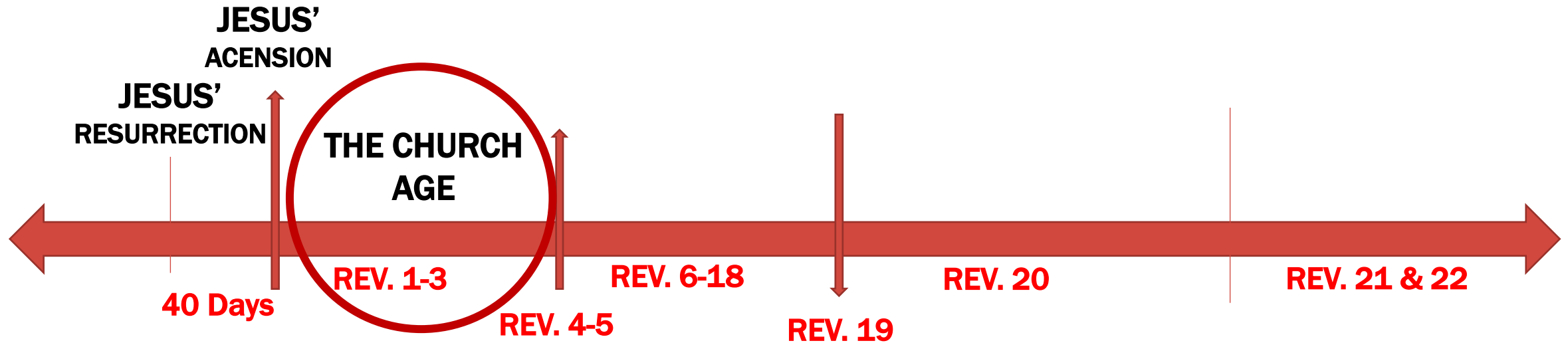


THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

SESSION 5

Revelation 2:12-17, 18-29

TIMELINE OF END TIME EVENTS



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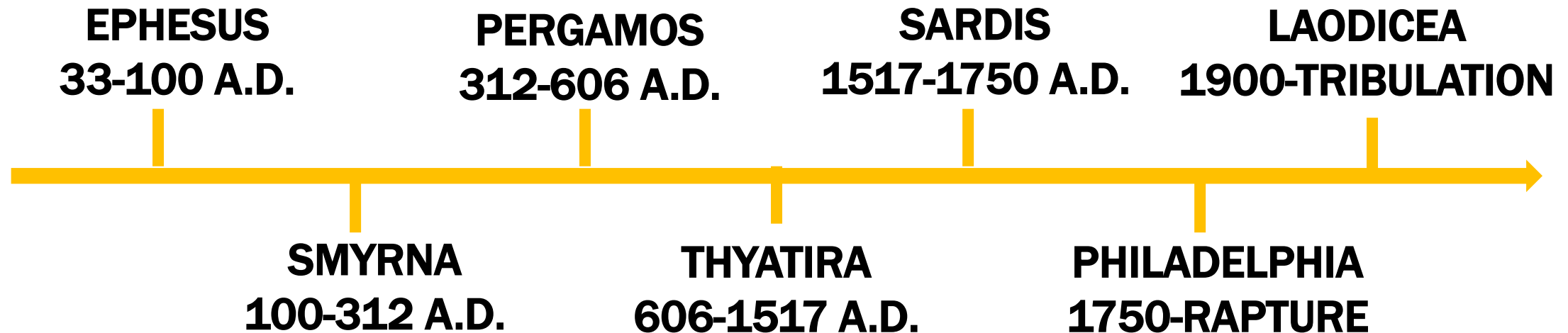
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- **HISTORICAL** in significance – each church represents a distinct time period of church history...

MAP OF THE 7 CHURCHES



TIMELINE OF CHURCH HISTORY



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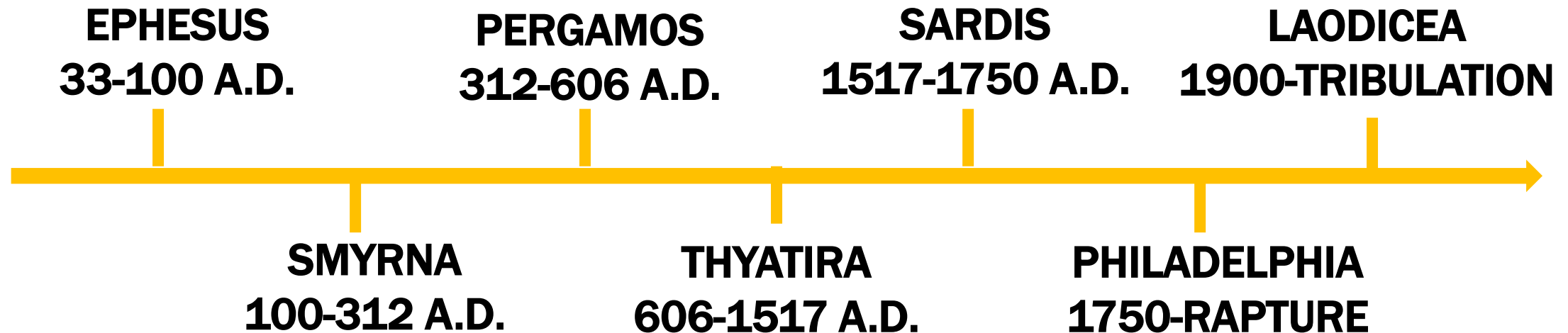
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COMPLAINT: Marriage of the Church and the World, (Doctrine of Balaam; Doctrine of Nicolaitans)

REWARD: Hidden Manna; White stone with a new name

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- Doctrine of kissing the pope’s foot (709 ad)
- Use of holy water (850 ad)
- Mechanical praying with beads, or the Rosary, invented by Peter the Hermit (1090 ad)
- Transubstantiation established (1215 ad)
- The Bible forbidden to laymen; only the priest could read (1229 ad)

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