



## 1:19 . The outline to Revelation

**Rev 1:19** Write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after this.

- ” **What was:** chapter 1
- ” **What is:** chapters 2-3
- ” **What shall be hereafter:** chapters 4-22







## Church of Ephesus





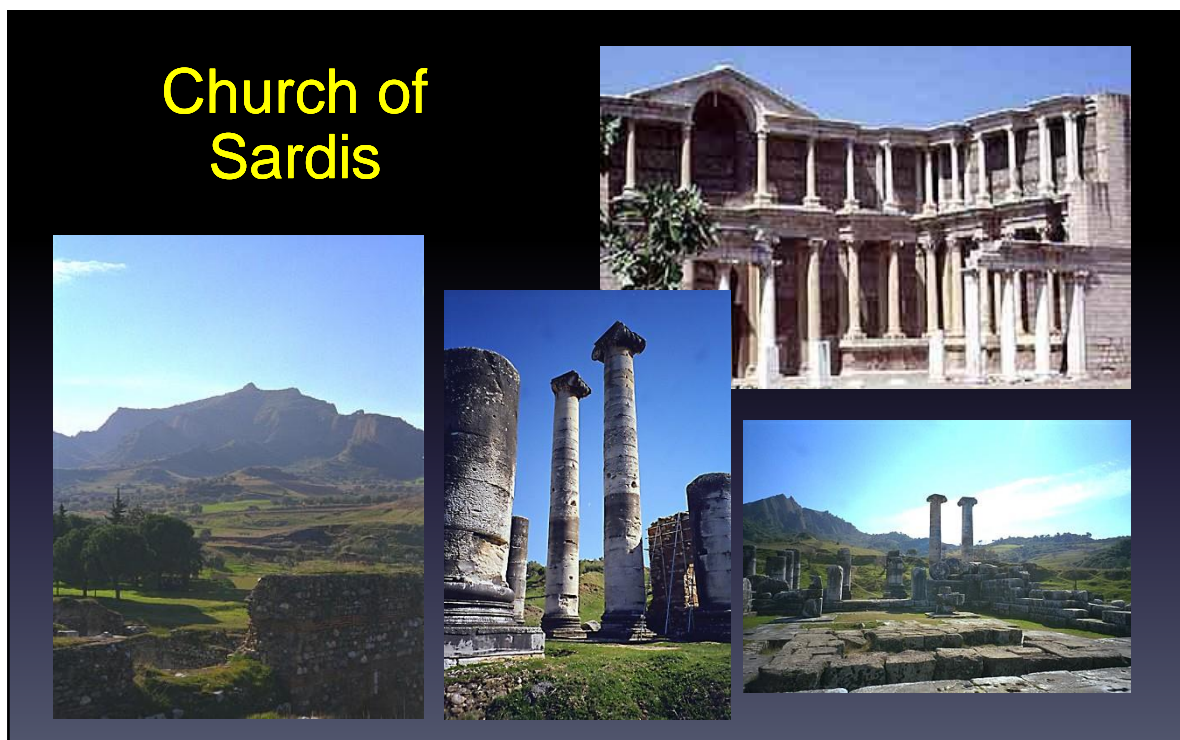
Church of Smyrna  
(Izmir)



Church of Pergamum  
(Bergama)



