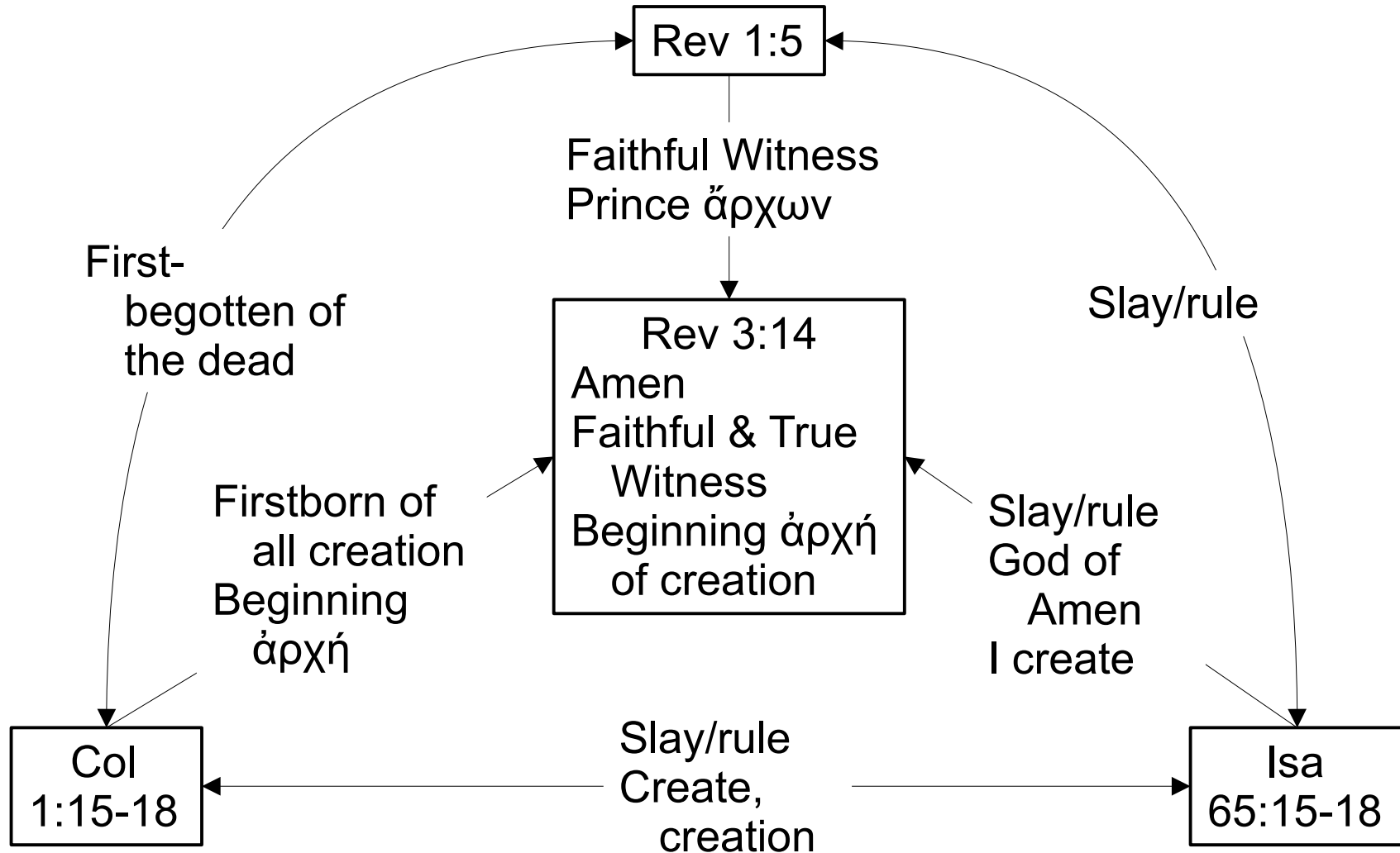


Structure of the Seven Letters

	Ephesus, 2:1-7	Smyrna, 2:8-11	Pergamos, 2:12-17	Thyatira, 2:18-29	Sardis, 3:1-6	Philadelphia, 3:7-13	Laodicea, 3:14-22
Command to write	1a	8a	12a	18a	1a	7a	14a
Title from ch. 1	1b	8b	12b	18b	1b	7b	14b
Message	2-6	9-10	13-16	19-25	1c-4	8-11	15-20
I know thy works	2a	9a	13a	19a	1c	8a	15a
Praise	2-3	9b	13	19		8-11	
Exhortation		10				11b	
Criticism	4-5		14-16	20-23	2-3		15-20
Exhortation	5		16		3		18-19
Praise	6			24	4		
Exhortation	5	10	16	25	3	11b	18-19
Promise to Overcomers				26-28	5	12	21
Let him hear	7a	11a	17a	29	6	13	22
Promise to Overcomers	7b	11b	17b				

Scriptural Context of Rev 3:14

Rev 1:4 Grace be unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne; 5 And from Jesus Christ, who is the **faithful witness**, and the **first begotten of the dead**, and the **prince ἄρχων** of the kings of the earth.



3:14 Beginning/Ruler of the Creation of God

Col 1:15 Who is

- the image of the invisible God,
- **the firstborn** of every creature [all creation]:

[image of the invisible God:] 16 For by him were **all** things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: **all** things were created by him, and for him: 17 And he is before **all** things, and by him **all** things consist.

[firstborn of all creation:] 18 And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the **beginning**, the **firstborn from the dead**; that in all things he might have the preeminence.

John 1:3 **All things were made by him**; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

Is. 65:15 The Lord GOD shall slay thee, and call his servants by another name: ...

17 For, behold, **I create** new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind. 18 But be ye glad and rejoice for ever in that which **I create**: for, behold, **I create** Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy.

Rev 21:9 And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee **the bride**, the Lamb's wife. 10 And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me **that great city, the holy Jerusalem**, descending out of heaven from God,

Hot, Cold, and Lukewarm Christians

Is “cold” bad?

Pro 25:25 As **cold waters** to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country.

Jer 18:14 Will a man leave the snow of Lebanon which cometh from the rock of the field? or shall the **cold flowing waters** that come from another place be forsaken?

Lukewarm = Good for nothing

2Ti 1:6 Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands.

Col 4:17 And say to Archippus, Take heed to the ministry which thou hast received in the Lord, that thou fulfil it.

An alternative interpretation

