

REVELATION

A large aircraft carrier is shown from a high-angle perspective, sailing on the ocean. The deck is visible, with several fighter jets parked. The ship is moving towards the right, leaving a white wake behind it. The sky is overcast.

**One of the most important
books of the entire
BIBLE**

“Even a casual reader of the book of Revelation is impressed with the tremendous scope of its prophecies. Here is obviously an important book, one intended by God to be a final word to man.”

JF Walvoord

**“The Hallelujah
Chorus of the
Redeemed”**

SL Johnson

IMPORTANCE

➤ All have An Eschatology



**“I’m gonna
Learn to fly
when I grow
up, so I
won’t
be scared
later when I
become an
Angel.”**

IMPORTANCE

- **All have An Eschatology**
- **NT Incomplete**
- **God's Perspective**
- **Resolution of Evil**
- **Only Hope**
- **5th Gospel**
- **God's Glory**

HERMENEUTICAL

POSITIONS

**“The book of Revelation
isn’t hard to understand
—
it’s hard to BELIEVE!”**

PRETERISM

**Most prophetic events
taking place in 1st Century**

AD 70 = wrath on Israel

HISTORICIST

**Prophetic events taking
place in History,
from 1st Century to the End**

IDEALIST

A picture in symbolic
form of **Eternal Principles**

“While the Apocalypse thus embraces the whole period of the Christian dispensation, it sets before us within this period the action of great principles & not special incidents; we are not to look in the Apocalypse for special events, but for an exhibition of the principles which govern the history both of the world & the church.”

W Milligan

IDEALIST

- **Proponents - Wm Hendrickson
RCH Lenski**
- **Strengths - Bible contains
Eternal Principles**

