

# REVELATION

A large aircraft carrier is shown from a high-angle perspective, sailing on a choppy sea. The ship's deck is visible, with several aircraft parked. The sky is overcast. The word 'REVELATION' is superimposed at the top in large, 3D, blue and red gradient letters.

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



# OUTLINE

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    - 1. Ephesus 2:1-7**



# **INTERPRETATION**

- 1. Particular Church**
- 2. Potential Conditions**
- 3. Individual Application**





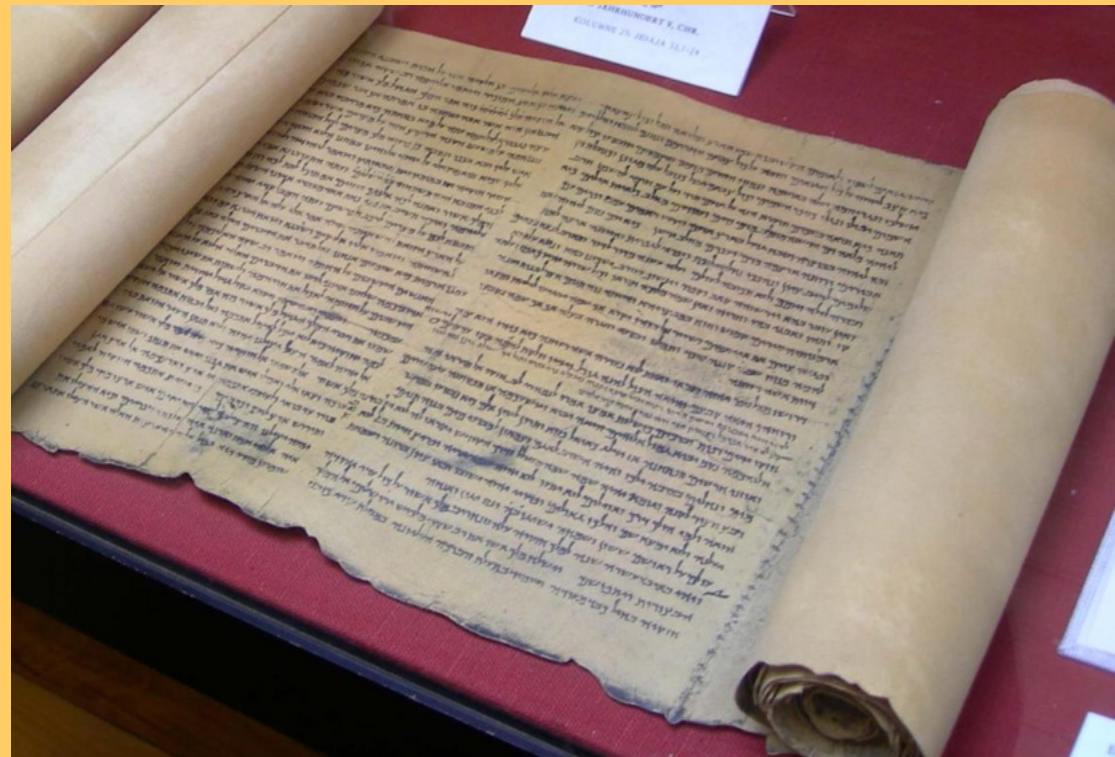
# PATTERN

1. Commission -

2:1

2. Correspondent -

2:1





**2:1 “To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: The One who holds the seven stars in His right hand, the One who walks among the seven golden lampstands, says this:**





Ephesus →

PATMOS Ad.



