

SUMMER IN THE SPIRIT



Revelation 3:14-22

***“Let anyone who has an ear
listen to what the Spirit is saying
to the churches ”***

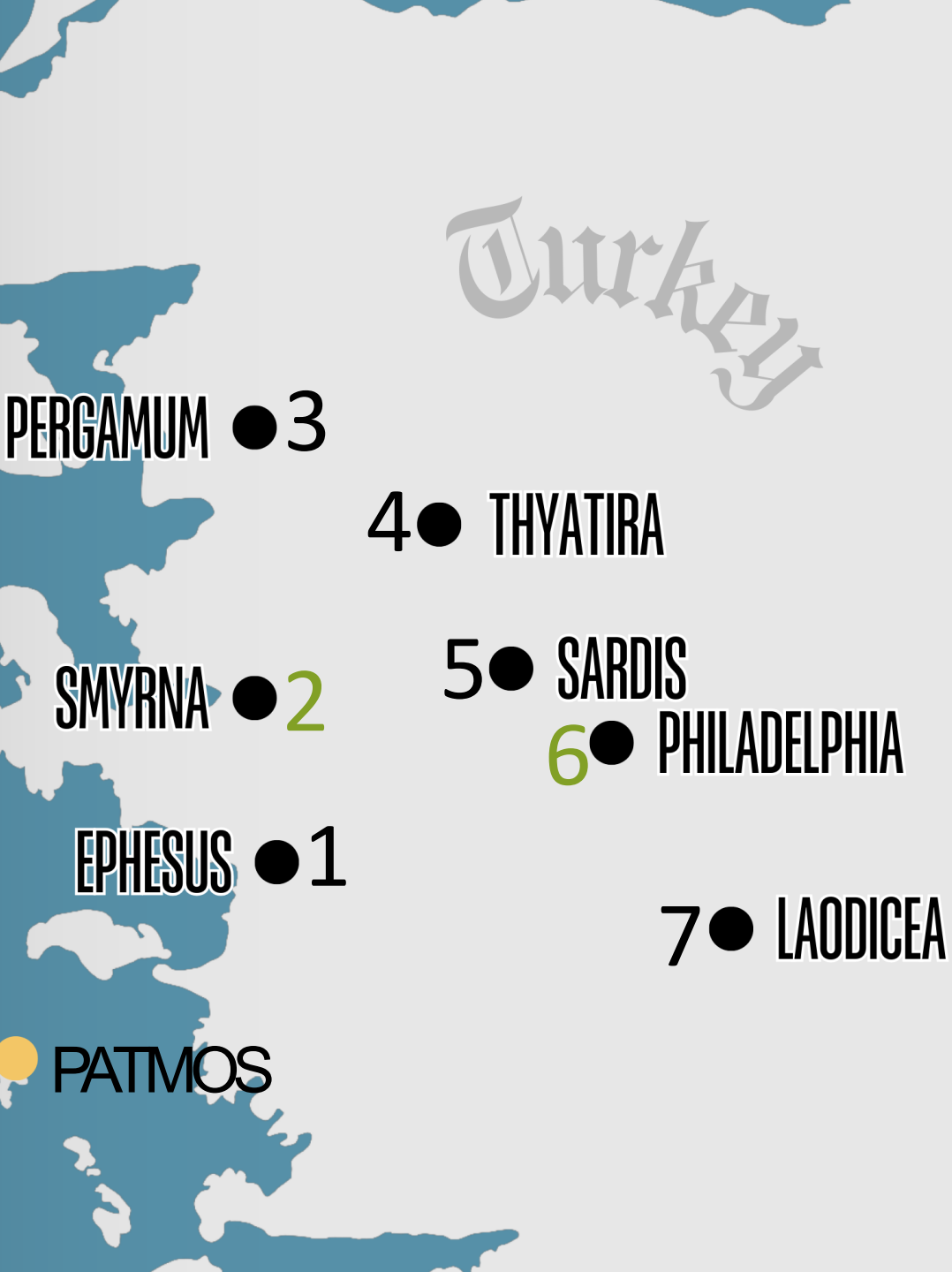
Revelation 3:22

(Our Goal With Summer In The Spirit)

God's Word To Many Today

“Wake up! What seems okay to you is, and will, hurt you and others more than you realize.”