1 Cor 12:4 Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. 5 And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. 6 And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all. 7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. 8 For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; 9 To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; 10 To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: 11 But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will. 12 For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ.



Revelation 3:15-16

King James Version

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.

- What did Jesus say He would do to the people in the Church of Laodicea because they were neither cold nor hot?



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False and True Riches

17 ... I am rich, and increased with goods

Hos. 12:8 And Ephraim said, **Yet I am become rich**, I have found me out substance: in all my labours they shall find none iniquity in me that were sin.

and have need of nothing

In the same year Laodicea, which had fallen from the illustrious cities of Asia by the earthquake of the earth, recovered without any remedy from us by its own resources. (Tacitus, Ann. 14.27.1)

and knowest not ...

Luk 12:21 So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.

Mat 6:19 Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: 20 But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:

18 I counsel thee to buy of me

Isa 55:1 Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, **buy wine and milk without money and without price.**

The Lord's Travel Stop



1 Pet 1:7 That the trial of your **faith**, being much more precious than of **gold** that perisheth, though it be **tried with fire**, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:

Jas 2:5 Hearken, my beloved brethren, Hath not God chosen the poor of this world **rich in faith**, ... ?

Ps 19:8 the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes.

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17 Thou art the wretched and miserable one:	18 buy from me:	
a) poor	a) gold tried in the fire	Proven faith: 1 Pet 1:7; Jas 2:5
b) blind	c) eyesalve	Scripture: Ps 19:8
c) naked	b) white raiment	Righteousness: Rev 7:14; 19:7

Rev 7:13 And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in **white robes**? and whence came they? 14 And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and **made them white in the blood of the Lamb**.

Rev 19:7 for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. 8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and **white**: for the fine linen is **the righteousness [righteous deeds] of saints**.