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Churches of Revelation





EPHESUS

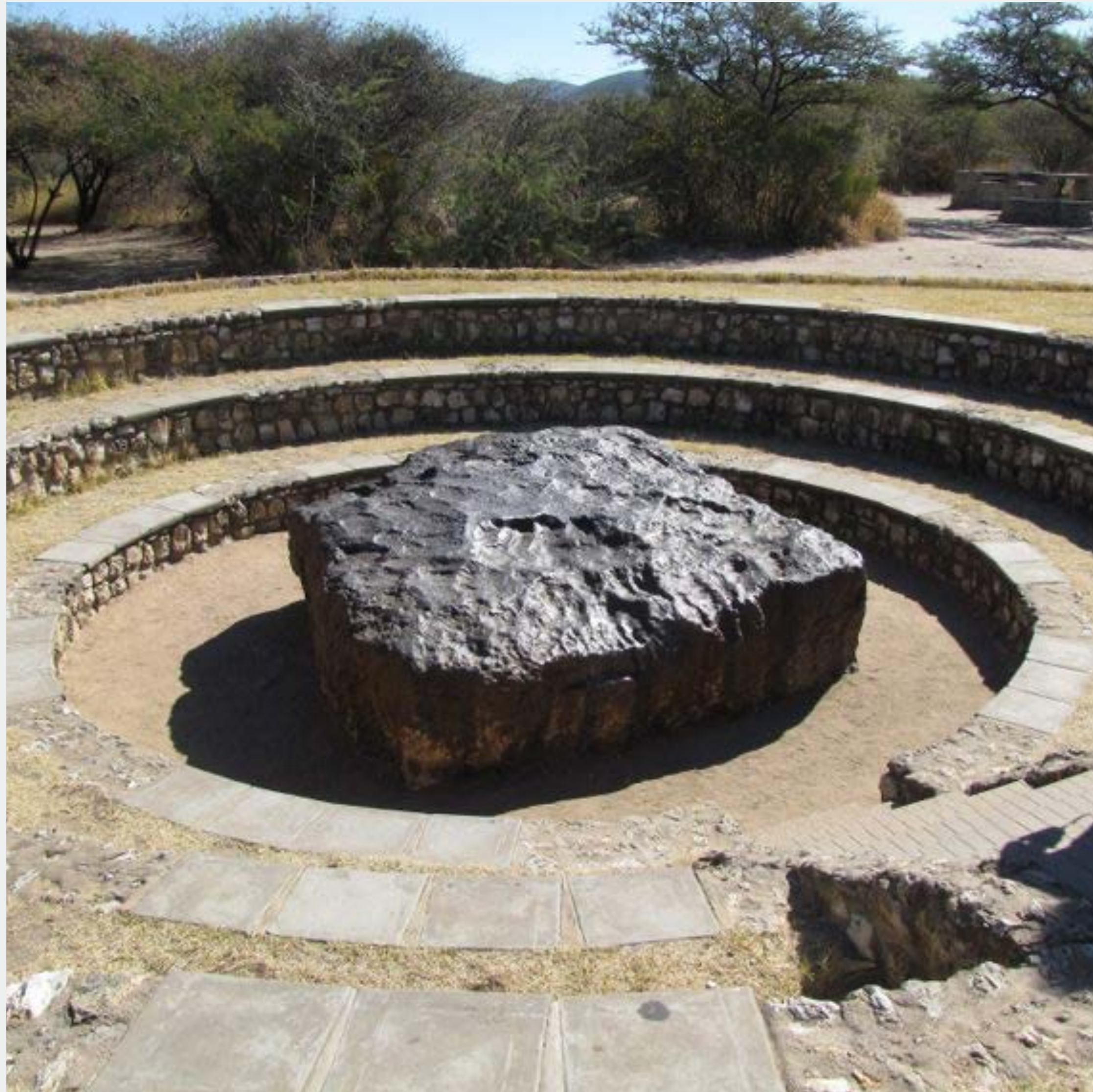
- 4th Largest City
- 250k population, 20% are slaves
- Made the Capital of Asia by Caesar
- Very Roman, very wealthy

EPHESUS



- Largest Mall in Roman Empire
- HUGE business and commerce sector
- Trade, imports/exports
- Port City

FOUNDED BY



- Greek Prince
looking for a boar
and a fish
- Amazon women
- By a meteorite
flung from Zeus



