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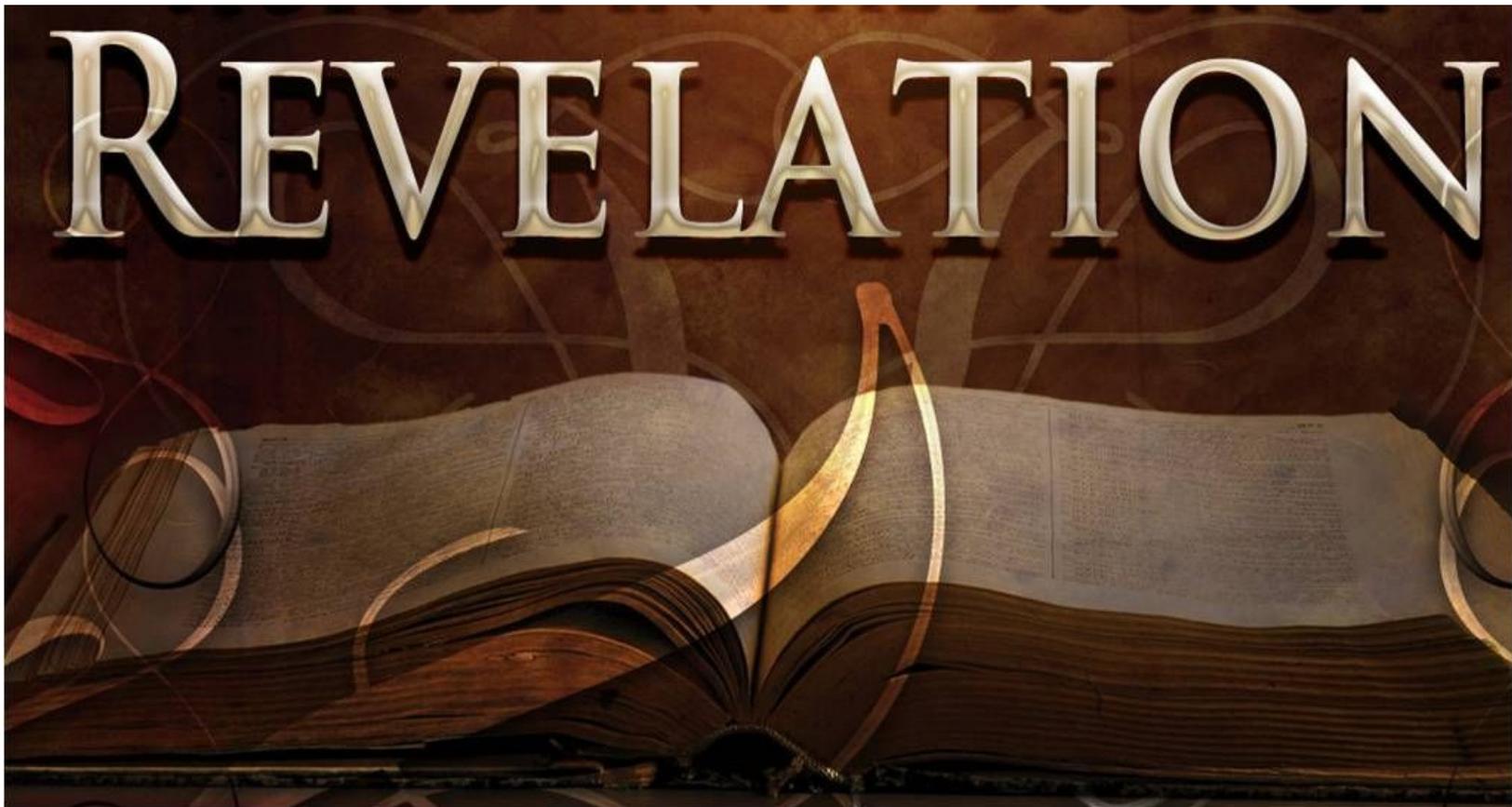
# REVELATION



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# First Read-through



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- God is in control. He never leaves His Throne. No matter what is happening. And He is always surrounded by Glory and Worship. Everything unfolds (unseals) according to His plans. Everything is already written out and will go His way.

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- We are called to faithfulness. If we are martyred, He rewards and honors us.
- Our prayers are the incense for God's throne.
- Worldly powers will come and go and look strong, but will fall at His Word.

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- Jesus is faithful and True.  
He is the Lion of Judah who is worthy to open the scroll, but when he steps forward his appearance is a Lamb who was slain - until it's not (Son of Man with giant sickle, then victorious conqueror) Amen! Maranatha!