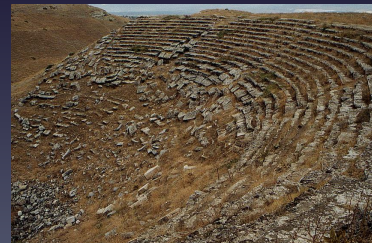




## Church of Philadelphia (Alasehir)



## Church of Laodicea (near Denizili)

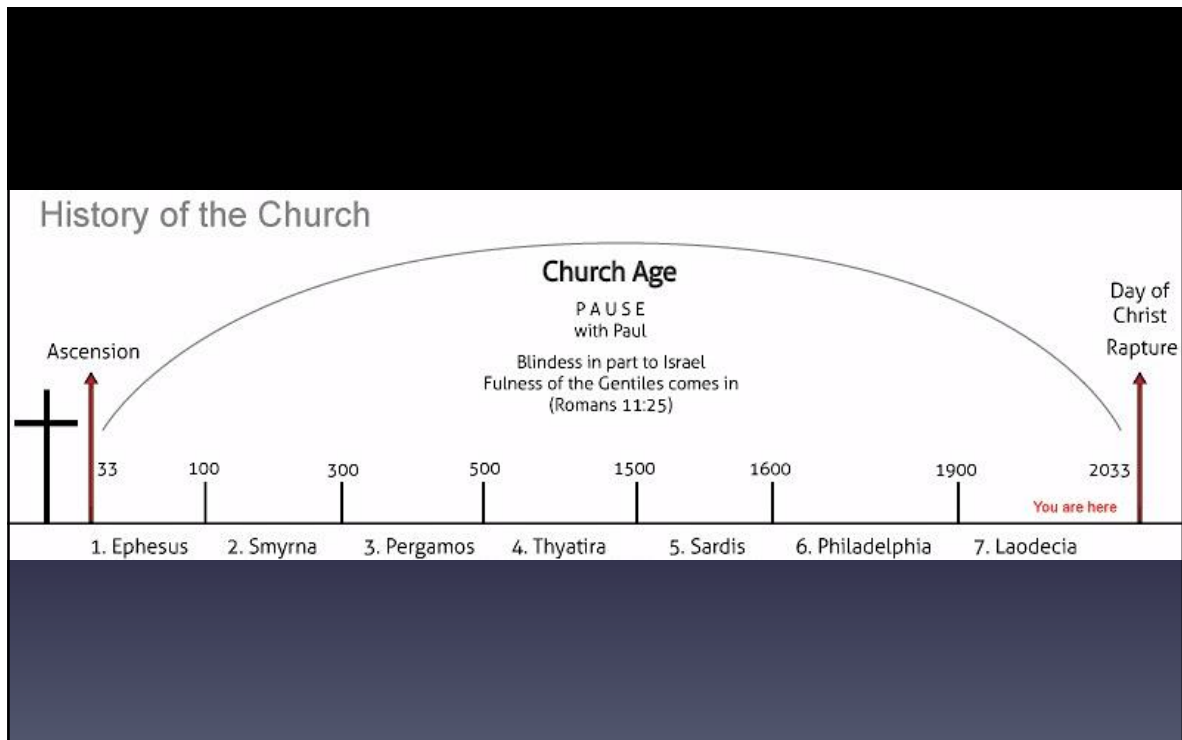


The messages to the seven churches  
can be understood in three ways:

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Dispensationally

Do the 7 churches give us a glance  
at the entire Church Age?



