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POINTS TO PONDER

Rev 3:1 Church in Sardis ... holds the seven spirits and seven stars

Located on a nearly inaccessible hill (Obadiah 1:3-4)

- a. How could they be threatened by enemies
 - 1. 2nd most Godless city only behind Corinth
- b. City fiercely loyal to the Romans
 - 1. gave clothing off their backs to soldiers
 - 2. gave food from houses to soldiers in the fields
 - 3. Many Jews joined with Romans against Christians
- c. worshipped Cybele .. goddess of frenzy
- d. Church had reputation ... alive ... but dead

Rev 3:2 Wake up

- a. strengthen what remains ... about to die
- b. deeds unfinished in the sight of my God

Rev 3:3 Remember

- a. what you have received
- b. and heard
- c. hold it fast
- d. repent
- e. if you do not wake up ... I will come to you

Rev 3:4 you have a few who have not soiled their clothes

- a. they will walk with me ... in white ... they are worthy
- b. even in Sardis some were faithful

Rev 3:5 He that overcometh

- a. white raiment
- b. they are worthy

Rev 3:7 church in Philadelphia

- a. poor city, built on an earthquake fault

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- b. built by Greeks
- c. received lots of government (Imperial) support
- d. him who is holy and true
- e. holds the key of David
- f. what he opens no one can shut
- g. what he shuts ...

Rev 3:8 you have little strength

- a. yet you have kept my word ... not denied

Rev 3:10 I will keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come ... to test the inhabitants of the earth

Rev 3:11 I am coming soon

- a. hold on to what you have
- b. so no one will take your crown

Rev 3:12 the victorious I will make a pillar in the temple

- a. I will write on the name of my God
- b. name of the city of my God
- c. new Jerusalem
- d. which is coming down out of heaven
- e. my new name

Rev 3:14 Laodicea

I. To the angel of the church ... Laodiceans

A. The Amen, faithful and true witness

1. Amen - trustworthy, true - trustworthy, witness
2. Beginning of the creation of God - Ruler of God's creation

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B. Rev 3:15 ... I know thy works ... neither cold nor hot

1. I would that thou wert cold or hot
2. Acts 3:19 repent ... times of refreshing

II. Why were they neither cold nor hot

A. The city of Laodicea

1. Built on same fault line as Philadelphia
2. Rich - refused government support - rebuilt self
3. had become a resort area - lukewarm, mineral sulfurous water
4. medical center famous for eye ointment

B. You are not as great as you think

1. Rev 3:17 thou sayest, I am rich ...
 - a. knowest not thou art WRETCHED - miserable, PITIFUL- pitiable, POOR- beggar, BLIND - opaque AND NAKED - nude
2. Rev 3:19 whom I love I rebuke and discipline
 - a. be earnest and repent
3. Rev 3:21 to the victorious I will give the right to sit with me on my throne
 - a. just as I was victorious