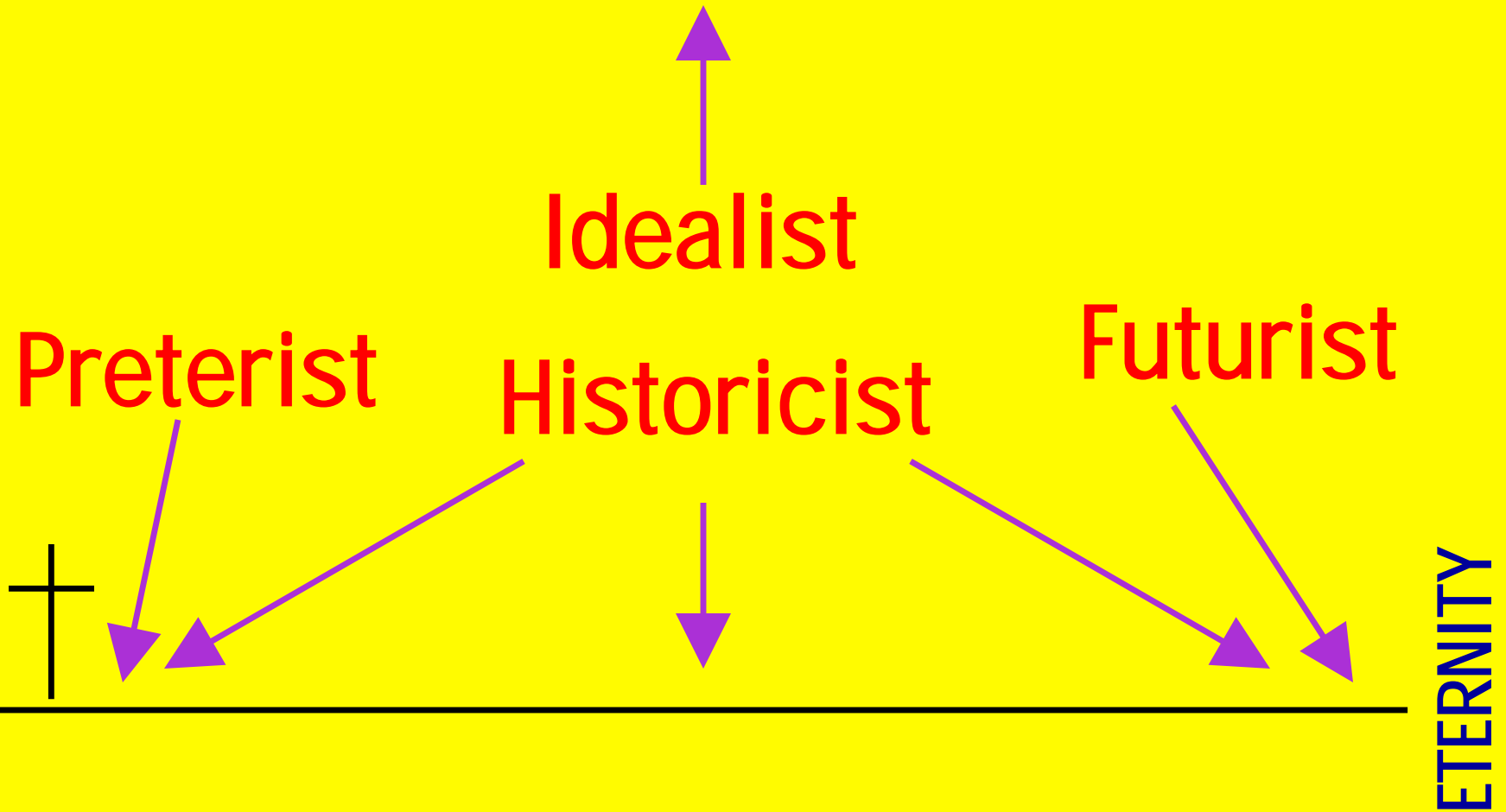
FUTURIST

**Most events taking place
in the Future**

FUTURIST

- **Proponents - JF Walvoord**
JD Pentecost
CL Feinberg
- **Strengths - Consistent**
Hermeneutic

APPROACHES



ECLECTIC

**Combine more
than One View**

ECLECTIC

➤ **Proponents - L Morris**

RH Mounce

GR Osborne

➤ **Strengths - Combines best
of Views**

REVELATION

➤ **Author -** **Apostle John**

AUTHORSHIP

➤ **Internal Evidence**

INTERNAL

- 1. Named - 1:1, 4,9, 22:8**
- 2. Similarities with Gospel**
- 3. Continuity with John's writing**
- 4. Familiarity with Asia**
- 5. Prophet familiar with OT**

AUTHORSHIP

- **Internal Evidence**
- **External Evidence**

EXTERNAL

- 1. Apostolic Fathers - Polycarp,
Papias**
- 2. 2nd century - Justin Martyr,
Irenaeus, Clement of Alexandria,
Tertullian**
- 3. 3rd century - Origen, Hippolytus,
Victorinus**