# Hadrian Temple, 2nd c AD





# **Ephesus Street with Library of Celsus**



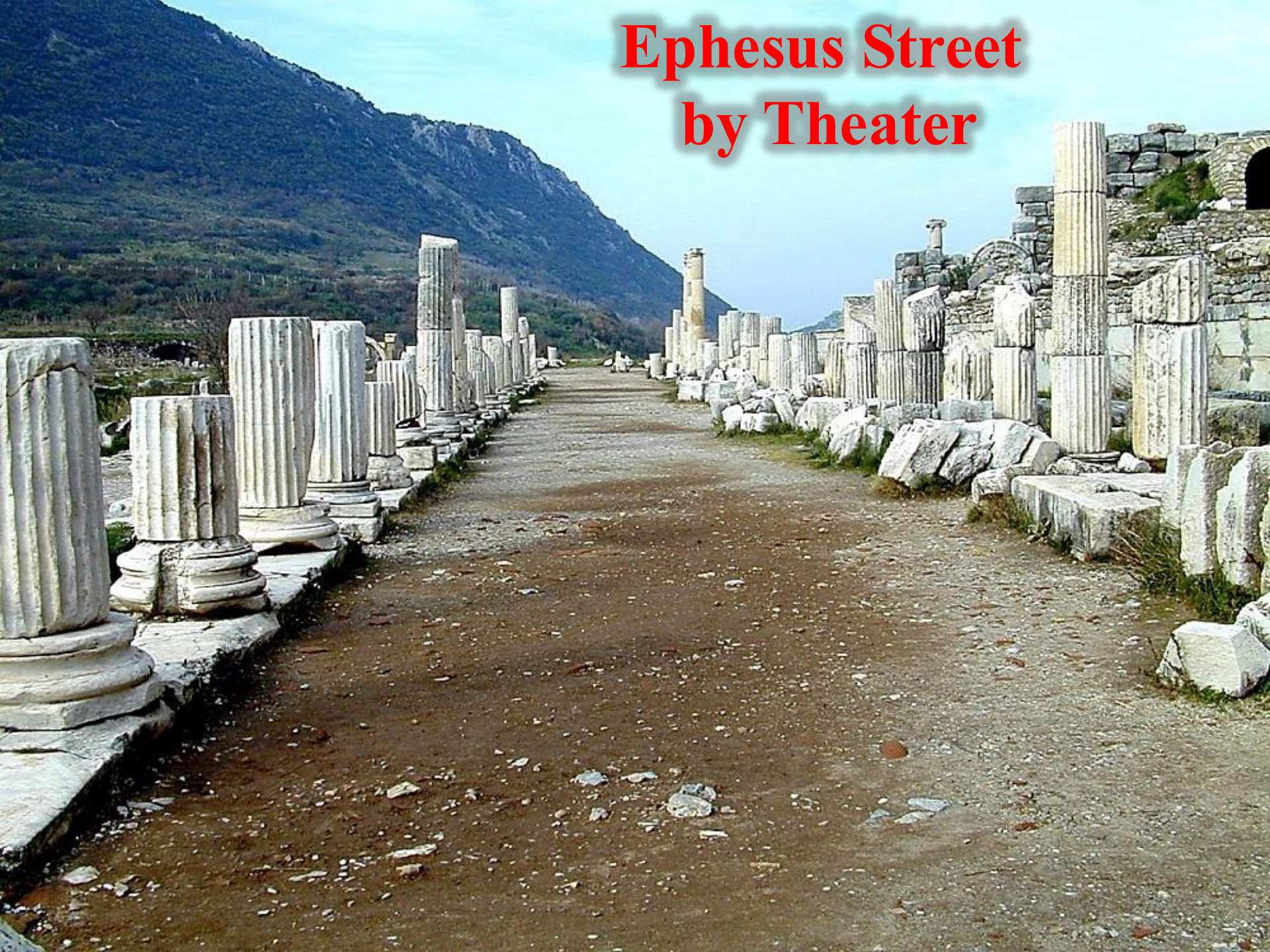


# Ephesus street with Library of Celsus





# Ephesus Street by Theater









# Theater with Appian Way







**Temple of Artemis  
ruins**



# PATTERN

1. Commission - 2:1
2. Correspondent - 2:1
3. Compliment - 2:2-3



