

#774 Constantine the Great and Woodrow Wilson, II – The Council of Laodicea, part 1, The General Councils of the Church

The Council of Laodicea. The Council of Laodicea was *not* an ecumenical General Council of the Church, which has come to mean the Roman Catholic Church. The Council of Laodicea was a regional, or local, synod, consisting of approximately 30 clerics from Anatolia (modern Turkey). Most sources say that it took place in 364 A.D., during the close of a 26-year war between Rome and Persia, near which time the Roman Emperor Julian died, and Jovian was elevated to the throne.

The General Councils of the Church. First, let's look at a list of the General Councils of the Church, in which the Council of Laodicea is *not* listed (because it was regional, or local, instead of encompassing all of the bishops of the Roman Catholic Church).

The first was the First General Council of Nicaea in 325 during the time of Constantine. The last was Vatican II in 1962-1965.

1. The First General Council of Nicaea, 325



The Council of Nicaea fresco in the Sistine Salon Vatican, showing Constantine the Great presiding

2. The First General Council of Constantinople, 381
3. The General Council of Ephesus, 431
4. The General Council of Chalcedon, 451
5. The Second General Council of Constantinople, 553
6. The Third General Council of Constantinople, 680-81
7. The Second General Council of Nicaea, 787
8. The Fourth General Council of Constantinople, 869-70
9. The First General Council of the Lateran, 1123
10. The Second General Council of the Lateran, 1139
11. The Third General Council of the Lateran, 1179
12. The Fourth General Council of the Lateran, 1215

13. The First General Council of Lyons, 1245
14. The Second General Council of Lyons, 1274
15. The General Council of Vienne, 1311-12
16. The General Council of Constance, 1414-18
17. The General Council of Basel-Ferrara-Florence, 1431-45
18. The Fifth General Council of the Lateran, 1512-17
19. The General Council of Trent, 1545-63
20. The First General Council of the Vatican, 1869-70
21. The Second General Council of the Vatican, 1962-65

Key Understanding: The Council of Laodicea took place in 364 A.D. – between the time of the First General Council of Nicaea in 325 and the First General Council of Constantinople in 381.

Revelation 3:14-22 (KJV) And unto the angel of THE CHURCH OF THE LAODICEANS write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God;

15 I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot.

16 So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.

17 Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:

18 I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.

19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.

20 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

21 TO HIM THAT OVERCOMETH [through the Cross] WILL I GRANT TO SIT WITH ME IN MY THRONE, EVEN AS I ALSO OVERCAME, AND AM SET DOWN WITH MY FATHER IN HIS THRONE.

22 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.



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