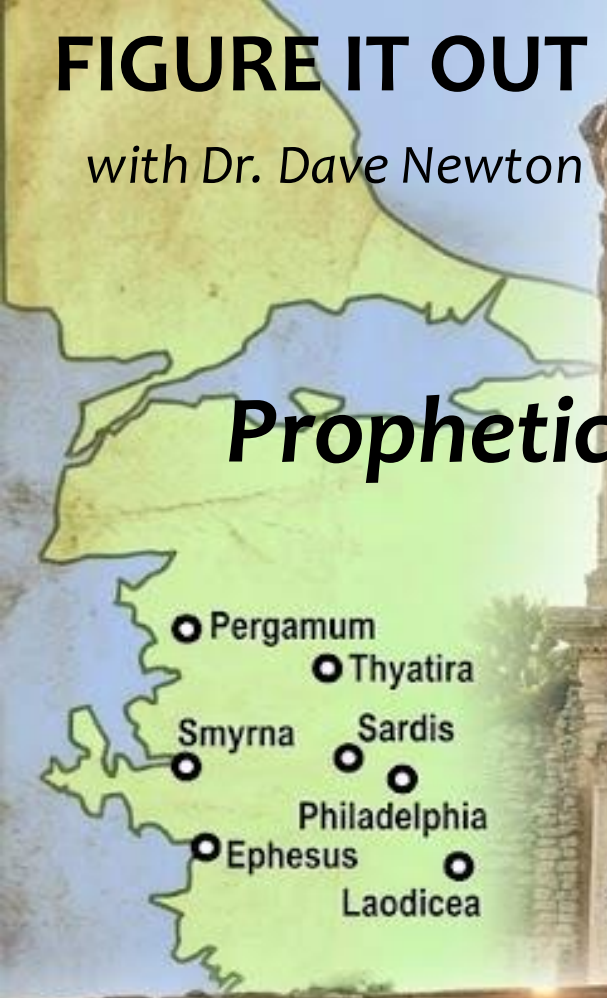
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Prophetic Perspectives on the 7 Churches of Revelation



Special 4-Week Study in Revelation 2 +3

Oct. 26 - Nov. 2 - 9 - 16

1st Peter 1:1

Pontus

Galatia

Cappadocia

Asia

Bithynia

Acts 2:10

Phrygia

Pamphylia

Acts 14:6

Lycaonia

Acts 14:24

Pisidia

Acts 22:3

Cilicia

Acts 27:5

Lycia




ASIA
MINOR
Bergama
PERGAMUM
THYATIRA
Akhisar
Sart
SARDIS
SMYRNA
Izmir
PHILADELPHIA
Alaşehir
Selçuk
EPHESUS
HIERAPOLIS
LAODICEA
Laodikeia/Denizli
AEGEAN
SEA
SAMOS
Kusadasi
PATMOS


FIAT
ROTA RENTAL


1 3 5
2 4 6 R

Revelation 2 + 3 [churches are on earth … in heaven chapter 4ff]

- **Ephesus** Ἔφεσος [pre-Greek]
- **Smyrna** Σμύρνη *myrrh* [crushed to activate aroma]
- **Pergamum** Πέργαμον *pyrgos = fortress or tower*
- **Thyatira** Θυάτειρα *daughter*

Revelation 3

- **Sardis** Σάρδεις *reddish-brown gemstone sardion*
- **Philadelphia** φίλος ἀδελφός *love of brother*
- **Laodicea** Λαοδίκεια *justice of the people*

Colossians 4

- **Hierapolis** Ἱεράπολις *hieros = holy polis = city*

Revelation 1

- **Patmos** Πάτμος *pre-Greek Lydian of* latmos = *mountain to Artemis*

Revelation 2 + 3 [churches are on earth … in heaven chapter 4ff]

WHY *these particular 7 ?*

WHAT ABOUT	*Athens?*	*Rome?*	*Thessalonica?*
	Philippi?	*Corinth?*	*Syrian Antioch?*
	Galatia?	*Troas?*	*Pisidian Antioch?*
	Cyprus?	*Colossae?*	*Jerusalem?*
	Alexandria?	*Berea?*	*Neapolis?*

