

Sunday School

Grace Life Baptist Church

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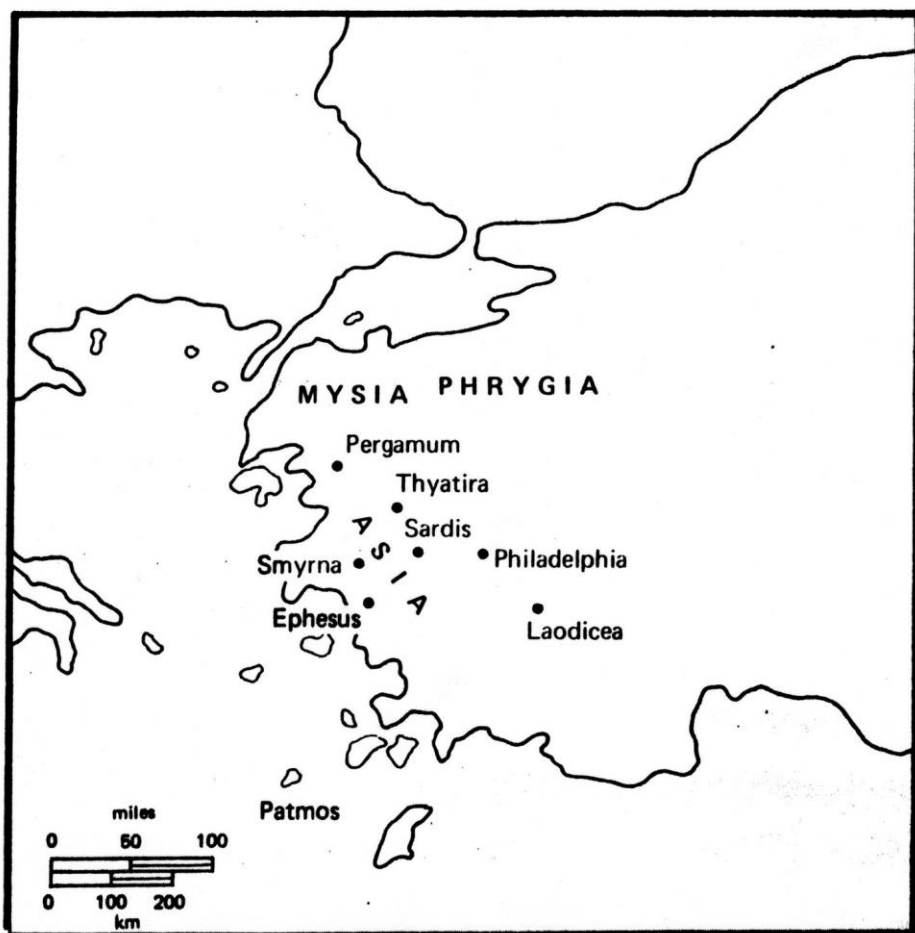
Book of Revelation part 11

I. Importance of the chapter one image of Christ.

1. Compared and contrasted to the seven churches.
2. Referenced in 19th chapter.
3. Other images of Christ in book, around nine.

II. Christ interprets the significance of the vision.

- v. 18. “The One living”, only human with a glorified body till the Rapture (1 Tim. 6:16).
“And came to be in a state of death (*cf.* v. 5; 1 Cor. 15:3).
“Behold, I AM—He declares Himself as Jehovah (Ex. 3:13-14).
“Alive into the age from the ages (*cf.* Eph. 3:21).
“I have the keys to the process of death and hades.”
 Key to the process of death—in charge of
 Christians’ passing from this life on earth (*cf.* Heb. 2:14; 1 Sam. 21:10).
 Key to Hades (Mt. 16:17-18).
- v. 19. “You write:
1. The things you saw—chapter one.
 2. The things that are—chapters two and three.
 3. The things that are about to come to be after these—chapters 4-22.
- v. 20. “You write the mystery of stars ... and lampstands”.
1. Two sets of mysteries: stars and lampstands.
 2. Mystery: truth previously not revealed (Rom. 16:25-26; Col. 1:26).
 - 1) Stars—pastor: credit and/or blame.
 - 2) Lampstands—churches:
 - i. Their works are judged by being compared and contrasted to the Image.
 - ii. Their destiny is foretold, prophesy.
 - iii. The promise to the overcomer potentially in the organization.



The Seven Churches of Revelation 1-3