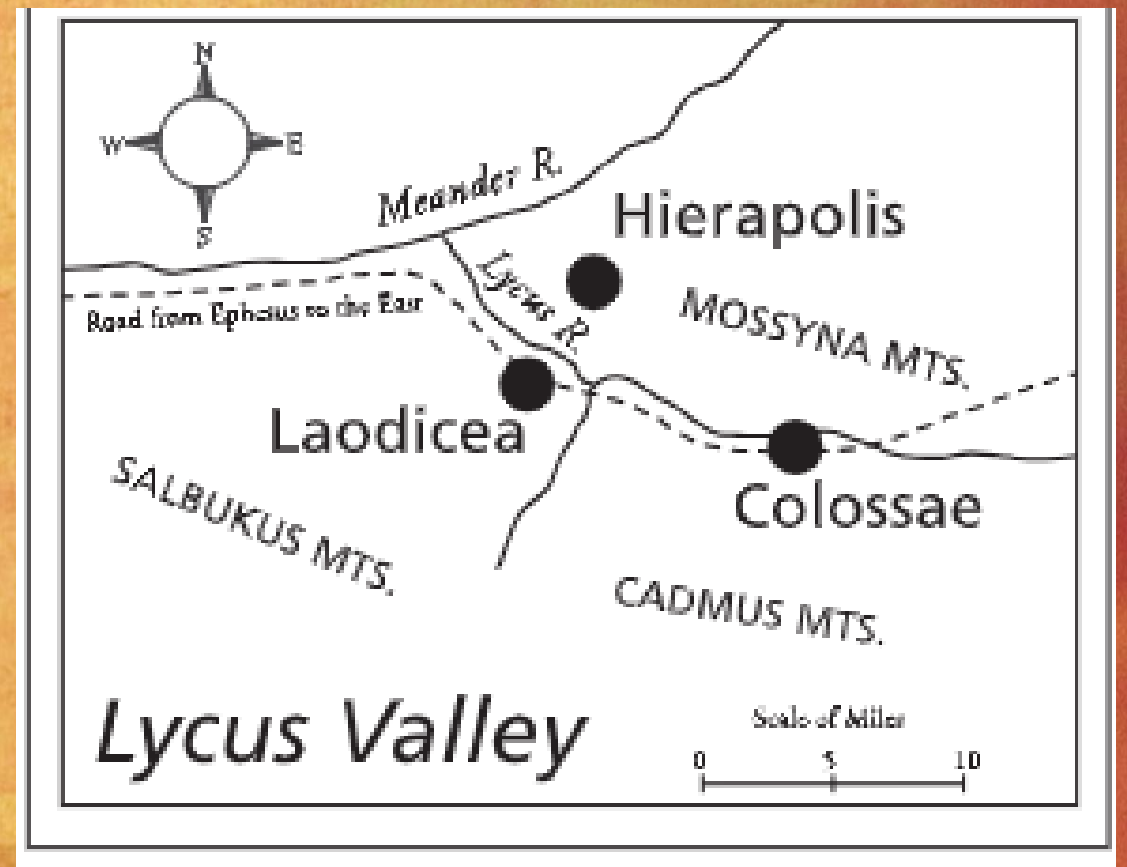


LETTER TO THE  
**COLOSSIANS**

**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.  
Colossians 1:1-2**

## Maps of Asia Minor and the Lycus Valley



- **your faith in Christ Jesus**
- **the love you have for all God's people**
- **the hope stored up for you in heaven**

**which you have already heard  
in the true message of the gospel**

**And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.**

**1 Corinthians 3:13**

**Colossians 1:3-8**

**We continually ask God**

**1. to fill you with the knowledge of his will**

**2. so that you may live a life ...**

- bearing fruit in every good work,**
- growing in the knowledge of God,**
- being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might**
- so that you may have great endurance and patience, and**
- giving joyful thanks to the Father,**