***There's a truck coming!
Get out of the way!***



There is something coming & you're not where you should be!

1. You've lost your first love
2. You're suffering well
3. You've let false teaching in
4. You've normalized sin
5. You're shallow
6. You're winning
7. You're totally missing it!



The City of Laodicea

- Region's Banking Capital
- Super wealthy & successful
- Rebuilt itself after earthquake
- Important eye salve discovered
- Awful water supply
- Jesus has nothing good to say to the "Christians" in this city

(v14) “The words of Him [Jesus] who is”

- the “Amen” of God
- God’s “faithful & true witness”
- the “ruler of God’s creation”

(v17) To “Christians” who think they are:

- rich, wise, in control, covered & can see

(v14) “The words of Him who”

- the “Amen” of God
- God’s “faithful & true witness”
- the “ruler of God’s creation”

***I know you
are really***

(v17) To “Christians” who think they are:

- rich, wise, in control, covered & see
- ***poor, fools, unprepared, naked & blind***

“Lukewarmness is a picture of indifference & compromise. It tries to play the middle of the world and religion. In trying to be both things, these end up being nothing! They say they love Jesus but are cooled down by their money, work, their families and self-reliance? Is there any soul harder to reach than the one who has just enough of Jesus to think they have enough? All they have is religion and no eternal life . . . and time will prove it.”

Commentator David Guzik

“Those **whom I love I rebuke** and discipline. So be earnest, and repent. Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with Me.”

- Revelation 3:19-20 (John 14:23)

The world says **if you love someone** support what they believe. Don't "**hate**" them by telling them they need to change. **Jesus does not agree!**

"World's Tolerance": "the willingness to accept & support feelings, habits, or beliefs that are different from yours."

True love gives up its life in such a way that that the other will become who God has made them to be, and, so that they will see the Satan's lies and be saved.

**Real love will really rebuke you
because real people really have **blind spots!****

**Real love will really rebuke you
because real people really have **blind spots!****

**The only way for God to save you, and those
following you, from the destruction of your
blind spots is to rebuke your pride and
confront your sin.**

**Real love will really rebuke you
because real people really have **blind spots!****

**The only way for God to save you, and those
following you, from the destruction of your
blind spots is to rebuke your pride and
confront your sin.**

The truck is coming! Get out of the way!

An emotional blind spot is a pattern of behavior, thought, or emotional reaction that an individual is unaware of, but which is noticeable and possibly hurtful to others and can negatively impact their relationships and own well-being.

An emotional blind spot is a pattern of behavior, thought, or emotional reaction that an individual is unaware of, but which is noticeable and possibly hurtful to others and can negatively impact their relationships and own well-being.

They are often rooted in past experiences, values, or defense mechanisms, and can lead to misunderstandings & difficulties in communication.

Every emotional blind spot is rooted in **spiritual blindness** caused by pride and distance from Jesus, who is “the light of the world”. (Jn 8:12)

Every emotional blind spot is rooted in **spiritual blindness** caused by pride and distance from Jesus, who is “the light of the world”. (Jn 8:12)

If you want your blind spots to stop hurting you and those you love, you need to open the door to Jesus and accept His loving rebuke according to His Word & His people who love you.

The Blind Spots of Laodiceans:

1. Riches and careers
2. The way they recovered from past trauma
3. Self-sufficient attitude
4. Busyness with their plans & success
5. Their community's echo chamber



“Those **whom I love I rebuke** and discipline. So be earnest, and repent. Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with Me. To him [or her] who overcomes, I will give the right to sit with Me on my throne, just as I overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.”

- Revelation 3:19-20

“How can I know all the sins lurking in my heart? Cleanse me from these hidden faults. Keep your servant from deliberate sins! Don’t let them control me. Then I will be free of guilt and innocent of great sin. May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.”

- Psalm 19:12-14, NLT