

**The Letters...**

**To Seven Churches**



**No Worship Today**  
**Due to No Power at Church**



**I know your works;  
you have a name of being alive,  
but you are dead.**

**Revelation 3:1b**

**Wake up, and strengthen what remains  
and is on the point of death,  
for I have not found your works  
perfect in the sight of my God.**

**Revelation 3:2**

# The Letters to Seven Churches in Asia Minor (Modern Turkey)

## Revelation 2-3

1. Ephesus
2. Smyrna
3. Pergamum
4. Thyatira
5. Sardis
6. Philadelphia
7. Laodicea



## About Sardis:

- \* 30 miles south of Thyatira
- \* A city known for trade
- \* Capital of Lydian kingdom
- \* First to have gold and silver coins
- \* Goddess were worshiped in this city- Artemis – Dianna
- \* Built on a hill with a fortress and it was built on top of the mountain (over 1,000-1,500 ft)





An aerial photograph of the Sardis region in Turkey, showing a mix of green vineyards and dry, hilly terrain under a clear sky. The city's location is visible in the distance.

# Flying Through Sardis

## New Views on an Ancient City

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AxVEH9Q7M3Q>

A wide-angle shot of the ruins of the Temple of Artemis in Sardis. The temple's rectangular platform is visible, surrounded by numerous standing and fallen columns. The site is situated in a dry, open landscape with some trees in the background.

Ruins of Artemis' temple

A close-up view of the remains of the Citadel Walls in Sardis. The image shows a section of the wall made of large, rectangular stone blocks, with a smaller, more damaged section to the left. The wall is built on a hillside.

Remains of Citadel Walls

A photograph of the Gymnagium and Bath in Sardis, a large complex of ancient stone buildings. The structure features multiple levels of colonnades and a central arched entrance. The ruins are well-preserved and set against a clear sky.

Gymnagium and Bath late 2nd to 3rd C



# **Revelation 3:1-6**

**To the angel (or Messenger) of the church in Ephesus**

**From: the words of him who has the seven spirits of God and the seven stars**

## **What does Jesus ask of them? (v.2-3)**

- 1. Wake up, and strengthen what remains and is on the point of death.**
- 2. Remember then what you received and heard; obey it, and repent**

## **Consequences (v.3b)**

**If you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come to you.**



## **Matthew 24:42-44**

**42 Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.**

**43 But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into.**

**44 Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.**

**<sup>4</sup> Yet you have still a few persons in Sardis who have not soiled their clothes; they will walk with me, dressed in white, for they are worthy.**

**If you conquer, (v.5-6)**

- 1. Clothed like them in white robes**
- 2. Will not blot your name out of the Book of Life**
- 3. Will confess your name before my Father and before his angels.**

**<sup>6</sup> Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.**



# **The Great Thanksgiving & Communion**

## **During Lent**

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**


One: Lift up your hearts

**All: We lift them up to the Lord**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**






And so, with Your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**






And so, in remembrance of these Your mighty acts  
in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and  
thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice,  
in union with Christ's offering for us,  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**All: Christ has died; Christ is risen;  
Christ will come again.**






Through Your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit  
in Your holy church, all honor and glory is Yours,  
almighty Father, now and forever.

**All: Amen**





**Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom,  
and the power and the glory forever.  
Amen.**