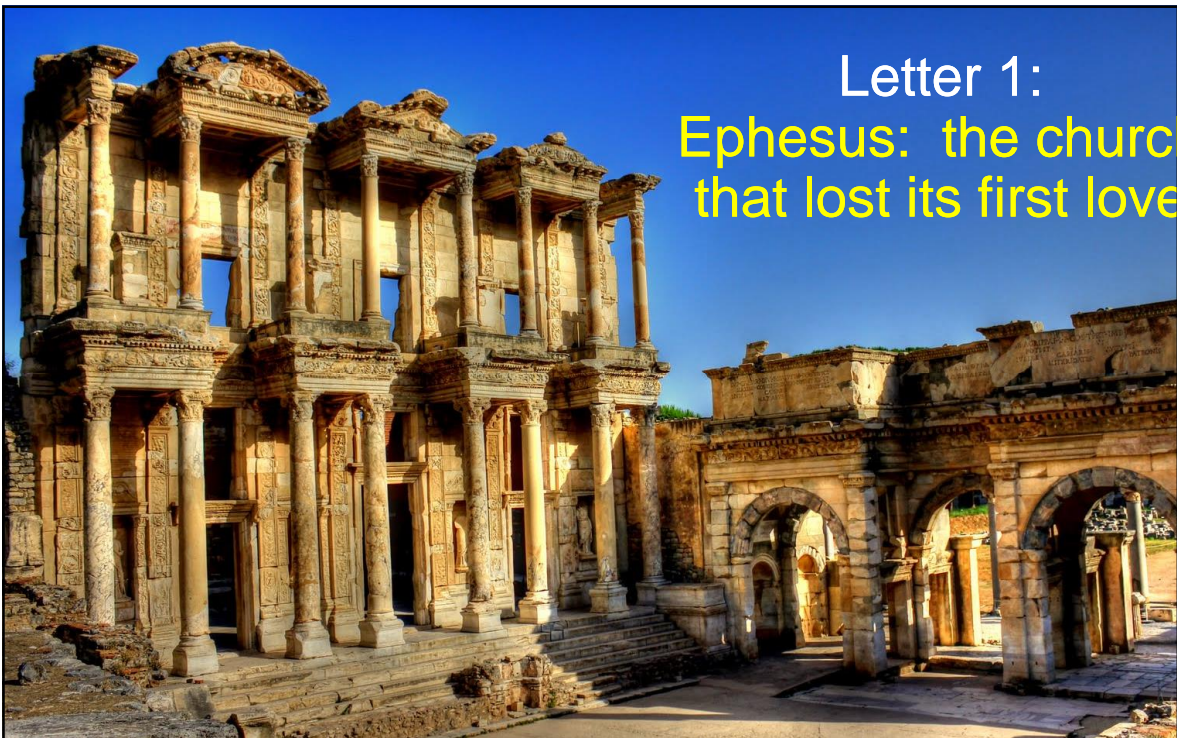


The Things Which Are - The Seven Churches						
Ephesus	Smyrna	Pergamos	Thyatira	Sardis	Philadelphia	Laodicea
						
Rev 2.1-7	Rev 2.8-11	Rev 2.12-17	Rev 2.18-29	Rev 3.1-6	Rev 3.7-13	Rev 3.14-22
First Church Age	Second Church Age	Third Church Age	Fourth Church Age	Fifth Church Age	Sixth Church Age	Seventh Church Age
33 - 100 AD Death of Christ 1st & 2nd Persecution	100-312 AD The Caesars 2nd - 10th Persecutions	312 - 590 AD Constantine The Political Church	590 - 1517 AD Middle Dark Ages The Idolatrous Church Catholic Church	1517 - 1750 AD Reformation Protestantism	1750 - 1925 AD Missionary Movement	1925 AD - End Apostate Church

