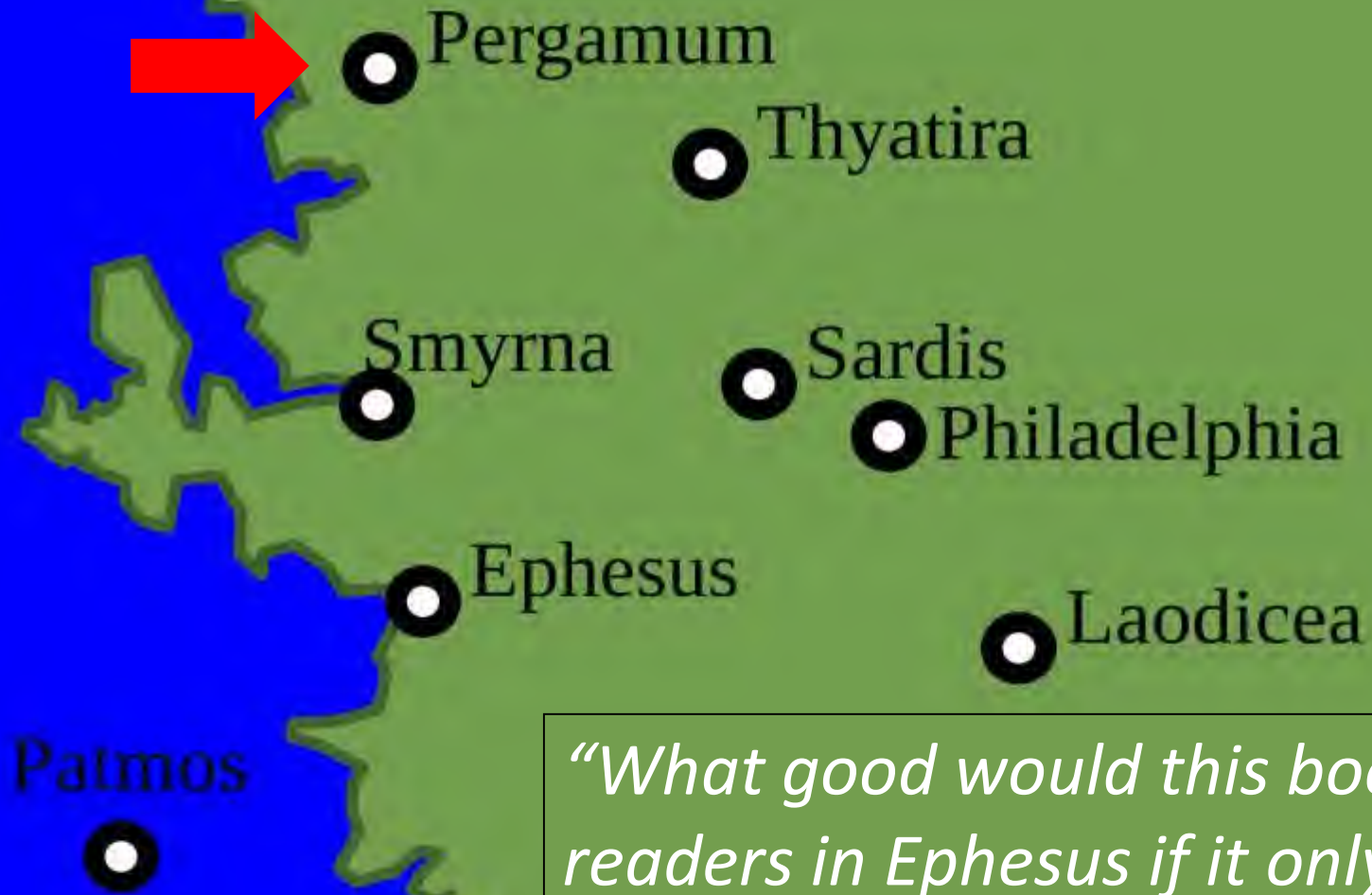


*Dear church in Ephesus...*

**A reflective study of Revelation 2:1-7**



# The Recipients of the Revelation



Written by John

- On Patmos
- During Domitian's reign (AD 95-96)

*“What good would this book have been for 1<sup>st</sup> century readers in Ephesus if it only tells of events 2000 later?”*

