

REVELATION

A large aircraft carrier is shown from a high-angle perspective, sailing on the ocean. The ship's deck is visible, with several aircraft parked. The sky is a pale, hazy blue. The word 'REVELATION' is written in large, 3D, blue and red gradient letters across the top of the image.

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

OUTLINE

- I. Revelation of JC among Church 1-3**
 - A. Introduction 1:1-8**
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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 →



**Hadrian
Temple,
2nd c AD**



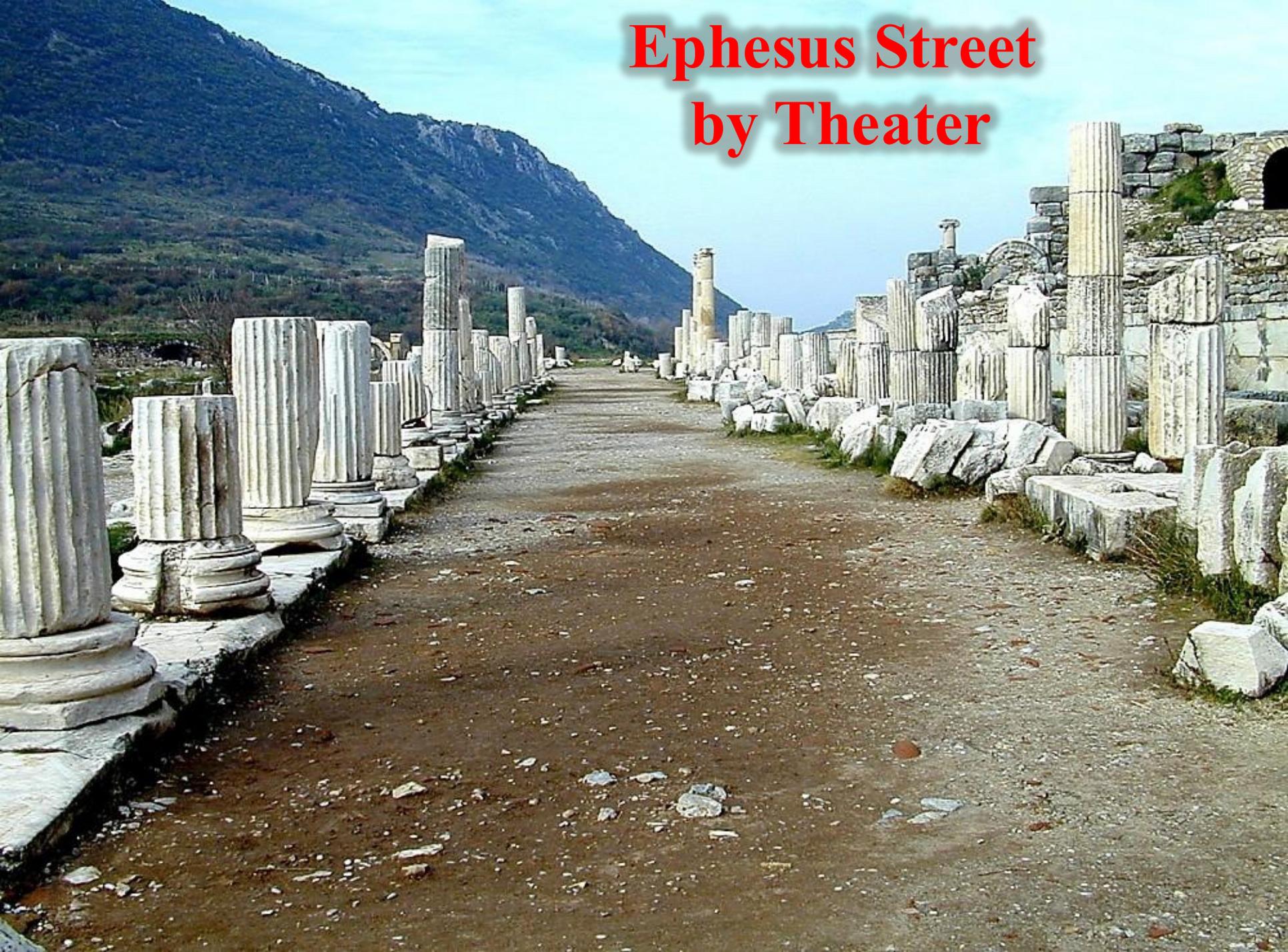
