

History of
Türkiye

SARDIS

THE SEVEN CHURCHES

Sardis: The Church That Forgot to Stay Awake

Step into the ancient city of Sardis (modern-day Sart, Türkiye), one of the Seven Churches mentioned in Revelation. Sardis was a city of great wealth and prominence but also one with a sobering spiritual message for us today.

Biblical Significance:

"To the angel of the church in Sardis write: These are the words of Him who holds the seven spirits of God and the seven stars. I know your deeds; you have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead." (Revelation 3:1 NIV)

In Revelation 3:1-6, Jesus rebukes the church in Sardis for its spiritual complacency and warns them to wake up and strengthen what remains before it dies completely. Yet, He also offers hope for those who remain faithful, promising that their names will not be erased from the Book of Life.

The Warning:

The history of Sardis reflects its Biblical message—once a powerful city, it fell due to overconfidence and a failure to stay alert. This echoes the call for believers to remain vigilant in their faith.

What to See in Sardis:

The Temple of Artemis (never completed): A striking example of the city's ancient grandeur. Two of its 78 columns (each column stood 17,7m high) still stand today.
The Synagogue: A reminder of the diverse religious community that existed here.
The Gymnasium and Bath Complex: A testament to Sardis' affluence and culture.
Sardis challenges us to examine the vitality of our faith. Are we spiritually alive, or merely holding onto the appearance of life? Reflect, revive, and remain watchful.