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THE PERSECUTED CHURCH

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Revelation 2:8–11



JESUS SPEAKS TO  
HIS CHURCH IN SMYRNA

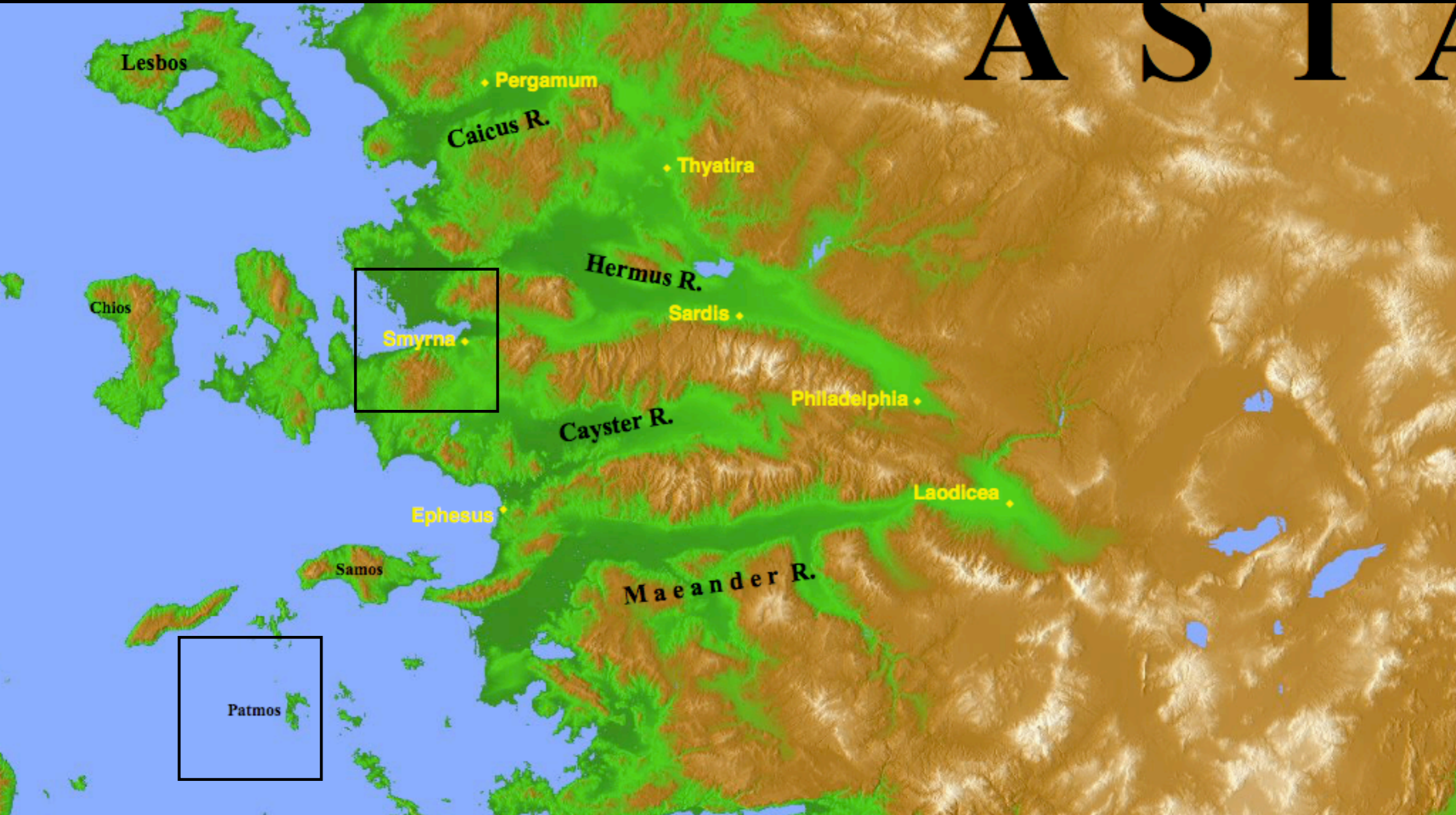
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I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.

Revelation 22:13





# JESUS IS THE ETERNAL GOD

This is what the **LORD** says— Israel's King and Redeemer, the **LORD** Almighty: **I am the first and I am the last; apart from me there is no God.**

Isaiah 44:6



# JESUS HAS CONQUERED DEATH

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THE PERSECUTED  
CHURCH IN SMYRNA

# AFFLICTIONS AND POVERTY

I know your **afflictions** and your **poverty** — yet you are rich! I know the slander of those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan.

Revelation 2:9



# PERSECUTED!

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