Ephesus Street with Library of Celsus



Ephesus street with Library of Celsus



Ephesus Street by Theater





Theater with Appian Way





**Temple of Artemis
ruins**

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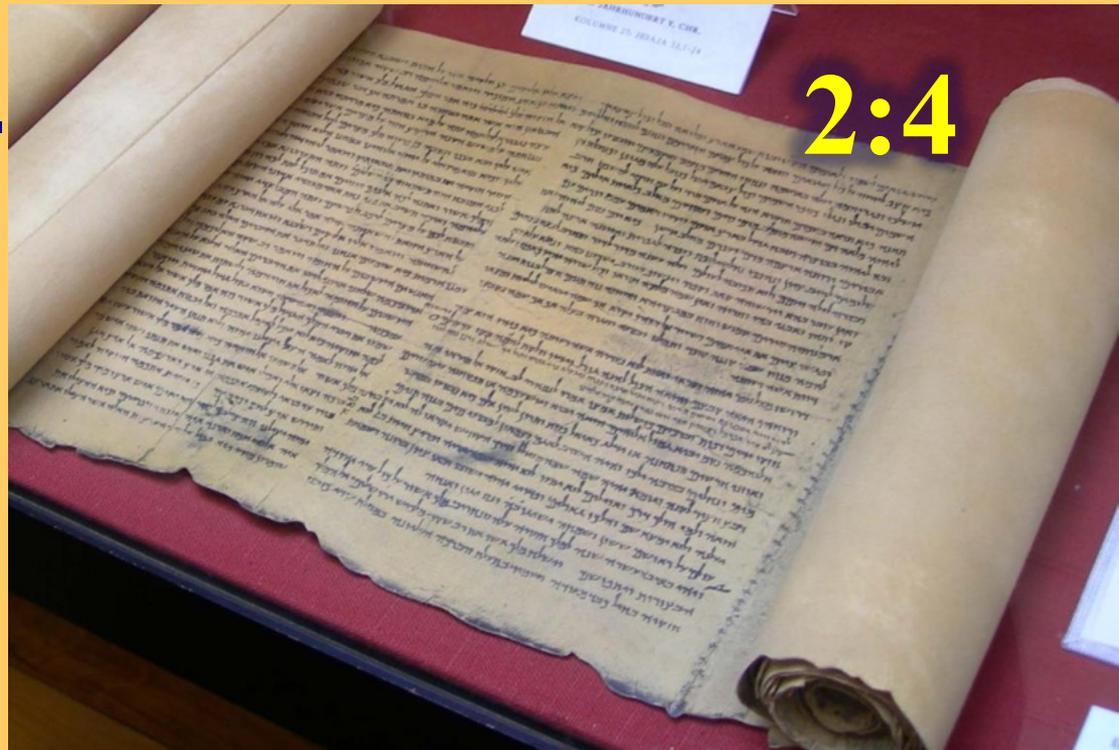
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2. Correspondent - 2:1
3. Compliment - 2:2-3



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.

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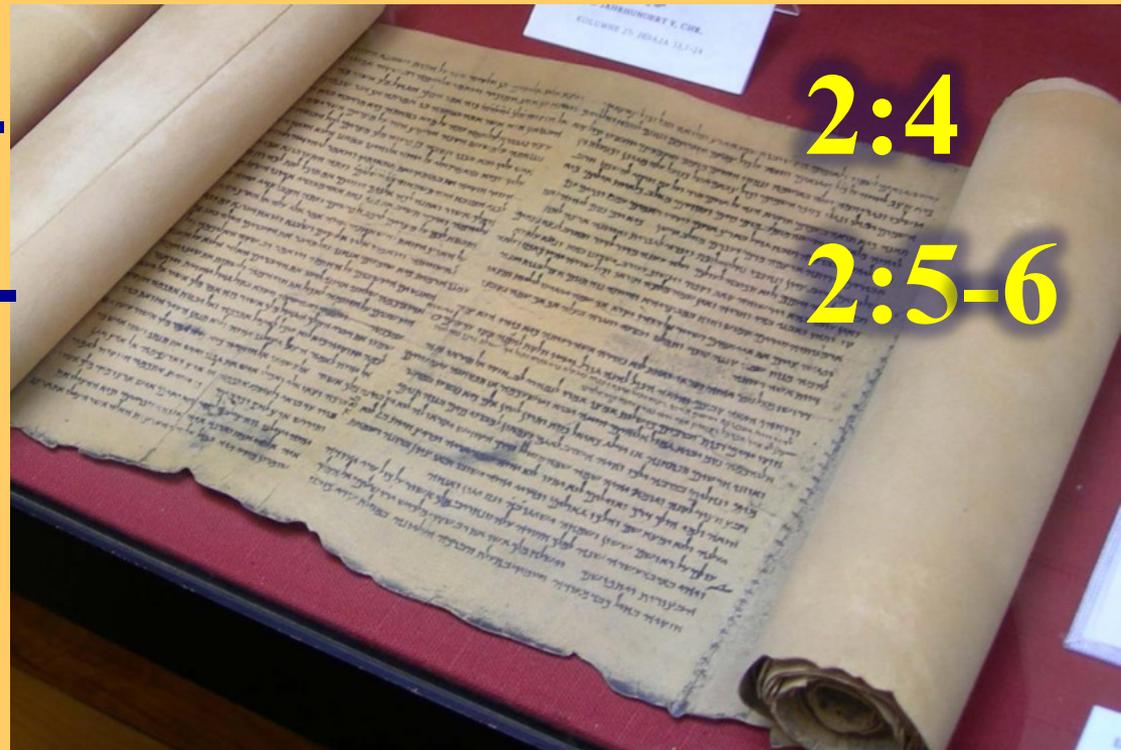
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3. Compliment - 2:2-3
4. Complaint - 2:4



