

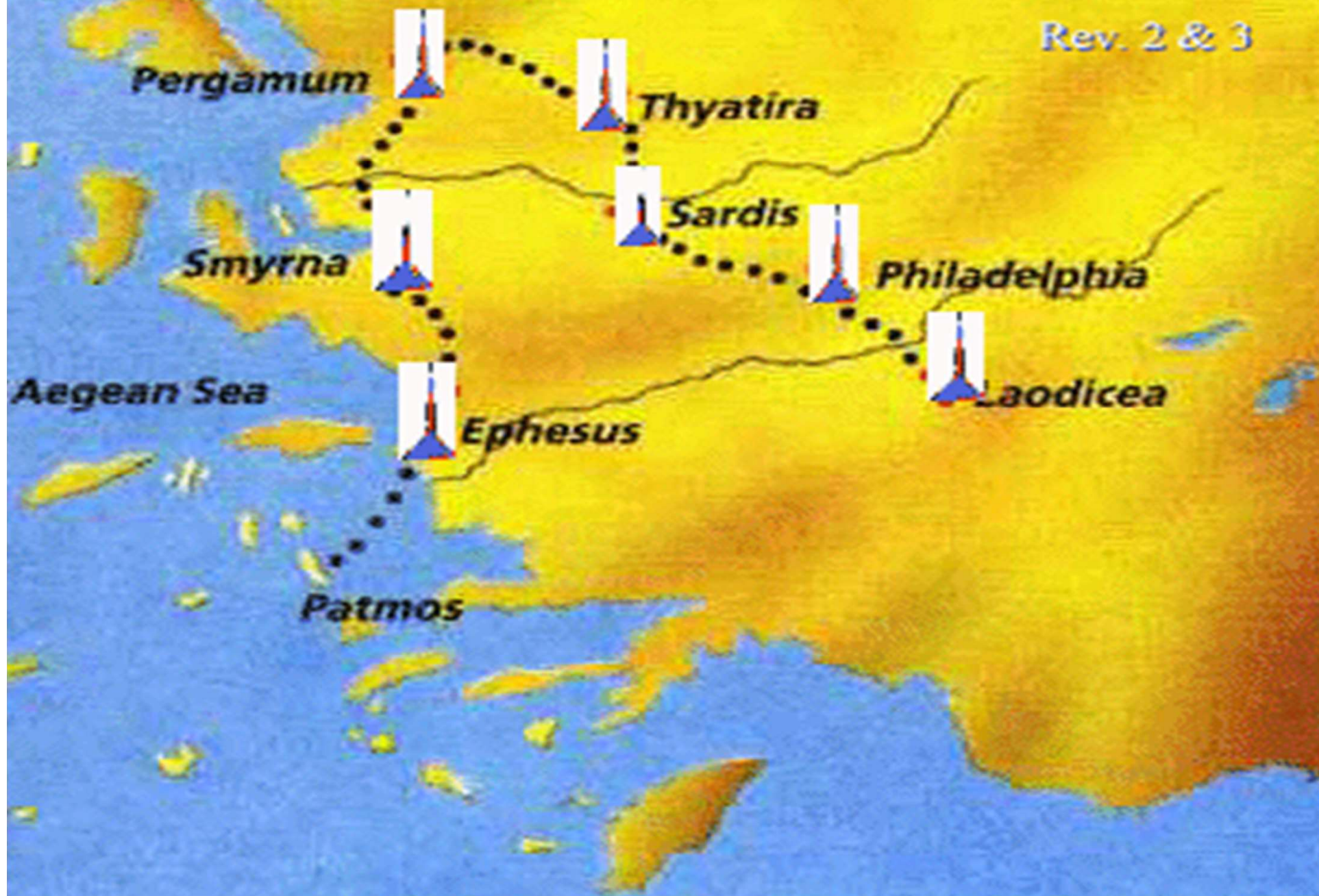
# The church @ Smyrna (Izmir)

## Rev. 2:8-11



# The Seven Churches of Asia

Rev. 2 & 3



Pergamum

Thyatira

Smyrna

Sardis

Philadelphia

Aegean Sea

Ephesus

Laodicea

Patmos

# The church @ Smyrna – Rev. 2:8-11

- **The Address, v.8-9**
  - “To the angel of the church...”
  - “First and the Last, who was dead, and came to life...” (1:17-18)
  - “I know your works...”

# The church @ Smyrna – Rev. 2:8-11

- **The Good, v. 9**
  - **They endured tribulation**
    - **“grievous trouble; severe trial or suffering”**
  - **Endured poverty**
    - **“...but you are rich...”**
  - **Endured hostility**
    - **“blasphemy of those who claim to be Jews...” (Rev. 3:9)**

## The church @ Smyrna – Rev. 2:8-11

- **The Trial, v. 10**
  - They were to be tried for “ten days”
    - They will be thrown into prison, to be tested.
    - Would we be able to endure?

## The church @ Smyrna – Rev. 2:8-11

- **The Motivation, v.10-11**
  - **Be faithful until death to receive the crown of life**
  - **He who overcomes shall not be hurt by the second death (Rev. 20:14)**

# The church @ Smyrna – Rev. 2:8-11

- **The Bad, v.4,5**

- None...!

- What does this say about the congregation of Smyrna?

- Could this be said of our congregation?