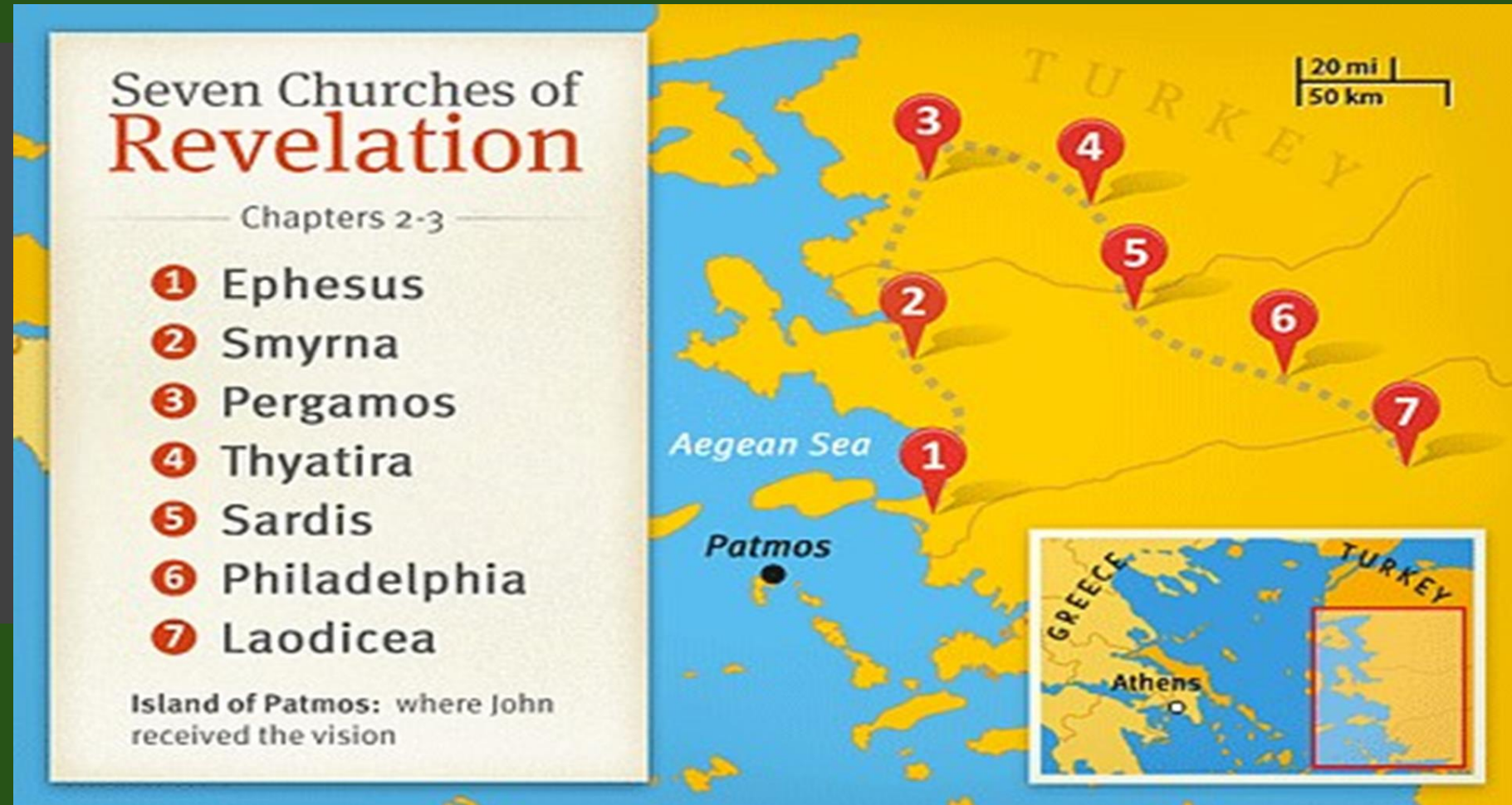


Revelation 2-3

Jesus Speaks
to His Church



Jesus' words to the churches in
Pergamum and Thyatira:

“Repent of your sin;
hold fast- continue in your faith.”

Pergamum-

Provincial Roman capital,
political center

Famous for temple of Zeus,
the city's large library

Home to the temple of
Asclepius- god of medicine

Thyatira-

Home to many trade guilds
Lydia was from this area



Two daily dangers:

1. Compromising our morals which leads to sin.
2. Making decisions based on love of reputation and cultural prominence.

Holding Fast to Jesus means repenting of sin and resisting these dangers!

“For it has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to lay on you no greater burden than these requirements: that you abstain from what has been sacrificed to idols, and from blood, and from what has been strangled, and from sexual immorality. If you keep yourselves from these, you will do well. Farewell.”

Acts 15:28-29 ESV

Numbers 25:1–3 ESV

While Israel lived in Shittim, the people began to whore with the daughters of Moab. These invited the people to the sacrifices of their gods, and the people ate and bowed down to their gods. So Israel yoked himself to Baal of Peor. And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel.

Numbers 31:16 ESV

Behold, these, on Balaam's advice, caused the people of Israel to act treacherously against the LORD in the incident of Peor, and so the plague came among the congregation of the LORD. (ESV)

2nd Danger:

Making decisions based on love of reputation and cultural prominence.

Jezebel- Old Testament person who is a prototype of seductive immorality and evil.

2nd Danger, continued:

Some people loved the teaching and reputation of this person that they were led into further immorality.

What does Jesus promise to those who hold fast to Him?

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A White stone, with a new name

A share of rule with Christ for those who are
powerless now

The Presence of Christ, who is the Bright
Morningstar.