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

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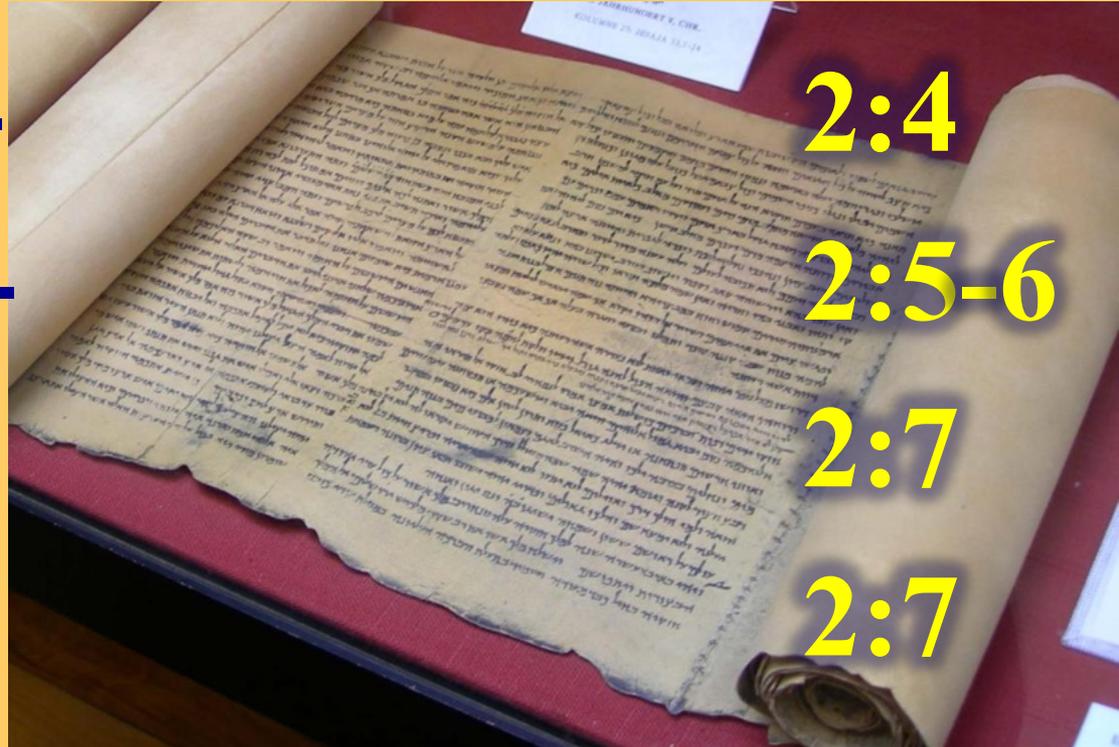
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5. Correction - 2:5-6



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.

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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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Smyrna →

