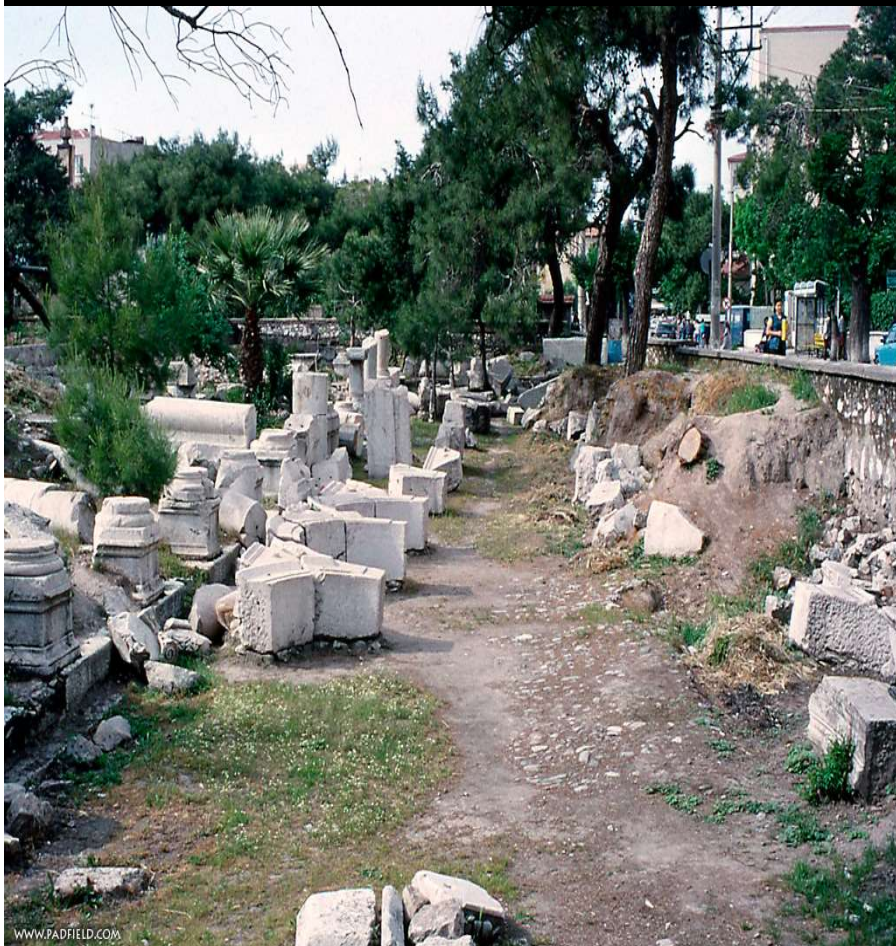


The church @ Thyatira

Rev. 2:18-29

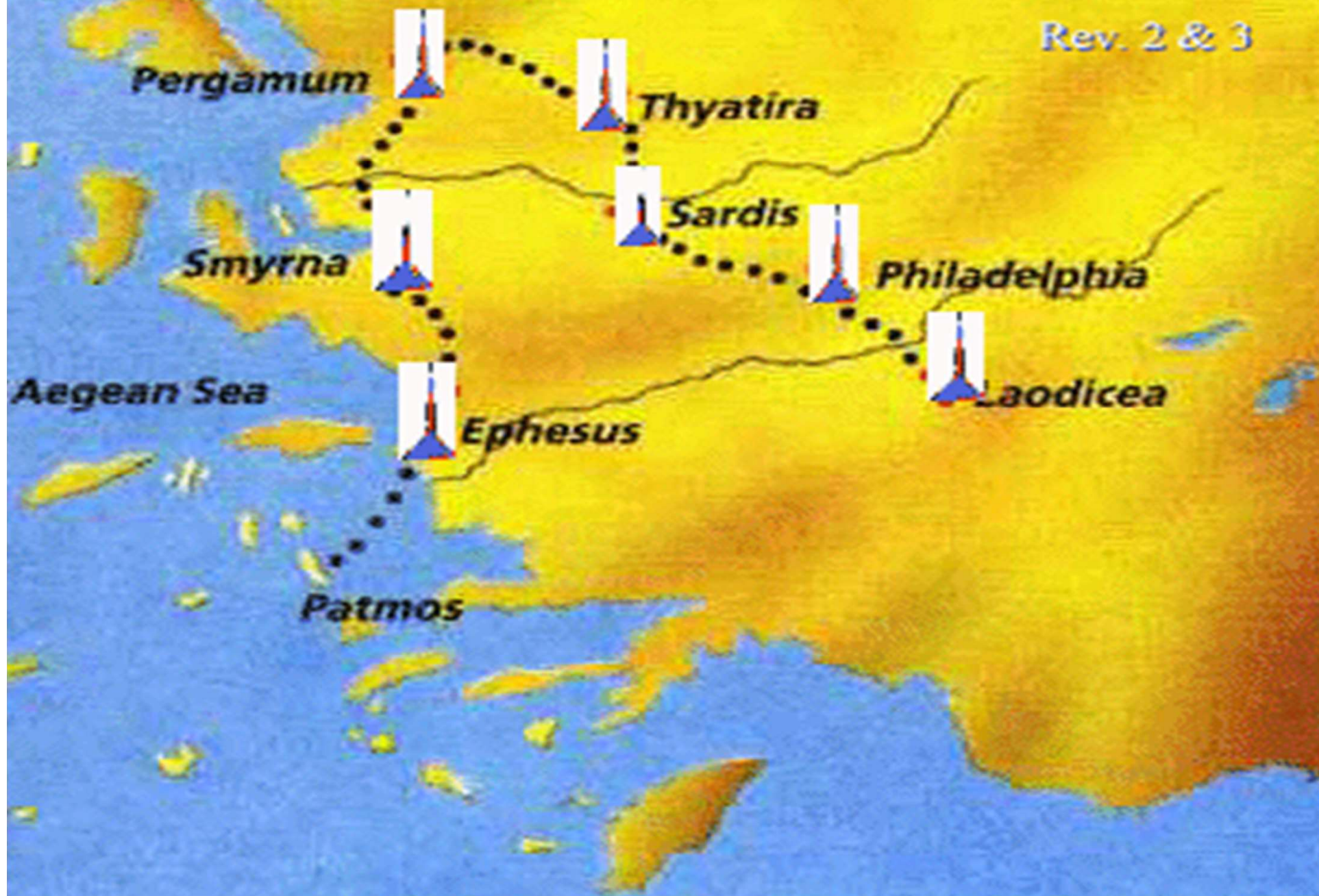


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The Seven Churches of Asia

Rev. 2 & 3



Pergamum

Thyatira

Smyrna

Sardis

Philadelphia

Aegean Sea

Ephesus

Laodicea

Patmos

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- **Some Facts:**
 - **Modern day Akhisar (Turkey)**
 - **Thyatira in the NT**
 - **Acts 16:14** – **Lydia, seller of purple**
 - **Was famous for dyeing craft**
 - **Was center of indigo trade**
 - **Was huge guild center (pottery, blacksmithing, tanning, etc.)**

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- **The Address, v.18-19**
 - “To the angel of the church...”
 - Jesus identifies Himself as the “Son of God” (Psm. 2:7)
 - Jesus does this only with Thyatira
 - “Eyes like a flame of fire...feet like fine brass” (1:14-15)
 - Ability to search and judge hearts and works, the power to condemn (2:23)

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- **The Good, v. 19**
 - Love – Agape, deep and constant
 - Service – Diakonia, verb form of deacon
 - Faith (observable, working faith)
 - Patience – hupomone, that which comes through trials of faith
 - Works – The last are more than the first
 - Pleion – more in quantity or quality

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- **The Bad, v. 20-21**
 - **Tolerated a woman named Jezebel**
 - **Is this her actual name or a figurative one?**

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- **Jezebel in the OT:**
 - **Princess of the Zidonians; Married Ahab; Caused the people to worship Baal**
 - **I Kings 18-19** – Jezebel kills prophets of God; Elijah withstands, eventually has to flee to avoid death
 - **I Kings 21** – Jezebel kills Naboth to obtain vineyard for Ahab
