

Jesus Walks Among the Lampstands

Jesus' Assessment of Sardis

Part A

Lesson #14



Istanbul

Sea of Marmara

Thyatira

Pergamum

Sardis

Smyrna

Philadelphia

Ephesus

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Aegean Sea



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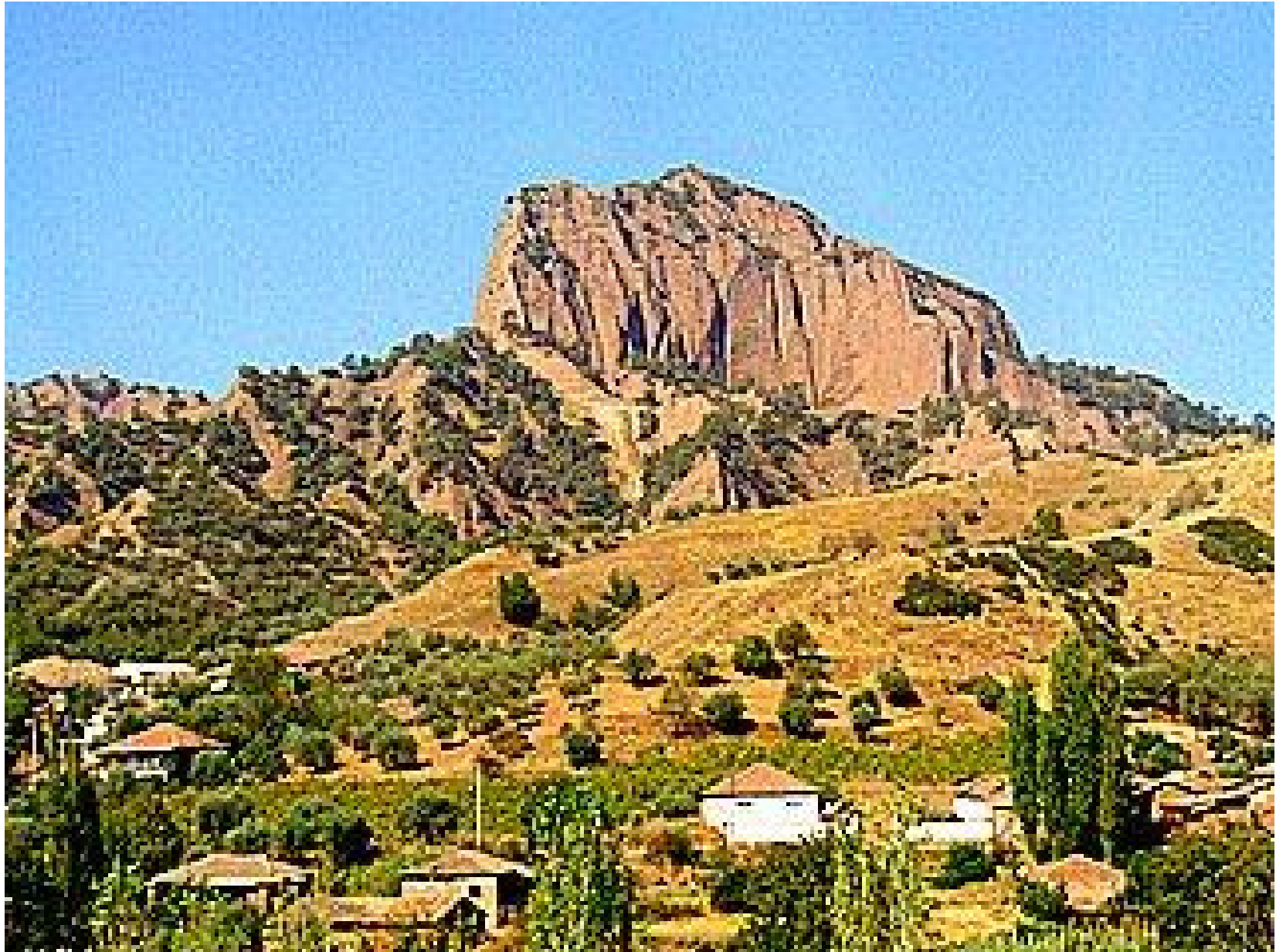
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Obadiah 20 (6th/5th cent B.C.)

“The exiles from Jerusalem who are in Sepharad will possess the towns of the Negev” – Sepharad is an Aramaic name for Sardis.

Antiochus III

In 210 B.C. this Seleucid ruler relocated 2,000 Jewish families from Mesopotamia to the province of Phrygia and Lydia – where Sardis is the capitol city.









The Christ title

Revelation 3:1

“¹ To the angel of the church in Sardis write: He who has the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars, says this: ‘I know your deeds, that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead.’”

He holds the seven spirits of God.

“Seven spirits” occurs only three times in the Bible (Rev. 1:4, 4:5, 5:6).

Revelation 4:5

“⁵ Out from the throne come flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder. And there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.”

Revelation 5:6

“⁶ And I saw between the throne (with the four living creatures) and the elders a Lamb standing, as if slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God, sent out into all the earth.”

Zechariah 4:6

“⁶ Then he said to me, ‘This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel saying, “Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,” says the Lord of hosts.’”

The church of Sardis which is nearly dead (Rev. 3:1-2) can only be revived if the Spirit takes over, and Christ has the power of the Spirit available for them.

“He holds ... the seven stars”







The Commendation

**Complacency is a very
subtle condition which
results in the loss of
spiritual vitality.**







Complacency

Self-satisfaction accompanied by unawareness of actual danger or deficiencies – It can be a deadly thing.

Isaiah 29:13

“¹³ Then the Lord said, ‘Because this people draw near with their words And honor Me with their lip service, But they remove their hearts far from Me, And their reverence for Me consists of tradition learned by rote.’”