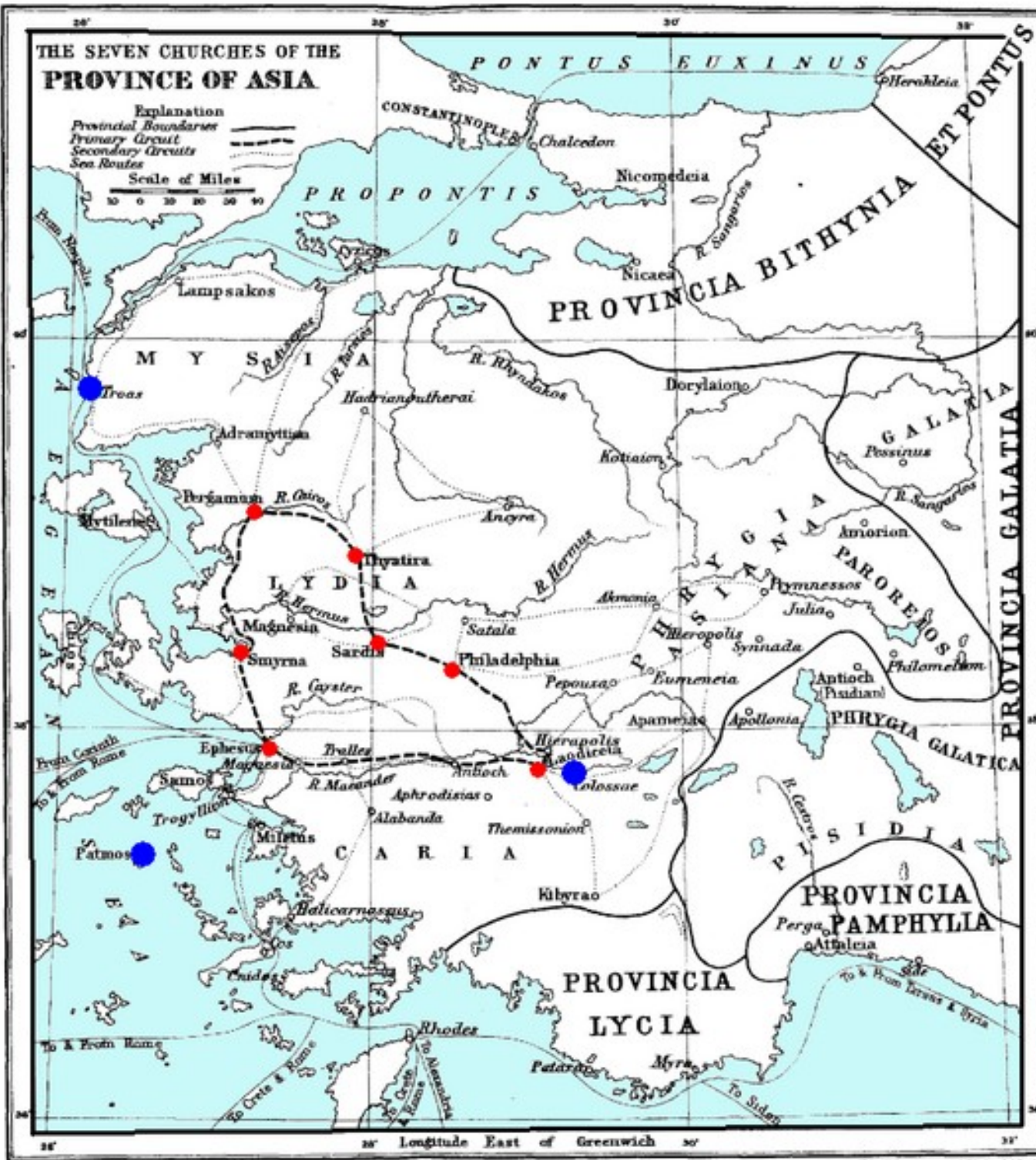


# Geography of the Revelation

Rev. 1:9 I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Map from W. Ramsay, The Letters to the Seven Churches of Asia. London, 1904 j



# Structure of the Seven Letters

Rev 3:7-9

	Ephesus, 2:1-7	Smyrna, 2:8-11	Pergamos, 2:12-17	Thyatira, 2:18-29	Sardis, 3:1-6	Philadelphia, 3:7-13	Laodicea, 3:14-22
Command to write	1a	8a	12a	18a	1a	7a	14a
Title from ch. 1	1b	8b	12b	18b	1b	7b	14b
Message	2-6	9-10	13-16	19-25	1c-4	8-11	15-20
I know thy works	2a	9a	13a	19a	1c	8a	15a
Praise	2-3	9b	13	19		8-11	
Exhortation		10				11b	
Criticism	4-5		14-16	20-23	2-3		15-20
Exhortation	5		16		3		18-19
Praise	6			24	4		
Exhortation	5	10	16	25	3	11b	18-19
Promise to Overcomers				26-28	5	12	21
Let him hear	7a	11a	17a	29	6	13	22
Promise to Overcomers	7b	11b	17b				

