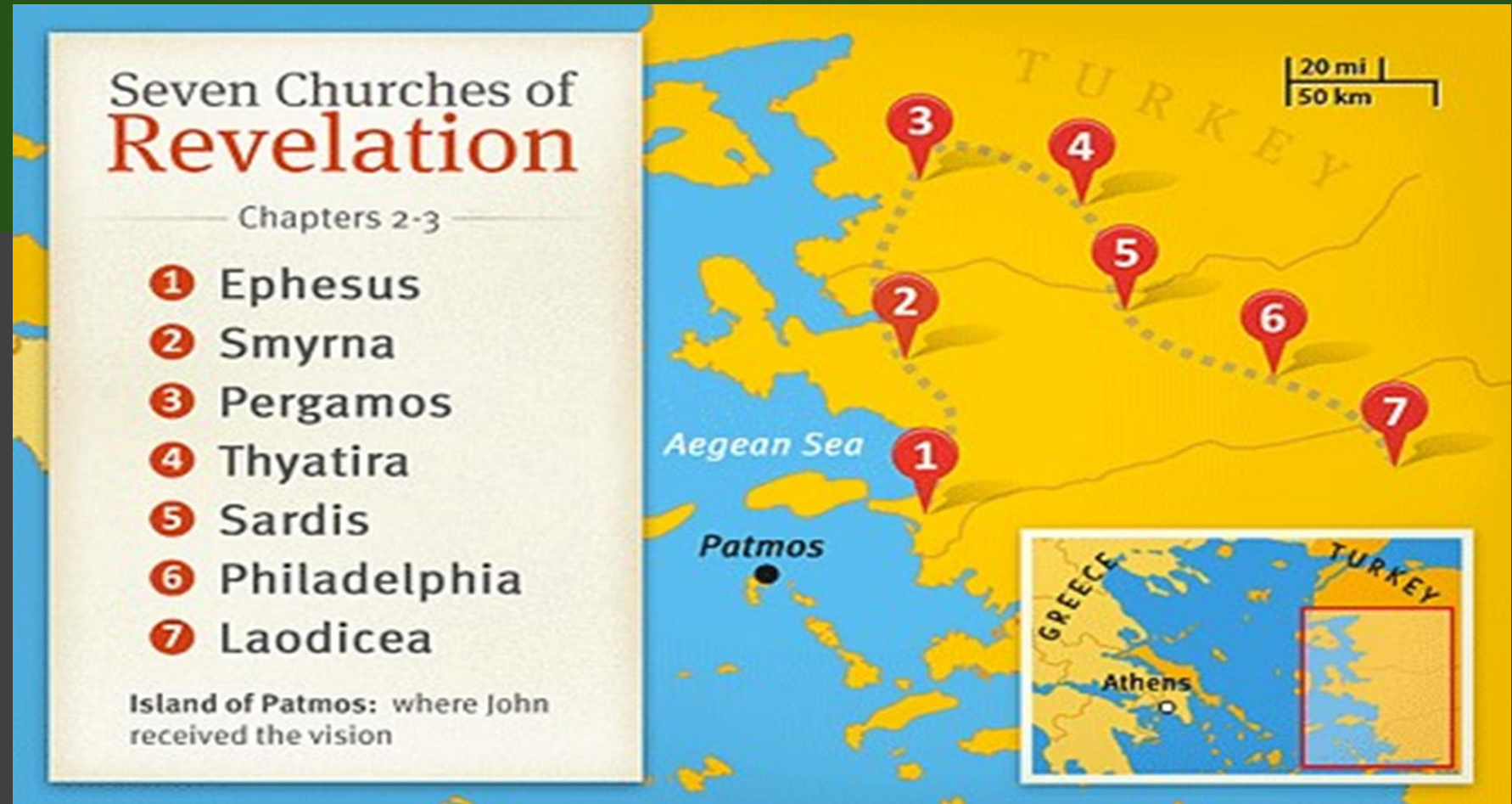


Revelation 2-3

Jesus Speaks to His Church



The glory of Sardis lay in the past:

- Was capital of the kingdom of Lydia-
last ruler was Croesus
- First government to mint coins
- Located on high cliffs, had
reputation of being
impenetrable



Main Point:

Jesus calls us to keep spiritually alert and repent of our posturing, apathy, and complacency.

Reminders to “wake up”

“For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober.”

1 Thessalonians 5:5-6 ESV

“Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit is indeed willing, but the flesh is weak.”

Mark 14:38 ESV

“Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, “The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses’ seat, so do and observe whatever they tell you, but not the works they do. For they preach, but do not practice.” **Matt. 23:1-3 ESV**

“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs, which outwardly appear beautiful, but within are full of dead people’s bones and all uncleanness. So you also outwardly appear righteous to others, but within you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.” **Matt. 23:27-28 ESV**

John 5:39–40 ESV

You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me, yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life.

John 5:44 ESV

How can you believe, when you receive glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the only God?

They do all their deeds to be seen by others. For they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long, and they love the place of honor at feasts and the best seats in the synagogues and greetings in the marketplaces and being called rabbi by others. But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all brothers.

Matthew 23:5–8 ESV

The Solution:

Repent, and hold on to what you received and heard in Christ.

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.”

Revelation 7:13–14 ESV

Jesus' Promise to those who repent:

“The one who conquers will thus be clothed in white garments, and I will never blot his name out of the book of life. I will confess his name before my Father and before his angels.”

Revelation 3:5 ESV