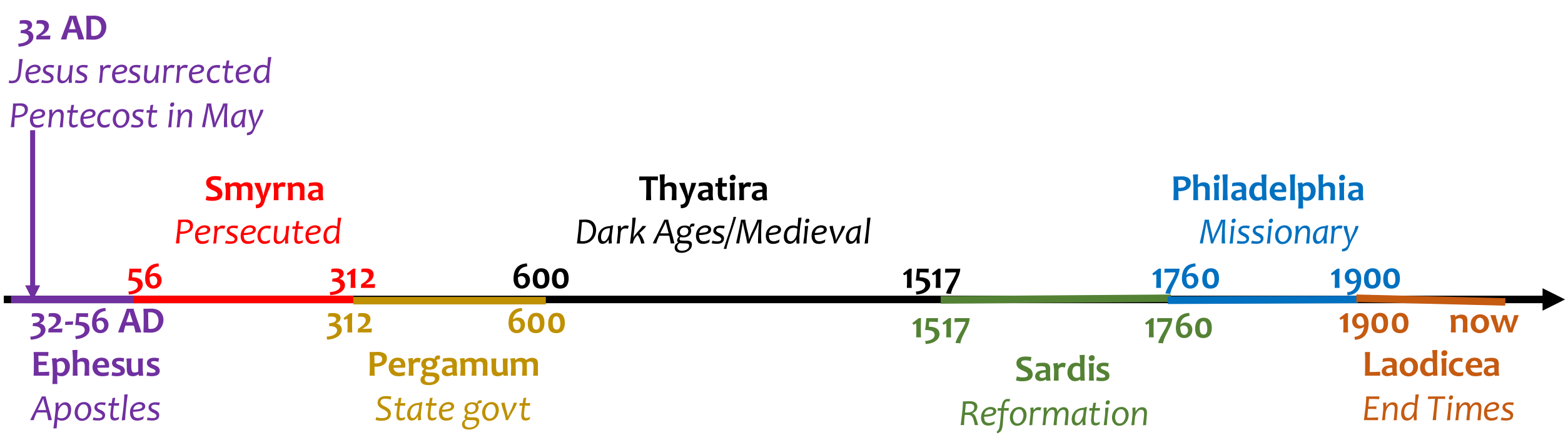
HOLY SPIRIT 3 targets of 7 letters:

1. each unique church 1st Century AD
2. ALL churches [*one document*]
3. ***Prophetic MAP*** *of Church History*

Prophetic Perspective of the 7 Churches [works ONLY in ***this order***]

Revelation 2+3

- **Ephesus** **32-56 AD** *1st Century AD church of Apostles* *zealous but left First Love*
- **Smyrna** **56-312** *heavily persecuted church until Constantine*
- **Pergamum** **312-600** *'State' church allows gross compromise*
- **Thyatira** **600-1517** *Dark Ages Medieval church - rise of the papacy/corruption*
- **Sardis** **1517-1760** *Reformation church - break from Rome … denominations*
- **Philadelphia** **1760-1900** *Worldwide missionary evangelism church*
- **Laodicea** **1900-today** *End Times church self-satisfied, complacent, wealthy and yet spiritually undiscerning and blind to false teachers/doctrines*


32 AD
Jesus resurrected
Pentecost in May
Smyrna
Persecuted
Thyatira
Dark Ages/Medieval
Philadelphia
Missionary
56
312
600
1517
1760
1900
32-56 AD
Ephesus
Apostles
312
600
Pergamum
State govt
1517
1760
Sardis
Reformation
1900
now
Laodicea
End Times

Revelation 2:1-7 *to aggelos messenger* — *ONE who holds 7 stars in right hand*

1st Cent. AD church of Apostles 32-56 AD — *ONE who walks among 7 lampstands says:*

- I know you test false apostles

*- you have **persevered**, endured for my name's sake, not grown weary*

Ephesians **1:13** *after hearing the Gospel you were **sealed with Holy Spirit***

2:5 *when dead in transgressions **He made us alive***

3:17 *Christ dwells in you - you're **rooted and grounded***

4:3 *be **diligent and persevere** in the Spirit*

5:6 ***let no one deceive you** with empty words*

6:18 ***be on the alert** with all **perseverance***

1st John **2:1** *my little children* **v5** *God is light and in Him is **NO darkness at all***

2:12 *writing to you little children* **v21** *because you DO **know the truth***

2:18 *children it is the last hour, they went out from us, **never really of us***

2:28 *little children abide in Him to **have confidence** at His coming*

3:7 *little children make sure **No One deceives you***

3:18 *little children* **4:4** *little children* **5:1** *little children **guard against idols***

