

**Seven  
Churches  
of Asia**

Thrace

Black Sea

Bithynia

Pergamum

Asia

Thyatira

Sardis

Smyrna

Philadelphia

Ephesus

Laudicea

Galatia

Pisidia

Pamphylia

Lycia

Mediterranean Sea







## 啟示錄七教會

**士每拿（伊茲密爾）(Smyrna)** - 土耳其第三大城市，亞洲七教會的第二。啟示錄2:12-17中，約翰深情地寫信給受羅馬激烈迫害中的士每拿教會。本城是亞歷山大大帝開始建造，由羅馬人完成。這裡可以看到希臘和羅馬的廢墟。

**別迦摩（白加孟）(Pergamus)** - 亞洲七教會的第三(啟示錄2:12-17)。我們在這裡參觀令人難忘的雅典衛城，最陡的劇院，Asklepieion，古代著名的醫學中心，看到啟示錄稱為「撒旦寶座」的宙斯祭壇。

**老底嘉（連於棉花堡）-(Laodicea)**- 這裡你會看到有大量鈣鹽的溫泉水，飛瀉下山，造出壯觀的自然景像，有如童話的雪白石化台階。基督警告老底嘉「不冷不熱」的信心(啟3:14-22)。棉花堡的熱泉到達老底嘉已經成為不冷不熱。

**以弗所 (Ephesus)** -- 亞洲七教會的第一(啟示錄2:1-11) - 因為它最接近拔摩島 - 以弗所是古老地中海世界的最大中心，是小亞西亞保存最好的古城。使徒保羅在這裡住了三年(徒18:18-21和19章)。歷史在這裡活現。參觀使徒保羅講道的大劇院，古代七大奇蹟的戴安娜神廟遺址 - 大於雅典的帕台農神廟四倍。

## THE CHURCHES OF REVELATION

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Visit Ancient **Smyrna** (Rev. 2:8-11). Smyrna was under intense Roman persecution. See Greek and Roman ruins. Drive to **Laodicea** (Acts 3:14-22) and Pamukkale. See the thermal spring water laden, creating a spectacular, fairylike, white petrified cascade. Christ warned Laodicea for their “lukewarm” faith.

Earlier visit to **Ephesus** (Rev. 2:1-7) and **Patmos Island** (See Part I, chap. 6 “Ephesus-Patmos”). Here history comes alive, walking among the ancient Roman ruins. The Church of Ephesus was probably developed by Paul and pastored by John.

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For a fuller treatment of the “Churches of Revelation,” see ***APPENDIX A***: “*Seven Churches of Revelation.*”