



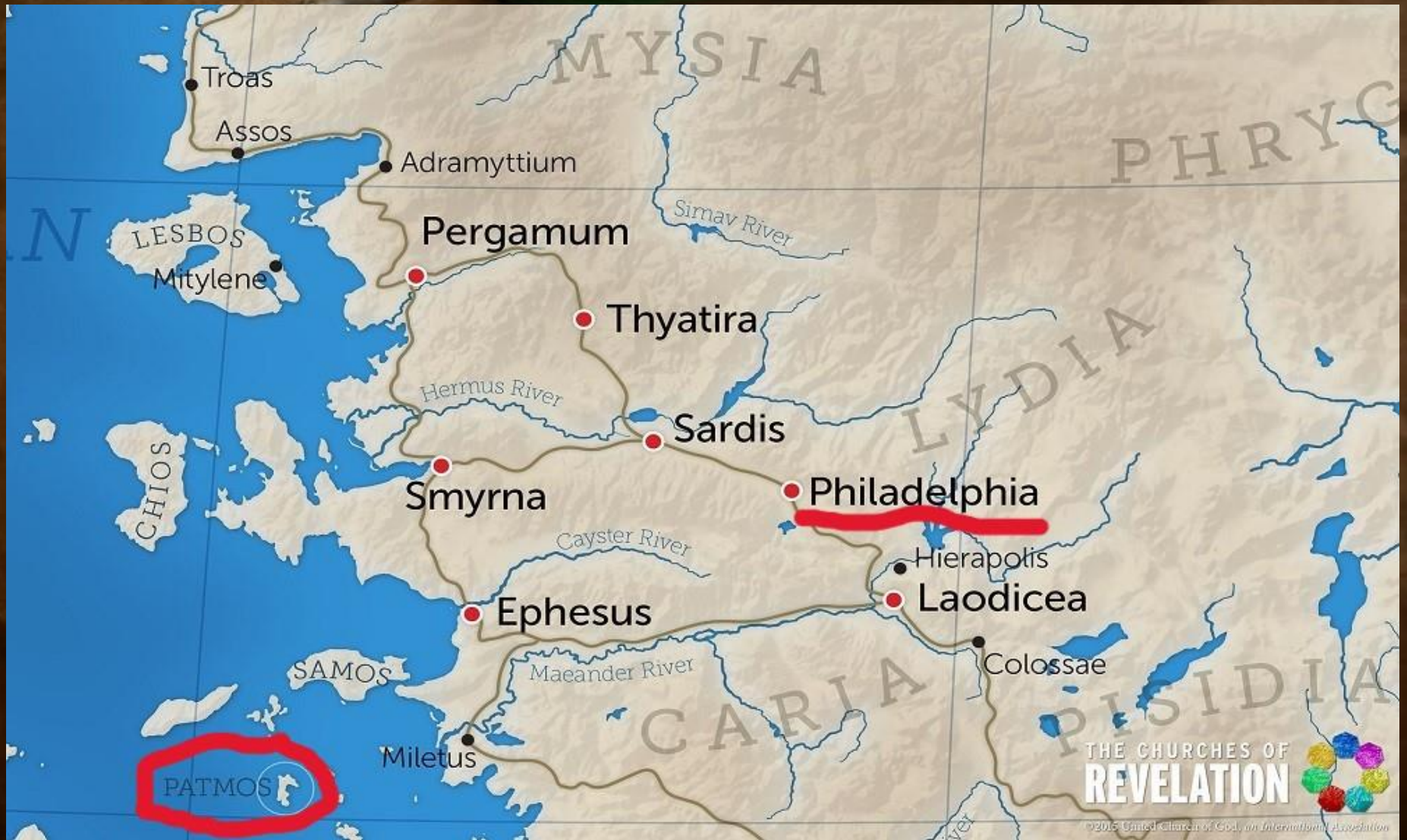
Letters To The Seven Churches

Revelation 2-3

The Church in Philadelphia

Revelation 3:7-13

Map of Philadelphia



Philadelphia



Guardian of the Door

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- Jesus is going to open the door and keep it open when needed and will shut it and keep it shut when He needed.
 - We must use wisdom before we walk through any open door.
 - We may use a closed door as an excuse to give up, but God may want to see how committed we are.
 - Even when there is an open door, we still need to summon up the courage and faith to go through the door.
 - Our job is to go through the doors Jesus opens.
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Faith

- Nothing is hidden before the eyes of Jesus.
- Whatever situation we might be going through, it is not a surprise to Jesus.
- We need to believe and trust Jesus has our back.
- We all have equal standing before the Lord, based on our faith.
- God honors and rewards faith.

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Living the Life

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- Jesus said two positive things about this church:
 - *“You kept my word.”*
 - *“You have not denied my name.”*
 - The people in the church of Philadelphia never denied the name of God.
 - They believed they were called to make a difference in the world.
 - It is one thing to say I go to church, it is a totally different thing to live a Christian life, with all of the risks involved.
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Be Patient

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- There were problems in the church, but they were not caused by the true followers of Christ.
 - Jesus called out those false Jews who were persecuting the church.
 - Jesus told the church to be patient as they endured the storm.
 - Jesus encouraged the church by telling them He would guard them, so they would not have to face and endure the tribulation to come.
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Coming Soon

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- The early church was fully convinced that Jesus was coming back at any moment, so their preaching and teaching was passionate.
 - They were quick to proclaim the message of Christ to the world, not wanting anyone to spend eternity without Christ.
 - When we hold onto Christ and do not waver in faith, we will never lose what we have gained.
 - There will always be a reason to give up and quit.
 - Those who trust in Jesus will be safe and secure forever.
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Conclusion

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- The power to name is the power of ownership.
- Those whom God has redeemed will be named and claimed by Him.
- We will be given the name of the new Jerusalem because that is where we will spend eternity.
- We enter heaven by the blood of Jesus, and in His name we find our place in the heavenly city.
- Real, eternal security can only be found in Jesus Christ.