Ephesus →



Izmir with Agora



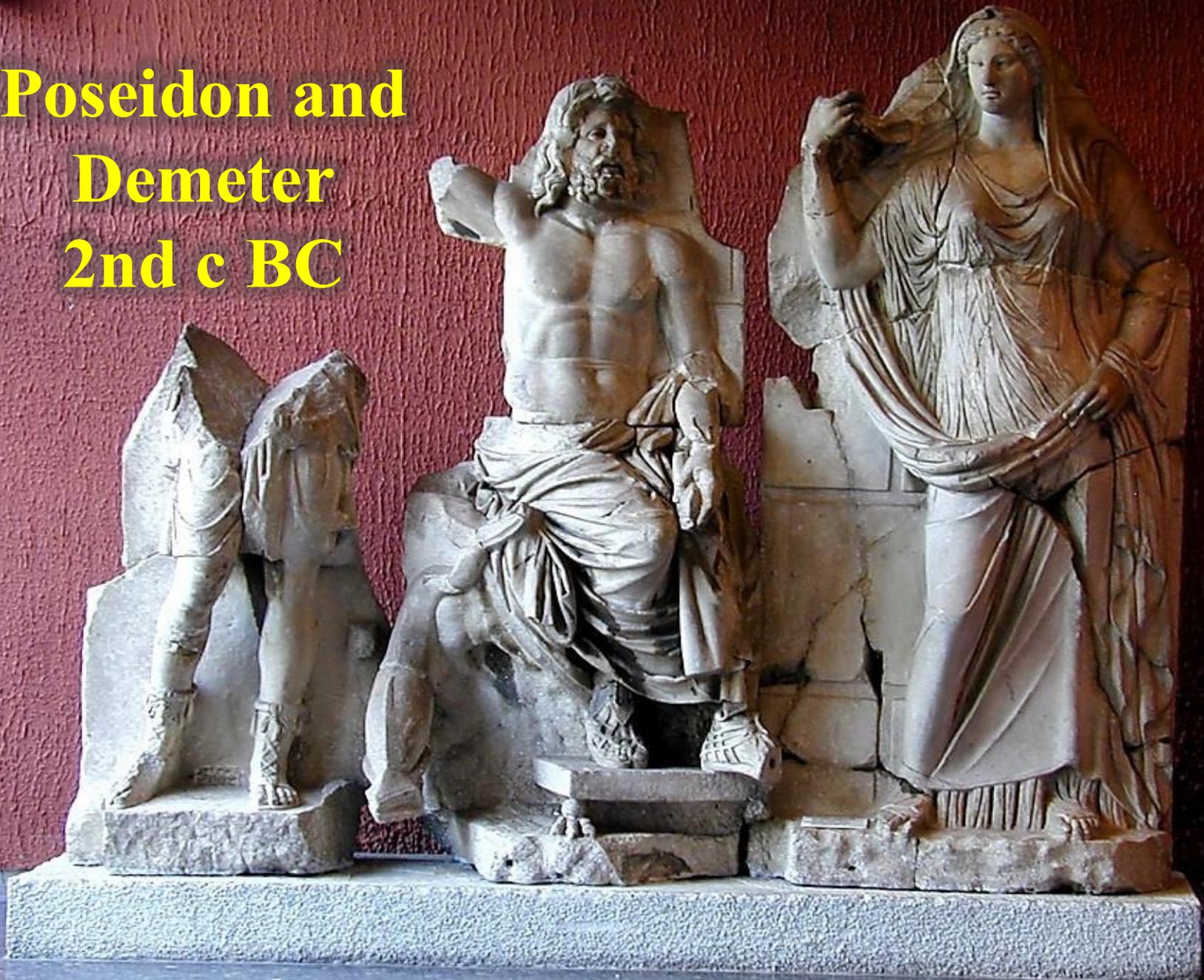


Agora

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**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.**