 - **II Kings 9:22** – Mother of Joram; Reference is made to her “witchcraft” or “sorcery”; Ultimately met a gruesome fate (**9:30-35**)

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- **The Bad, v. 20-21**
 - **Tolerated a woman named Jezebel**
 - **Is this her actual name or a figurative one? Unknown**
 - **Likely a figurative name to bring out the terrible character and deeds of this woman (Ex. Diotrephes)**
 - **She appears to be a Christian, v.20**
 - **Charismatic? Beautiful? Ambitious?**

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- **The Bad, v. 20-21**
 - **Jezebel of Rev. 2**
 - **Called herself a prophetess**
 - **Taught and seduced saints to commit sexual immorality and to eat meat sacrifices to idols**
 - **AKA – The doctrine of Balaam (2:14)**
 - **Jesus specifically condemns the sexual immorality**

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- **The Consequences, v. 22-23**
 - **Jezebel of Rev. 2**
 - **Was given time to repent, she did not**
 - **She will be cast into a sickbed**
 - **Those that commit adultery with her will have great tribulation unless they repent of their deeds**
 - **He will kill her children (?) with death, so that all may see that He judges justly**

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- **The Motivation, v.24-29**
 - “No other burden” is to be placed on the brethren other than to no longer tolerate Jezebel
 - Encouraged to hold fast, v.25
 - If they overcome, they will have power over the nations (Psm. 2:9)
 - They will be given the “morning star”
 - Understanding (II Pet. 1:19) and glory

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- **For us...**
 - **We should seek to make our works greater in quality and quantity than before – demonstrates growth**
 - **We cannot abide brethren who unrepentantly practice sin or teach error**
 - **demonstrates unwavering submission to the Law of Christ**