise you to buy from Me gold refined by fire so that you may become rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself, and that the shame of your nakedness will not be revealed; and eye salve to anoint your eyes so that you may see.



Isaiah 55:1-3

<sup>1</sup> "Ho! Every one who thirsts, come to the waters; and you who have no money come, buy and eat come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. <sup>2</sup> "Why do you spend money for what is not bread, and your wages for what does not satisfy? Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good, and delight yourself in abundance. <sup>3</sup> "Incline your ear and come to Me, listen, that you may live

Job 22:21-27

<sup>20</sup> Saying, 'Truly our adversaries are cut off, and their abundance the fire has consumed.' <sup>21</sup> "Yield now and be at peace with Him; thereby good will come to you. <sup>22</sup> "Please receive instruction from His mouth and establish His words in your heart. <sup>23</sup> "If you return to the Almighty, you will be restored; if you remove unrighteousness far from your tent,

Job 22:21-27

<sup>24</sup> And place your gold in the dust, and the gold of Ophir among the stones of the brooks, <sup>25</sup> Then the Almighty will be your gold and choice silver to you. <sup>26</sup> "For then you will delight in the Almighty and lift up your face to G-d. <sup>27</sup> "You will pray to Him, and He will hear you

Revelation 19:8, 14

<sup>8</sup> It was given to her to clothe herself in fine linen, bright and clean; for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints. <sup>14</sup> And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, were following Him on white horses.

Revelation 3:19

<sup>19</sup> 'Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline; therefore be zealous and repent.

1 Corinthians 11:27-30

<sup>27</sup> Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the L-rd in an unworthy manner, shall be guilty of the body and the blood of the L-rd. <sup>28</sup> But a man must examine himself, and in so doing he is to eat of the bread and drink of the cup. <sup>29</sup> For he who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself if he does not judge the body rightly. <sup>30</sup> For this reason many among you are weak and sick, and a number sleep.

Hebrews 12:5, 7, 10-11

<sup>5</sup> "MY SON, DO NOT REGARD LIGHTLY THE DISCIPLINE OF THE L-RD, NOR FAINT WHEN YOU ARE REPROVED BY HIM; <sup>7</sup> It is for discipline that you endure; G-d deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline? <sup>10</sup> For 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 12:5, 7, 10-11

<sup>11</sup> All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness.

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<sup>20</sup> 'Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will dine with him, and he with Me.

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<sup>21</sup> 'He who overcomes, I will grant to him to sit down with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.

Matthew 19:27-28

<sup>27</sup> Then Peter said to Him, "Behold, we have left everything and followed You; what then will there be for us?" <sup>28</sup> And Yeshua said to them, "Truly I say to you, that you who have followed Me, in the regeneration when the Son of Man will sit on His glorious throne, you also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Luke 22:28-30

<sup>28</sup> "You are those who have stood by Me in My trials; <sup>29</sup> and just as My Father has granted Me a kingdom, I grant you. <sup>30</sup> that you may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

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