EPHESUS HISTORY

- *7BC rule by Lydian king*
- *560BC Lydian king built first temple of Artemis it burned 356BC*
- *540 BC Heraclitus philosopher*
- *Built Temple of Artemis back took 120 years 4x bigger than the first*
- *Temple of Artemis became one of 7 wonders of the world*



EPHESUS HISTORY

- *546 BC Persians take control*
- *334 BC Conquered by Alexander the Great*
- *196 BC Antiochus III*
- *Pergamum takes control King Attalus ends up deeding the city to Rome 129 BC*



ΤΑΙΑΝΟΝ ΕΒΑΖΤΟΝ ΕΡΜΑΝΤΟΝ
ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΟΝ ΕΛΕΥΘΕΡΟΝ

**EPHESUS FLAME LOCATED IN
THE PRYTANEION ALWAYS
STAYED LIT. SO LONG AS THE
FLAME WAS LIT THE CITY
WOULD LIVE**



EPHESUS



- *Terraced houses, mosaics
indoor pools*
- *So much money they poured
water in the streets to cool the
walkways*
- *Gymnasium*
- *Public sewer/bathrooms*
- *Aqueducts*





EPHESUS

- *Library Celsus*
- *MARBLE Made the town spared no expense*
- *Ephesus peaks 50-120 AD*
- *Paul visits in 53 AD*
- *Writes I Corinthians in 55 AD writes Ephesians in 60 AD from Rome*

EPHESUS COLOSSEUM



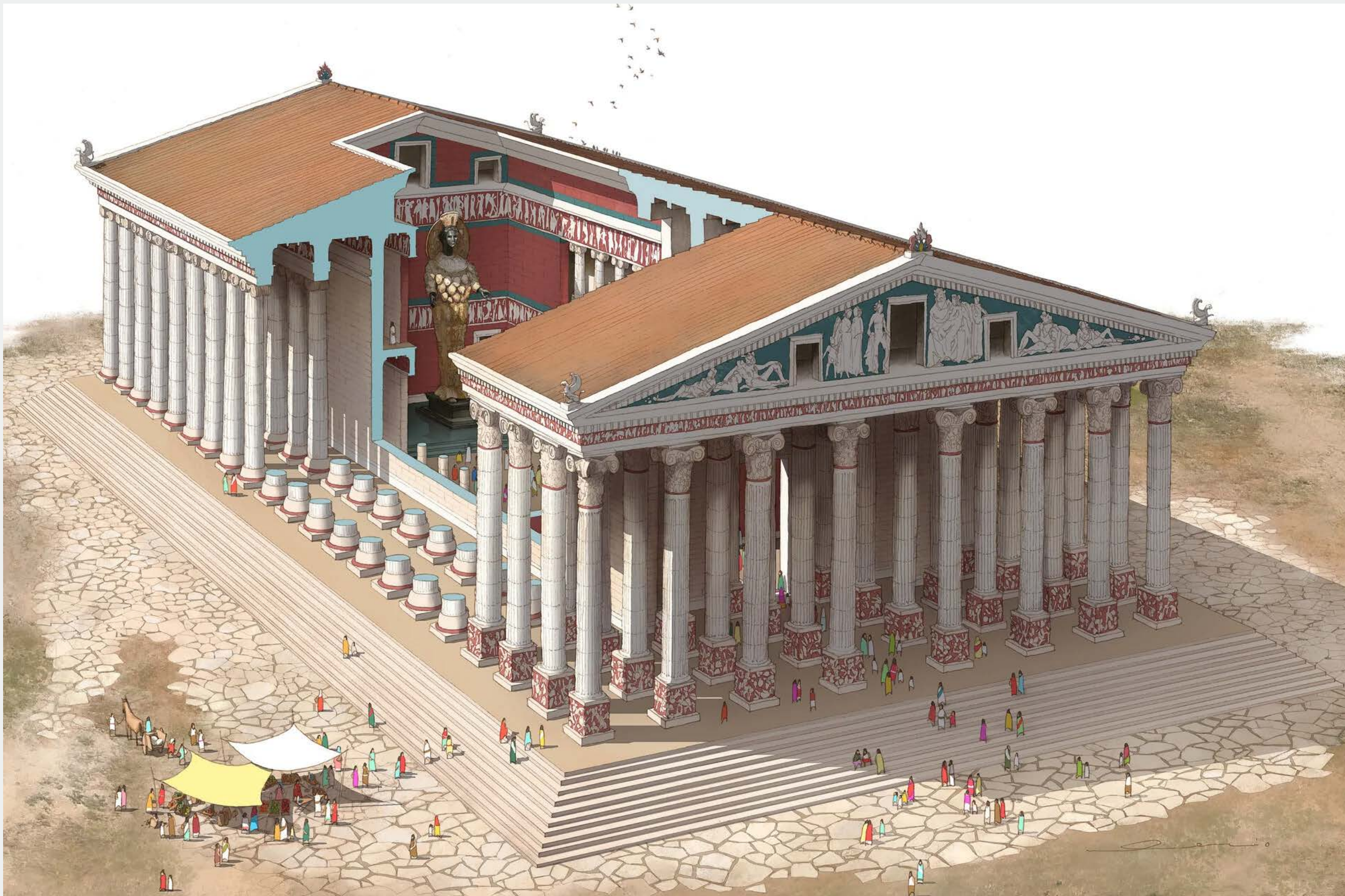
- *Seats 25,000 largest in Roman Empire at this time*
- *#1 in Gladiator Events*
- *Paul sent to this arena to fight a beast I Cor 15:2 2 Tim 4:17*