## The churches seen dispensationally:

%The church age at a glance+

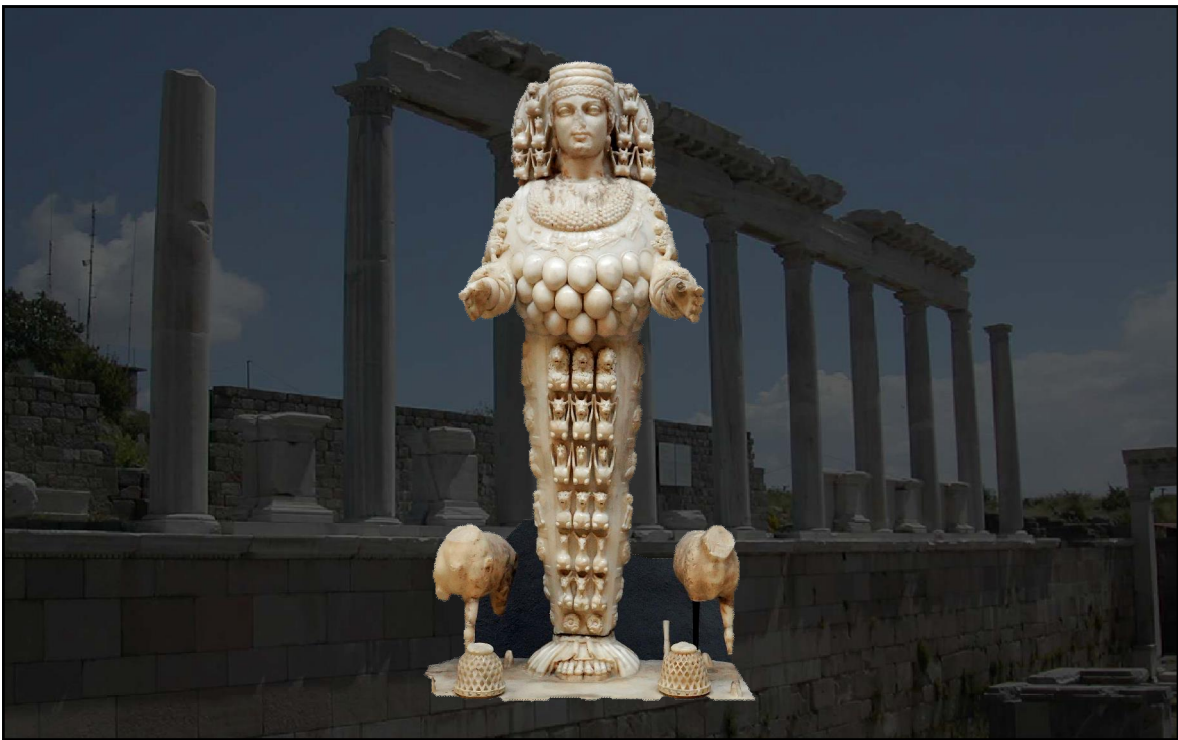
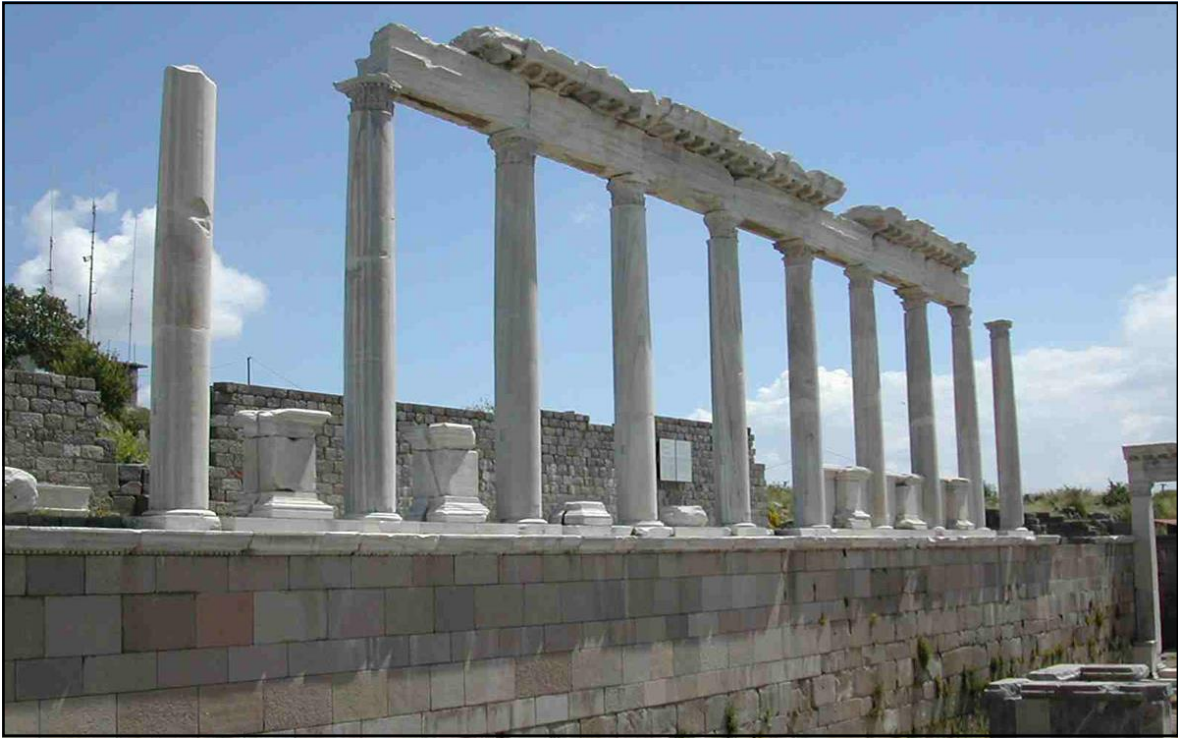
- ÉEphesus: 100 (church of the apostles)
- ÉSmyrna: 100 – 300 (persecuted church)
- ÉPergamos: 300 – 500 (church married to Rome)
- ÉThyatira: 500- 1500 (church of middle ages)
- ÉSardis: 1500 – 1700 (reformation church)
- ÉPhiladelphia: 1700 – 1900 (great awakening church)
- ÉLaodicea: 1900 – present (lukewarm church)