# Why the book of Revelation?



**To comfort the Church  
to correct it's perspective  
in its struggle against evil**

- Stirs longing for His return (22:17)
- Remind He is always among them (1:12-20)

## The Lampstands



## Seven Seals



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## Seven Trumpets



## Woman & Dragon



## Seven Bowls



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## Fall of Babylon



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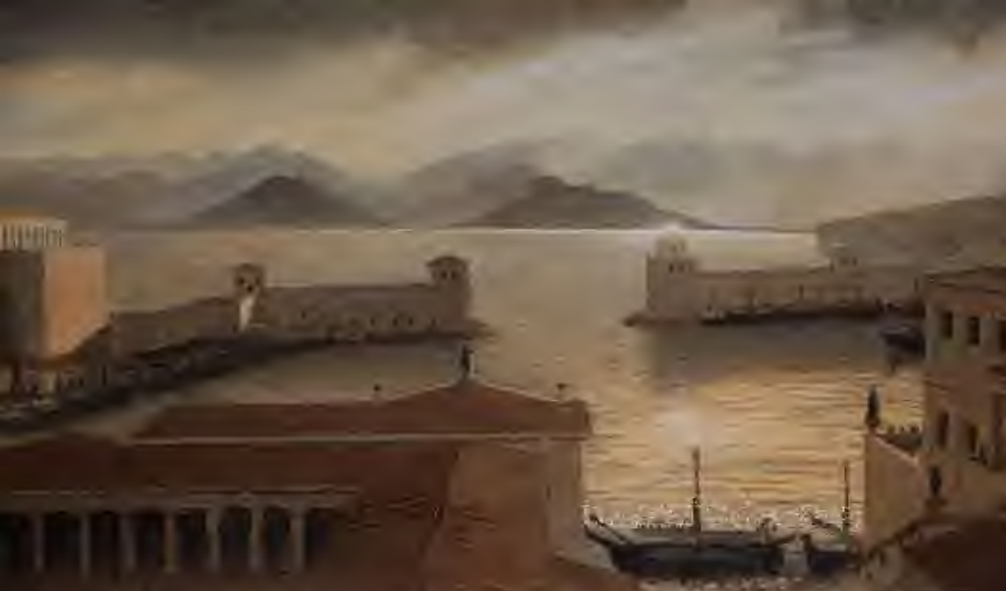
## The Wedding



# Seven letters, one form



Revelation of Christ	Commendation (not Laodicea)	Condemnation (not Smyrna, Philadelphia)
Exhortation	Warning	Promise



EPHESUS

*Dear church in Ephesus...*

## **2:1 | Revelation of Jesus**

1 To the angel of the church in Ephesus write:  
'The words of him who holds the seven stars in  
his right hand, who walks among the seven  
golden lampstands.'



# First Pastors in Ephesus



**Paul**



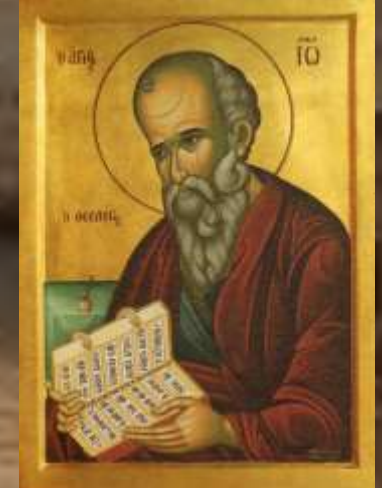
**Apollos**



**Pricilla, Aquila**



**Timothy**



**John**



# Dear church in Ephesus...

## 2:2-3 | Commendation



2 I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance, and how you cannot bear with those who are evil, but have tested those who call themselves apostles and are not, and found them to be false. 3 I know you are enduring patiently and bearing up for my name's sake, and you have not grown weary.

*Dear church in Ephesus...*  
**2:4 | Condemnation**



4 But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first.

*Dear church in Ephesus...*  
**2:5 | Exhortation and Warning**



5 Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent.

*Dear church in Ephesus...*

**2:6 | Praise**

6 Yet this you have: you hate the works of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.



*Dear church in Ephesus...*

**2:7 | Promise**

7 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.'



*Dear church in Durbanville...*

## **Reflection**

1. Trust in Christ
2. Devotion in Duty
3. Love
4. Hope in reward