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1. Ephesus -

Left Love

2. Smyrna -

Suffering

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Pergamum →

Smyrna →

Ephesus →



Caicus River Valley





**Aesculapium
North Stoa with
Library**

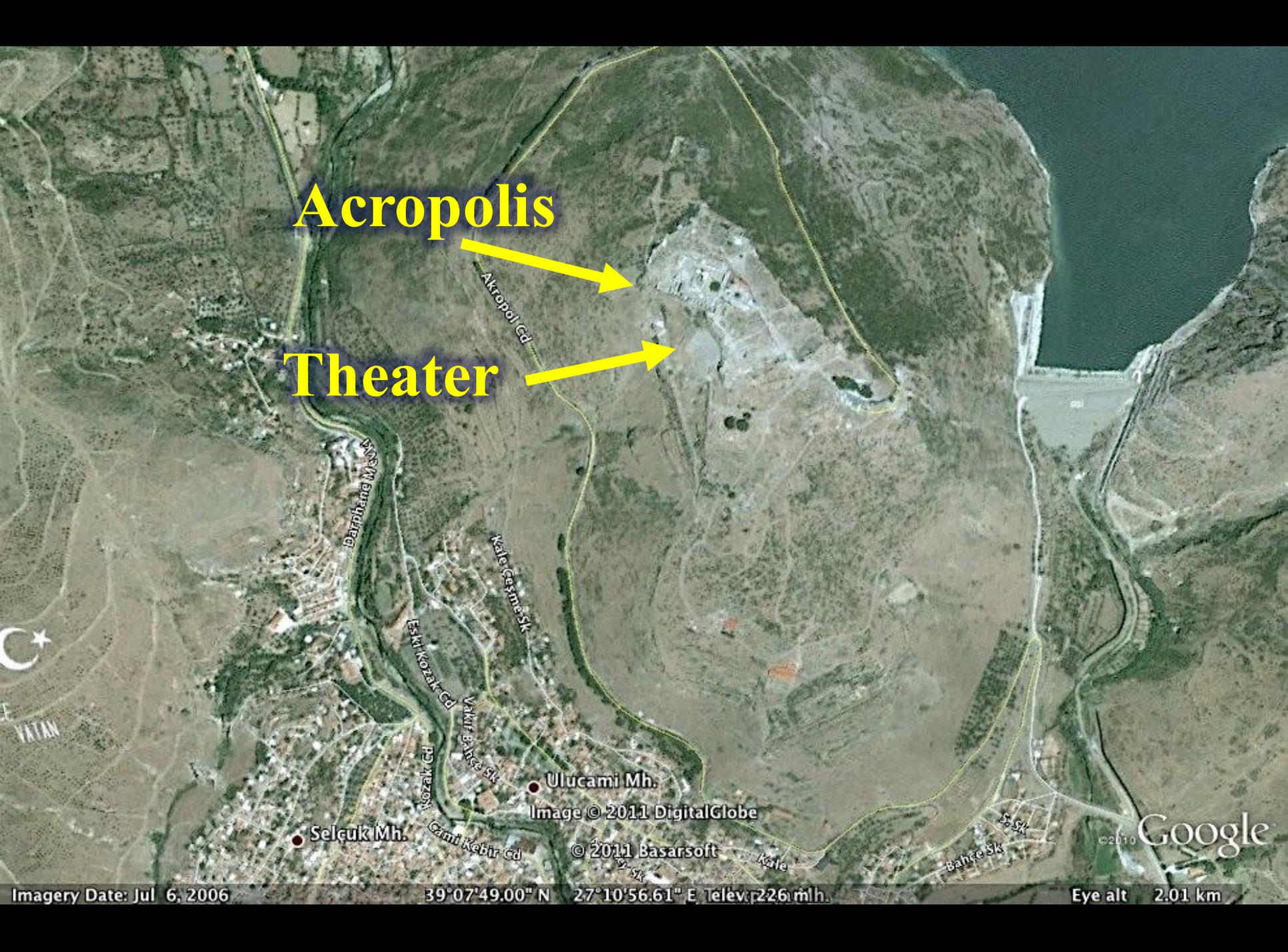


**Aesculapium
Theater**

Acropolis



Theater





Theater

Sacred Way with Acropolis



Trajan Temple



Trajan Temple



Zeus Altar & Bergama



Zeus Altar



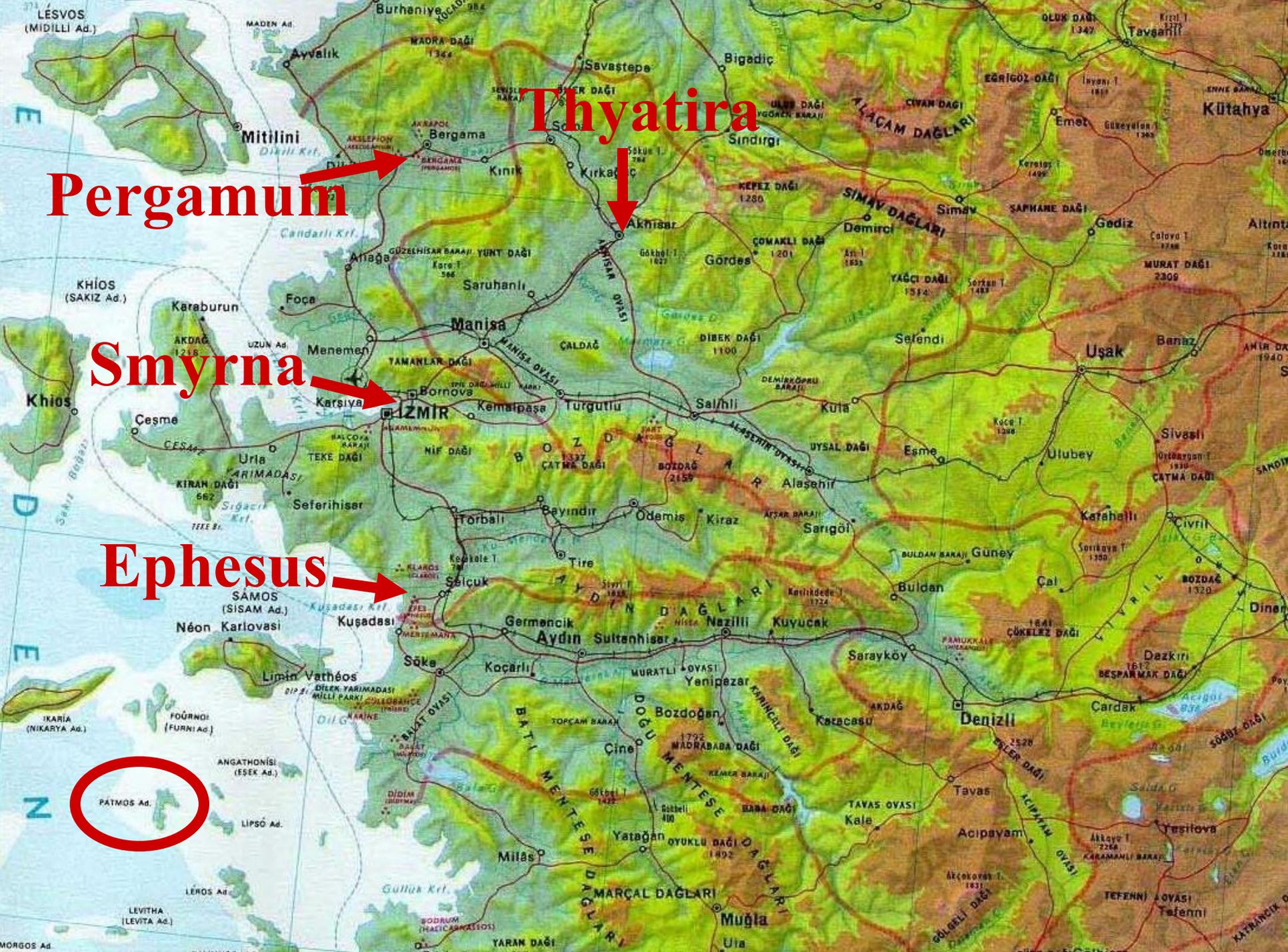
2:14 ‘But I have a few things against you, because you have there some who **hold the teaching of Balaam**, who kept teaching Balak to put a stumbling block before the sons of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols and to commit acts of immorality.

