



**Jesus Challenges
the Churches, Part 1**
Revelation 2:1-11

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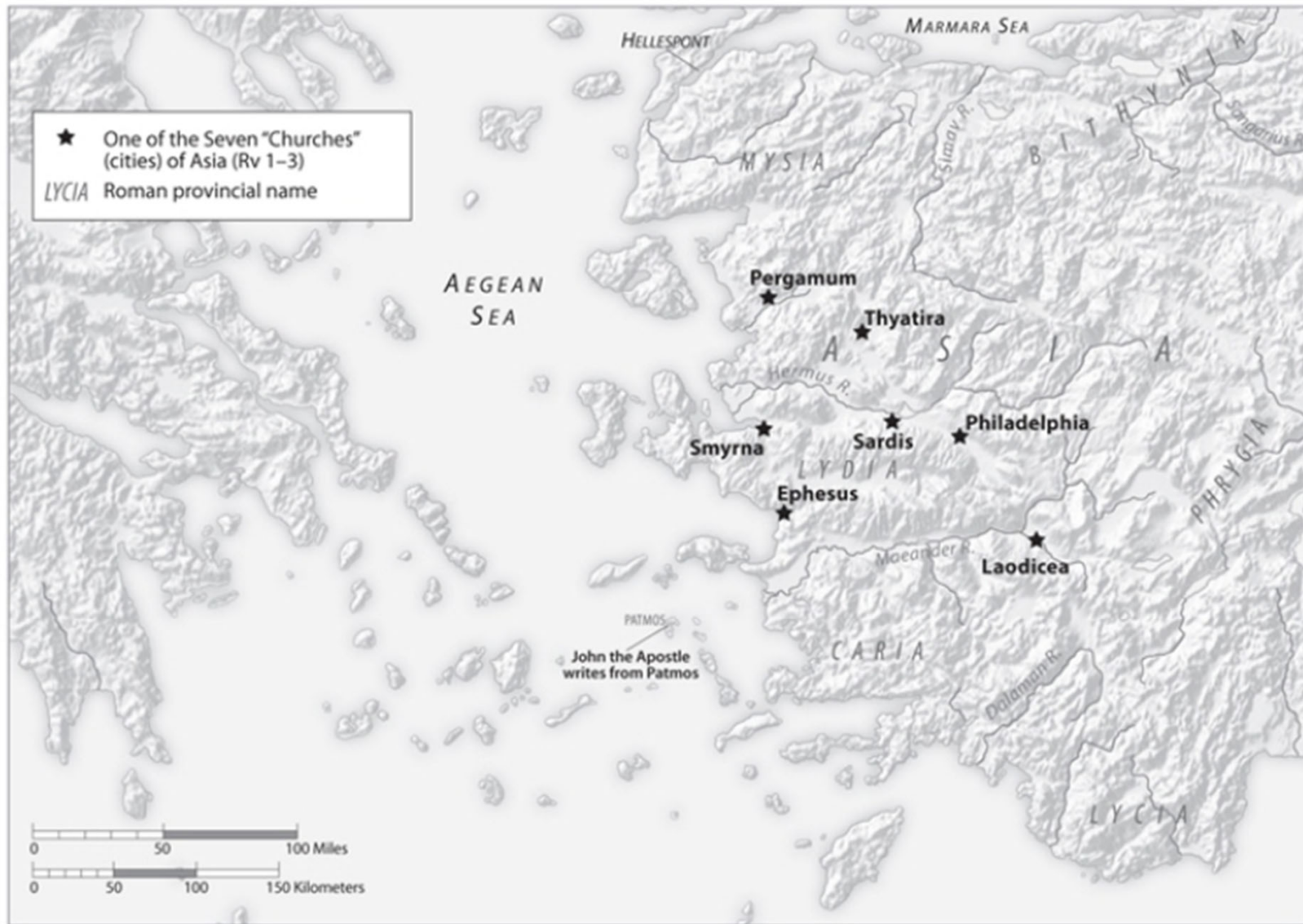
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Seven Churches of Asia



Pattern of Jesus' letters to Seven Churches

- **Addressee** “to the angel of the church in _____ write”
- **Description of Jesus as author** “these are the words of...” Relate back to Rev 1:17-20
- **Commendation of good works** “I know”
- **Accusation, rebuke related to sin** “I know”
- **Exhortation, Warning or Encouragement**
- **Admonition to Listen**
 - “Whoever who has an ear, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”
- **Promise to Overcomers**
 - **1 John 5:1-5**

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PRINCIPLE

WHAT SPIRITUAL BATTLE IS JESUS USING TO MOLD YOUR THOUGHTS, ATTITUDES AND CHARACTER?

HOW CAN YOU PRAY FOR OUR PASTORS AND CHURCH TO BE FAITHFUL IN SUFFERING?

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WHAT'S COMPETING FOR THE LOVE
THAT YOU OWE JESUS?

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HOW DO YOUR THOUGHTS, PRAYERS,
OR WORDS SHOW LOVE FOR JESUS?

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WHAT PRESENT REALITY IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO REVEAL CHRIST TO A FALLEN WORLD?

HOW CAN YOU REFOCUS YOUR EYES ON THE CROWN OF LIFE DURING TRIALS?

SUMMARY

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**Next Week – Rev 2:12-3:6
Jesus' Challenges the Churches, Pt2**