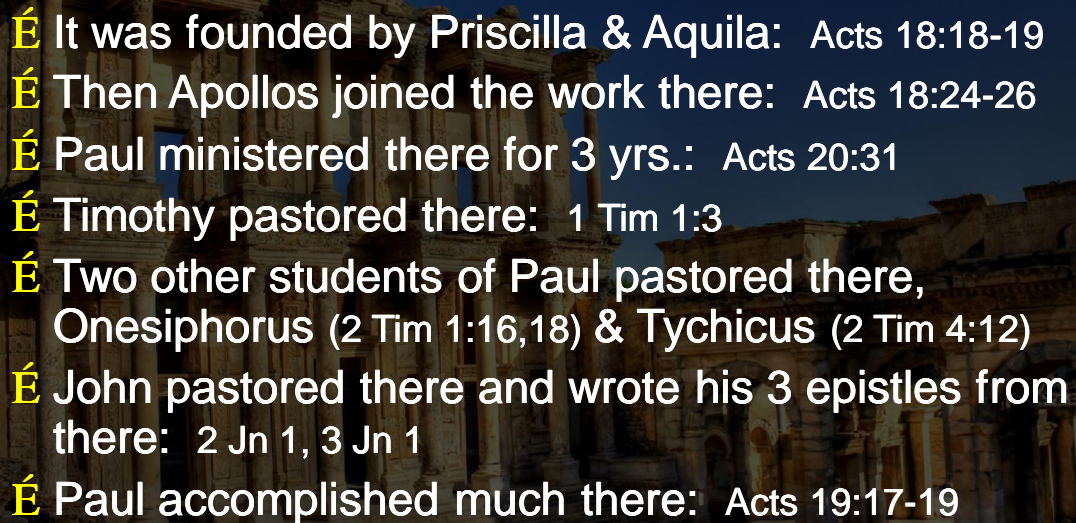


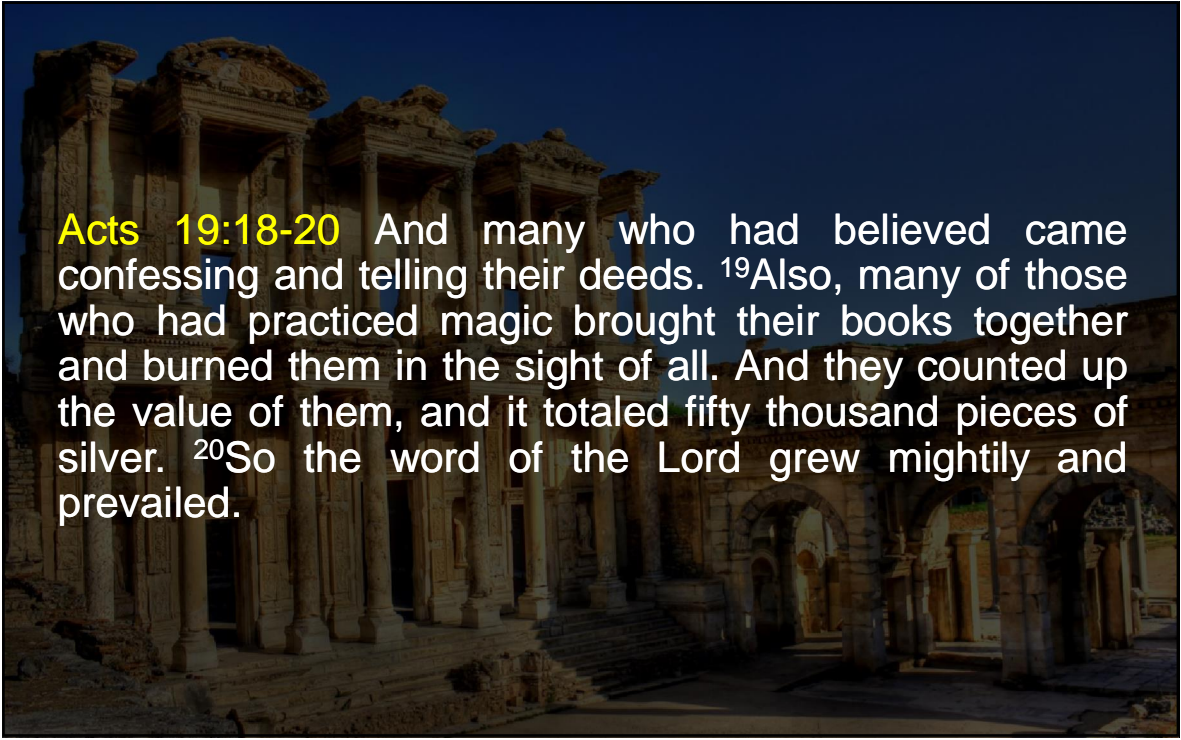






