

### Rev 3:1-6

"To the angel of the church in Sardis write:  
These are the words of him who holds the seven spirits of God and the seven stars. I know your deeds; you have a reputation of being alive, **but you are dead.** **2 Wake up!** Strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have found **your deeds unfinished** in the sight of my God.  
**3** Remember, therefore, what you have received and heard; hold it fast, and repent. But if you do not wake up, **I will come like a thief,** and you will not know at what time I will come to you.  
**4** Yet you have a few people in Sardis who have not soiled their clothes. They will walk with me, dressed in white, for they are worthy. **5** The one who is victorious will, like them, be dressed in white. I will never blot out the name of that person from the book of life, but will acknowledge that name before my Father and his angels. **6** Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

**You have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead. Rev. 3:2**

**White washed tombs**

READ MATT. 23:23-28

Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices—mint, dill and cumin. But you have neglected the more important matters of the law—**justice, mercy and faithfulness.**

### Christ's Letter to the Dead Church at Sardis

*"you have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead"*

**The Magnificent Mausoleum - Halicarnassus**



### UNFINISHED DEEDS

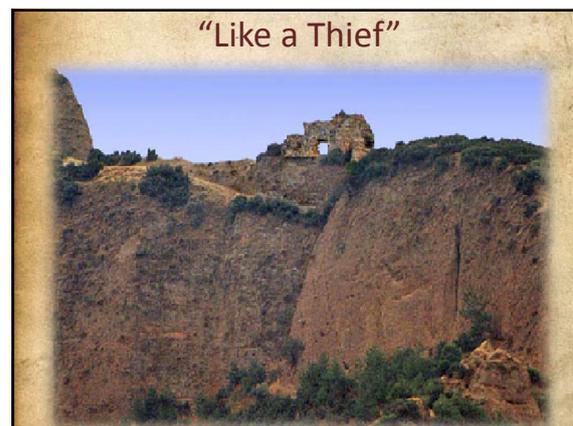
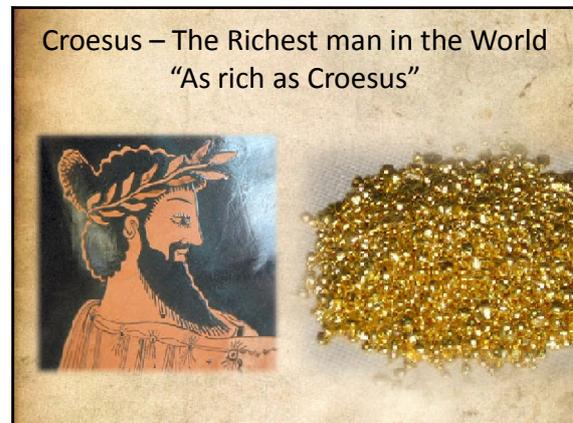
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### Upper and Lower Sardis



### Synagogue of Sardis





### Croesus Attacked Cyrus

Isaiah 45  
 “Thus says the Lord to His anointed,  
 To Cyrus, whose right hand I have held—  
 To subdue nations before him  
 And loose the armor of kings,  
 To open before him the double  
 doors,  
 So that the gates will not be shut:  
<sup>2</sup>I will go before you  
 And make the crooked places  
 straight;  
 I will break in pieces the gates of  
 bronze  
 And cut the bars of iron.  
<sup>3</sup>I will give you the treasures of  
 darkness  
 And hidden riches of secret places,  
 That you may know that I, the Lord,  
 Who call you by your name,  
 Am the God of Israel.

Sardis and Babylon, when taken by  
 Cyrus, were the wealthiest cities in  
 the world. **Croesus, celebrated  
 beyond all the kings of that age for  
 his riches, gave up his treasures to  
 Cyrus, with an exact account in  
 writing of the whole...**Xenoph.  
 Cyrop. lib. 7 p. 503, 515, 540.



The pythonesse of Delphi  
 delivers the oracle for Croesus.