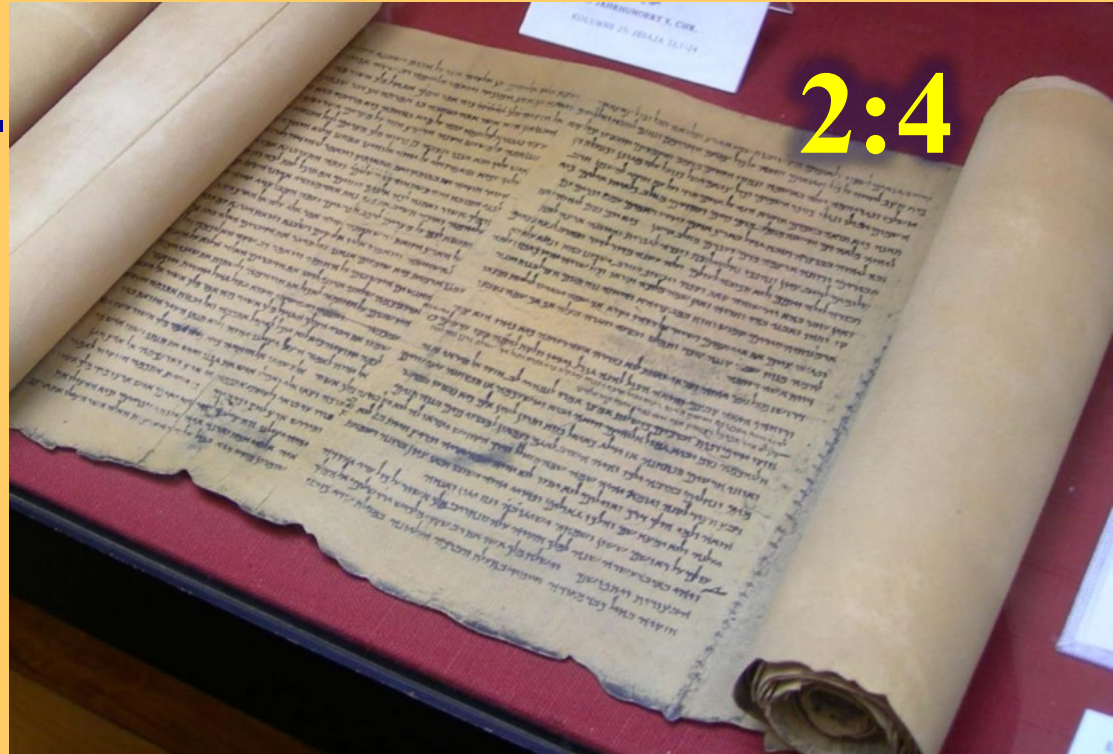


**2:2-3** ‘I know your deeds and your  
toil and perseverance, and that  
you cannot tolerate evil men,  
and you put to the test those who  
call themselves apostles, and  
they are not, and you found  
them to be false; 3 and you have  
perseverance and have endured  
for My name’s sake, and have  
not grown weary.