ARTEMIS



- *Artemis: twin sister of Apollo*
- *Goddess of Light (Moon)*
- *Huntress/ protector/healer*
- *Ephesus is WORLD center for Artemis worship*
- *Protector of girls/ chaste*
- *Power is in DARK magic*

TEMPLE OF ARTEMIS



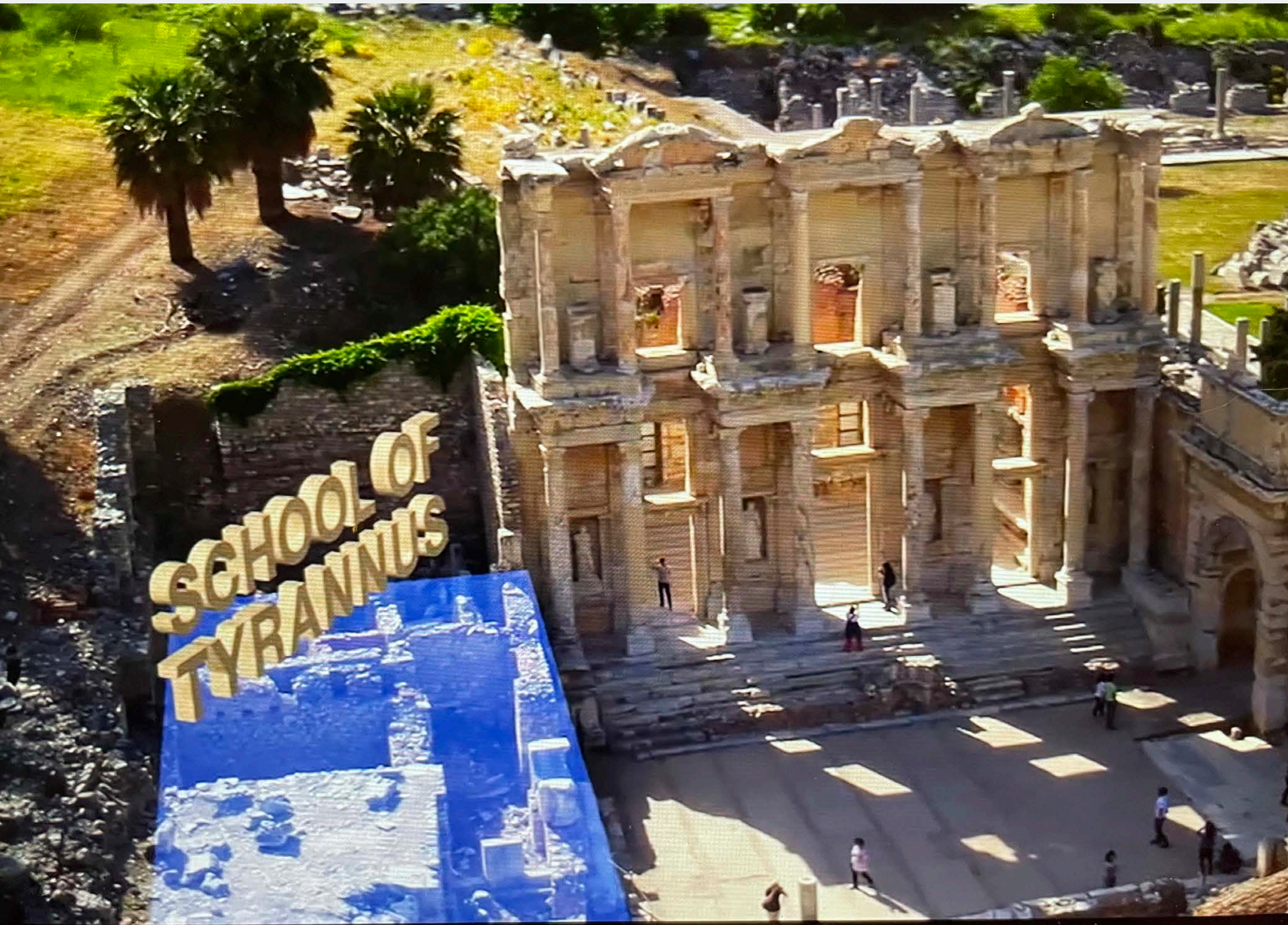
- *1 of 7 wonders of world*
- *450 feet long x 180 feet wide x 60 feet tall*
- *120 columns*
- *Artemis statue out front 30 feet tall*
- *Decorated with frescos and mosaics*
- *A BANK*
- *Destroyed by Goths in 262 AD*