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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





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**



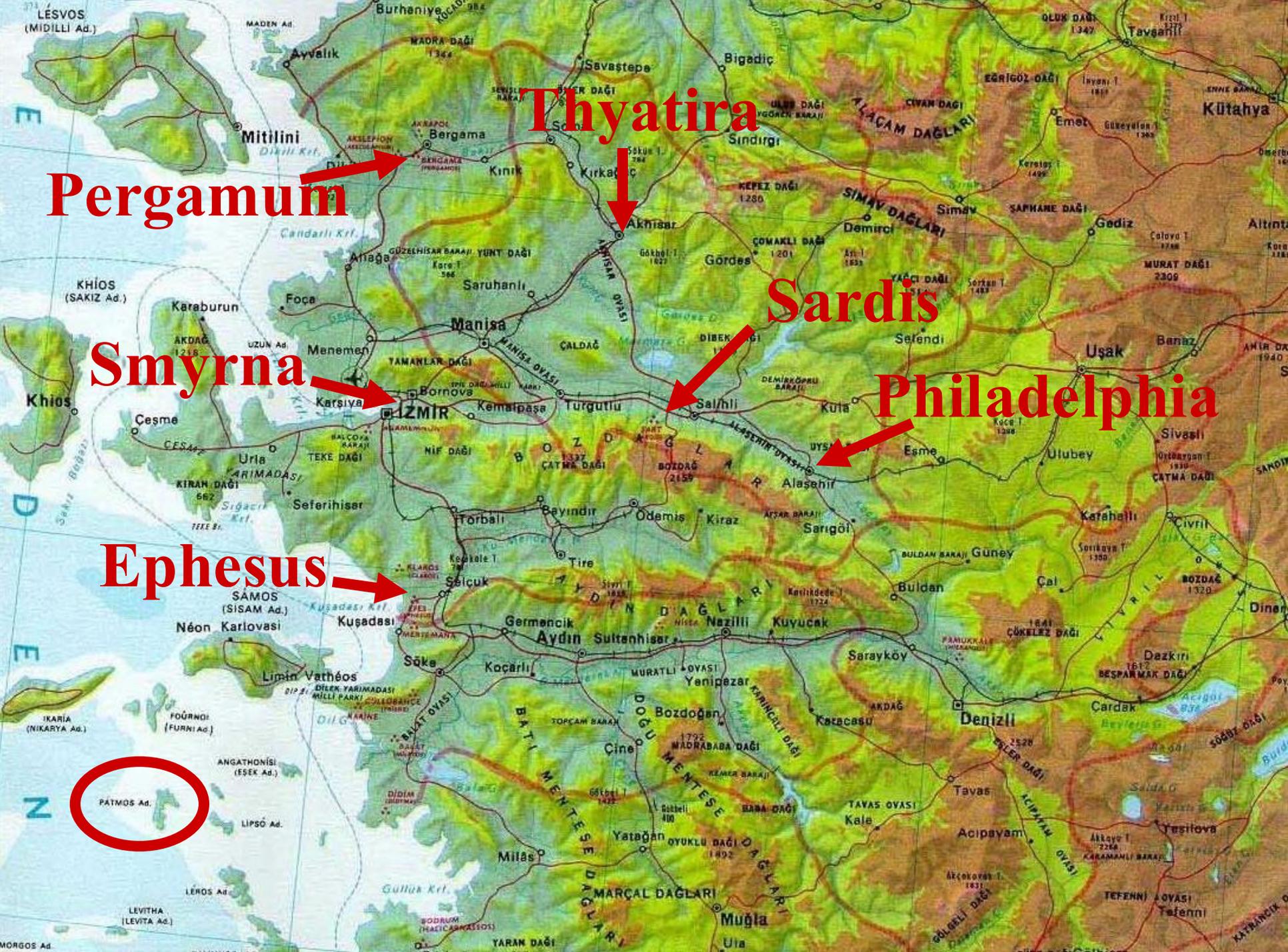
Gymnasium

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| 3. Pergamum - | Compromise |
| 4. Thyatira - | Apostasy |
| 5. Sardis - | Deadness |

