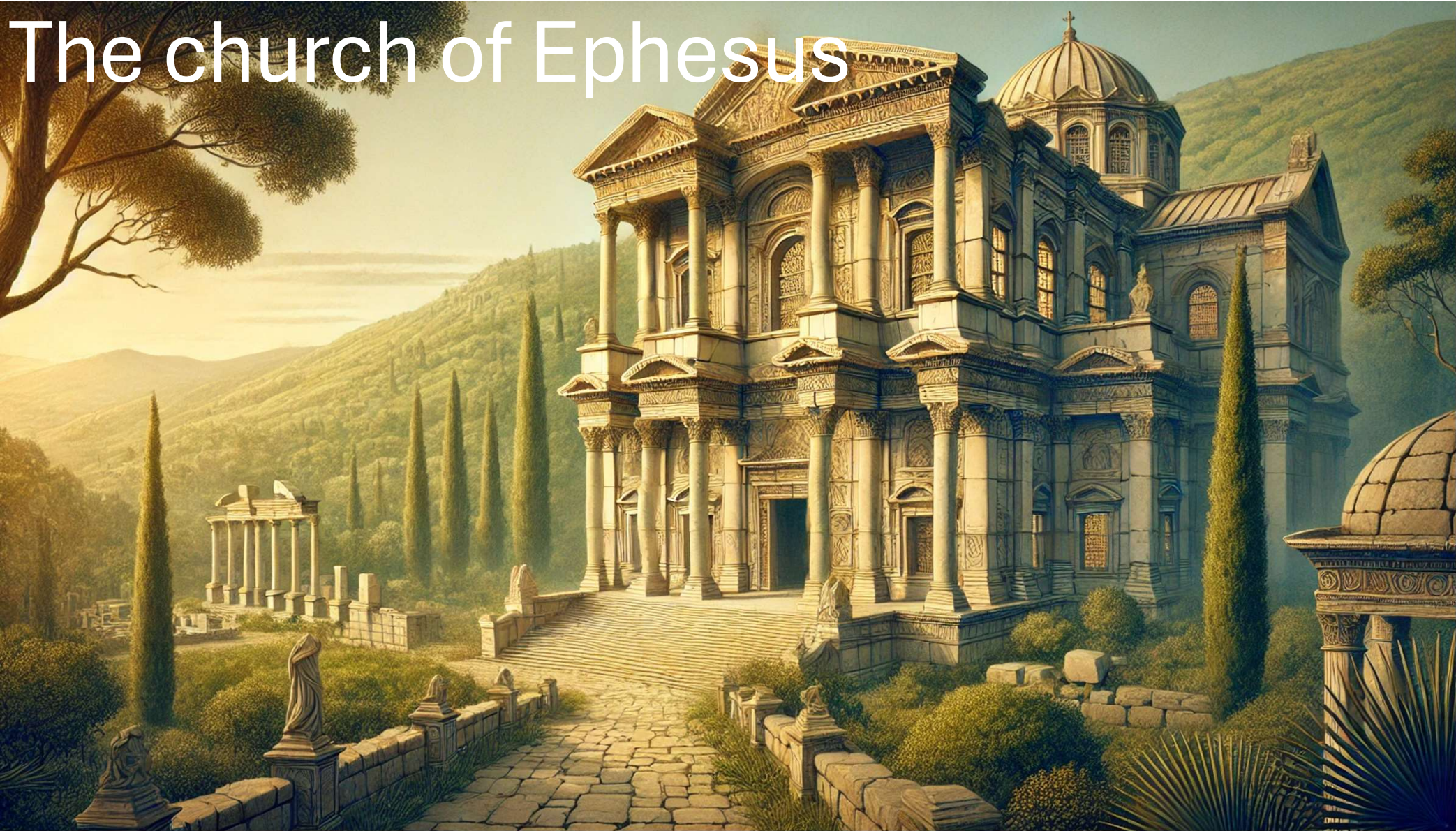


The church of Ephesus



Revelation 2:1-7

- His self-designation
- commendation
- condemnation
- related warning
- exhortation
- promise

Revelation 2:1-7

- An address to a particular congregation.
- An introduction of Jesus.
- A statement regarding the condition of the church.
- A verdict from Jesus regarding the condition of the church.
- A command from Jesus to the church.
- A general exhortation to all Christians.
- A promise of reward.

