“HERE I AM!”

Revelation 3:1–22

Key Verse: 3:20

1. Find out what you can about the history of the city of Sardis and its situation at this time. How does Jesus introduce himself to the church there, what does this description mean, and why does he tell them this? (1a; 1:4,16) What does Jesus know about this church, and what does it mean? (1b; Eph2:1; Ja2:26)
2. What does he tell them to do? (2,3a) What further can we learn here about what it means to be spiritually “dead”? What does it mean to “strengthen what remains”? (2Th2:16,17) To “remember what you have received and heard”? (1Co15:3,4) How does he warn them, and how can we be spiritually ready for Jesus’ coming? (3b; 16:15)
3. What does Jesus say about a few people there? (4a) What does it mean that they had not “soiled their clothes”? (2Co7:1) What does he promise? (4b,5) What does it mean for us to be “dressed in white”? (7:14; 19:8) Note Revelation’s emphasis on the “book of life” (5b; 13:8; 17:8; 20:12,15; 21:27; cf. Da12:1,2). What should we learn from this?
4. Find out what you can about the history of the city of Philadelphia and its situation at this time. How does Jesus introduce himself to the church there, what does this description mean, and why does he tell them this? (7; 1:18) What does he know about this church? (8,10a) What can we learn from them?
5. Who does Jesus mention, what does he promise, and why? (9) What does he mean by an “open door”? (7,8; cf. Isa22:22; 1Co16:9; Col4:3) What does he promise this church? (10b; 7:14; cf. Jn17:15) How does he admonish them? (11) In his final promise, why does he emphasize the “name” of God, the city and himself? (12; 14:1; 22:4; cf. Isa56:5)
6. Find out what you can about the history of the city of Laodicea and its situation at this time. How does Jesus introduce himself to the church there, what does this description mean, and why does he tell them this? (14; 1:5a; 19:11) What does he know about this church, and what does this mean? (15; cf. Ro12:11)
7. How does Jesus feel about their condition? (16) What was wrong with them? (17) How could they get better? (18) What else did Jesus say to them, and why? (19) Read verse 20. What can we learn here about Jesus? About how we can be renewed spiritually? What does it mean to “open the door”? What is his promise? (21)