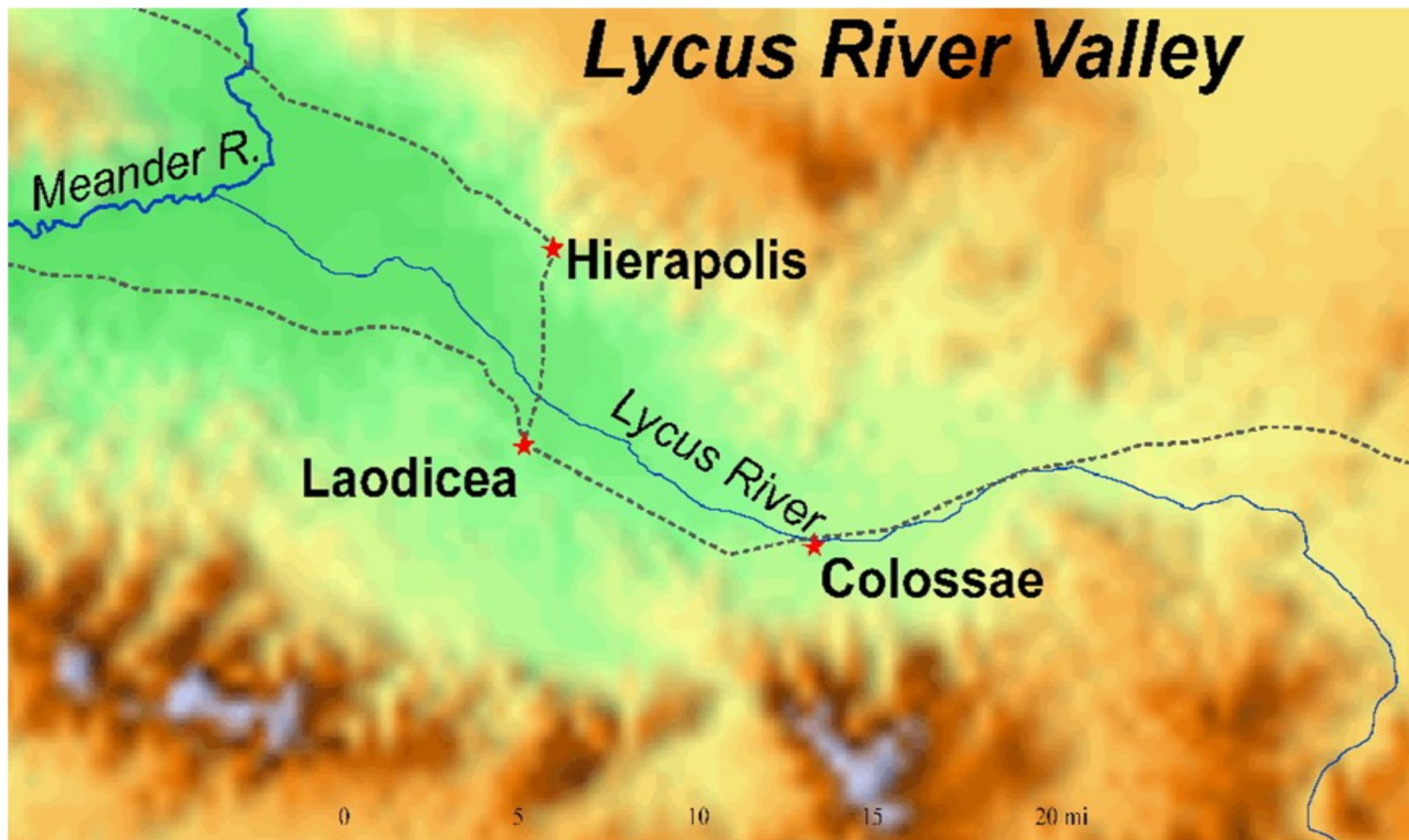


The Church at Laodicea



Lycus River Valley



History of Laodicea

- A wealthy city in Asia Minor founded in 261 B.C.
- The city lay on one of the great Asian trade routes.
- Laodicea was a major banking center.
- A major earthquake hit in AD 60 and refused Roman help to rebuild. They were wealthy enough to do it themselves!
 - Rev.3.17: "She was rich and increased in goods and had need of nothing."
- Home of a medical school and produced collyrium, a famous eye salve.
- It became worldly minded; compromising;

Laodicea in the Revelation

- Rev.3.14-22: Rebuke
- “I know your works...”
 - They are neither hot or cold
 - Lukewarm: “I will vomit you...”
 - Indifferent; Cold/Hot water ex.
- You say: “I am rich...and have need of nothing.”
 - “Wretched, poor, miserable , blind and naked” —Jesus.
 - “Anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see.”
 - “Be zealous and repent.”
 - See Heb.12.7-11.

God's Counsel to Them

- Seek true riches: “buy of Me gold refined by fire that you may become rich.”
 - Not imaginary riches
- “White Raiment.”
 - True righteousness of the saints
- “Anoint your eyes.”
 - Can't improve unless we see ourselves for who we really are!
- “Repent and be jealous.”
 - Must change their indifferent attitude

Lessons From Laodicea

- God/Christ knows our works—no hiding.
- Lukewarm in His service makes Him sick.
- Worldly wealth can make us forget God.
- Look into the mirror and see ourselves for what we are. (James 1.23-24).
- Be zealous and repent; He will forgive!
- We must overcome.