

A large aircraft carrier is shown from a high-angle perspective, sailing on the ocean. The deck is visible with several fighter jets parked. The ship's superstructure is prominent on the left side. The sky is clear and blue.

# REVELATION

**One of the most important  
books of the entire  
BIBLE**

# 7 CHURCHES



**Corrective  
Measures**

**“he who  
overcomes ...”**



**Assessment**  
**“I know your ...”**



# 7 CHURCHES

1. Ephesus -

left 1<sup>st</sup> love



# OUTLINE

- I. Vision of J.C. among 7 Churches 1-3**
  - A. Introduction 1:1-8**
  - B. Vision of Jesus Christ 1:9-20**
  - C. Letters to the 7 Churches 2-3**
    - 1. Church at Ephesus 2:1-7**
    - 2. Church at Smyrna 2:8-11**

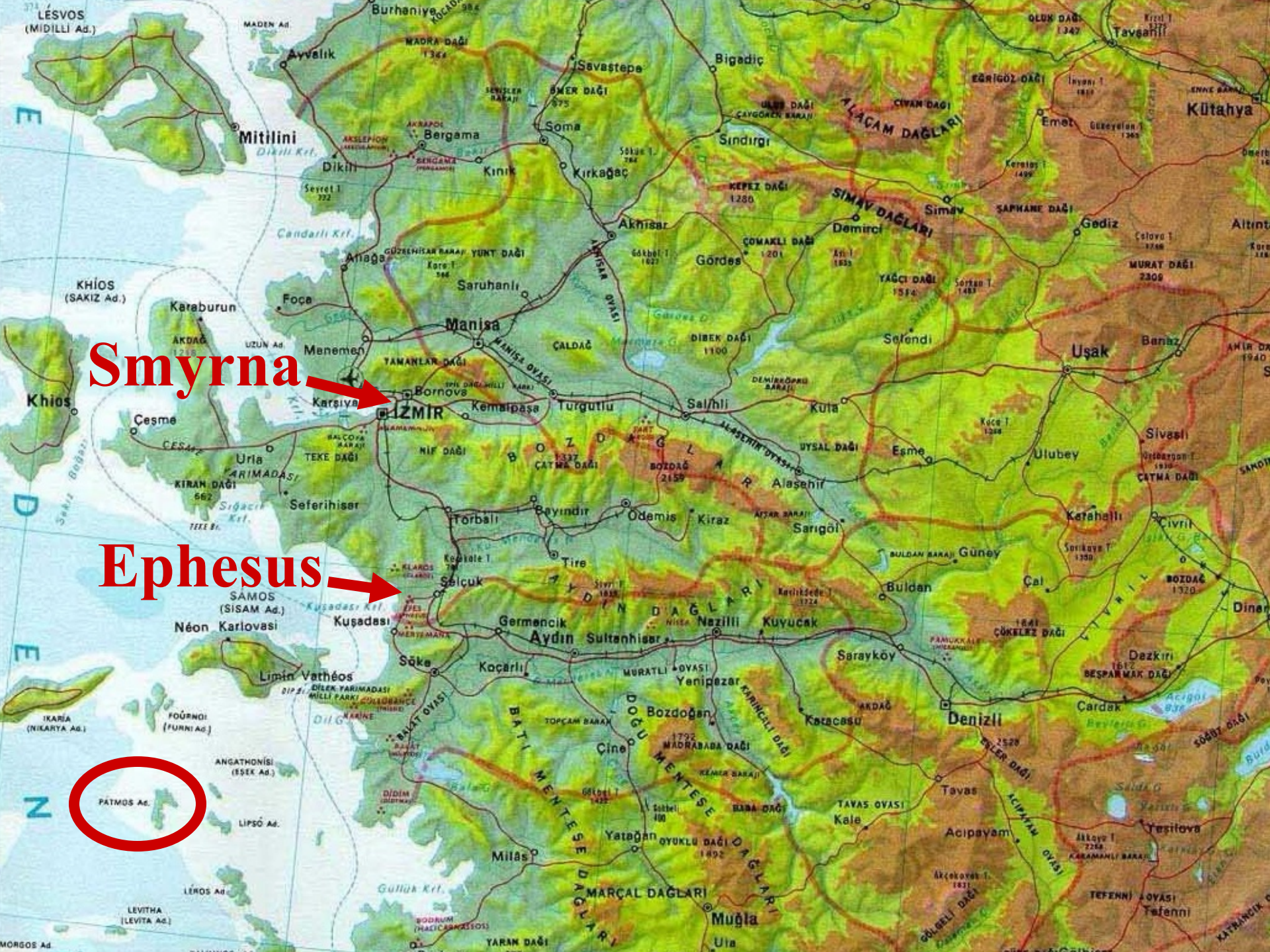
# SMYRNA

## 1. Circumstances



**Smyrna** →

**Ephesus** →





**Smyrna**

**Ephesus**

Manisa

Izmir

Aydin

D-550

D-300

O-32

O-30

O-31

D-320



**Smyrna**

Sancaklı

Karaçam

Yaka

Eğridere

MUHTARLIK

Laka

Bornova

ÖZKANLAR

Kavaklıdere

Izmir

ESREFFAŞA

EGEMENLİK

TELEFERİK

BALCOVA

Buca

Gökdere

ASAGINARLIDERE

KAYNAKLAR

YAŞAR KEMAL

Zafer

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**Temple  
of Athena**

**Athena**  
**2nd c BC**



# Izmir with Agora





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**Agora**

# Agora



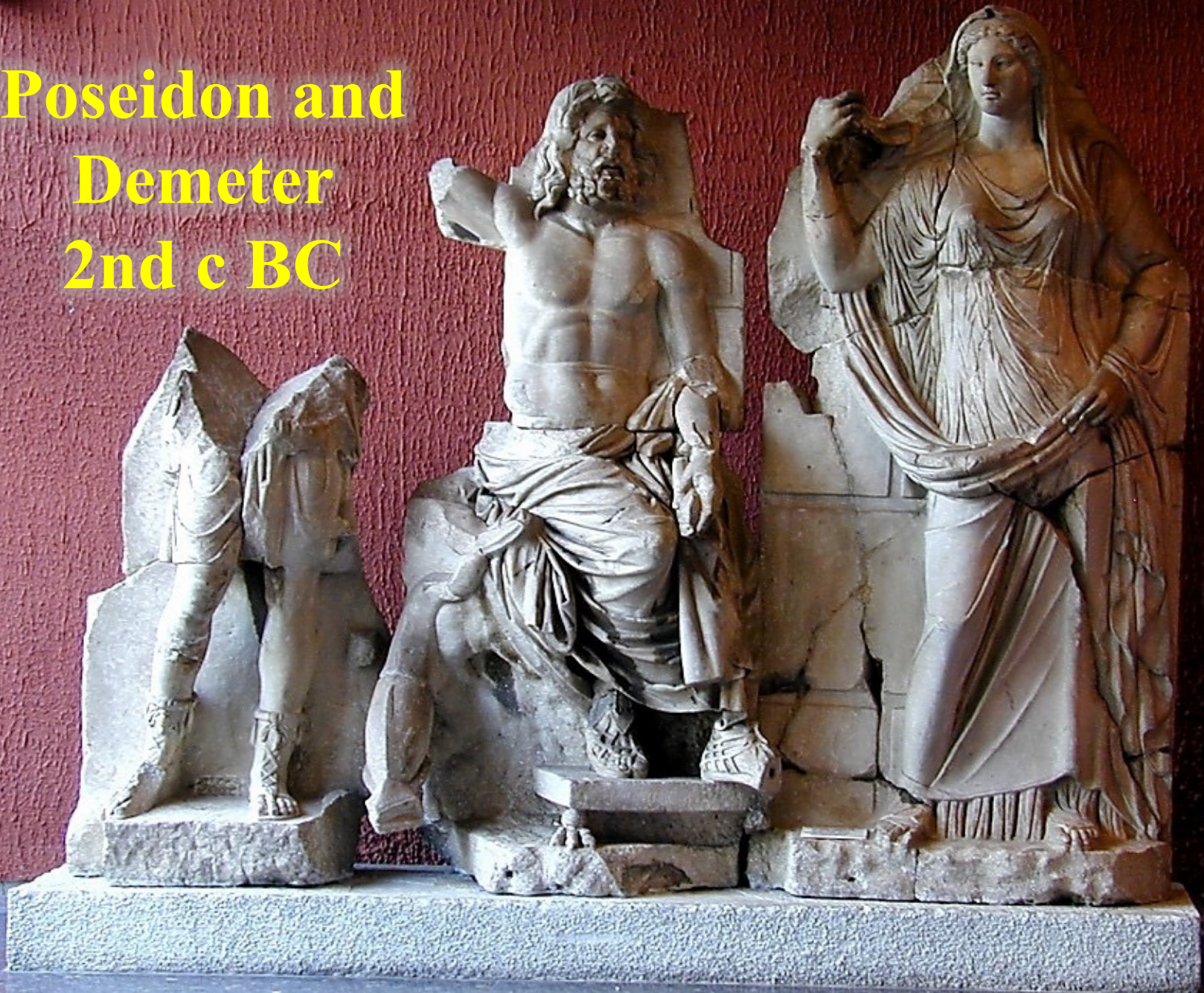
- **Homer birth place**
- **2nd only to Ephesus**
- **Science & medicine**
- **Caesar worship**







**Poseidon and  
Demeter  
2nd c BC**





**Agora first level arches**



**Acropolis Cistern**



- **Founding**
