

**Welcome to Calvary Chapel
of
Northern Kentucky**



Introduction

Key Verse

Revelation 1:1

The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show His servants--things which must shortly take place.

Introduction – Helpful Outline

- **1-3 – Exalted Priest-King, ministering to the churches.**
(Church is not mentioned again until chapter 19.)
- **4-5 – In heaven as the glorified Lamb of God on the throne**
- **6-18 – Judge of all the earth.**
- **19 – Conquering King of Kings**
- **20-22 – the Bride of Christ in the Millennial Kingdom and New Jerusalem**

Introduction – Helpful Outlines

Ages

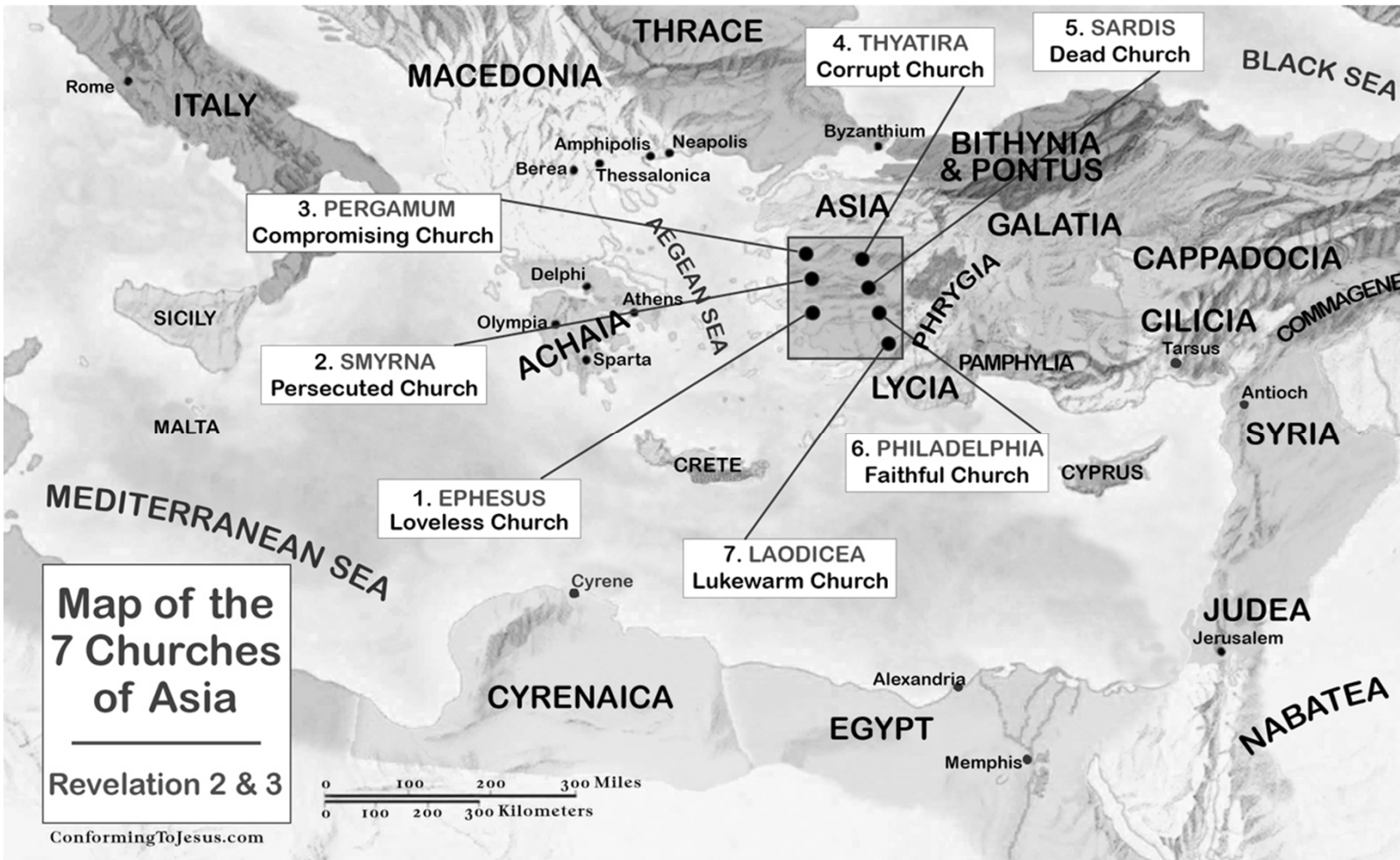
- **Church Age – 1-3**
- **Tribulation Age – 4-19**
- **Kingdom Age – 20**
- **Eternal State – 21-22**

Introduction

The letters to the seven churches share a similar structure.

- *An address to a particular congregation.*
- *An introduction of Jesus.*
- *A statement regarding the condition of the church.*
 - *In two churches there is no commendation – Sardis and Laodicea;*
- *A verdict from Jesus regarding the condition of the church.*
 - *In two churches there is no correction – Smyrna and Philadelphia*
- *A command from Jesus to the church.*
- *A general exhortation to all Christians.*
- *A promise of reward.*

7 Churches of Revelation, Rome and Israel



Revelation 2:18-29

The Church of Thyatira: The Art of Seduction

V18A Background on Thyatira

- *Ephesus – left their first love.*
- *Smyrna – the persecuted church, abject poverty but rich in Christ.*
- *Pergamos – the compromised church – holding the doctrines of Balaam and the Nicolaitans.*
- *Thyatira – begins the age of the Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox churches.*

V18A Background on Thyatira

Feasts to these guild gods were lavish parties that everyone was expected to attend. These include three basic elements:

1) a cup of wine, poured out in worship of the god;

2) a fellowship meal, which included excessive drinking;

3) a sexual orgy following the meal.

– Edward Hindson.

V18B Jesus Describes Himself

Son of God

Eyes like a flame of fire

Feet like Fine Brass

V 19

**Jesus Describes the
Church of Thyatira**

Vv 20-21 Jesus Describes the Problem

The Woman Jezebel

– 1 Kings 16-21, 2 Kings 9:30-37

Vv 22-25

**Jesus Exhorts the
Church of Thyatira**

Vv 26-28

A Promise of Reward

Taking it Home

Mark 4:21-23

He said to them, "Is a lamp brought to be put under a basket or under a bed? Is it not to be set on a lampstand? "For there is nothing hidden which will not be revealed, nor has anything been kept secret but that it should come to light. "If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear.

MEDITATION VERSE

Revelation 2:25-28

"But hold fast what you have till I come. "And he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations-- 'He shall rule them with a rod of iron; They shall be dashed to pieces like the potter's vessels'--as I also have received from My Father; "and I will give him the morning star.

BENEDICTION

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you [is] faithful, who also will do [it].