

**Welcome to Calvary Chapel  
of  
Northern Kentucky**



# **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

## *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

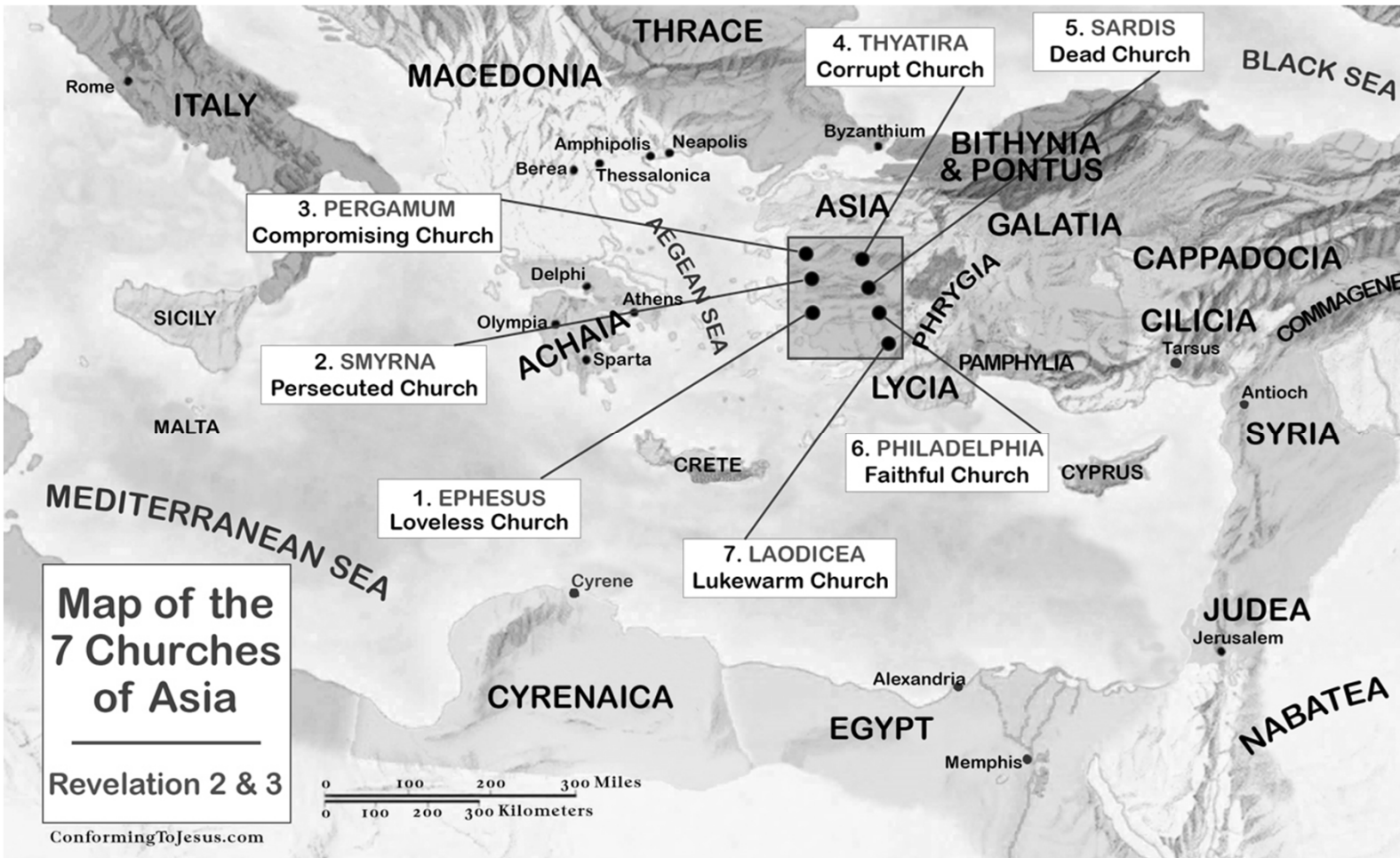
*The letters to the seven churches share a similar structure.*

