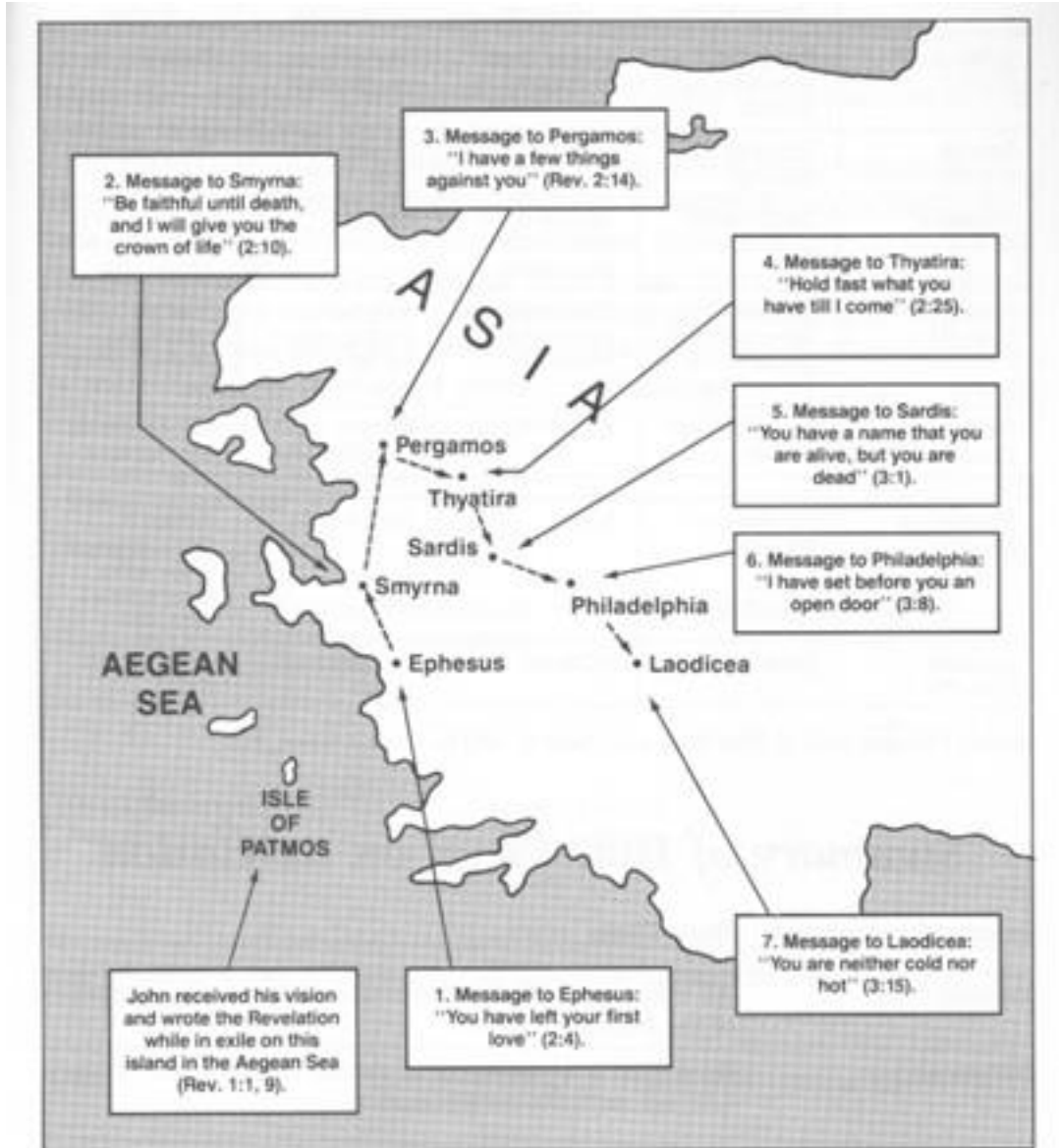
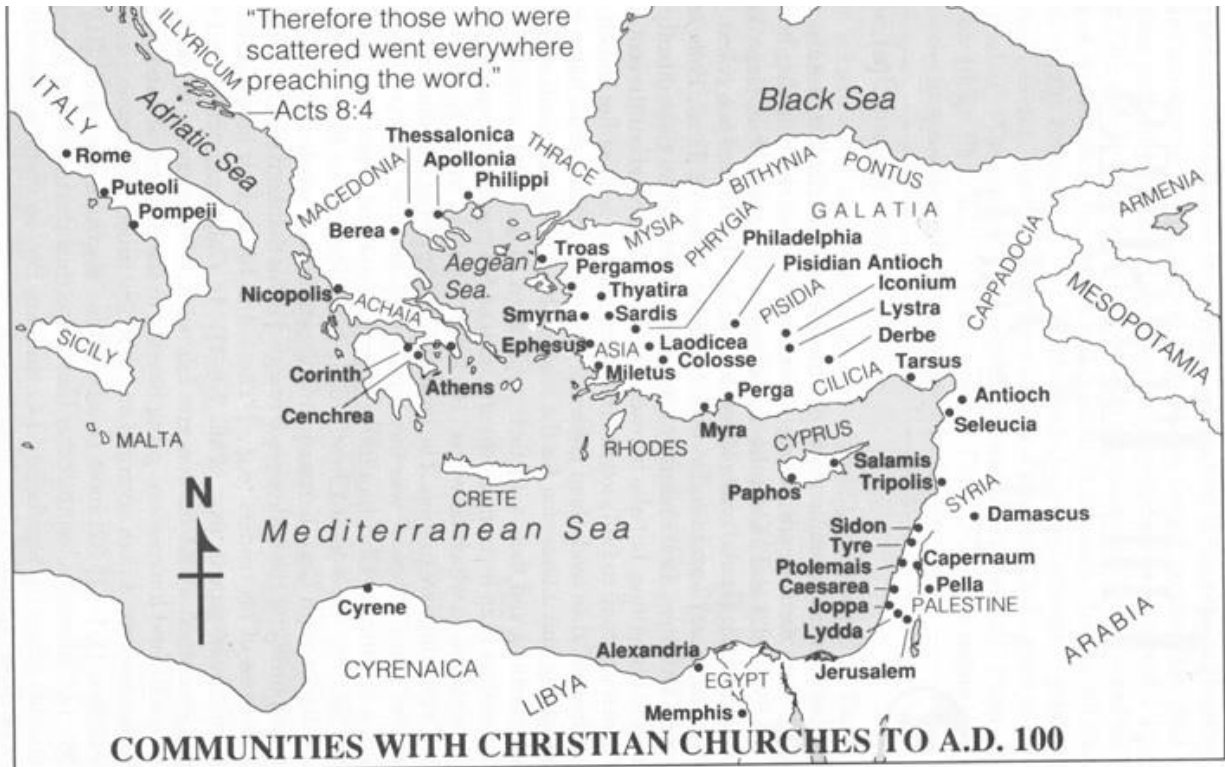