# PATTERN

1. Commission - 2:1
2. Correspondent - 2:1
3. Compliment - 2:2-3
4. Complaint - 2:4



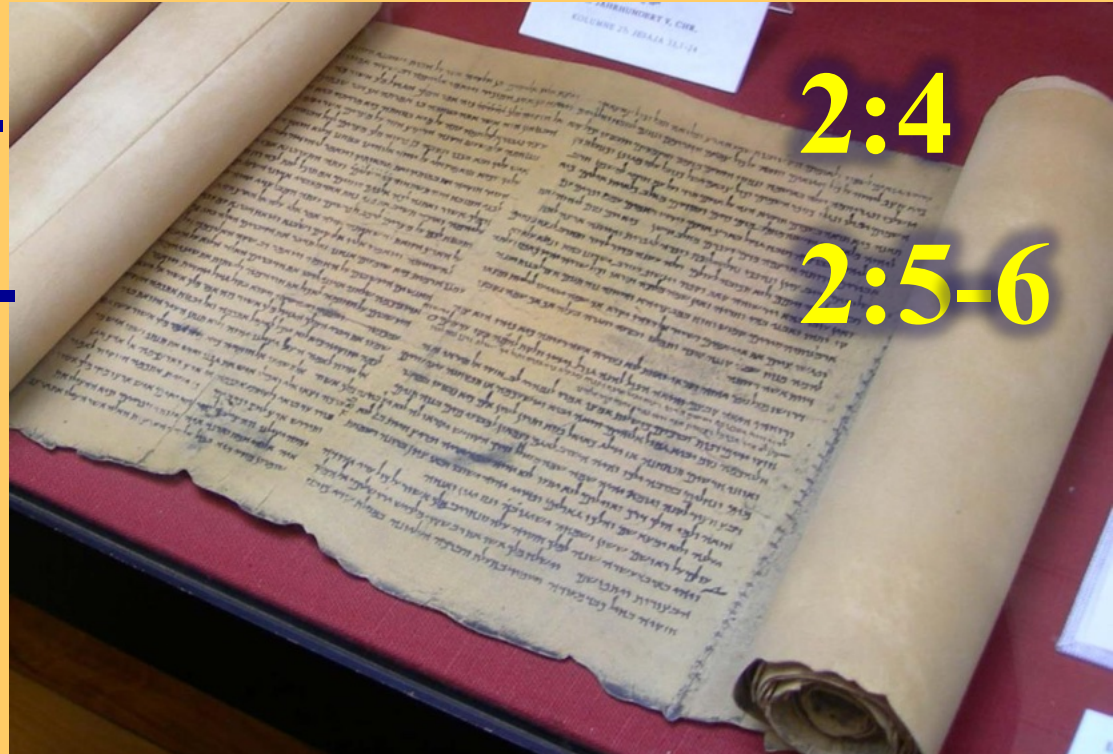


**2:4** ‘But I have this against you,  
that you have left your first love.



# PATTERN

1. Commission - 2:1
2. Correspondent - 2:1
3. Compliment - 2:2-3
4. Complaint - 2:4
5. Correction - 2:5-6



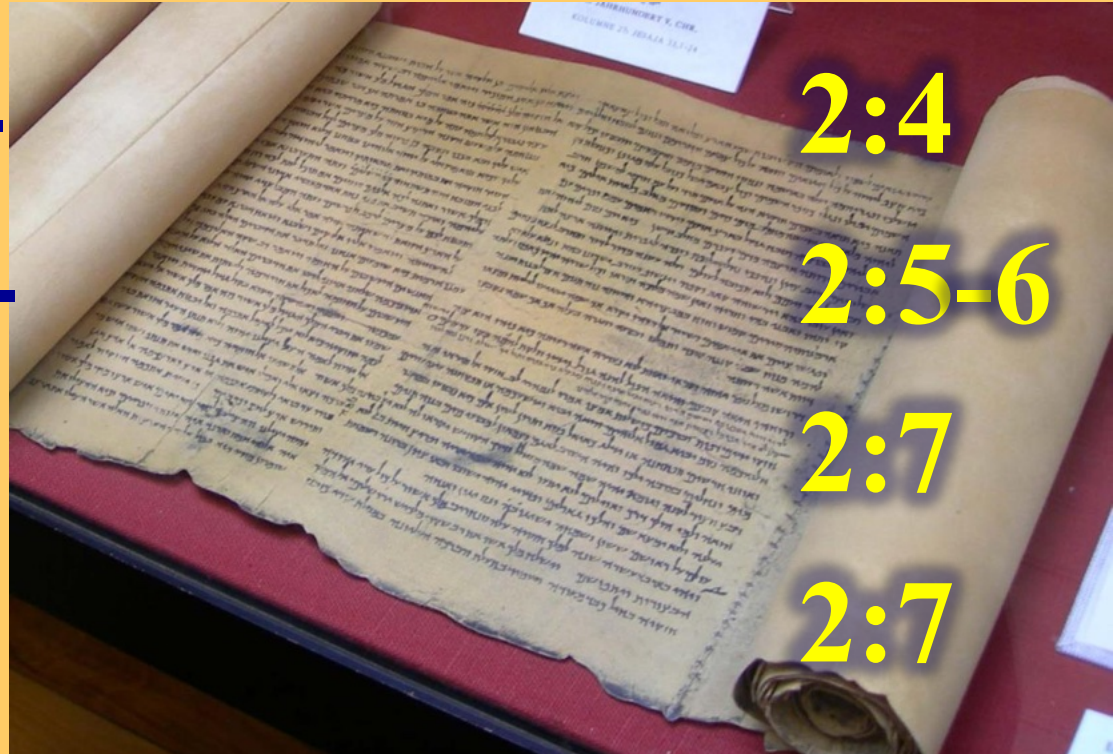


**2:5-6** ‘Therefore remember from where you have fallen, and repent and do the deeds you did at first; or else I am coming to you and will remove your lampstand out of its place—unless you repent. 6 ‘Yet this you do have, that you hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.