- *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.*

# **Revelation 3:7-13**

**The Church of Philadelphia:  
The Open Door**

# Philadelphia – The Gateway to the East



# **V7B Jesus Describes Himself**

*Holy*

*True*

*Has the key of David*

*Opens and no one shuts, shuts and no one opens*



## V7B Jesus Describes Himself – the Key

*Isaiah 22:20-23*

*'Then it shall be in that day, That I will call My servant Eliakim the son of Hilkiah; I will clothe him with your robe And strengthen him with your belt; I will commit your responsibility into his hand. He shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem And to the house of Judah. The key of the house of David I will lay on his shoulder; So he shall open, and no one shall shut; And he shall shut, and no one shall open. I will fasten him [as] a peg in a secure place, And he will become a glorious throne to his father's house.*

## **V7B Jesus Describes The Church – the Open Door**

***1 Corinthians 16:9 For a great and effective door has opened to me, and [there are] many adversaries.***

***2 Corinthians 2:12 Furthermore, when I came to Troas to [preach] Christ's gospel, and a door was opened to me by the Lord,***

***Colossians 4:3 meanwhile praying also for us, that God would open to us a door for the word, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in chains,***

## **V7B Jesus Describes The Church – the Open Door**

*“I would like to bear witness that I have proved this Philadelphian promise of the open door through years of ministry and it has never failed. Promotion does not come from the south, east, or west, but from God; and if we commit our way unto Him and trust Him, He will bring it to pass... God’s man is not dependent on religious talent scouts nor is his ministry in the hand of ecclesiastical officials. His headquarters is heaven and his itinerary is made up by the Lord of the Open Door.”*

*- Vance Havner (as quoted by Guzik)*

# Church History

- **Ephesus** – 1<sup>st</sup> century. left their first love.
- **Smyrna** – 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> century. the persecuted church, abject poverty but rich in Christ.
- **Pergamos** – the compromised church – holds doctrines of Balaam and the Nicolaitans. Satan joins the church.
- **Thyatira** – begins the age of the Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox churches.
- **Sardis** – the Protestant Age

**Philadelphia – The Great Awakening**

# Church History

*Following the Reformation there came a time when a cold, lifeless formalism seemed to settle down over all Protestant Christendom – an era in which men were content simply to confess a creed, and ...were supposed to be united to the church by baptism. But the 18th and 19th centuries there came over all those lands where the Reformation had gone a great wave of blessing. God began to work afresh in mighty power.*

*- H.A. Ironside*

# **V8 Jesus Describes the Church**

*A little strength*

*Kept My Word*

*Not Denied My Name*

## **Vv 9-10 A Promise of Reward**

*Persecutors Worship Before Your Feet*

*The persecutors may know that Jesus loved the church*

*Keep them from the hour of trial to test those who dwell on the earth*

# Keep You From the Hour of Trial

- **Pre-tribulation** – Jesus will return for His church prior to the beginning of the 7 years of the Great Tribulation
- **Mid-Tribulation** – Jesus will return after the Abomination of Desolation and prior to the beginning of the 2<sup>nd</sup> 3 ½ years of the Tribulation
- **Post-Tribulation** – Jesus will return after the 7 years and the final battle at Armeggedon.



# Keep You From the Hour of Trial

## *1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*

*13 But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope.*

*14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus.*

*15 For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive [and] remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep.*

*16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.*

*17 Then we who are alive [and] remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.*

*18 Therefore comfort one another with these words.*

# **V 11 Jesus' Instructions to the Church**

*Remember*

*Hold Fast*

*Don't Give Up Your Crown*

## **V 11 Another Promise of Reward – For Overcomers**

*Make Him a Pillar*

*Shall Go Out No More*

*Write on Him the Name of My God, the Name of  
the City of My God, and My New Name*

# 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 3:10-11*

*"Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth. "Behold, I am coming quickly! Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown.*

# BENEDICTION

*Revelation 22:20-21*

*He who testifies to these things says,*

*“Surely I am coming quickly.” Amen.*

*Even so, come, Lord Jesus! The grace of  
the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen.*