

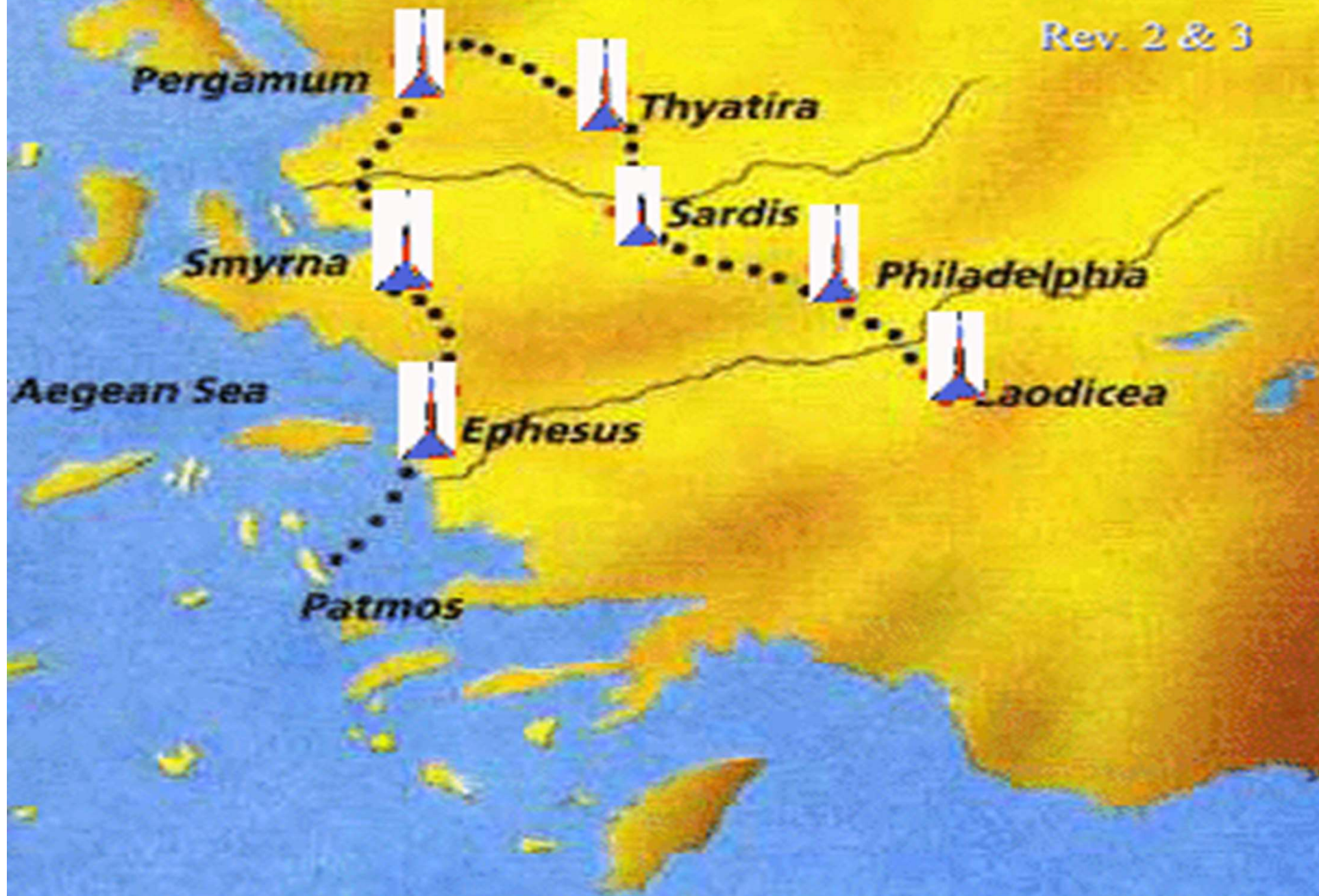
The church @ Laodicea

Rev. 3:14-22



The Seven Churches of Asia

Rev. 2 & 3



Pergamum

Thyatira

Smyrna

Sardis

Philadelphia

Aegean Sea

Ephesus

Laodicea

Patmos

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- **Some Facts:**
 - **Was originally named “Diospolis” (City of Zeus); one of the wealthiest cities...**
 - **Was completely destroyed by earthquake in 60AD and rebuilt using own means**
 - **Contained advanced amenities including a pipe system aqueduct and a medical school**
 - **Mentioned in Col. 2:1, 4:13, 15, 16**

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- **The Address, v.14**
 - **“To the angel of the church...”**
 - **“...the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God...”**
 - **Amen – Certainty, verily, guarantee**
 - **Faithful Witness – 1:5, trustworthy testimony**
 - **Beginning of creation – See John 1:1-5, 10; Col. 1:15-17 – Through Him all things exist**

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- **The Good, V. ??**
 - None...

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- **The Bad, v.15-17**
 - **He knows their works**
 - **They were neither cold (Mt. 10:42) nor hot (Acts 18:25; Rom. 12:11)**
 - **In attitude? In works?**
 - **They were stuck in this state**

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- **The Bad, v.15-17**
 - **They did not know their true state, deceiving themselves**
 - **Deluded into thinking of themselves as self-sufficient**
 - **Complacent – satisfied, pleased with oneself**
 - **No sacrifice, effort exerted, lack of zeal**

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- **The Consequences, v.16**
 - **Lukewarm, spew – vomit, make nauseated**
 - **Jesus was about to cast out their lamp stand**

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- **The Motivation, v. 16-21**
 - **They can still make themselves hot again**
 - **Jesus was about to spew them out, but still opportunity to change, v.17**
 - **Jesus' counsel meant to inspire the spiritual mindset, v.18**
 - **Gold, White garments, & Eye salve: poor, naked, blind**

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- **The Motivation, v. 16-21**
 - Jesus still loves them, thus the rebuke, v.19
 - Be zealous (hot, enthusiastic, determined, diligent) and repent!
 - Jesus is knocking
 - If they answer, Jesus will make His abode with them again
 - To him who overcomes will be allowed to sit on the throne with Jesus

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- **For us...**
 - **We must always seek to be a congregation that is “hot”. Not cold, and not “lukewarm”.**
 - **We cannot allow the physical amenities of life to distract us from the zealous attitude we must have.**