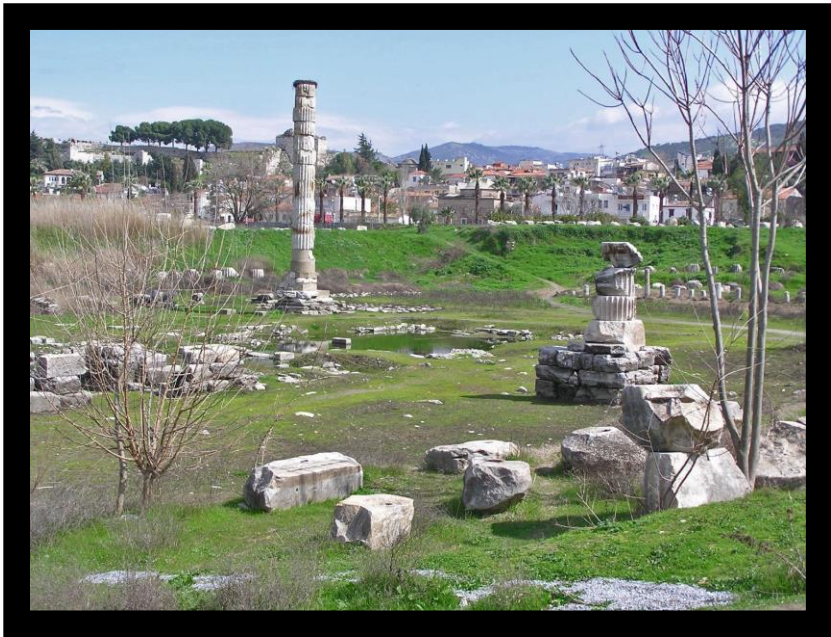


Ephesus (Ἔφεσος *Ephesos*). The most important city in the Roman province of Asia, Ephesus was an international seaport on the west coast of Asia Minor. It was famous for its temple to the Greek goddess Artemis (Roman: Diana), which ranked among the Seven Wonders of the ancient world. Paul visited Ephesus briefly during his second missionary journey (Acts 18:19-21) and left Priscilla and Aquila there. Ephesus was later visited by Apollos (Acts 18:24-26). Paul stayed there extensively during his third missionary journey (Acts 19:1-41). Eventually, his teaching became a threat to the craftsman whose livelihood depended on the worship of Artemis, and a great riot broke out in the city (Acts 19:23-41). Paul later wrote epistles to the church at Ephesus (Ephesians 1:1) and to Timothy, whom he had left at Ephesus (1 Timothy 1:3). The church at Ephesus was one of the seven churches addressed in the book of Revelation (Revelation 1:11; 2:1).



Baldwin Hills Baptist Church
 Sunday, April 24, 2022
Sermon Outline

“The Lord Commends And Rebukes Troubles In Seven Of His Selected Churches!”

- Rev. 2:1-7 -

(The Church at Ephesus --Problems)

- I. THE LORD FIRST ADDRESSES THE CHURCH AT
 EPHEBUS, v-1-3
 - A. He Identifies Himself As Lord Of His Churches.
 v-1; Cf. Rev. 1:11-20
 - B. He Informs Them That He Knows Everything
 Them, v-2
 1. What they are doing --**deeds**
 2. How hard they are working --**toil**
 3. How they are persevering --**perseverance**
 4. How they **don't tolerate** evil people and
 find them out to be false preachers/teachers
 - C. He Commends Them For Their Perseverance, v-3a
 - D. He Commends Them For Not Growing Weary,
 v-3b

- II. THE LORD REBUKES THEM FOR FORSAKING
 THEIR FIRST LOVE THEY HAD FOR HIM, v-4;
 --The early zeal they had for the Lord as they
 served Him had gone.
 - A. They Had It Before, Eph. 1:15
 - B. Love For God Must Be Maintained, Mk. 12:30;
 Mt. 10:37, 38; Jn. 15:9, 10