# Parallels between Smyrna and Philadelphia

## The Two Uncriticized Churches

Smyrna, 2:8-11	Philadelphia, 3:7-13
8 ... These things saith the <b>first and the last,</b>	7 ... These things saith he that is <b>holy, he that is true,</b>
which was dead, and is alive;	he that hath the key of David, ...
9 I know thy works, and tribulation θλίψις, and <b>poverty</b> , (but thou art <b>rich</b> )	8 I know thy works: ... for that thou hast a <b>little strength</b> , and <b>hast kept my word</b> , and <b>hast not denied my name.</b>
and I know the <b>blasphemy</b> of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the <b>synagogue of Satan.</b>	9 Behold, I will make them of the <b>synagogue of Satan</b> , which say they are Jews, and are not, but do <b>lie</b> ;
10 Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be <b>tried πειραζω</b> ; and ye shall have tribulation θλίψις <b>ten days</b> :	10 Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the <b>hour of temptation πειρασμος</b> , which shall come upon all the world, to <b>try πειραζω</b> them that dwell upon the earth.
be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a <b>crown</b> of life.	11 Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy <b>crown.</b>

# He that is Holy, He that is True

Rev. 6:10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, **holy and true**, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?

Rev 4:8 **Holy, holy, holy**, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.

Exod 34:6 And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, The LORD, The LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and **truth**,

## Divine Attributes in Revelation 1

1:14	<b>His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow;</b>	Dan. 7:9 I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was <b>white as snow</b> , and the <b>hair</b> of his head like the pure <b>wool</b> :
1:15	<b>and his voice as the sound of many waters.</b>	Ezek. 43:2 And, behold, the glory of the God of Israel came from the way of the east: and <b>his voice was like a noise of many waters</b> :
1:16	And he had in his right hand <b>seven stars</b> :	Amos 5:8 Seek him that maketh the <b>seven stars</b> and Orion, ... The LORD is his name: (Job 9:9; 38:31)

# The Key of David

Isa 22:15 Thus saith the Lord GOD of hosts, Go, get thee unto this treasurer, even unto **Shebna**, **which is over the house**, and say, 16 What hast thou here? and whom hast thou here, that thou hast hewed thee out a sepulchre here, as he that heweth him out a sepulchre on high, and that graveth an habitation for himself in a rock? 17 Behold, the LORD will carry thee away with a mighty captivity, and will surely cover thee. 18 He will surely violently turn and toss thee like a ball into a large country: there shalt thou die, and there the chariots of thy glory shall be the shame of thy lord's house. 19 And I will drive thee from thy station, and from thy state shall he pull thee down.

Isa 22:20 And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will call my servant **Eliakim** the son of Hilkiah: 21 And I will clothe him with thy robe, and strengthen him with thy girdle, and I will commit thy government into his hand: and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to the house of Judah. 22 And **the key of the house of David** will I lay upon his shoulder; so he shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open.

Isa 36:2 And the king of Assyria sent Rabshakeh from Lachish to Jerusalem unto king Hezekiah with a great army. And he stood by the conduit of the upper pool in the highway of the fuller's field. 3 Then came forth unto him **Eliakim**, Hilkiah's son, which was over the house, and **Shebna** the scribe, and Joah, Asaph's son, the recorder.

Isaiah 22: 20-22

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21 And I will clothe him with thy robe, and strengthen him with thy girdle, and I will commit thy government into his hand: and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to the house of Judah.

22 And the key of the house of David will I lay upon his shoulder; so he shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open.

● What attitude toward the people would characterize God's replacement for Shebna, the steward in verses twenty and twenty-one?



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# Using the Key of David

## The One who Opens and Shuts

Mat 16:19 And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

Matt 18:18 Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

## The Door of 3:8

Act 14:27 And when they were come, and had gathered the church together, they rehearsed all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the **door of faith** unto the Gentiles.

Col 4:3 Withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a **door of utterance**, to speak the mystery of Christ, [cf 1 Cor 16:9; 2 Cor 2:12]

Deu 20:10 When thou comest nigh unto a city to fight against it, then proclaim peace unto it. 11 And it shall be, if it make thee answer of peace, and open unto thee, then it shall be, that all the people that is found therein shall be tributaries unto thee, and they shall serve thee.

# 3:9 The Synagogue of Satan

Rev 3:9a Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, **which say they are Jews, and are not**, but do lie;

Rev 3:9b behold, I will make them to **come** and **worship** before **thy feet**, and to know that **I have loved thee.**

Rom 2:28 For **he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh:** 29 But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God.

Isa 60:14 The sons also of them that afflicted thee shall **come** bending unto thee; and all they that despised thee shall **bow themselves down** at the soles of **thy feet**; and they shall call thee, **The city of the LORD**, The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.