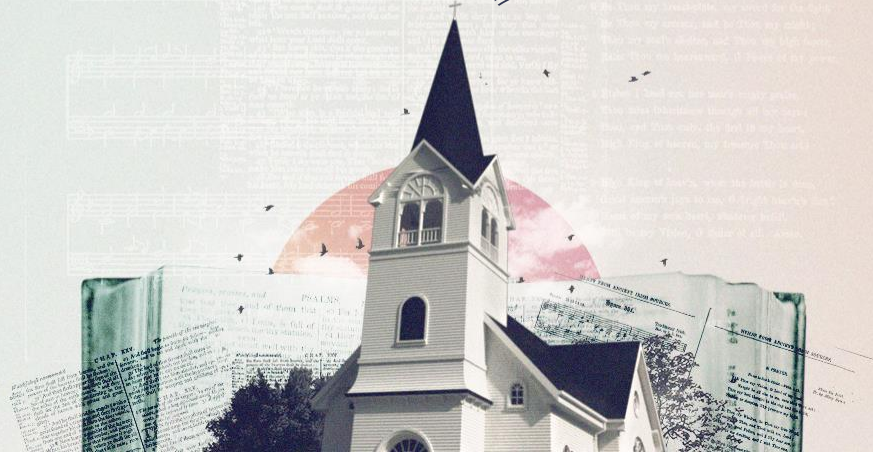
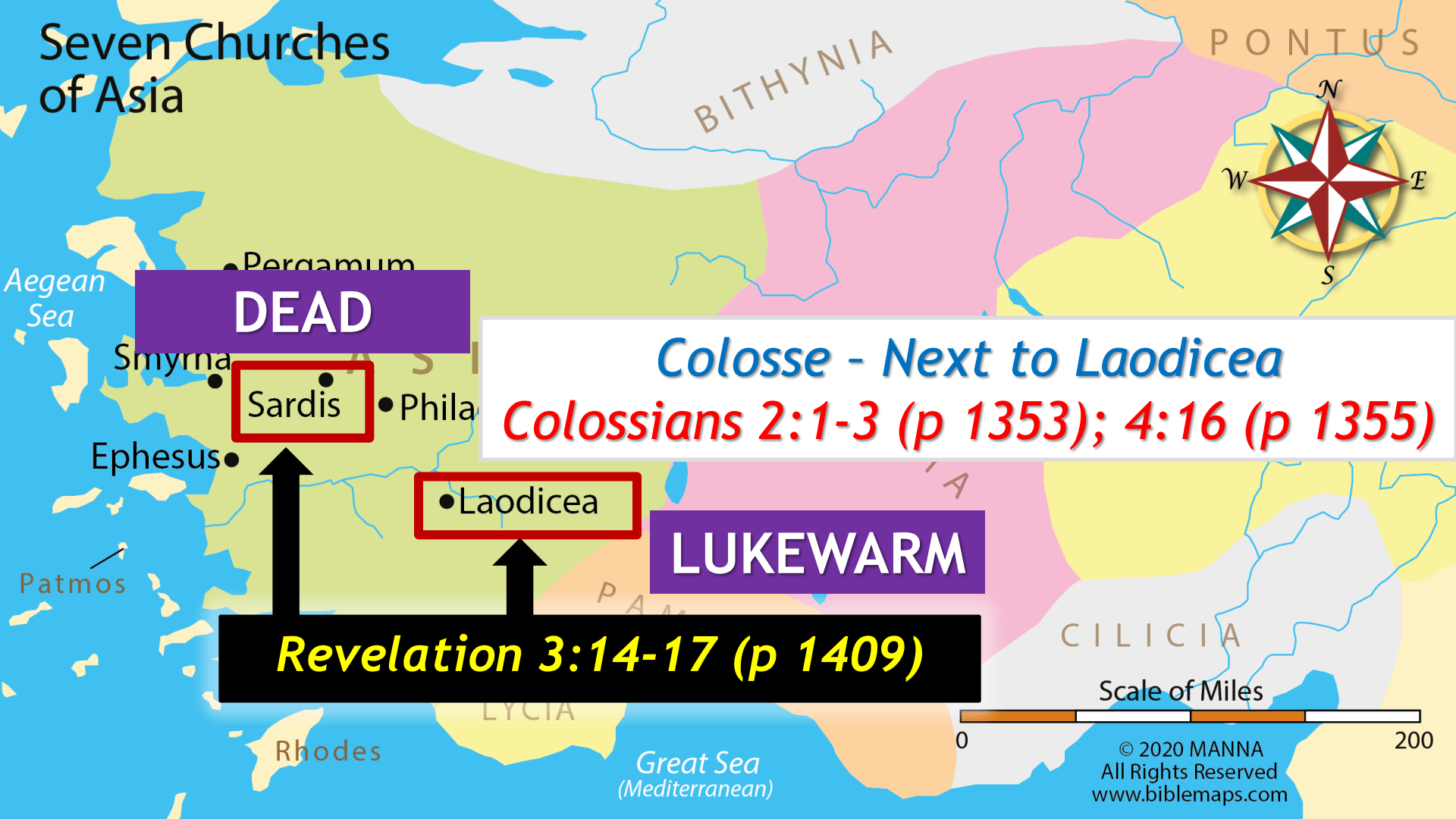


