





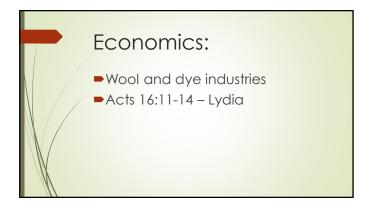
Reputation: The least known and least remarkable city of the seven Founded in 290 B.C. by Seleucus I A military outpost guarding the road to Pergamum

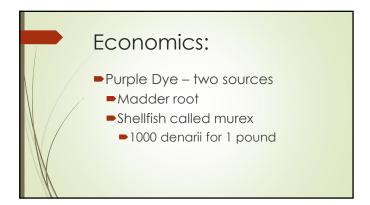
Reputation: Depended heavily on soldier-citizens Fell to the Romans in 190 and became part of the kingdom of Pergamum

Setting: -55 miles inland of Pergamum -South bank of the Lycus River -On the trade routes from the Aegean Sea to Byzantium

Setting: The Imperial post travelled this road The gateway to Pergamum

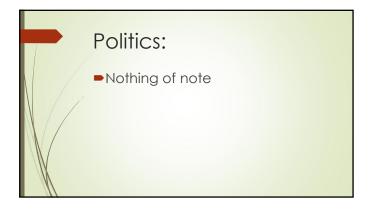
Economics: A center for manufacturing and marketing Great commercial wealth and prosperity Many trade guilds





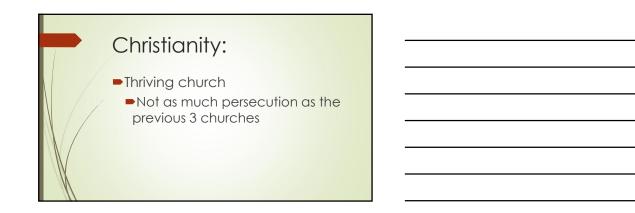




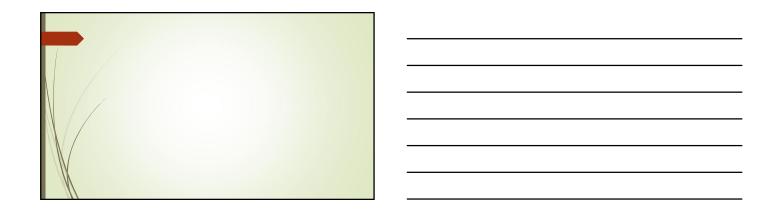


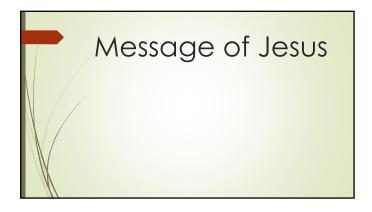
Religion: No significant gods Tyrimnos – guardian god Considered a son of Zeus The god of the trade guilds

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 Tryimnos: Portrayed on coins astride a horse carrying a battle axe Also had a fortune telling shrine

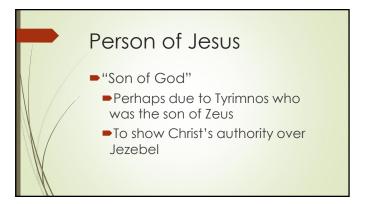


Today:	
■A city of about 25,000 ■Industry is weaving oriental rugs	









Person of Jesus Eyes of blazing fire – sees wrong and right and will judge Feet of burnished bronze – Brass is the symbol of the judgement of God – Duet 28:23

Praise from Jesus Deeds – love, faith, deeds, perseverance Doing more than you did at first Have not grown slack in their love for Christ and others

Rebuke from Jesus Toleration of Jezebel The "prophetess" Believes she speaks for God. Believe she has authority from God to speak and proclaim

Rebuke from Jesus Toleration of Jezebel Wife of King Ahab – 1 Kings 18 Daughter of High Priest of baal Idolatry and sexual immorality

Judgement of Jesus Judgment upon false teaching Intense suffering and death He will judge according to our deeds

Encouragement of Jesus Hold on to your faith and wait for Jesus. He is coming! He will judge and sort it all out.

Reward of Jesus Authority over the nations to rule with Christ – Psalm 2:9;Rev 20:4-6 Give the morning star Matt 13:43;Dan 12:3; Rev 22:16

Summary/conclusions

- A church that is mildly persecuted and is loving God and people more and more as evidenced by their deeds
- Yet, there is a false element in the church that is tolerated

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- ■There is a teaching in the church that would lead them to compromise and "fit in" to society
- Remaining faithful in deeds yet tolerating falsehood and immorality within