# PATTERN

1. Commission - 2:1
2. Correspondent - 2:1
3. Compliment - 2:2-3
4. Complaint - 2:4
5. Correction - 2:5-6
6. Call - 2:7
7. Challenge - 2:7





**2:7** ‘He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, I will grant to eat of the tree of life which is in the Paradise of God.’



# **ESSENCE**

1. Ephesus -

Left Love



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    - 2. Smyrna 2:8-11**





Smyrna

Ephesus

PATMOS Ad.



# Izmir with Agora







Agora



# Agora





**Poseidon and  
Demeter  
2nd c BC**







**Agora first level  
arches**





**Acropolis Cistern**





**Temple  
of Athena**



**Athena**  
**2nd c BC**





**2:9-10a** ‘**I know your tribulation**  
**and your poverty (but you are**  
**rich), and the blasphemy by**  
**those who say they are Jews and**  
**are not, but are a synagogue of**  
**Satan. 10 ‘Do not fear what you**  
**are about to suffer.**



# **ESSENCE**

1. Ephesus -

Left Love

2. Smyrna -

Suffering



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Pergamum

Smyrna

Ephesus





# Caicus River Valley







**Aesculapium  
North Stoa with  
Library**





**Aesculapium  
Theater**



**Acropolis**

**Theater**







**Theater**



# Sacred Way with Acropolis





# Trajan Temple





# Trajan Temple





# Zeus Altar & Bergama





# Zeus Altar





**2:14** ‘But I have a few things  
against you, because you have  
there some who **hold the  
teaching of Balaam**, who kept  
teaching Balak to put a  
stumbling block before the sons  
of Israel, to eat things sacrificed  
to idols and to commit acts of  
immorality.



# **ESSENCE**

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|---------------|------------|
| 1. Ephesus -  | Left Love  |
| 2. Smyrna -   | Suffering  |
| 3. Pergamum - | Compromise |



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Thyatira

Pergamum

Smyrna

Ephesus





# Excavations at Akhisar





# Excavations





A photograph of the ruins of the Church of St John. The scene shows a gravel path leading through stone walls and pillars. In the background, modern buildings and trees are visible under a clear blue sky. The ruins are constructed from light-colored stone blocks and darker, rougher stone sections.

# **Church of St John**



**2:20** ‘But I have this against you,  
that you tolerate the woman  
**Jezebel**, who calls herself a  
prophetess, and she teaches and  
leads **My bond-servants astray**  
so that they commit acts of  
immorality and eat things  
sacrificed to idols.



# JEZEBEL

- One of Most Evil of OT
  - Influenced Ahab to Evil
  - Phoenician Baal Worshipper
  - Mixed Baal & YHWH Worship
  - Greedy Murderess
- Road &  
Architectural  
Fragments



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    - 5. Sardis 3:1-6**





Thyatira

Pergamum

Smyrna

Ephesus

Sardis







**Excavations & Salihli  
from Acropolis**





**Temple of  
Artemis**





**Temple of  
Artemis**





**Gymnasium**



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Thyatira

Pergamum

Smyrna

Ephesus

Sardis

Philadelphia





# View to South from Acropolis





# Unexcavated Theater





# Alasehir from Acropolis





# Church of St John Columns





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|-------------------|------------|
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| 6. Philadelphia - | Faithful   |



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    - 7. Laodicea 3:14-22**





Thyatira

Pergamum

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# Bridge Crossing Lycus River