Revelation 2:1-7

- Why these 7?
- Each letter closes with the admonition, "***He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.***" This suggests the letters were not just for the personal benefit of the churches addressed. (btw, this phrase is used 7 other times in the Bible total for 14x.)
- Actual churches
- To all the church (elements of the 7) NOTE Churches.
- Personal (he that has an ear)
- Prophetic (The history of the church) Look at the order listed.

Revelation 2:1-7

- As we read through, we will see what they thought they were, they were not!
- Report card!
- Each letter has a different description of Jesus from chapter 1.
- His name is relevant to the theme of the church.

Revelation 2:1-7

- To the angle
- We can see the state of each of these seven churches — and the state of our own walk with Jesus — by looking at what Jesus has to say to each church in each section.

Revelation 2:1 His self-designation

Ephesus (Greek means the desired one)

He who holds the seven stars

Right hand

He who walks midst of the lampstands.

Interesting the He is walking among us AS WELL as in control.

Revelation 2:1-3 commendation

I know your

Works. (deeds, toil, labor)

Your Labor (cut, pain, reduction in strength)

Patience (endurance)

Bear evil (worthless)

Tested those who say (hanging on to sound doctrine)

Persevered (Endurance but cheerful endurance.)

Patience (Endurance)

Revelation 2:1-7 Levels of application

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All the Churches

Personal

Prophetic

Revelation 2:1-7

Testing of doctrine.

Paul's Fairwell

Acts 20:17-38

John

1 John (a letter to Ephesus)

4:1 Believe not

2 John (a letter to Mary)

1:7-9,10-11

Revelation 2:4 condemnation

- Left your first love. (protos, first in rank.) To busy about the business of the King.
- Doctrine over devotion.
- Luke 10:41.
- Joy of their salvation. (Ps 51:12, Jer 2:2, 1 Cor 11:2, 1John 4:19)
- First fruit of the Spirit=Love (Gal 5:22)
- God uses marriage to shows His intimate truth.
- 20 times Paul alludes to this in his letter to the Ephesians.

Revelation 2:5-6 exhortation

- Remember
- Repent
- Repent repeated! (double mean NO DELAY)
- Repent back to the first works (devotion)
- Get back to the desired One
 - Ephesus (Greek means the desired one)
- Or I will remove your lampstand (Held the reflection)
 - There is no church today.
- But this you have... hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans.
 - These become doctrine in the church of Pergamos

Revelation 2:5-6 exhortation

- Nicolaitans.
 - Untranslated word.
 - Nicao overcome, rule, conquer
 - Laos laity, people
- What does this mean?
 - The Overseers (clergy to rule over the people)
 - VS Jesus washing the feet

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3rd Commandment, devotional life, a life of worship.

Prophetic

Revelation 2:7 promise.

- The promise to the overcomer.
- There is a difference with this phrase within the first 3 letters, from the final four letters.
 - This phrase is at the very end of the letter of the first three.
 - The final four, this phrase is within the letter, not at the end.
 - We will see more as we go on.
- The Tree of Life Gen 1.
 - Pagan myths all include a tree of life.

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Prophetic

1st church, what we would call the apostolic church.

Meaning: that period of Early Church history during the life and work of the original apostles which extended from the day of Pentecost (**a.d. 30-33; Acts 2, to the death of John @a.d. 100**).

Revelation 2 and 3 Report card

Name	Ephesus	Smyrna	Pergamos	Thyatira	Sardis	Philadelphia	Laodiceans
Title	X						
Commendation	X						
Concerns	X						
Exhortation	X						
Promise	X						

Revelation 2 and 3 Timeline

	Apostolic church 32-100AD					
Ephesus	→→→→→→→→→→→→→→					
	Smyrna					
		Pergamos				
			Thyatira			
				Sardis		
					Philadelphia	
						Laodiceans