

# *Dear Church...*

EXPLORING THE LETTERS TO THE  
SEVEN CHURCHES OF REVELATION





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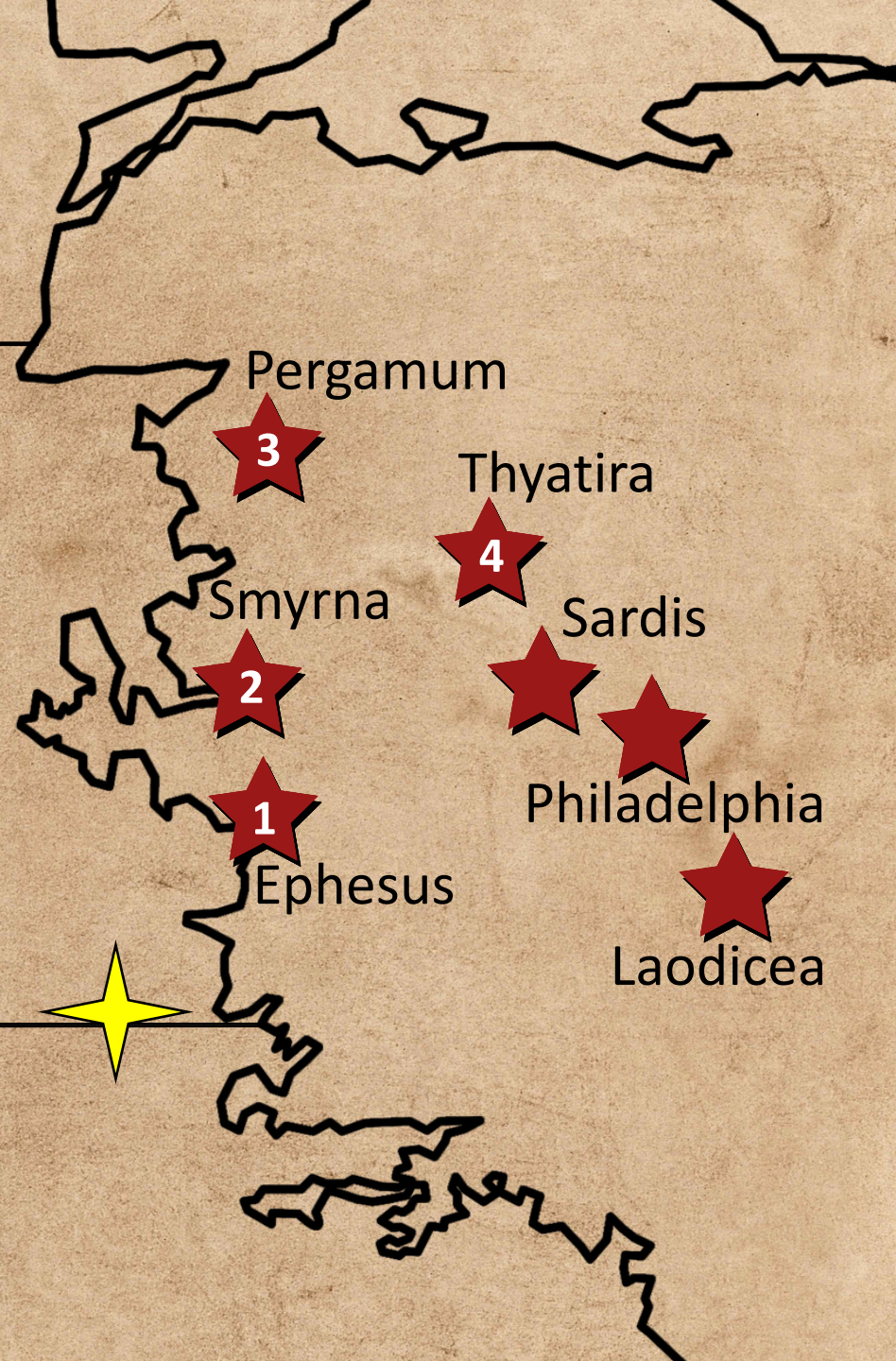