THE GENERATION THE CHURCH DIED



Seven Churches of Asia



DEAD

Colosse - Next to Laodicea

Colossians 2:1-3 (p 1353); 4:16 (p 1355)

LUKEWARM

Revelation 3:14-17 (p 1409)

Scale of Miles

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The Church of the Laodiceans

Revelation 3:14-22 (p 1409)

Two views: God's view and their view

1. Laodicea ... rich, wealthy, have need of nothing
2. Jesus ... wretched, miserable, poor, blind, naked

Counsel given in **verse 18**

**They failed to appreciate
their condition or
recognize their needs!**

**CATHEDRAL
AGE OF
CHRISTIANITY**





**THE HISTORY OF THE HUMAN RACE
CAN BE DIVIDED INTO TWO
CHAPTERS - THE FIGHT TO GET
LEISURE; WHAT TO DO WITH IT
WHEN WE GET IT.
*PRESIDENT JAMES GARFIELD***



Some Shocking Truths About The Church

“Religious movements always begin in caves, and they always die in cathedrals.” (Vance Havner)

- Social Acceptance - A Place of Prominence!
 - Fits the model of Sardis in **Revelation 3:1**



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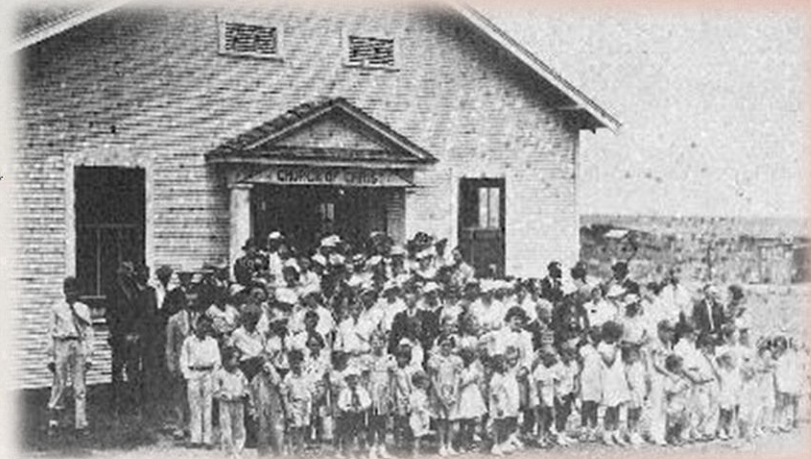
Five 'M' to church growth (Vance Havner)

1. The **MAN** - *the fervor, zeal, dedication to message*
2. The **MEN** - *attracted to movement; lack devotion*
3. The **METHODS** - *ways to carry out mission of MAN*
4. The **MACHINERY** - *methods failed; machine age*
5. The **MAUSOLEUM** - *a place of dead bones*



Lessons From Laodicea and Sardis

The seven churches are Asia are models of churches through the centuries - and today!



WE HAVE ATTAINED SOCIAL
ACCEPTANCE AND PRESTIGE.

What About The Church In America?

- ✓ How closely does the church today look like and act like the church of the 1st Century?
- ✓ Maybe it is a good thing if the church as we know it today ceased to exist.
- ✓ Is it impossible for the Brooksville church to die?

IS THIS THE GENERATION THE CHURCH DIES?



Why The Sermon?

The church will never cease to exist

Hebrews 12:28 (p 1384)

This lesson comes from

2 Corinthians 13:5 (p 1336)

SARDIS

Revelation 3:2-3
(p 1409)

LAODICEA

Revelation 3:18-20
(p 1409)



AND HE SAID TO THEM, "GO INTO ALL THE WORLD AND
PREACH THE GOSPEL TO EVERY CREATURE. HE WHO
BELIEVES AND IS BAPTIZED WILL BE SAVED; BUT HE WHO
DOES NOT BELIEVE WILL BE CONDEMNED.

(MARK 16:15-16)