- **Irenaus**
- **Polycarp**
- **Longest surviving**

**Temple  
of Athena**

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2. Commission -

2:8a



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# **KEY TERMS**

- 1. Says this - ταδε λέγει (tade legei)  
over 300x in LXX to introduce  
prophetic declarations**

# SMYRNA

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3. Correspondent -

2:8b

4. Compliment -

2:9



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# Why Godly Suffer?

1. Consequences of sin - Saul
2. Discipline of the Lord - Paul
3. Character development - Joseph
4. Unknown - Job
5. Glory of God - all martyrs



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# SUFFERING TERMS

- **Tribulation** 9 (θλιψις)
  - ✓ **Prison** (φυλακή)
  - ✓ **Tested** (πειράζω),
  - ✓ **Tribulation** (θλιψις)
- **Poverty** (πτωχεία)
- **Blasphemy** (βλασφημία)
  - ✓ **Martyrdom** (θάνατος)
- **Fear** (φοβέω) 10
  - ✓ **Hurt** (ἀδικέω) 11
- **Suffer** (πάσχω)

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**Faithfully suffering persecution**





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7. Call - 2:11



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- 2. His Knowledge - sovereign 9**
- 3. His Privilege - character 10**
- 4. His Command - trust**
- 5. His Promise - rewards 11**

# 7 CHURCHES

1. Ephesus - left 1<sup>st</sup> love
2. Smyrna - persecuted
3. Pergamum - compromised



# Sea of Galilee

**If we are faithful our  
suffering will be  
rewarded!!!**