PAUL ARRIVES IN EPHESUS



- Decision POINTS
- Talmidim 12
- UNRESTRAINED HUMILITY
- It's about the Presence of God
- It's about the HEART

#UNRESTRAINED PRIDE



- Church People
- Knew Word of God
- They are counter cultural already
- We would not have crucified our Messiah
- Paul sounds heretical “New Stuff”
- Hold on to tradition
- A lot to lose in way of ego
- Some decided to follow Jesus and those left synagogue, a great falling away

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- Saul's humility
- God gave HIS blood
- Demon possession was a common thing
- Jehovah Rapha
- It's not a show, not a manipulation, not a if you do this... God will... Paul is not selling an MLM



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- Skeva not really high priest
- 7 sons? Disciples? Skeva's downline
- Platform, fame and money
- IT WAS A SHOW
- They wanted to “use” The Name
- I COR 4 Motives shown

**"DARKNESS CANNOT
DRIVE OUT DARKNESS;
ONLY LIGHT CAN DO
THAT. HATE CANNOT
DRIVE OUT HATE; ONLY
LOVE CAN DO THAT."**

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

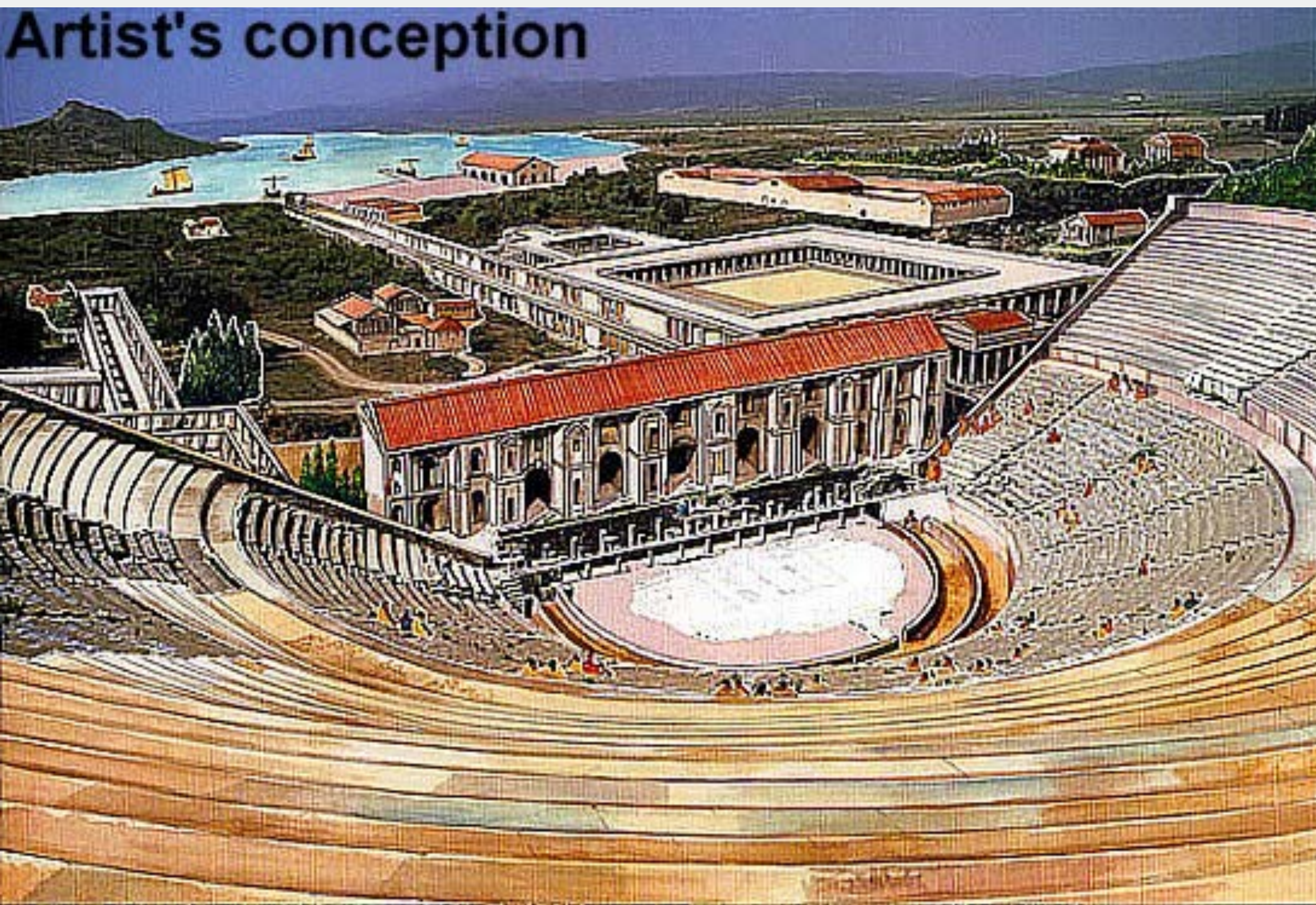


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- *The demons KNOW
Jesus James 2:19*
- *They recognize Paul, the
presence of Jesus in Paul*
- *Organic move of the
Spirit*
- *Syncretism*

