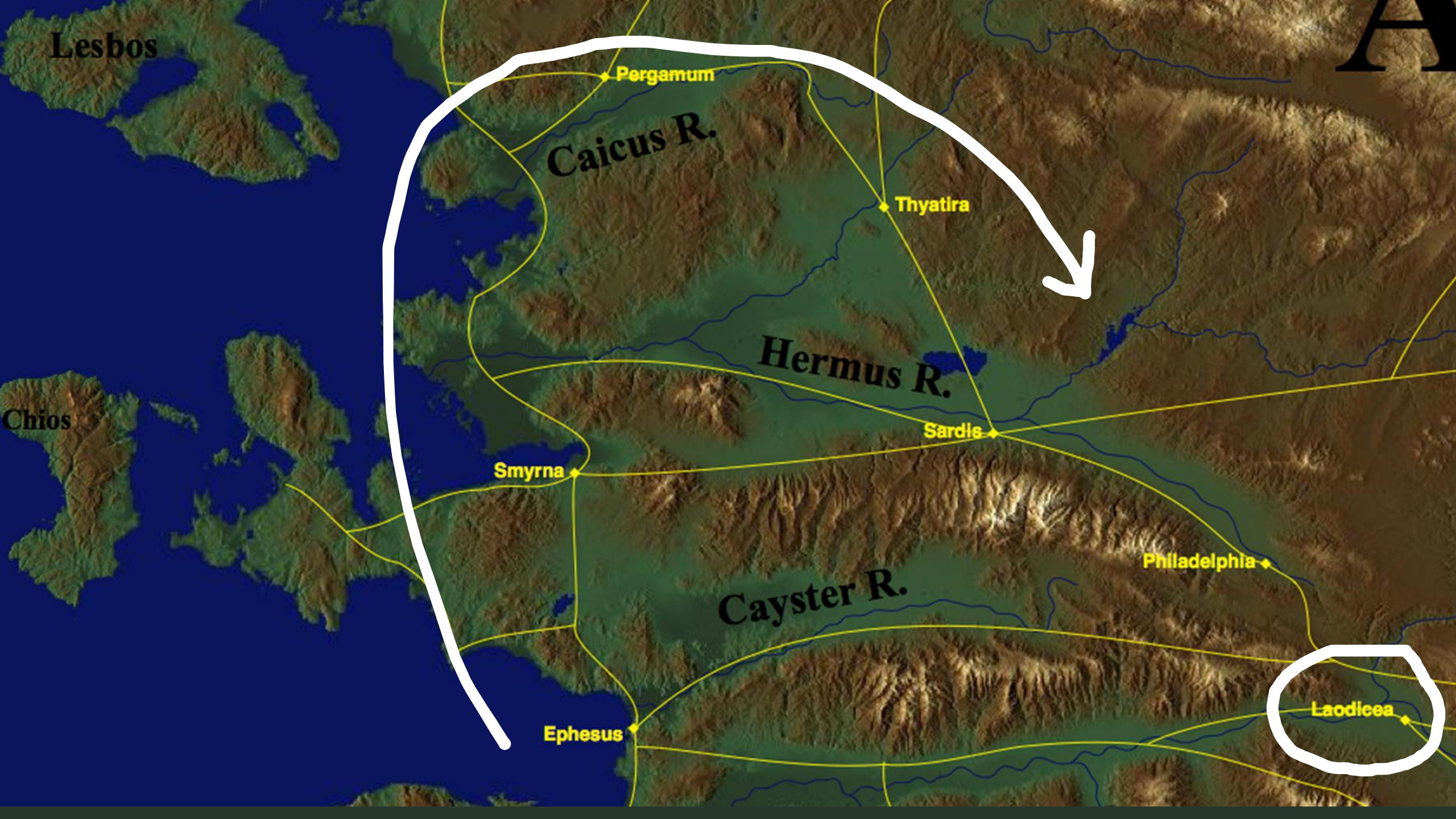


The Call to Overcome Materialism

Revelation 3:14-22

Laodicea





Lesbos

Chios

Pergamum

Caicus R.

Thyatira

Hermus R.

Sardis

Smyrna

Philadelphia

Cayster R.

Ephesus

Laodicea

A

Lycus River Valley



Colossians 4:13 For I bear him [Epaphras] witness that he has worked hard for you and for those in **Laodicea** and in **Hierapolis**.

Wealthy



Clothing Industry
(black wool)



Banking Center



Famous Medical School
(eye salve)

Theaters



Water Supply



Hierapolis





Hierapolis (Hot Springs)

Colossae



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Ephesians 6:12

we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

Deuteronomy 8:11-17

“Take care lest you forget the LORD your God...lest, when you have eaten and are full and have built good houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks multiply and your silver and gold is multiplied and all that you have is multiplied, **then your heart be lifted up, and you forget the LORD your God...**

Deuteronomy 8:17

“Beware lest you say in your heart, ‘My power and the might of my hand have gotten me this wealth.’

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Luke 23:43

“Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

John 18:37

““For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to **bear witness to the truth.**”

Colossians 1:18

He is **the beginning, the firstborn from the dead**, that in everything he might be preeminent.

Isaiah 65:16-17

...he who takes an oath in the land shall swear by the **God of truth [amen]**; because the former troubles are forgotten and are hidden from my eyes. For behold, **I create new heavens and a new earth**, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind."

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Proverbs 30:8

Give me neither poverty **nor riches**;
feed me with the food that is needful for
me, **lest I be full and deny you and
say, "Who is the LORD?"**

Malachi 3:3-4

He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and **he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver**, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

Luke 11:13

If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!

Psalm 119:18

Open my eyes, that I may behold
wondrous things out of your law.

Psalm 119:36

Incline my heart to your testimonies,

Isaiah 55:1

Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! **Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.**

Proverbs 3:12

...for the LORD reproves him whom he loves, as a father the son in whom he delights.

Titus 2:11-12

For the **grace of God** has appeared,
bringing salvation for all people,
**training us to renounce
ungodliness and worldly
passions,**

Hebrews 12:10-11

[God] disciplines us for our good,
that we may **share his holiness**.
For the moment all discipline seems
painful rather than pleasant, but
later it yields the peaceful **fruit of
righteousness to those who have
been trained by it.**

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Luke 12:35-36

“Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that **they may open the door** to him at once **when he comes and knocks.**”

Revelation 3:3

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

Luke 12:37

Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and **have them recline at table**, and he will come and serve them.

Isaiah 6:5

Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!