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US.
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THANKS FOR FEEDING US
THANKS FOR CLOTHING US
THANKS FOR MEDICATING US.
WE ALWAYS PRAY FOR ALL OF OUR
DONORS AND SPONSORS. MAY GOD BLESS
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BACKGROUND

- Date: 90 to 95 A.D.
- Persecution
- Roman Emperor Domitian
- Apostle John Imprisoned on Island of Patmos

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Revelation 1:1–8

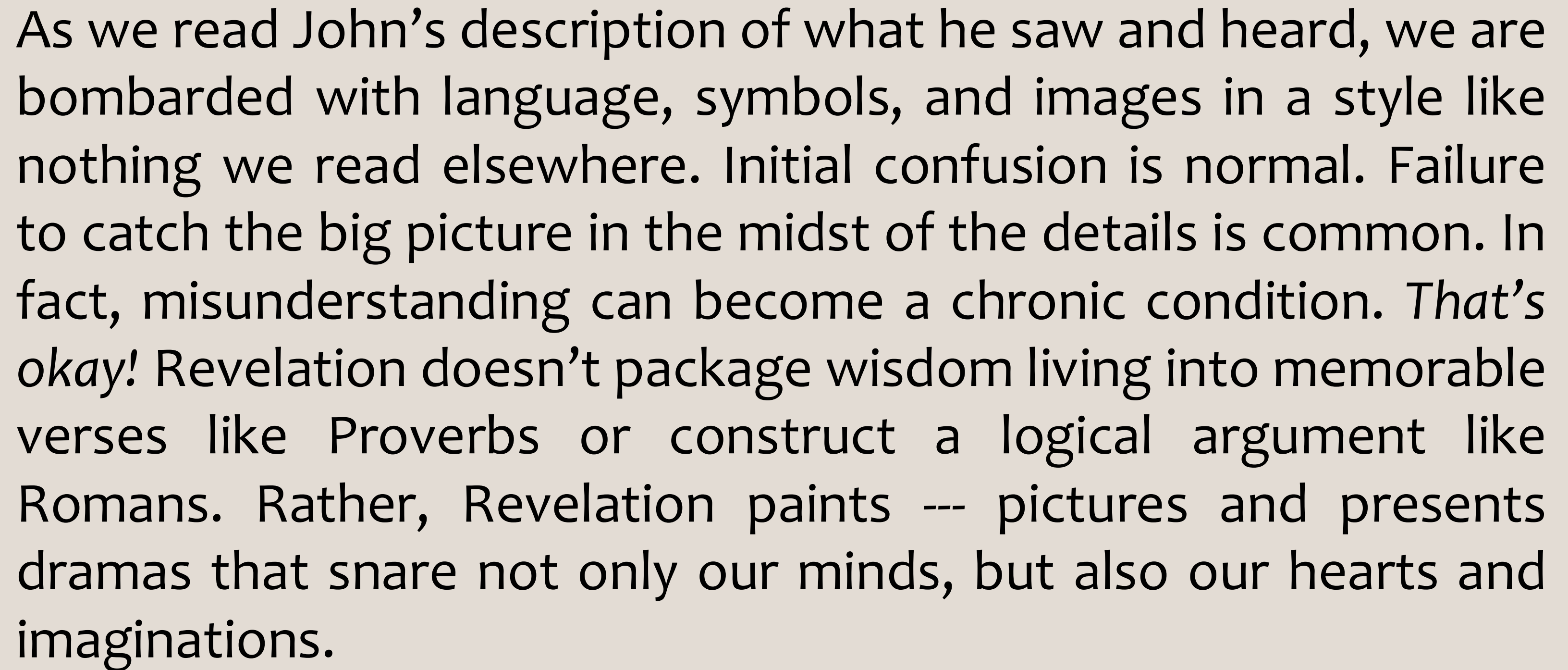
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ἀποκάλυψις

apokalypsis



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As we read John's description of what he saw and heard, we are bombarded with language, symbols, and images in a style like nothing we read elsewhere. Initial confusion is normal. Failure to catch the big picture in the midst of the details is common. In fact, misunderstanding can become a chronic condition. *That's okay!* Revelation doesn't package wisdom living into memorable verses like Proverbs or construct a logical argument like Romans. Rather, Revelation paints --- pictures and presents dramas that snare not only our minds, but also our hearts and imaginations.