# Aqueduct Piece with Bathhouse Remains



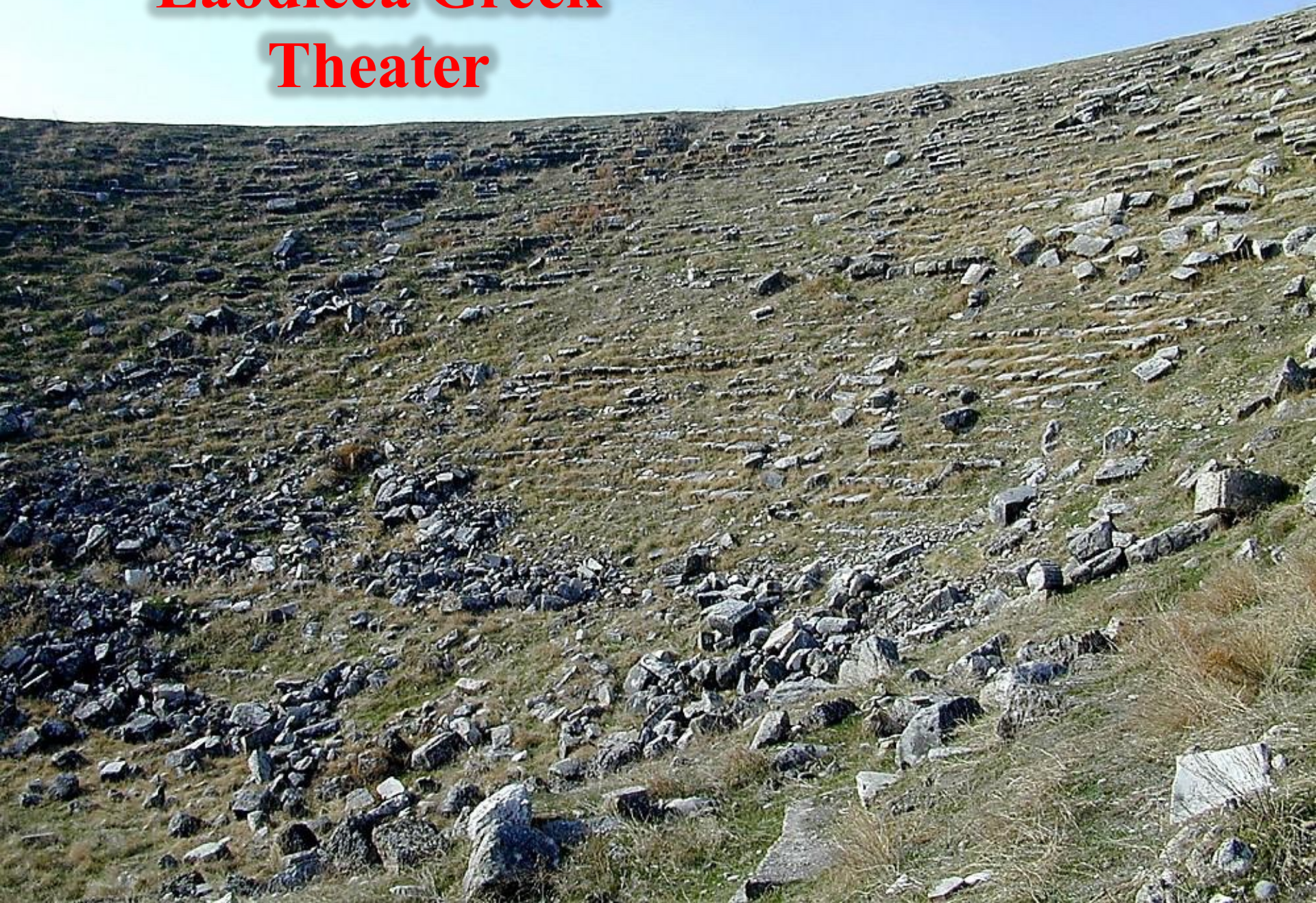


# Bathhouse and Gymnasium Remains





# Laodicea Greek Theater





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| 3. Pergamum -     | Compromise |
| 4. Thyatira -     | Apostasy   |
| 5. Sardis -       | Deadness   |
| 6. Philadelphia - | Faithful   |
| 7. Laodicea -     | Lukewarm   |



# OUTLINE

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- II. Great Tribulation from JC 4-18