

# Revelation Series

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go to map of modern Turkey or visit  
the Istanbul Archaeological Museum

Troas

Pergamum

Smyrna

Sardis

Ephesus

Miletus

Laodicia

Hieropolis

Antioch of Pisidia

Iconium

Lystra

Derbe

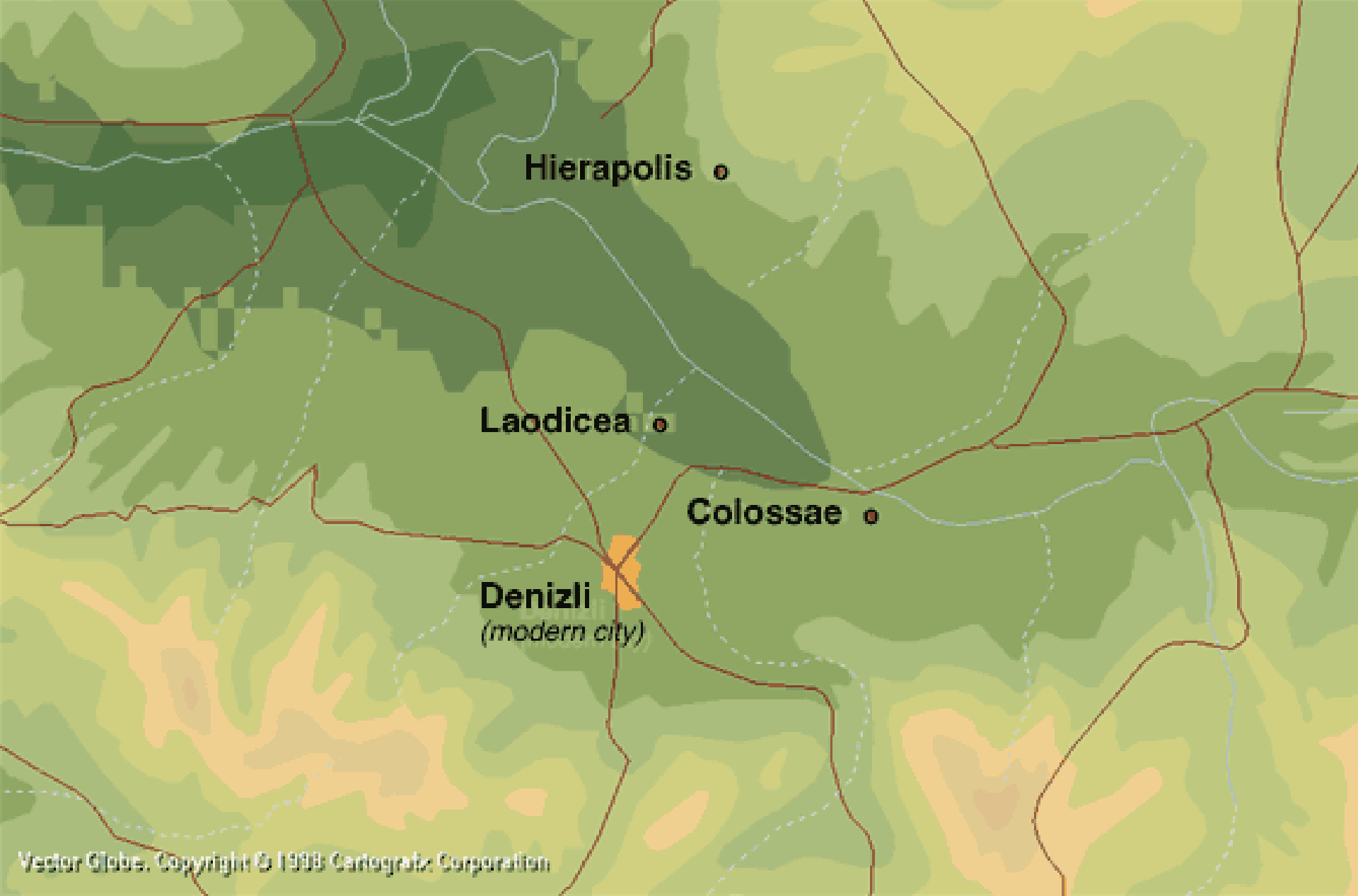
Perge

Aspendos

Tarsus

Antioch  
of Syria





Hierapolis ◉

Laodicea ◉

Colossae ◉

Denizli  
*(modern city)*

# Revelation 2–3

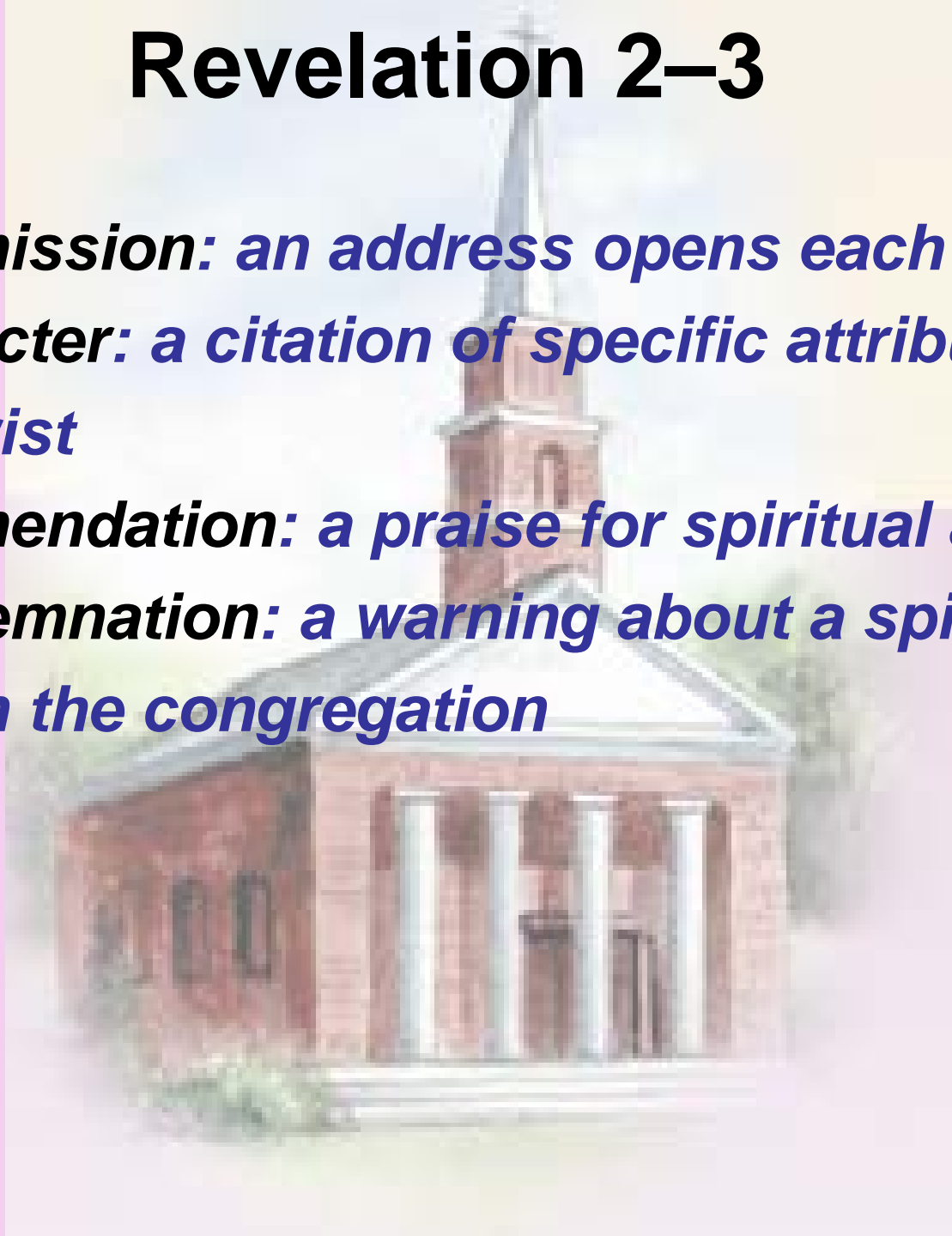
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3. ***Commendation: a praise for spiritual advance***
4. ***Condemnation: a warning about a spiritual flaw in the congregation***





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οἶδα, *oída*, perf act ind,  
“to know intuitively, fully; often of  
the omniscience of God”

**Matthew 11:22, “But I say to you, it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the day of judgment than for you.**

**Matthew 11:23, “And you, Capernaum, who are exalted to heaven, will be brought down to Hades; for if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day.”**

**Matthew 11:24, “But I say to you that it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment than for you.”**

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ζεστός. *zestos*  
boiling hot

; oft





Laodicea aqueduct piece with bathhouse remains





Laodicea aqueduct pieces





Laodicea aqueduct south of tell





Colossae stream of cold water





Hierapolis city street and Domitian's Gate



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ἐμέω *eméō*; to vomit,  
Spew out of the mouth, spit

**Revelation 3:17, “Because you say, ‘I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing’—and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked—**

**Proverbs 11:12, “He who is devoid of wisdom despises his neighbor, but a man of understanding holds his peace.”**



**Proverbs 16:18, “Pride goes before  
destruction, and a haughty spirit before a  
fall.”**

**Proverbs 29:23, “A man's pride will bring him low, but the humble in spirit will retain honor.”**

**James 4:6, “But He gives more grace.  
Therefore He says: ‘God resists the  
proud, but gives grace to the humble.’ ”**

**James 3:14, “But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth.**

**James 3:15, “This wisdom does not descend from above, but *is* earthly, sensual, demonic.”**

**James 3:16, “For where envy and self-seeking *exist*, confusion and every evil thing *are* there.”**

**1 Peter 5:5, “Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to *your* elders. Yes, all of *you* be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for ‘God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.’**

**1 Peter 5:6, “Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time,”**