Charles Swindoll

FOUR SCHOOLS OF INTERPRETATION

I. Preterist

II. Historicist

III. Idealist

IV. Futurist

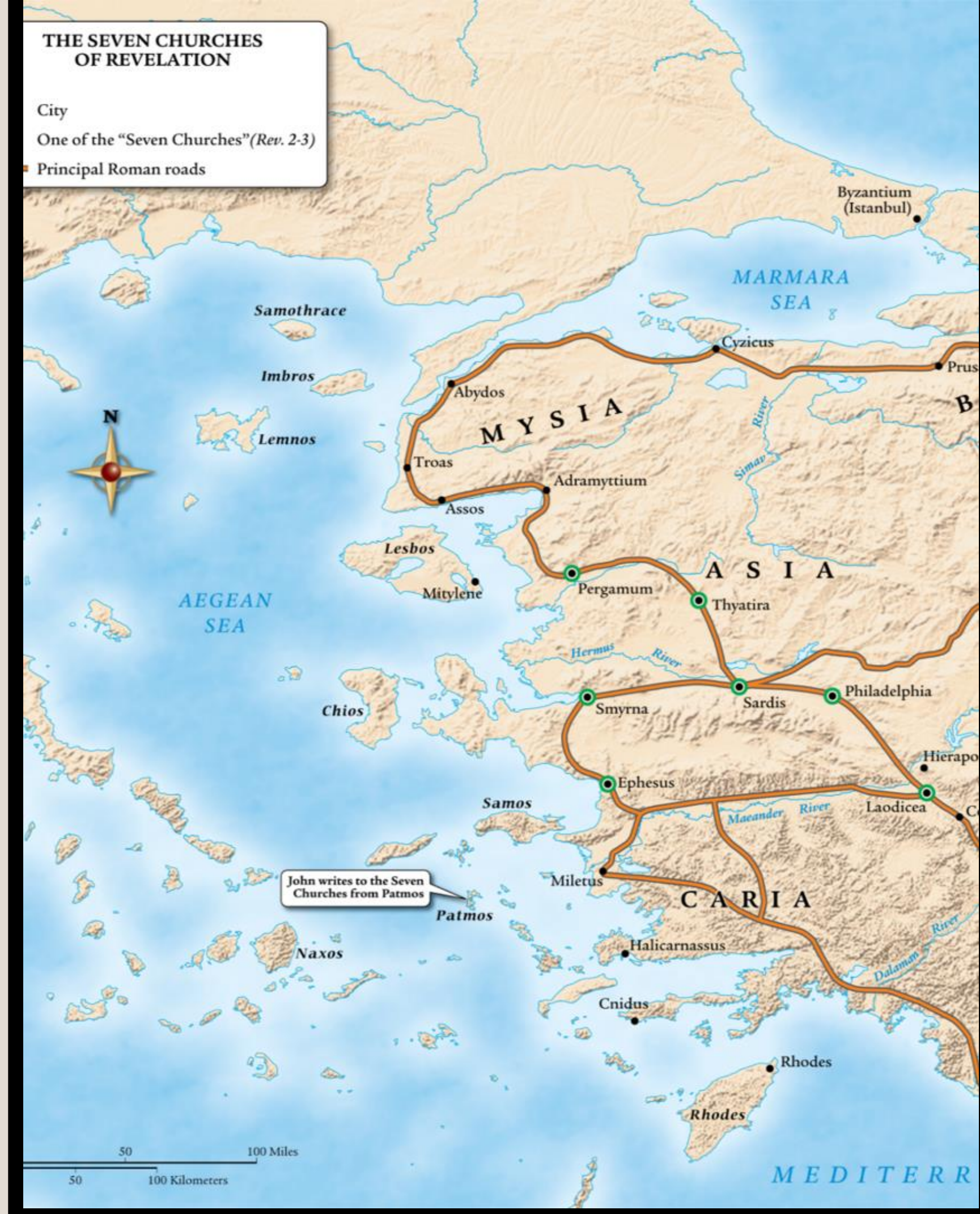
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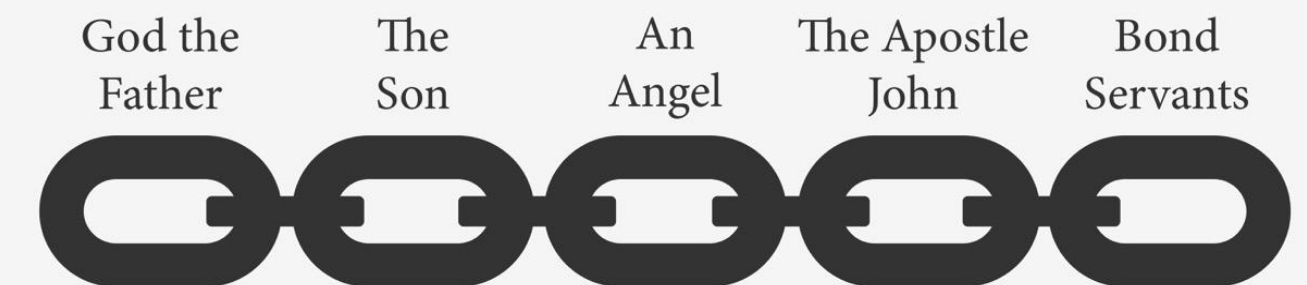
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EARL PALMER