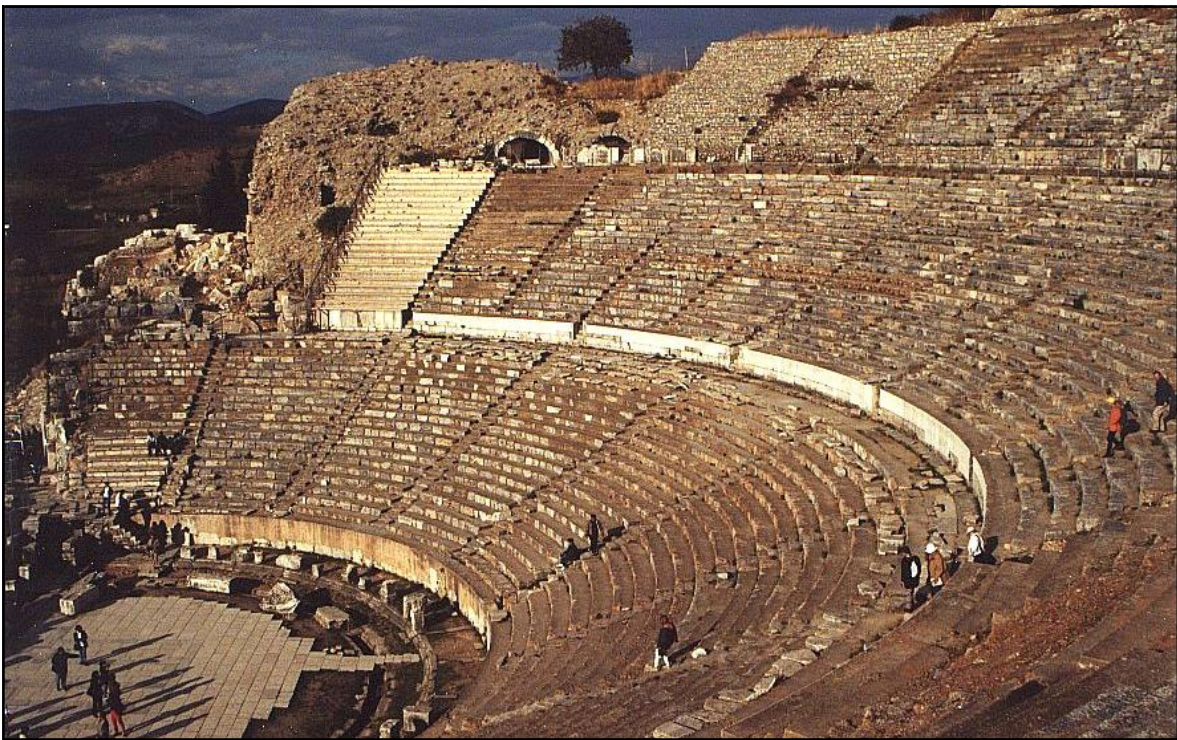
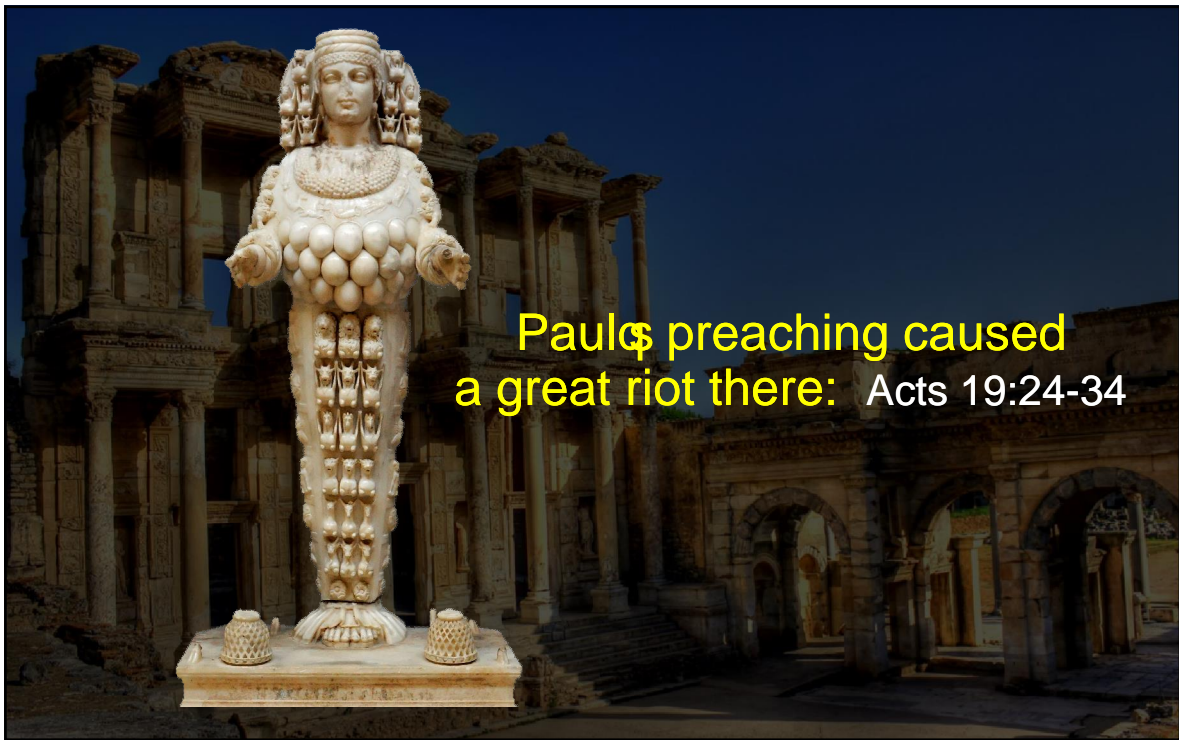


