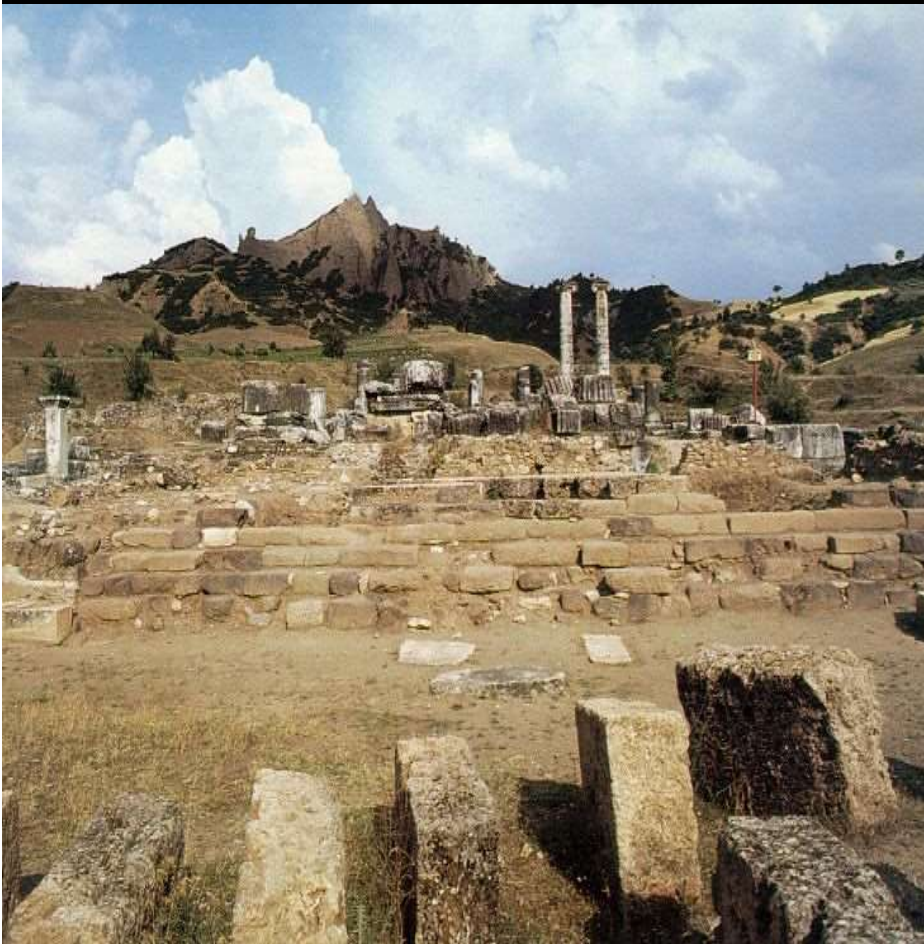


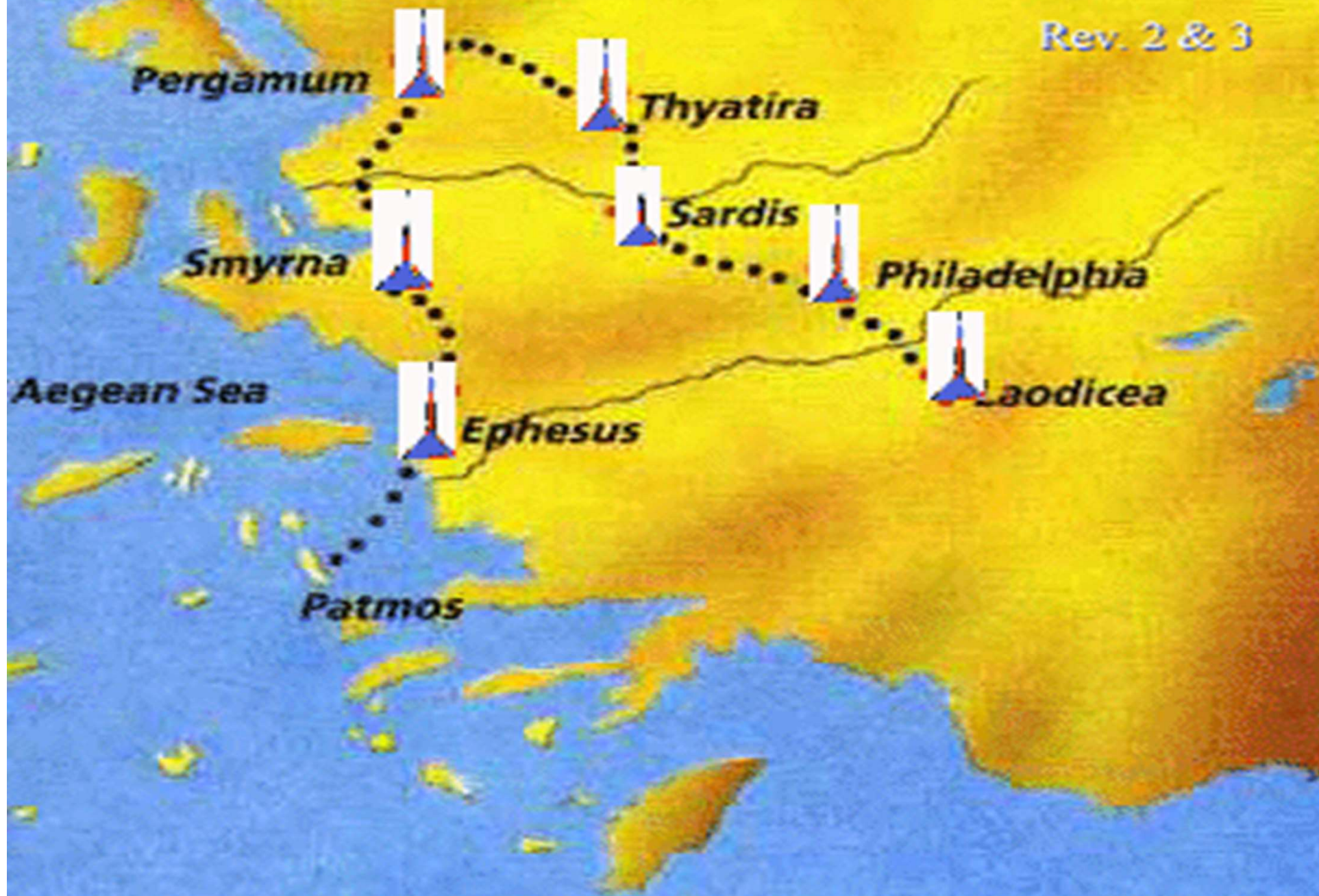
The church @ Sardis

Rev. 3:1-6



The Seven Churches of Asia

Rev. 2 & 3



Pergamum

Thyatira

Smyrna

Sardis

Philadelphia

Aegean Sea

Ephesus

Laodicea

Patmos

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- **Some Facts:**

- **At one time, was the capital of the Lydian Empire**
- **Synagogue is one of the largest ever found**
 - **located at the center of the city**

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- **The Address, v.1**
 - “To the angel of the church...”
 - “He who has the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars...”

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- **The Address, v.1**
 - **Seven stars = The angels of the churches (1:20)**
 - **Minister? Eldership? Messenger? *Spirit of the church**
 - **Seven spirits of God? See Rev. 4:5, 5:6; Zech. 3:9, 4:6, 10**
 - **Archangels? *Symbolic description of the Holy Spirit, complete Spirit ; ability to see all things, to see thoughts and hearts**

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- **The Good,**
 - Nothing specifically mentioned
 - They do have something which “remains”, such as it was, **v.2**
 - There were some righteous among them, **v.4**

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- **The Bad, v. 1, 4**
 - **You have a name that you are alive, but you are dead**
 - **Christian; Church of Christ, God; Members of The Way; Followers of Christ**
 - **It seems to be connected with their works, attitude...v. 2, 4**
 - **Works not perfect before God**
 - **We cannot claim to be Christians, live as we want to, and expect to get away with it**

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- **The Consequences, v. 2-3**
 - **Encouraged to:**
 - **Be watchful, v.2**
 - **Strengthen that which remains (which are ready to die), v.2**
 - **Works must be improved, v.2**
 - **Remember the way they were when they were first converted, v.3**
 - **Hold fast and repent, v.3**

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- **The Consequences, v. 2-3**
 - **If you will not watch, He will come as a thief at an unknown hour**
 - **Judgment will come, without time or opportunity to reconcile**

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- **The Motivation, v.4-5**
 - **There are those who have not “defiled their garments”**
 - **They will walk with Jesus in white, for they are worthy**
 - **Implied that if those that are sinning will return to the right way, they, too, will “walk with Jesus in white”**
 - **Will be clothed in white garments, name will not be blotted out, Jesus will confess name**

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- **For us...**
 - **We must be watchful, for ourselves and our congregation, that we do not fall into the same condemnation as the brethren at Sardis!**
 - **Do we have a name that we are alive, but are dead? We must live as Christians every minute of every day!**