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Thyatira

Pergamum

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Philadelphia



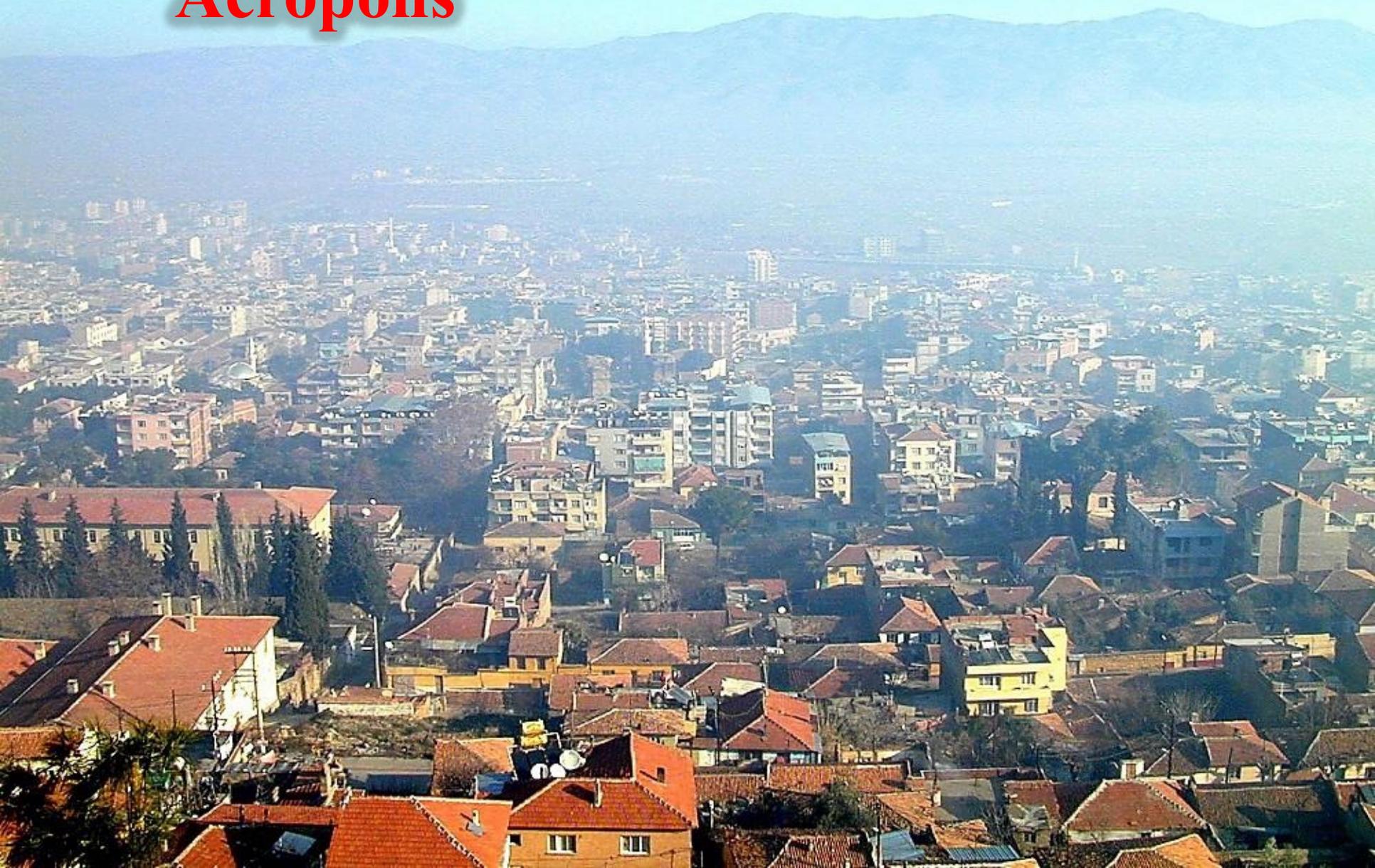
View to South from Acropolis



Unexcavated Theater



Alasehir from Acropolis



Church of St John Columns

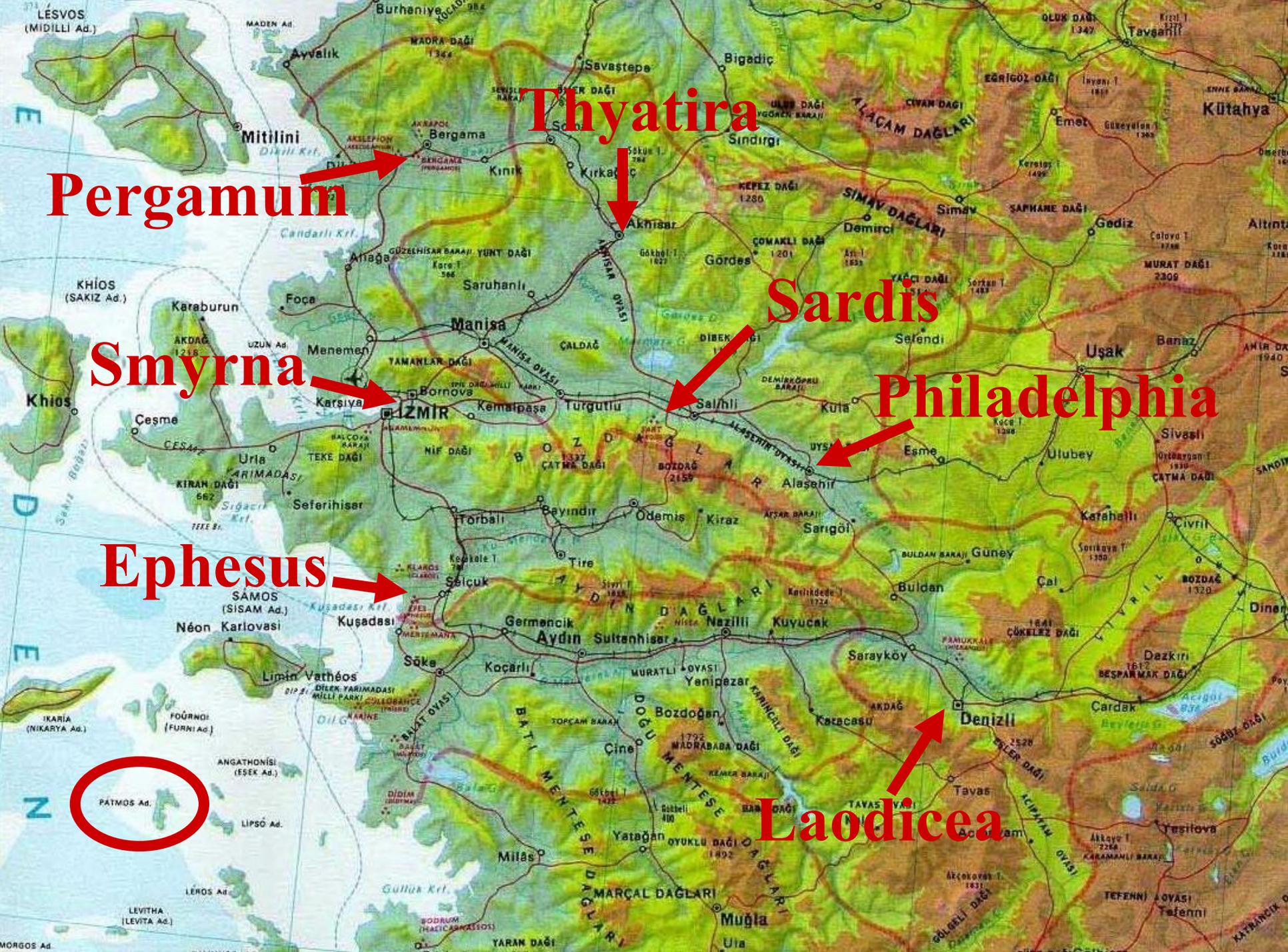


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| 6. Philadelphia - | Faithful |

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Thyatira

