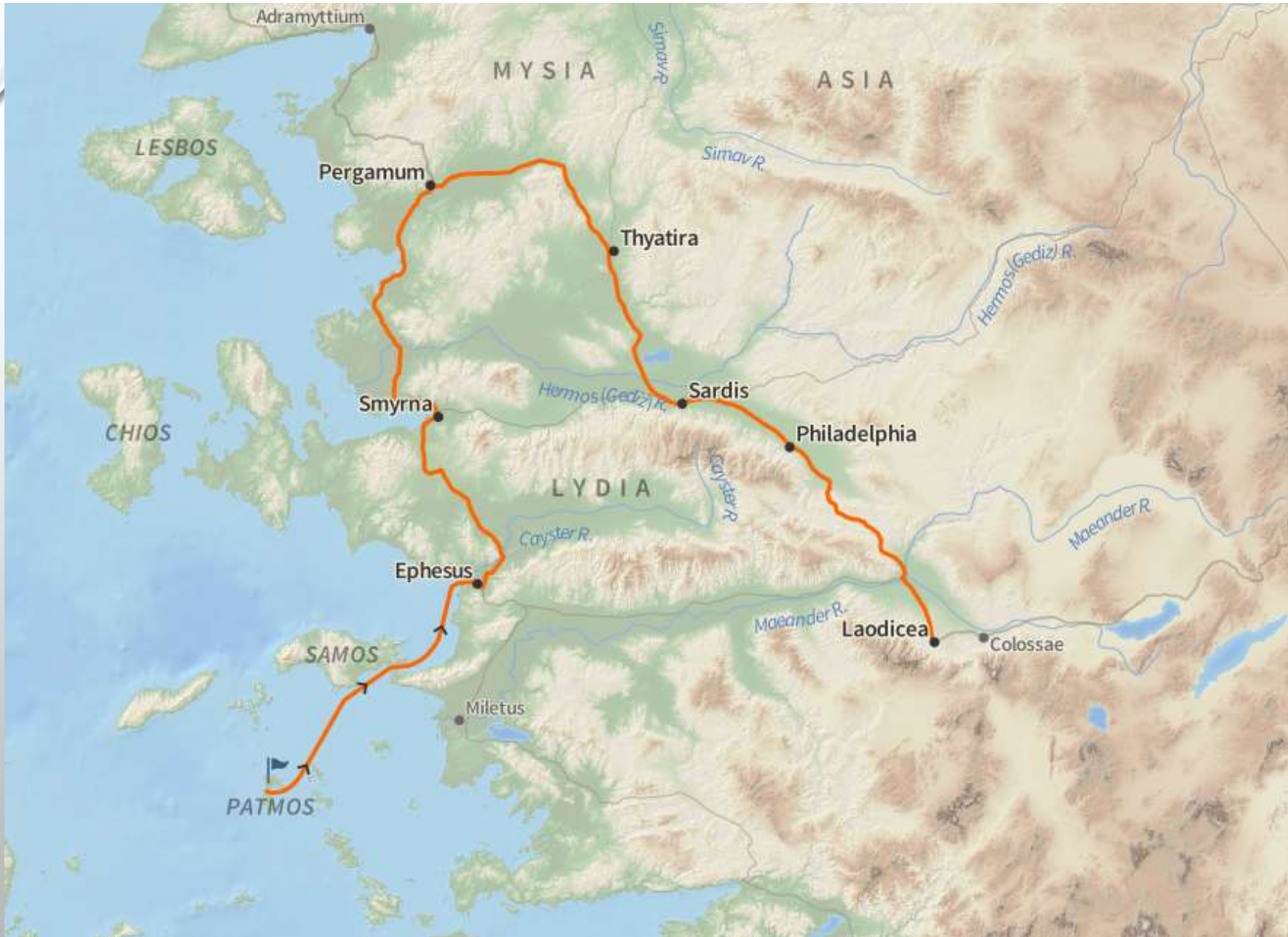


Revelation 3:14–22 (ESV)

¹⁴ “And to the angel of the church in Laodicea write: ‘The words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of God’s creation.

¹⁵ “ ‘I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot! ¹⁶ So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth. ¹⁷ For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked. ¹⁸ I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire, so that you may be rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself and the shame of your nakedness may not be seen, and salve to anoint your eyes, so that you may see. ¹⁹ Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent. ²⁰ Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me. ²¹ The one who conquers, I will grant him to sit with me on my throne, as I also conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne. ²² He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.’ ”



Adramyttium

MYSIA

ASIA

LESBOS

Pergamum

Thyatira

CHIOS

Smyrna

LYDIA

Sardis

Philadelphia

Ephesus

SAMOS

Laodicea

Colossae

PATMOS

Miletus

LAODICEA

- Laodicea was known for its extravagant wealth and medical school
- Three facts known throughout the Roman world about the city throw light on this letter:
 1. It was a banking centre, recommended for exchanging money
 2. It manufactured clothing and woollen carpets, made especially from the glossy black wool of sheep reared locally
 3. It had a medical school and produced medicines, notably an eye ointment made from a pulverized rock in the area.

