

# SARDIS

# THE DEAD Church



Revelation 1:1-3

THE  
7 Churches  
Of Asia

# Historical Background Of Sardis

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3. **PERGAMUM**  
Compromising Church

2. **SMYRNA**  
Persecuted Church

1. **EPHESUS**  
Loveless Church

4. **THYATIRA**  
Corrupt Church

5. **SARDIS**  
Dead Church

6. **PHILADELPHIA**  
Faithful Church

7. **LAODICEA**  
Lukewarm Church

Map of the 7 Churches of Asia

Revelation 2 & 3

0 100 200 300 Miles  
0 100 200 300 Kilometers

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The Pactolus River, near Sardis, was home to one of the largest gold deposits within the ancient world, and it helped Sardis to develop into one of the wealthiest cities in Asia.

It had a natural defense in being 1,500 feet up into the foothills, but over the centuries, they were often overconfident and suffered serious losses.

After a massive earthquake in 17AD, Rome helped to rebuild which led to the introduction of emperor worship.

The church was probably founded during Paul's Ephesus stay.

The ruins of Sardis are located near Sart, Turkey.

## Revelation 3:1-6

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1. "Be alert"
2. "Strengthen what remains, which is about to die"
3. "Remember"
4. "Keep it"
5. "Repent"

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To those who had not yet defiled their clothes, Jesus encourages them by stating they were worth of walking with Him in white.

He concludes by stating that all of those who conquer would wear white robes and never have their names erased from the book of life.

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