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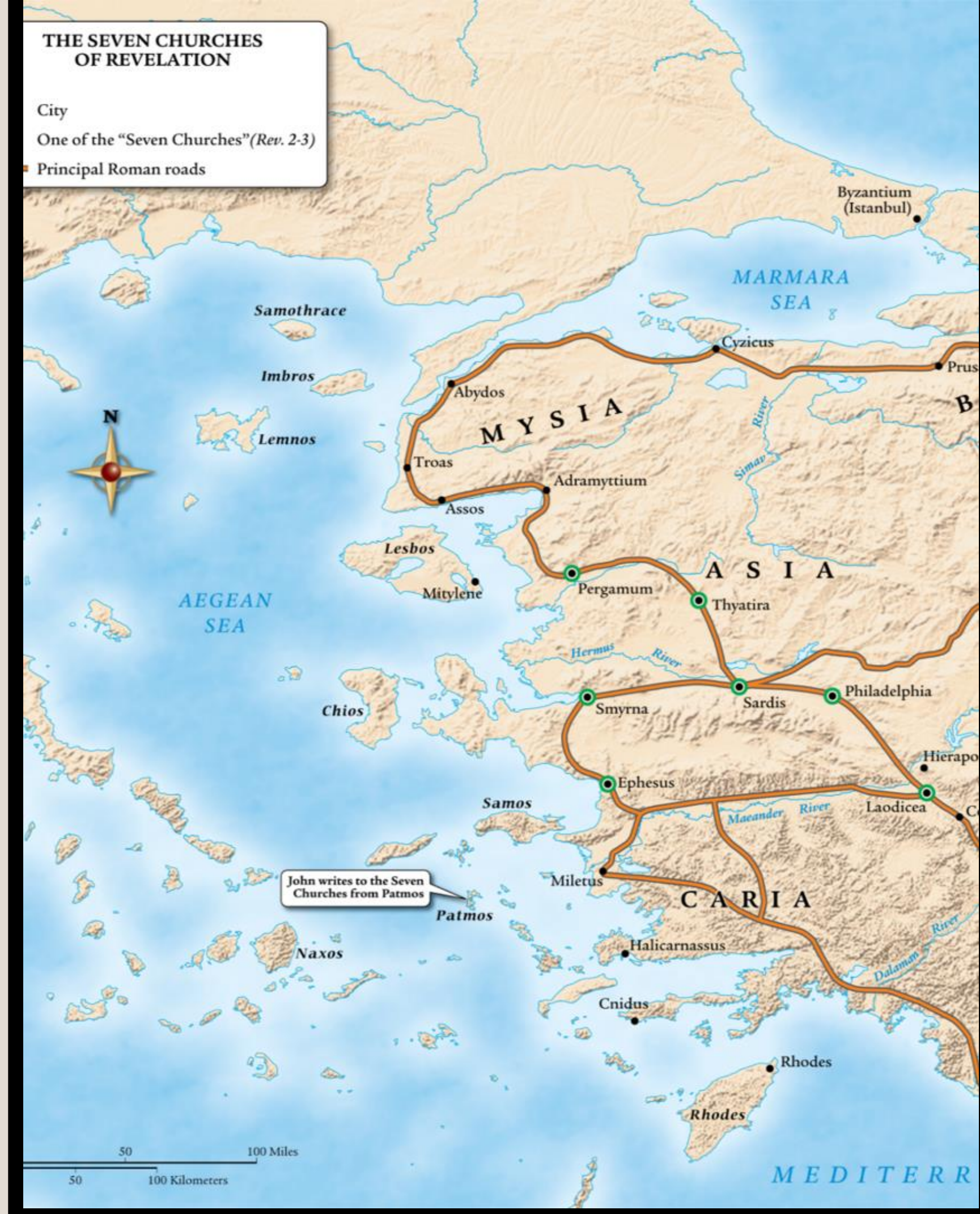
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4 main views:

- Within a few years
- From God's perspective
- Quickly or suddenly
- At any time (imminent)

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Isaiah 11:1–2

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. And the Spirit **(1)** of **the LORD** shall rest upon him, the Spirit **(2)** of **wisdom** and **(3)** understanding, the Spirit **(4)** of **counsel** and **(5)** **might**, the Spirit **(6)** of **knowledge** and **(7)** the **fear** of the LORD.