AUTHORSHIP

- **Internal Evidence**
- **External Evidence**
- **Evidence Against**

REVELATION

- **Author - Apostle John**
- **Occasion - 95-96**

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

➤ **POLITICALLY - PERSECUTION**





Emperor Domitian

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

➤ **POLITICALLY - PERSECUTION**

➤ **SOCIALLY -
PROSPEROUS**

➤ **RELIGIOUSLY -
IDOLATROUS
& EMPEROR WORSHIP**



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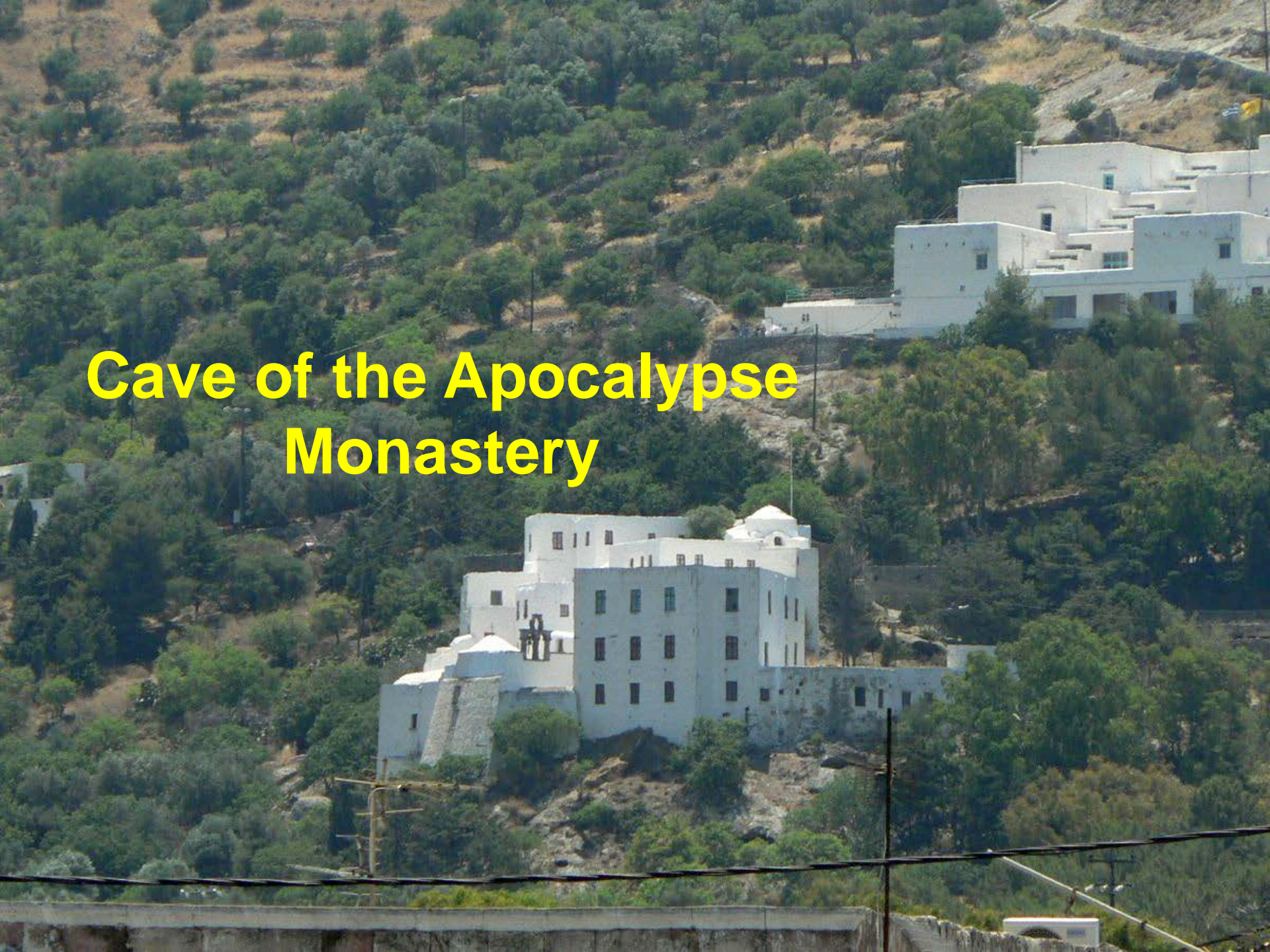