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- É It was founded by Priscilla & Aquila: Acts 18:18-19
  - É Then Apollos joined the work there: Acts 18:24-26
  - É Paul ministered there for 3 yrs.: Acts 20:31
  - É Timothy pastored there: 1 Tim 1:3
  - É Two other students of Paul pastored there, Onesiphorus (2 Tim 1:16,18) & Tychicus (2 Tim 4:12)
  - É John pastored there and wrote his 3 epistles from there: 2 Jn 1, 3 Jn 1
  - É Paul accomplished much there: Acts 19:17-19



**Acts 19:18-20** And many who had believed came confessing and telling their deeds. <sup>19</sup>Also, many of those who had practiced magic brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all. And they counted up the value of them, and it totaled fifty thousand pieces of silver. <sup>20</sup>So the word of the Lord grew mightily and prevailed.







**Acts 19:24-34** For a certain man named Demetrius, a silversmith, who made silver shrines of Diana, brought no small profit to the craftsmen. <sup>25</sup>He called them together with the workers of similar occupation, and said: %Men, you know that we have our prosperity by this trade. <sup>26</sup>Moreover you see and hear that not only at Ephesus, but throughout almost all Asia, this Paul has persuaded and turned away many people, saying that they are not gods which are made with hands. <sup>27</sup>So not only is this trade of ours in danger of falling into disrepute, but also the temple of the great goddess Diana may be despised and her magnificence destroyed, whom all Asia and the world worship.+<sup>28</sup>Now when they heard this, they were full of wrath and cried out, saying, %Great is Diana of the Ephesians!+<sup>29</sup>So the whole city was filled with confusion, and rushed into the theater with one accord, having seized Gaius and Aristarchus, Macedonians, Paul's travel companions. <sup>30</sup>And when Paul wanted to go in to the people, the disciples would not allow him. ò <sup>33</sup>And they drew Alexander out of the multitude, the Jews putting him forward. And Alexander motioned with his hand, and wanted to make his defense to the people. <sup>34</sup>But when they found out that he was a Jew, all with one voice cried out for about two hours, %Great is Diana of the Ephesians!+

**Rev 2:1-7** %To the angel of the church of Ephesus write, ¶These things says He who holds the seven stars in His right hand, who walks in the midst of the seven golden lampstands: <sup>2</sup>%o know your works, your labor, your patience, and that you cannot bear those who are evil. And you have tested those who say they are apostles and are not, and have found them liars; <sup>3</sup>and you have persevered and have patience, and have labored for My name's sake and have not become weary. <sup>4</sup>Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love.