The Son

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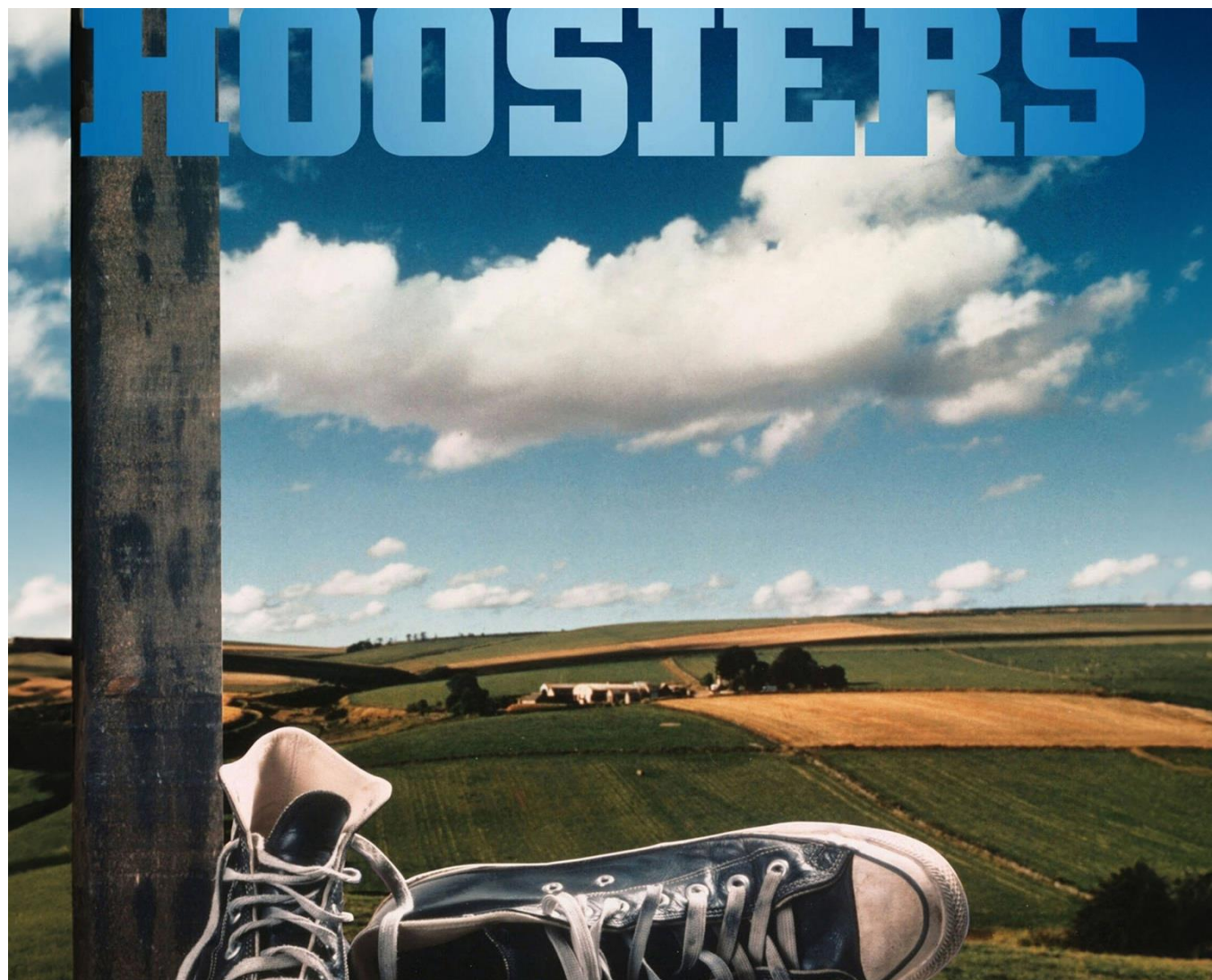


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