**Colossians 1:9-14**

**...giving joyful thanks to the Father,  
who has qualified you  
to share in the inheritance  
of his holy people  
in the kingdom of light.**

**For he has rescued us  
from the dominion of darkness and  
brought us into the kingdom of the Son  
he loves,  
in whom we have redemption,  
the forgiveness of sins.**

**Colossians 1:9-14**

# **Colossians 1:15-23**

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**I have found David my servant;  
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And I will appoint him to be my firstborn,  
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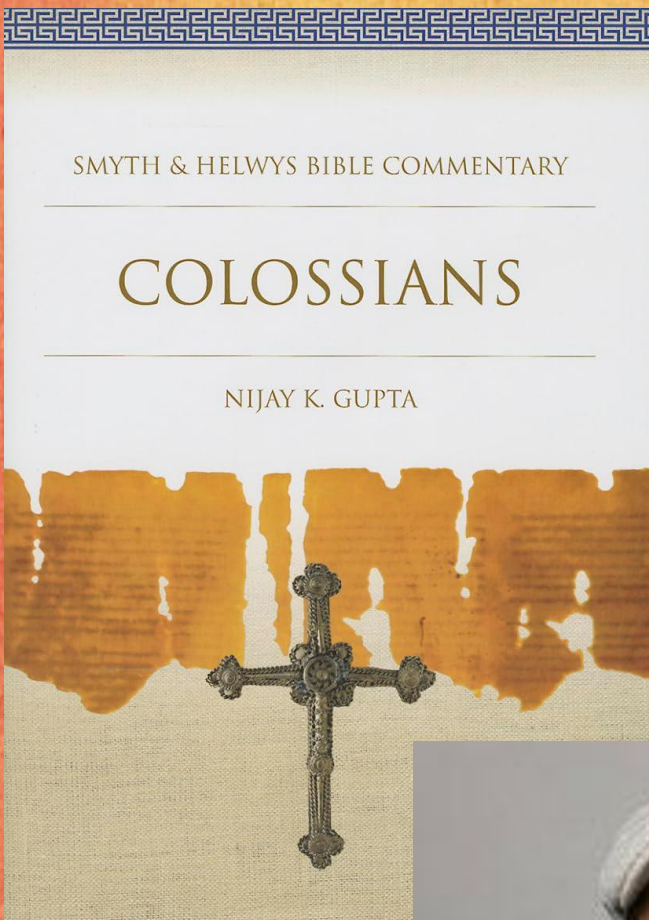
**Psalms 89:20, 27**

**“I, wisdom, dwell together with prudence;  
I possess knowledge and discretion...  
The Lord brought me forth as the first of his works,  
before his deeds of old;  
I was formed long ages ago,  
at the very beginning, when the world came to  
be.”**

**Proverbs 8:12, 22-23**

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**“Christ is ever and always the solution to their fears and perplexities.”**

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**The Son is the radiance of God's glory  
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sustaining all things  
by his powerful word.**

**Hebrews 1:3**

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**Therefore God exalted him to the highest place  
and gave him the name that is above every  
name,  
that at the name of Jesus every knee should  
bow,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ  
is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

**Philippians 2:9-11**

**He is before (above) all things,  
and in him all things hold together.**

**Colossians 1:17**

**And  
he is the head  
of the body,  
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**Colossians 1:18a**

**he is the beginning and  
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**Colossians 1:18b**

**For God was pleased  
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**The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.**

**John 1:14**

**In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.**

**John 1:1**

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and were enemies in your minds  
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**But now he has reconciled you  
by Christ's pass of blood,  
through death,  
to present you holy in his sight,  
without blemish and  
and free from accusation—  
if you continue in your faith,  
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**Colossians 1:21-23**

**They exchanged the truth about God for a lie,  
and worshiped and served created things  
rather than the Creator.**

**Romans 1:25**

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**“I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.”**

**John 14:6-7**

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**This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.**

**Colossians 1:23**

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**We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.**

**Romans 8:22-25**