

SEVEN CHURCHES OF REVELATION

Revelation 1:1-3:22

The churches were located on one of the primary roads of the Roman Empire. A carrier would leave the island of Patmos, where John was exiled, and arrive first at Ephesus, which is by the sea. Then, he would travel north to Smyrna and Pergamum, turn south-east to Thyatira and continue on to Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea — in the same order in which the seven let-