## First Read-through

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## Purpose of Revelation

### **Revelation Completes the Gospel ...**

**Devotional By Michael Youssef, Ph.D.**

- **Revelation completes our understanding of God's purpose for history and for our future.**
- **Revelation shows us the danger of compromise and the ultimate destruction of Satan and those who reject Christ.**
- **Revelation gives us an awe-inspiring portrait of the glorified, soon-coming King Jesus.**

# Revelation – Introduction – Revelation 1:1-3

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*1 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show to His bond-servants, the things which must soon take place; and He sent and communicated it by His angel to His bond-servant John, <sup>2</sup> who testified to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw. <sup>3</sup> Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of the prophecy, and heed the things which are written in it; for the time is near.*

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- *by His angel to John* = the “Apostle whom Jesus loved”

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## **Revelation 22:18-21**

*18 I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues which are written in this book; 19 and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his part from the tree of life and from the holy city, which are written in this book.*

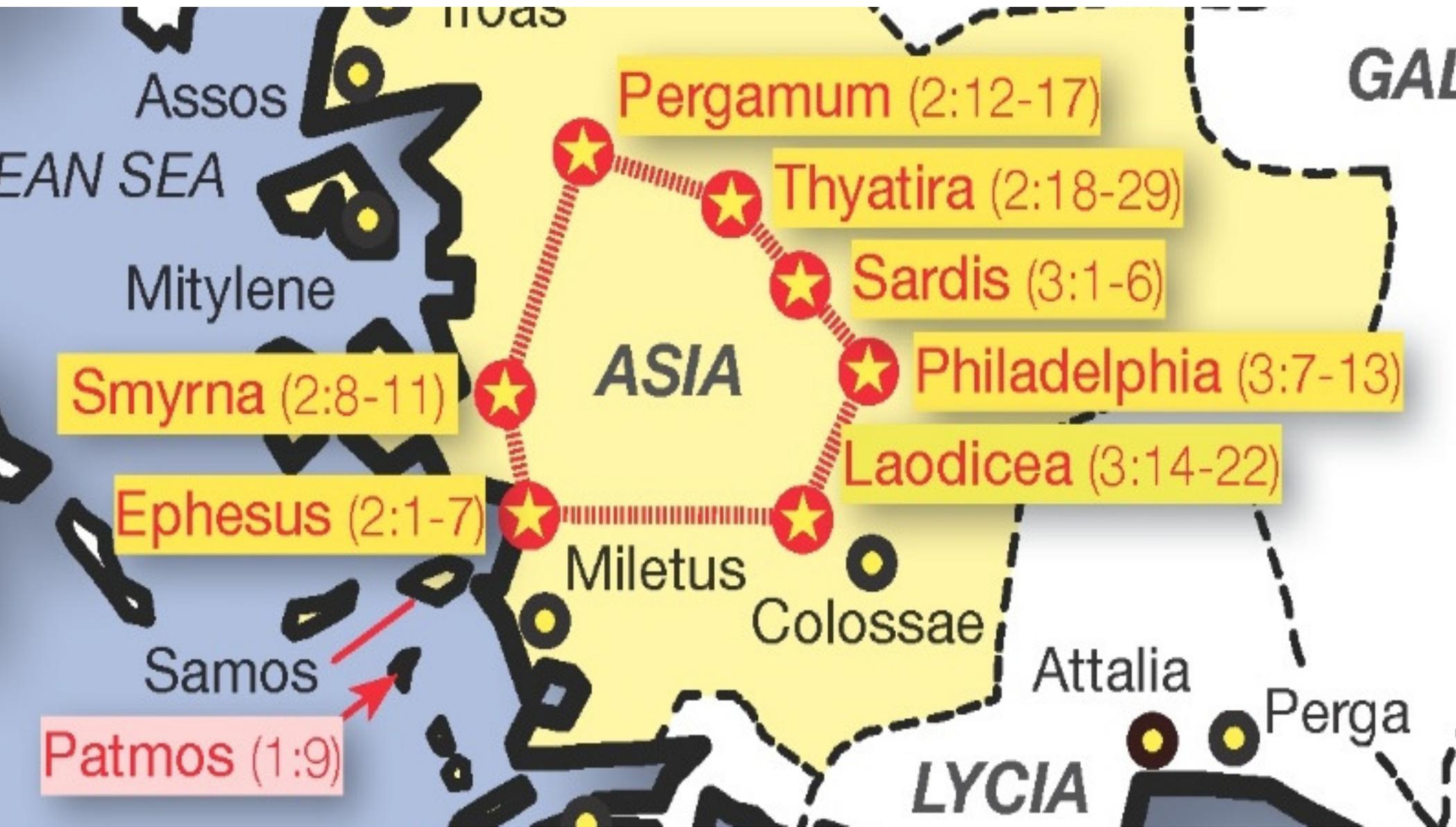
*20 He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming quickly." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.*

*21 The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen.*

## Revelation 1:4-6

*<sup>4</sup> John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace, from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne, <sup>5</sup> and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him who loves us and released us from our sins by His blood— <sup>6</sup> and He has made us to be a kingdom, priests to His God and Father—to Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.*





Smyrna (2:8-11)

Pergamum (2:12-17)

Thyatira (2:18-29)

Sardis (3:1-6)

Philadelphia (3:7-13)

Ephesus (2:1-7)

Laodicea (3:14-22)

Patmos (1:9)

ASIA

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- “seven” = used 53 times in Revelation
- Divine number of completion or perfection

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### **Daniel 7:13**

In my vision in the night I continued to watch, and I saw One like a Son of Man coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into His presence.

### **Zechariah 12:10**

Then I will pour out on the house of David and on the residents of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and prayer, and they will look on Me, the One they have pierced. They will mourn for Him as one mourns an only child, and weep bitterly for Him as one grieves a firstborn son.

### **Matthew 24:30**

At that time the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and all the tribes of the earth will mourn. They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory.

### **Mark 13:26**

At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory.

### **Luke 21:27**

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**We won't miss the  
return of Jesus!**

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