

# The Book of *Revelation*



# What Kind of Book is Revelation?

- **Apocalypse (Apocalyptic)**
  - 1.1
  - Chain of Revelation
  - God - Christ - Angel - John (writer) - the servants of God
- **Prophecy**
  - 1.3
  - 22.6-7; 18-19
  - Context of Christian worship (read)
- **Circular Letter**
  - 1.4-6
  - Conventional letter format (1.4-5a; 22.21)



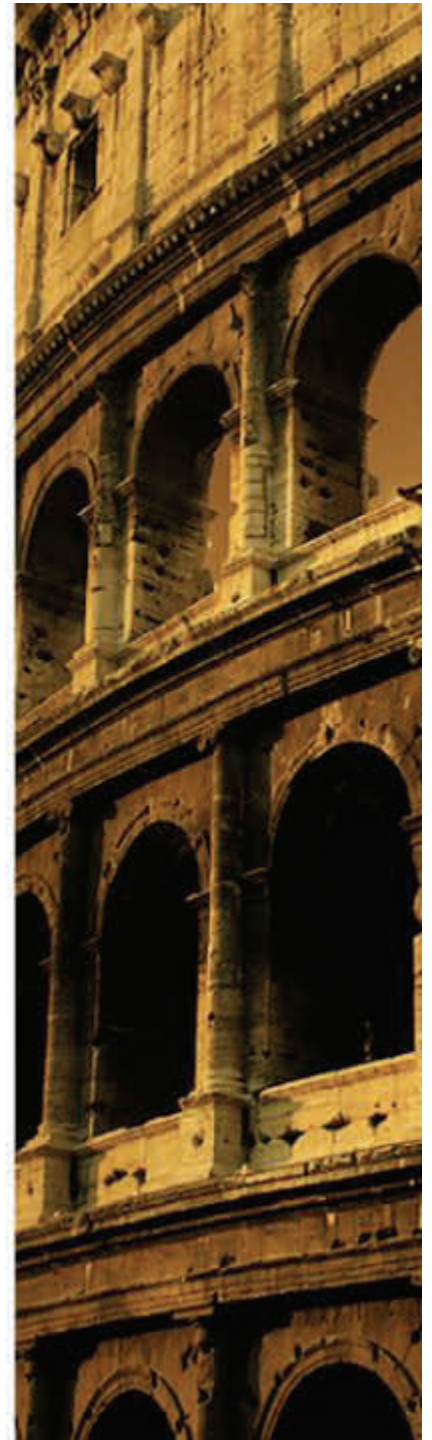


# Apocalypse

- **Reveals God's Action in the World**
- **Reveals the Divine Purpose In their Situation**
  - Respond appropriately
- **Given a Heavenly Perspective**
- **A Glimpse Behind the Curtain**
  - In order to see what is really going on
  - Who is in control?

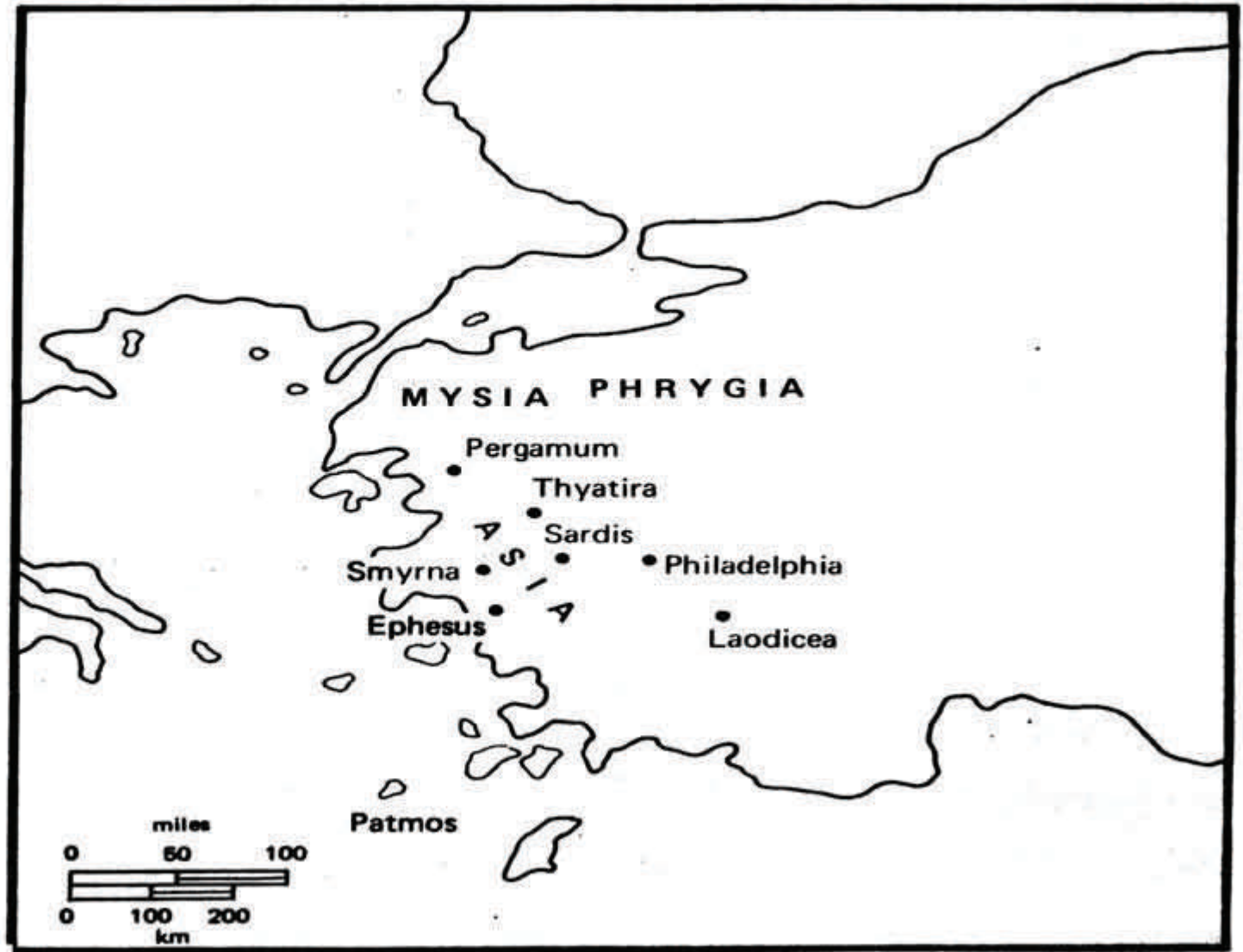
# Circular Letter

- **Seven different Churches Facing Different Issues**
  - Ephesus
  - Smyrna
  - Pergamum
  - Thyatira
  - Sardis
  - Philadelphia
  - Laodicea
- **Concern With World-wide Tyranny of Rome**
- **Cosmic Conflict of God vs. Evil**





# Seven Churches



The Seven Churches of Revelation 1-3

# Author & Date

## AUTHOR:

### •Unknown

- John - 5<sup>th</sup> most popular name for Jewish men in the 1<sup>st</sup> century
- John Mark?
- John the Elder (1 & 2 John)?
- John the Apostle (the son of Zebedee)?
- A John Familiar to the Churches in Asia?

## Date:

•90-95

•Persecutions

•Nero (54-68 CE)

•Domitian (81-96 CE)