## SEVEN CHURCH OF REVELATION



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## HOW TO READ THE BIBLE

- The sacred authors used literary techniques to express their meaning
- We must understand those literary techniques to understand the whole meaning of Sacred Scripture

According to ancient tradition, one can distinguish between two *senses* of Scripture: the literal sense and the spiritual sense (See CCC 115).

1. The Bible is literature.
2. The Bible uses literary forms and techniques to convey its meaning.
3. We have to understand how the forms and the techniques work.

**Understand the *Literal Sense* first.**

***Literal is different from Literalistic***

<b>Sabbath COVENANT WITH CREATION</b>		
Sun and Moon rule over	Birds and Fish rule over	Humans and Animals rule over
Day and Night	Sky and Sea	Land and Vegetation

The real message by the sacred author: All creation is a Temple for the worship of God.

### **SPIRITUAL SENSES**

The Holy Spirit often puts more meaning into a passage than the sacred authors knew they were writing.

**Three Spiritual Senses** (See CCC 118)

- Allegorical or “Typical” sense.
  
  
- Moral or Tropological Sense.
  
  
- Anagogical Sense.

### **LOOK TO THE CHURCH FOR GUIDANCE**

The Magisterium (The Teaching Authority of the Church)

Catechism of the Catholic Church  
**WHAT TO READ FIRST**

Every part of the Bible has to be understood in the context of the rest of the Bible.

The New Testament makes no sense without the Old Testament.

The Old Testament is revealed in the New Testament (See CCC 129)

**BEGIN WITH ONE OF THE GOSPELS**

Genesis and Exodus are correctly placed at the beginning of the Bible because they prepare the way for everything that follows.

**PRAYER**

Approach the Bible with the right spirit.

The Bible is the Word of God written in the Words of Man

Spiritual Practices:

1. Begin with prayer
2. Frequently go to Mass
  - a. The more familiar you are with the Mass, the more you will feel at home in Scripture
  - b. The Mass is salvation history alive and present today
3. Prayer, Mass, and Scripture go together (See CCC 1437)

## VOCABULARY REVIEW

Allegorical Sense

Anagogical Sense

Catechism of the Catholic Church

Literal Sense

Moral Sense

Spiritual Sense

**END OF THE “OVERVIEW OF THE BIBLE” STUDY**