## 1. The full works of this church

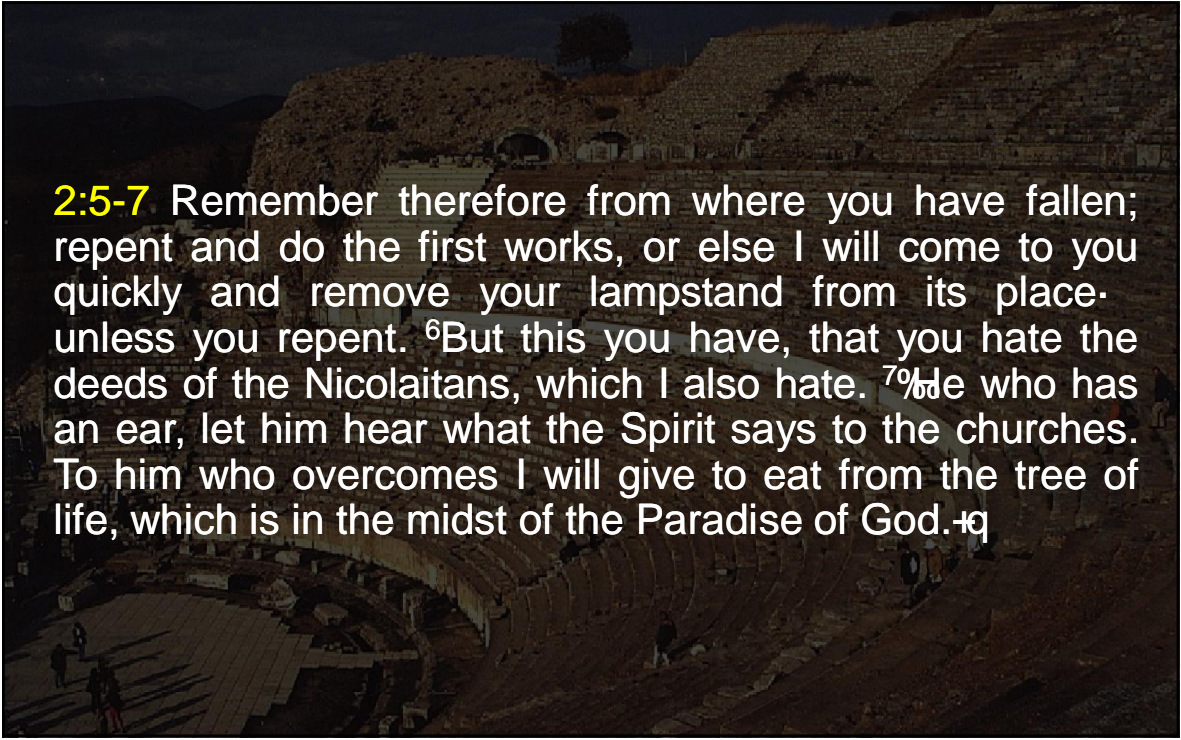
- " They were doing the task
- " They were defending the truth
- " They were defeating the test

## 2. The fatal weakness of this church

- " Their passion was gone
- " Their power was gone

%A church can be doctrinally straight as  
a gun barrel and just as empty.+





**2:5-7** Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place—unless you repent. <sup>6</sup>But this you have, that you hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. <sup>7</sup>Whoever has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God. **14**

### 3. The faithful way for this church

“ Remember

“ Repent

“ Repeat

### 4. The forceful warning to this church

“ Their judgment was imminent.

“ Their judgment would be intense.





**Heb 10:30-31** And again, %The Lord will judge His people.+<sup>31</sup>It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

**Rev 2:7** %He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God.+q