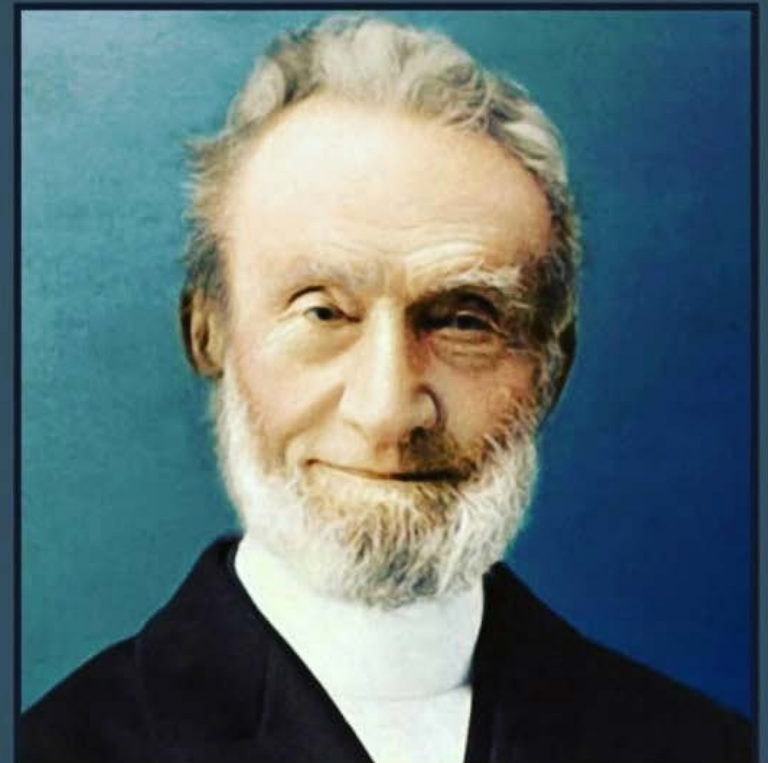
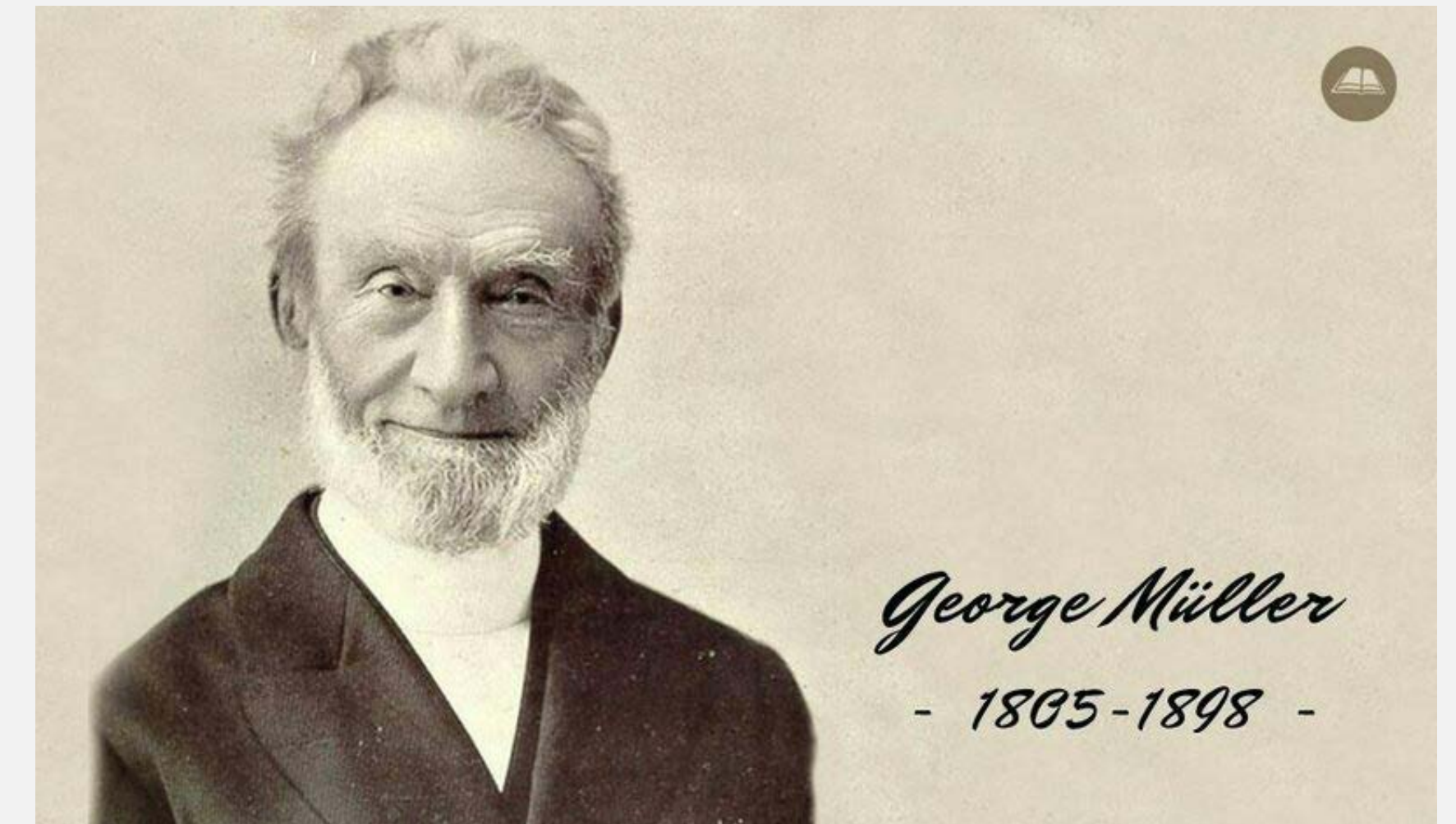
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- Riot
- Economic/ religious issue
- Their Identity is Artemis
- Trade and reputation is on the line
- Artemis won't go without a fight



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“Money is really worth no more than as it can be used to accomplish the Lord’s work. Life is worth as much as it is spent for the Lord’s service.”

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FACEBOOK?

**NO, I LITERALLY
WANT YOU TO
FOLLOW ME.**

SO... TWITTER?

**I'M GOING TO START
OVER AGAIN AND YOU
CAN LET ME KNOW
WHERE I LOSE YOU.**