Patmos



○ Patmos

Cave of the Apocalypse Monastery



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Thyatira

Pergamum

Smyrna

Ephesus

Sardis

Philadelphia

Laodicea



Bridge Crossing Lycus River



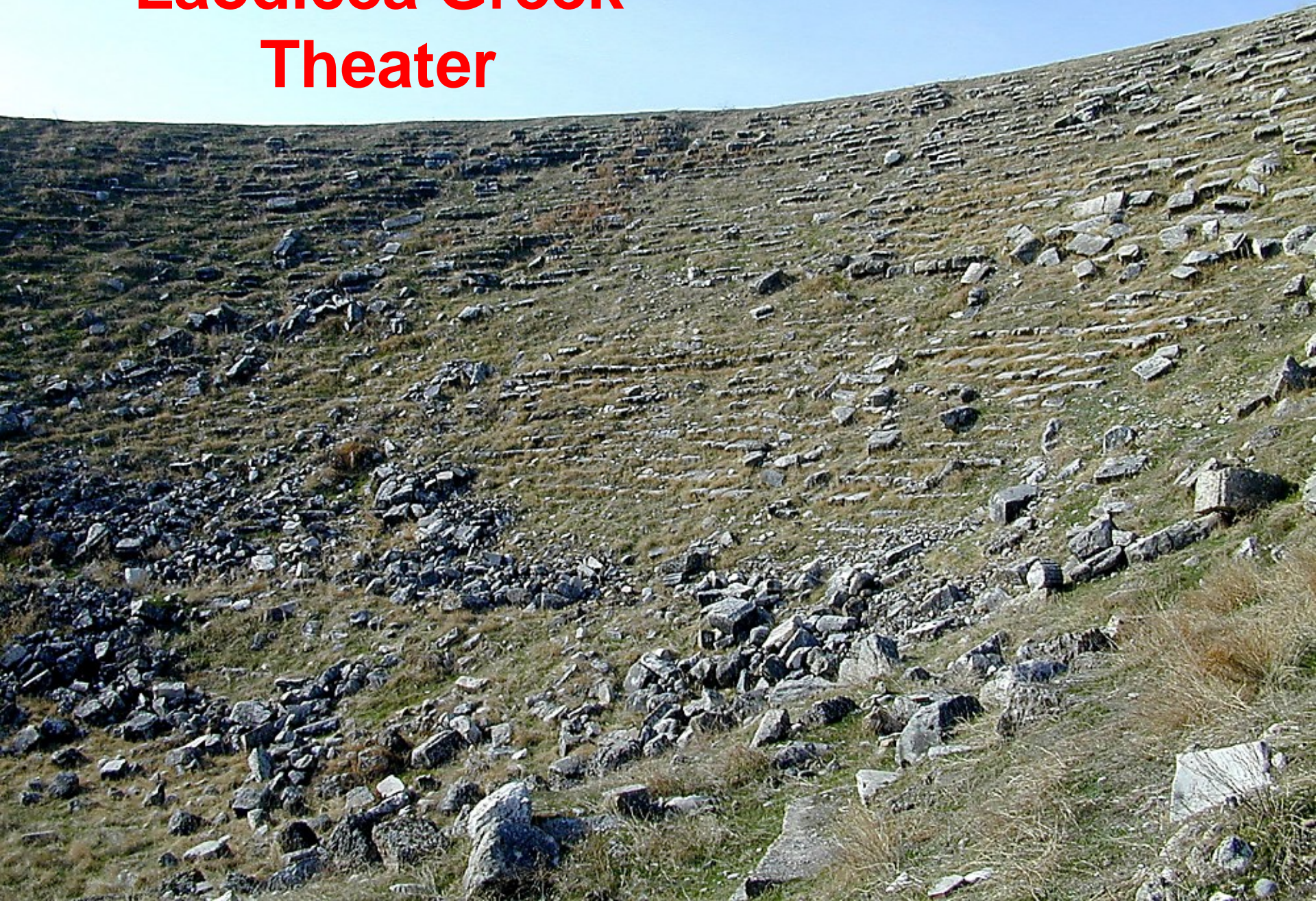
Aqueduct Piece with Bathhouse Remains



Bathhouse and Gymnasium Remains



Laodicea Greek Theater



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- **Purpose - Prophetic**

PURPOSE

**To encourage persecuted
Christians**

(1:3, 22:7)

To complete God's revelation

(22:18-19)