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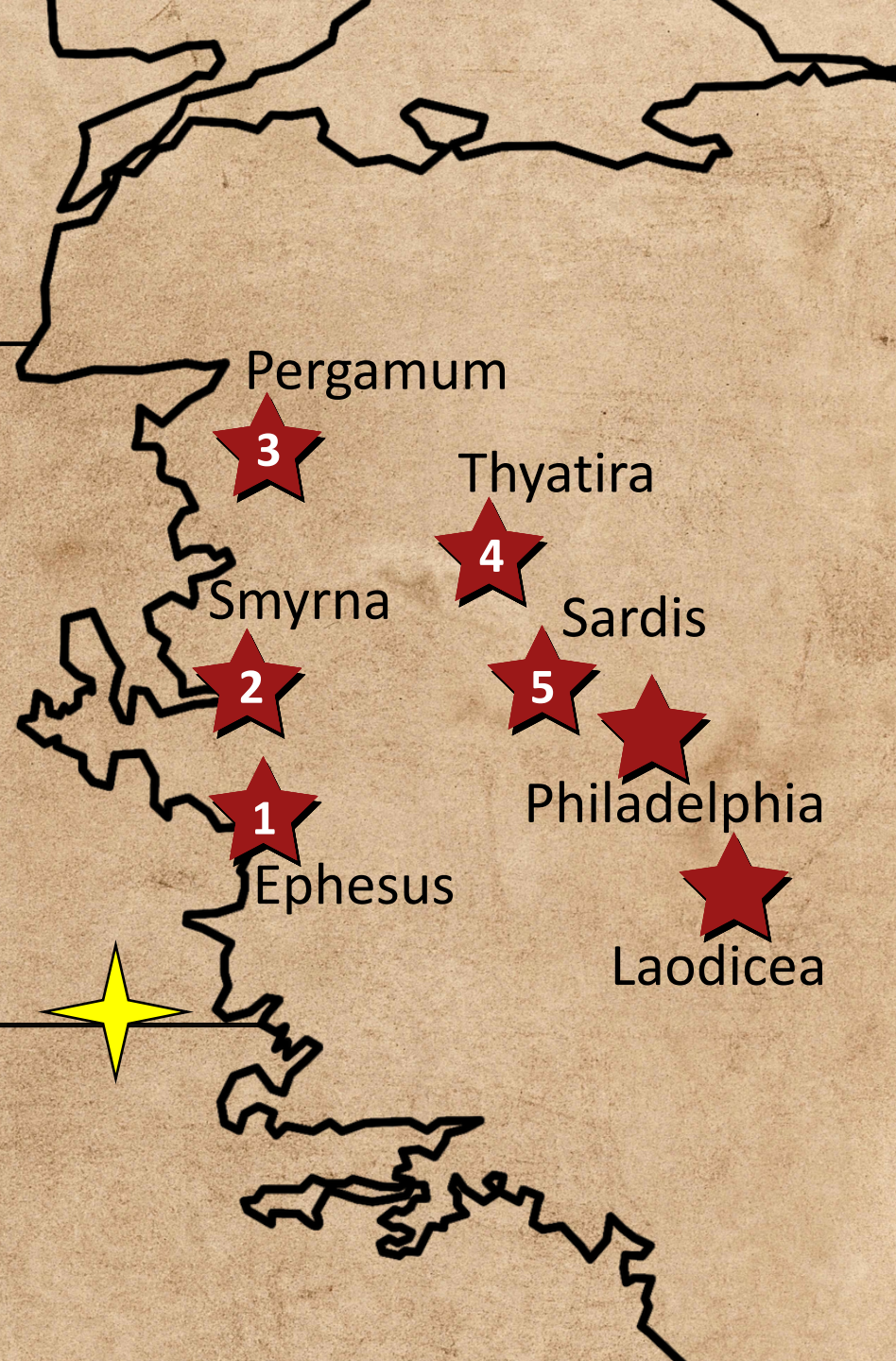
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