

Sardis (Σαῦρδειß *Sardeis*). A city of the Roman province of Asia, situated on the south bank of the Hermus River about 50 miles east of Smyrna. Sardis was the capital of the ancient kingdom of Lydia, which fell to Cyrus the Great of Persia during the reign of Croesus. Possibly to be identified with the “Sepharad” mentioned in Obadiah 20, Sardis appears to have had an early community of Jewish exiles. The growth of this community can be seen in the massive synagogue, dating from the 3rd century AD, which has been uncovered there. . . . [Bible Lands PhotoGuide 4]



The Temple of Artemis at Sardis, looking southeast. This temple, dedicated to the Greek goddess Artemis, was massive. It measured 325 feet (99.2 meters) in length by 149 feet (45.7 meters) in width, and featured 78 columns standing 59 feet (18 meters) high. Only two of these columns remain standing to their full height. The white square column in the center of the photograph is a stele honoring a priestess of Artemis named Apphion. . . . [Bible Lands PhotoGuide 4]

Baldwin Hills Baptist Church
 Sunday, October 23, 2022
Sermon Outline

The Lord Commends And Rebukes Trouble In Seven Of His Selected Churches!" Pt. 5

- *Revelation 3:1-6* -

(Problem of the Church at Sardis

The Lord Addresses Sardis As A Dead Church!

- I. HE ADDRESSES THE CHURCH AT SARDIS, v-1
 - A. To The Leader Of The Church, v-1a
 - B. He Identified Himself As The One Who Has The Seven Spirits Of God, v-1b; Cf. Rev. 1:4; Is. 11:2
 - C. He Identified Himself As The One Who Has The Seven Stars, v-1c; Cf. Rev. 1:16, 20
 - Responsibility of the Pastoral Leadership
 - Compare Israel's Leadership, Mt. 23:27
 - D. The Lord Tells Them That He Knows Their Deeds Rev. 3:1d --Many, Active, Seeming Alive
 - E. The Lord Tells Them They Are Living A False Name, And In Reality They Are Dead! v-1e
 1. It appeared to others that they had an important Name. They had a good past Reputation before people.
 2. But before God they were spiritually dead!
 - Used of unsaved people, Eph. 2:1
 - No real relationship with God at all!
 3. The Church was mostly made up of false professors, Mt. 7:21; Lk. 6:46