PHILADELPHIA

“The Loving Church”

(Part 1)

Revelation 3:7-13
The Seven Churches in Asia

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

Asia Minor

Aegean Sea

Mediterranean Sea
HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

1. 25-30 miles southeast of Sardis
2. Was named for King Attalus II who ruled from 159-138 B.C. He was called “Philadelphus” because of his special loyalty to his brother.
3. Was near a plush grape-growing region. Within the city, textile & leather industries thrived.
4. Fortress city with several major roads passing through it.
5. Experienced many earthquakes. The most recent one which destroyed the city & prompted its reconstruction, occurred in A.D. 17.
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3. CRITICISMS — None are given
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MESSAGES FROM THE

REVELATION 1-3