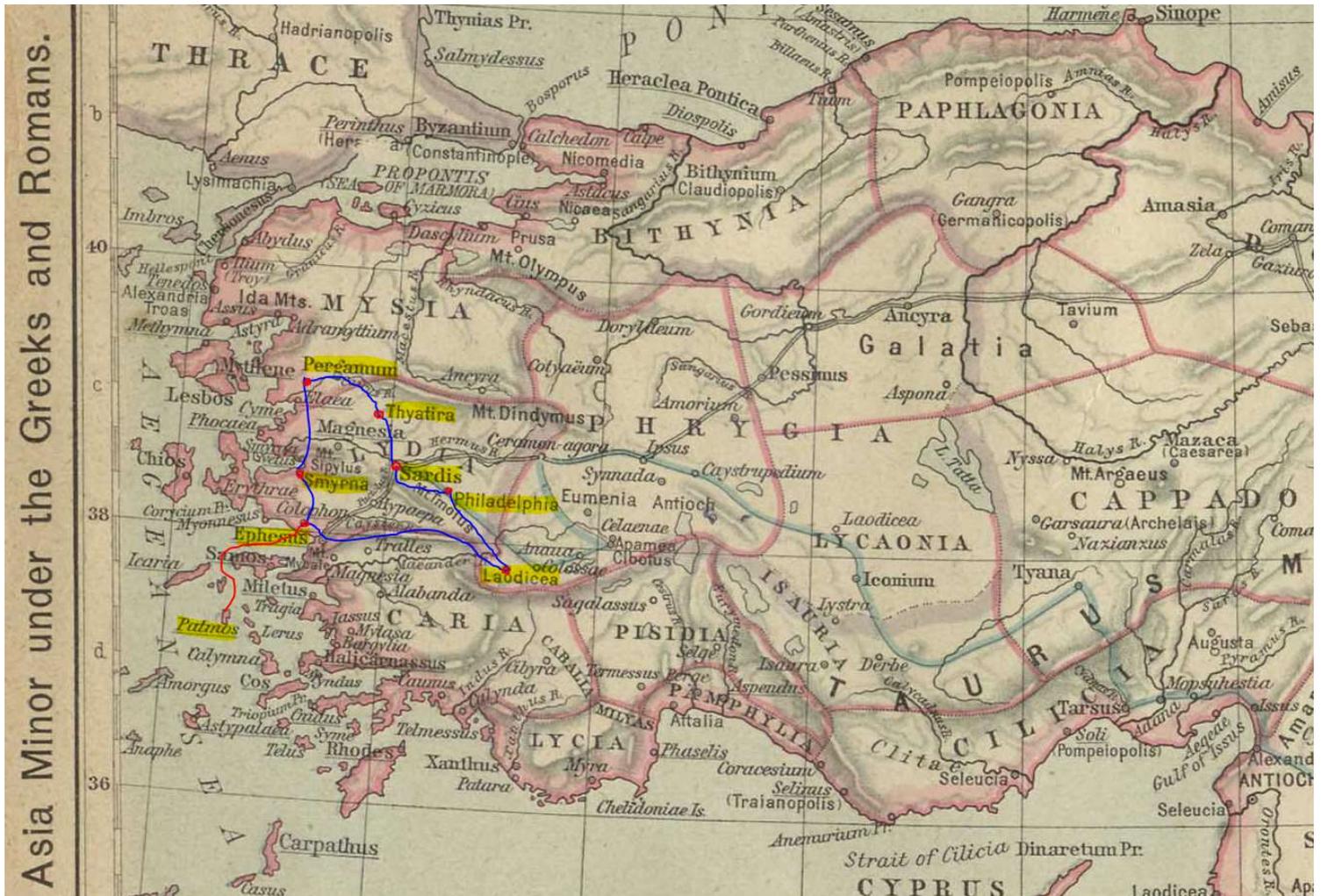


## Joshua Anderson – Grasping Gods Word Assignment 6.3

### Seven Churches of Asia Minor in Revelation 2-3

- Ephesus
- Smyrna
- Pergamum
- Thyatira, Sardis
- Philadelphia,
- Laodicea

Probable route of the messenger sent from John to the churches



## Laodicea historical-cultural facts

Capital of Cibryatic Convention of at least 25 towns	Banking centre of the region	Lacked a natural water supply, was piped in from hot springs six miles, arriving lukewarm
Refused Roman disaster relief after the earthquake of A.D. 60, rebuilding from its own resources	Water was full of sediment, though better than Hierapolis' water	Known for its textiles (especially wool), medical school & production of ear medicine as well as highly reputed eye salve
Ten miles west from Colosse and six miles south of Hierapolis	Zeus was the City's patron deity, but had other gods	Wealthiest city in Phrygia, and especially prosperous come 2 <sup>nd</sup> half of first century

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