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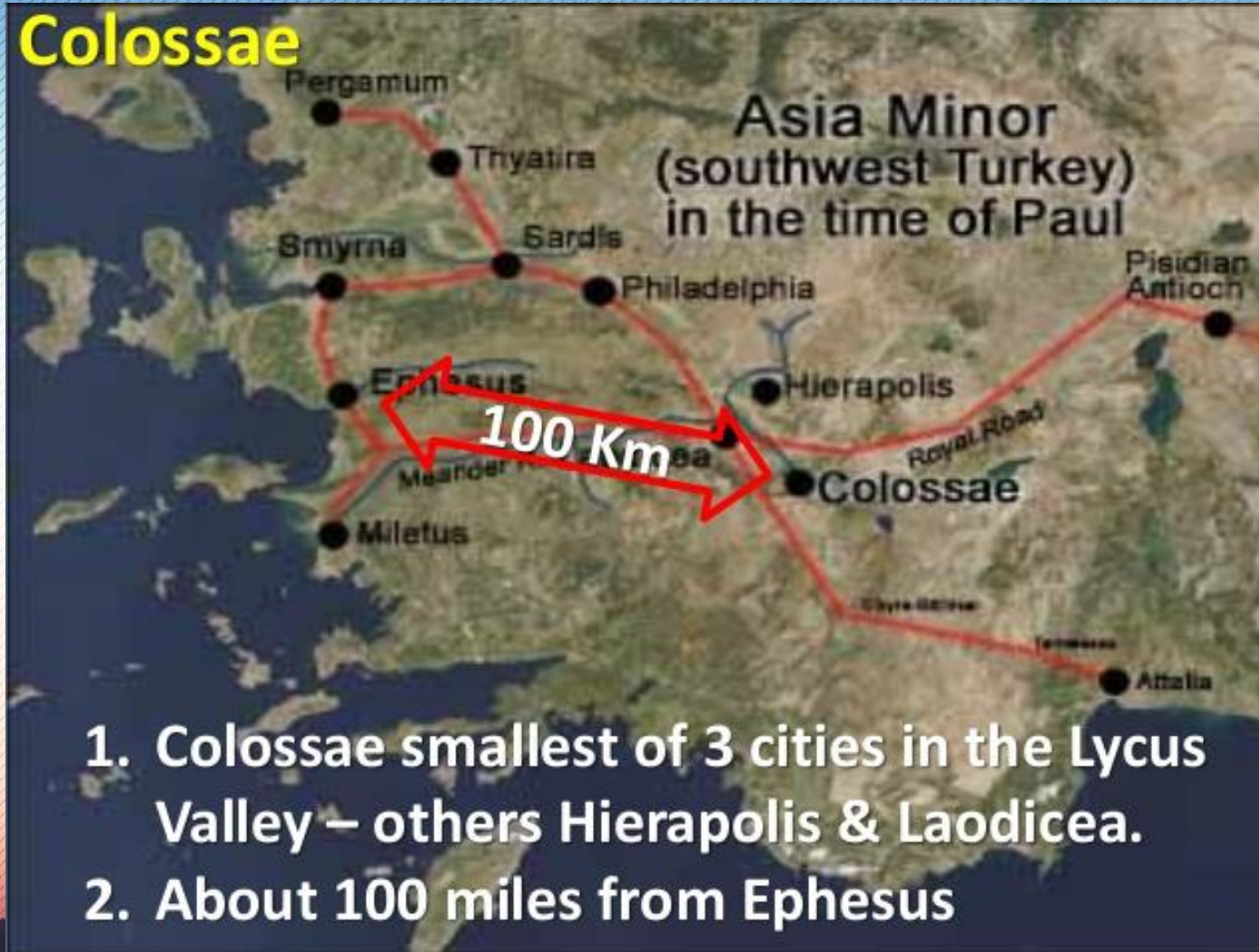
COMPLETE IN CHRIST

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Colossians 1:1-14

THE CITY

Colossae



1. Colossae smallest of 3 cities in the Lycus Valley – others Hierapolis & Laodicea.
2. About 100 miles from Ephesus

THE CHURCH

- Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To *God's holy people* in *Colossae*, the *faithful brothers* and *sisters in Christ*: Grace and peace to you from God our Father.^[b]



THE CRISIS

- **Nationalism**
- **Syncretism**
- **Legalism**

COMPLETE

- “For in Christ all the **fullness** of the Deity lives in bodily form, and you have been given **fullness** in Christ” (Col 2:9-10, niv).



GOD WANTS TO

Fill you with
PURPOSE



GOD WANTS TO

PRODUCE FRUITFULNESS

in you



John 15 The MSG

***“Live in me. Make your home in me just as I do in you. In the same way that a branch can’t bear grapes by itself but only by being joined to the vine, you can’t bear fruit unless you are joined with me.⁵⁻⁸ “I am the Vine, you are the branches. When you’re joined with me and I with you, the relation intimate and organic, the harvest is sure to be abundant. Separated, you can’t produce a thing.*”**



GOD WANTS TO

Strengthen you with all
POWER