MESSAGES FROM THE

REVELATION 1-3
SARDIS

“The Lifeless Church”

Revelation 3:1-6
The Seven Churches in Asia

- Pergamum
- Thyatira
- Sardis
- Philadelphia
- Ephesus
- Laodicea
- Patmos
- Smryna

Aegean Sea
Mediterranean Sea
ASIA
HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

1. About 35 miles south of Thyatira. Capital of area of Lydia.
2. Wealthy city & had a prosperous wool & jewelry industry.
3. Gold and silver coins were minted in Sardis.
4. Strategic military city which was almost unconquerable due to its location.
5. Aesop (author of “Aesop’s Fables”) was from Sardis.
6. Sardis was engulfed in idolatrous worship.
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2. COMMENDATIONS — None, except that there are a few faithful believers
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   b. Consequence for failure: Judgment at an unexpected time
LESSON: The **internal reality** of our lives should be consistent with the **external reputation** of our lives.
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c. Christ will acknowledge the names of believers before the Father & angels
LESSON: The eternal blessings for believers far outweigh any earthly blessings.
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