### Lydian Kingdom contemporary with Jeremiah

Jer 46:9 And let the mighty men come forth:  
 The Ethiopians and the Libyans who handle the  
 shield, **And the Lydians who handle and bend  
 the bow.**



### Wrapping Up Revelation

SYMBOL	REFERENCE
CHURCHES	1:4; 2:1-3:22
LETTERS	2:1- 3:22
SPIRITS	1:4; 3:1; 4:5; 5:6
Golden lampstands	1:12, 20; 2:1; 4:5
Stars	1:16, 20; 2:1; 3:1
Seals	5:1; 5:5; 6:1
Horns	5:6
Eyes	5:6
Angels	8:2, 6; 15:1, 6, 7; 15:8; 16:1; 17:1; 21:9
Trumpets	8:2,6
Thunders	10:3, 4
Heads	12:3; 13:1; 17:3, 7, 9
Crowns	12:3
Plagues	15:1, 6, 8; 21:9
Bowls	15:7; 16:1; 17:1; 21:9
Hills	17:9

### 7 Days of Creation

Philo

**" It would be a sign of great simplicity to think that the world was created in six days"**

### 7 meaning Completion

7<sup>th</sup> day – God rested - all finished

7 plagues -seven angels having the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God.

7 times - Seven times will pass by for you until you acknowledge that the Most High is sovereign over all kingdoms on earth Dan. 4

7 Nations - and he overthrew seven nations in Canaan, giving their land to his people as their inheritance. Acts 13:19 (7 lights for 7 nations)

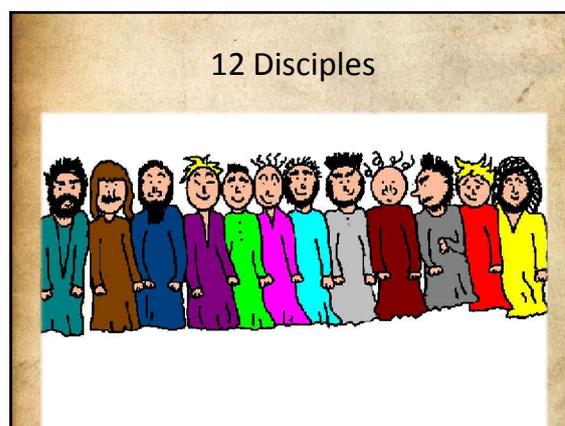
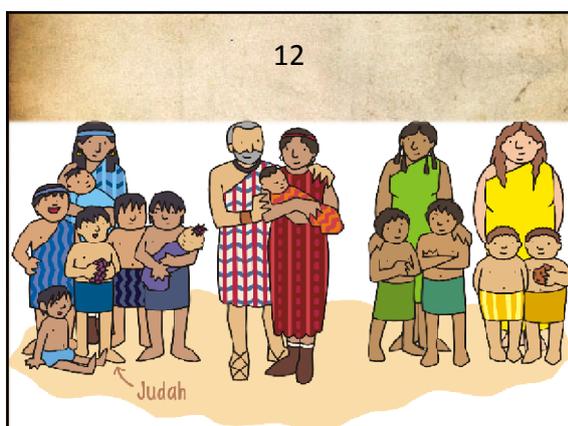
7 Demons cast out – Mary Magdalene out of whom were cast 7 demons –not illness - 1 Cor. 10:21 "Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of demons: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of demons."

7 Miracles and 7 "I AM" Statements in 4<sup>th</sup> gospel

### Important Symbol

7 – meaning Completion– the complete church  
– 7 churches in Revelation – the Bride

7 nations cast out of Israel before Israel could be complete (Duet 7:1 and Acts 13) Nation of Israel was also a symbol of the bride



### New Jerusalem the Bride

I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb." <sup>10</sup> And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God. <sup>11</sup> It shone with the glory of God, and its brilliance was like that of a very precious jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. <sup>12</sup> It had a great, high wall **with twelve gates**, and with **twelve angels** at the gates. On the gates were written the names of the **twelve tribes of Israel**. <sup>13</sup> There were three gates on the east, three on the north, three on the south and three on the west. <sup>14</sup> The wall of the city had **twelve foundations**, and on them were the names of the **twelve apostles** of the Lamb. Rev. 21