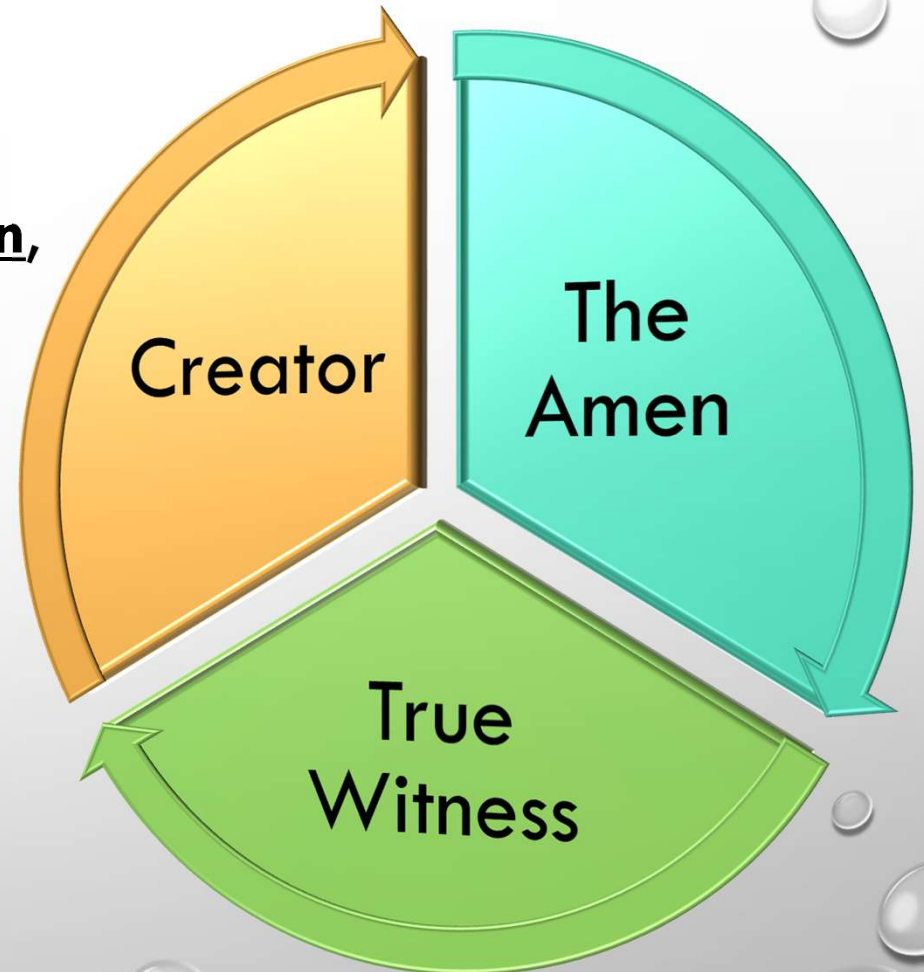
THE “AMEN” (FINAL AUTHORITY)

Revelation 3:14 (ESV)

¹⁴ “And to the angel of the church in Laodicea write: ‘The words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of God’s creation.’”

2 Corinthians 1:20 (ESV)

²⁰ For all the promises of God find their Yes in him. That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory.



GO HARD OR GO HOME! (15-16)

Revelation 3:15 (ESV)

¹⁵ “ I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot!

Revelation 3:16 (ESV)

¹⁶ So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit (ἐμέσαι – Vomit) you out of my mouth.

DON'T BLUFF YOURSELVES! (17)

Revelation 18:7
For you say, **I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked.**

1 Peter 1:7 (ESV)

⁷ so that the **tested genuineness of your faith**—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.



Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands

take heed lest he fall.

1 Corinthians 10:12

1 CORINTHIANS 3:11–13

1 CORINTHIANS

For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw—each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done.

LISTEN TO MY COUNSEL! (18)

Revelation 3:18 (ESV)

¹⁸ | **counsel** (*propose — to make a proposal, declare a plan for something*) you to **buy** **from me** gold refined by fire, **so that you may be**

rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself and the shame of your nakedness may not be seen, and **salve** to **anoint your eyes**, so that you may see.



“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Matthew 6:19–21

ESV

to reconsider (repent) v. — to have a change of self (heart and mind) that abandons former dispositions and results in a new self, new behavior, and regret over former behavior and dispositions.

REPENT - METANO'EΩ

Revelation 3:20 (ESV)
Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.

Revelation 3:19 (ESV)
Those whom I love, I love and discipline, so be zealous and repent.