

EPHESUS

Church that lost it's first love. Acts 18 and 19, 1 Corinthians 15:32

SMYRNA

Will suffer persecution, afflicted by synagogue of Satan. Most important city next to Ephesus. Modern city of Izmir. Jewish community very opposed to Christianity, burned Polycarp at the stake.

PERGAMUM

Live where Satan had his throne. Had heretics who followed Balaam and Nicolatians. Important city had great library, invented parchment.

THYATIRA

Praised for charity service and faith, but tolerated Jezebel. Longest Revelation letter, but not much known about church. Lydia's town of origin.

SARDIS

Dead church. Sardis and Laodicea receive harshest criticism. No much excavated.

PHILADELPHIA

No criticism. Given an open door which cannot be shut.

LAODICEA

Neither cold nor hot – badly criticised – wretched, pitiful, poor blind and naked. Wealthy church, city was rebuilt without financial help after earthquake of AD 60. A long aqueduct supplied tepid water to the city – hence neither cold nor hot. City also made fine garments

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COLOSSAE

Unexcavated.. 120 miles East of Ephesus.

HIERAPOLIS

Site of the early church where Epaphras worked. Health spar

APHRODISIAS

Fine ruined city – stadium where athletes ran the race set before them.

TAVAS

PHILIPPI

Paul's first European landing. Converted Lydia here. Probably no substantial Jewish community as he didn't preach in the synagogue.

CORINTH

Prominent centre in the early church