Pergamum

Smyrna

Ephesus

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Philadelphia

Laodicea



Bridge Crossing Lycus River



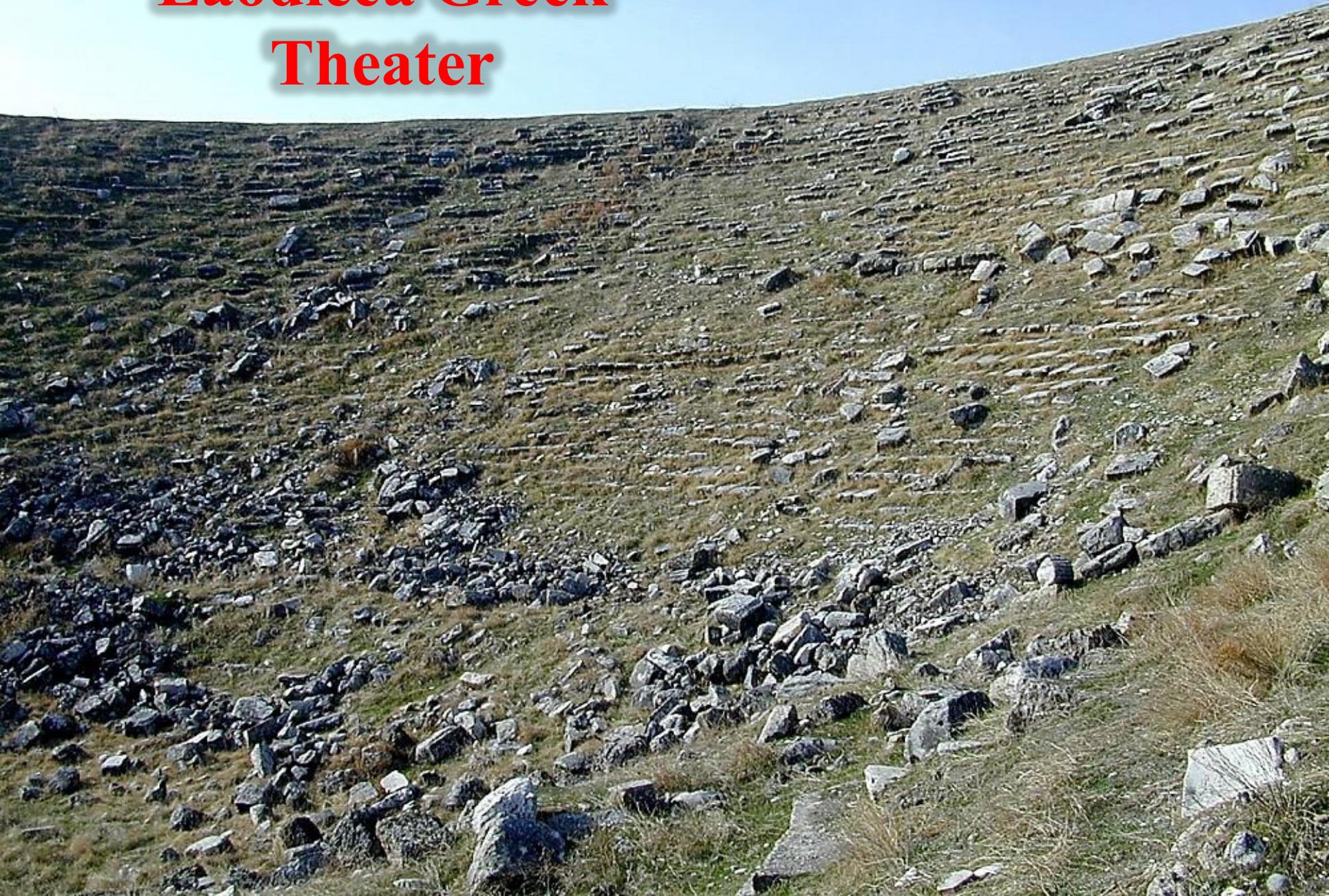
Aqueduct Piece with Bathhouse Remains



Bathhouse and Gymnasium Remains



Laodicea Greek Theater



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

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- II. Great Tribulation from JC 4-18