

The Water for Laodicea

An ingenious but flawed system that delivered lukewarm water to the city.

SOUTH OF LAODICEA
Water springs
(Baspinar region)

Aqueduct / channel
Water flowed by gravity toward the city.

High point / header tank
Water collected at a high elevation before continuing down into the valley.

Pressurized stone pipes
(Roman "inverted siphon" system)

Stone pipes carried water under pressure across the valley and up the far side.

LAODICEA WATER DISTRIBUTION TANK
(*castellum aquae*)

Water arrived at the city and was stored in a distribution tank (*castellum aquae*) before being sent to different areas.

Homes and businesses



Supplied water to homes, shops, and businesses.

Baths and public sites



Provided water for bathhouses and public buildings.

Fountains and city facilities



Supplied water to fountains and other city facilities.

Like its water, the church at Laodicea was spiritually lukewarm, neither zealous nor refreshed, and so was found unacceptable to the Lord.

Revelation 3:16 (KJV)