Timotheus Jewish mother Eunice + Greek father + grandma Lois [**2nd Tim 1:5**]

1st 1:3 *you remain in Ephesus instruct certain men not to* ***teach strange doctrines***
1st 1:6 *some men* ***straying from our instruction*** *have turned to* ***fruitless discussion***
1st 4:1 *they will* ***fall away from the faith*** *paying attention to* ***deceitful spirits***
and ***doctrines of demons***
1st 4:6 ***stay nourished*** *on words of the faith and* ***sound doctrine***
1st 4:16 *pay* ***close attention to your teaching, persevere*** *in these things*
1st 6:3-4 *anyone advocates* ***different doctrine*** *- conceited + understands nothing*
Acts 18:19 *they came to* ***Ephesus***
19 *Demitrius silversmith +* ***Ephesian*** *craftsmen to Artemis*
v 28 + 34 *"Great is Artemis of the* ***Ephesians****"*
20:15 *sailed past* ***Ephesus*** *to Samos then on shore at Miletus*
elders from ***Ephesus*** *come to him* **v 27-30** ***do not shrink*** *from whole Gospel*
guard the flock *as overseers-shepherds,* ***savage wolves coming in***
will not spare the flock*, men will arise* ***speaking perverse things***

Revelation 2:4 Jesus still states: *yet I have THIS against you*
you have left your initial-start up love
πρῶτος ἀγάπη = *protos agape*

2:5 *remember from where you have fallen from, repent,* ***DO what you did when*** *protos* ***saved*** *or I AM coming and* ***will remove your lampstand***

2:6 *you DO hate the deeds of the Nico-Laitans which I also hate*

Acts 6:5 *chose Stephen Philip Prochorus Nicanor Timon Parmenas and* ***Nicolas*** *a proselyte from Antioch* [converted to Judaism]
Nikao Laos = lording/ruling over laity [**Rev. 7** laos = people]
Maybe laid hands on him too soon/fast? Pompous in position?
liked being "Deacon Nicolas" ?
Jesus hates the DEEDS of these Nikao-Laitans

Revelation 2:7 *if you have an ear HEAR what the* ***Spirit says to the churches***

Acts 19:9 *post-synagogue, Paul taught DAILY in Ephesus in School of Tyrranus for 2 yrs*

σχολή Τύραννος

leisure free of labor sovereign

Colossians 1:7 *Epaphras came thru Ephesus, probably learned from Paul at Tyrranus*

WHERE is Ephesus church today? *Lampstand removed!*

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262–263 AD Goths invade and destroy the city and nearby Temple of Artemis

401 AD Crowds demolish remaining ruins of nearby Temple of Artemis

614 AD Huge earthquake - Massive damage - Harbor becomes marshy reeds

15th Century Citizens moved inland/uphill to Ayasuluk [modern Selçuk]
Ephesus abandoned Just ruins 1400s until late 1800s

Ἔφεσος *Ephesos*









Curetes Street
Ephesos 'Queen of Asia'

Ἔφεσος *Efes*





Ἔφεσος ***Efes***

Rod of ***Asclepius***
Asklepios
Ἀσκληπιοῦ

snake = healing
staff = itinerant

Ῥοῦφος ὁ Ἐφέσιος
Rouphos ho Ephesis



Hebrew *nawkawsh* merged with root *nechosheth* 'bronze brazen' gives *Nehushtan*
Moses serpent and staff [1400 BC]
Greek Rod of Asklepios [8th Cent. BC]

Hezekiah [8th Cent. BC] destroyed *Nehushtan* incense-worship **2nd Kings 18**

Caduceus Rod of Greek Hermes
Roman Mercury
2 snakes/rod/wings = Medical symbol
god of commerce-travel-negotiation
wings = Hermes extraordinary speed

John 3:14 Jesus fulfills *Nehushtan*

Ἔφεσος *Efes*







Boule = Council
Bouleuterion or Odeon
seats 1,400

Ἔφεσος *Efes*



Main Theatre seats 24,000

Ἔφεσος *Efes*

Theatre holds 24,000



Ἔφεσος *Efes*







Ἔφεσος *Efes*





Library of Celsus 12,000 scrolls
in ruins from 3rd Century
rebuilt 1970-1978



Trajan's Nymphaeum 110 AD



Temple of Trajan 110 AD



Ἔφεσος *Efes*



just 2km away

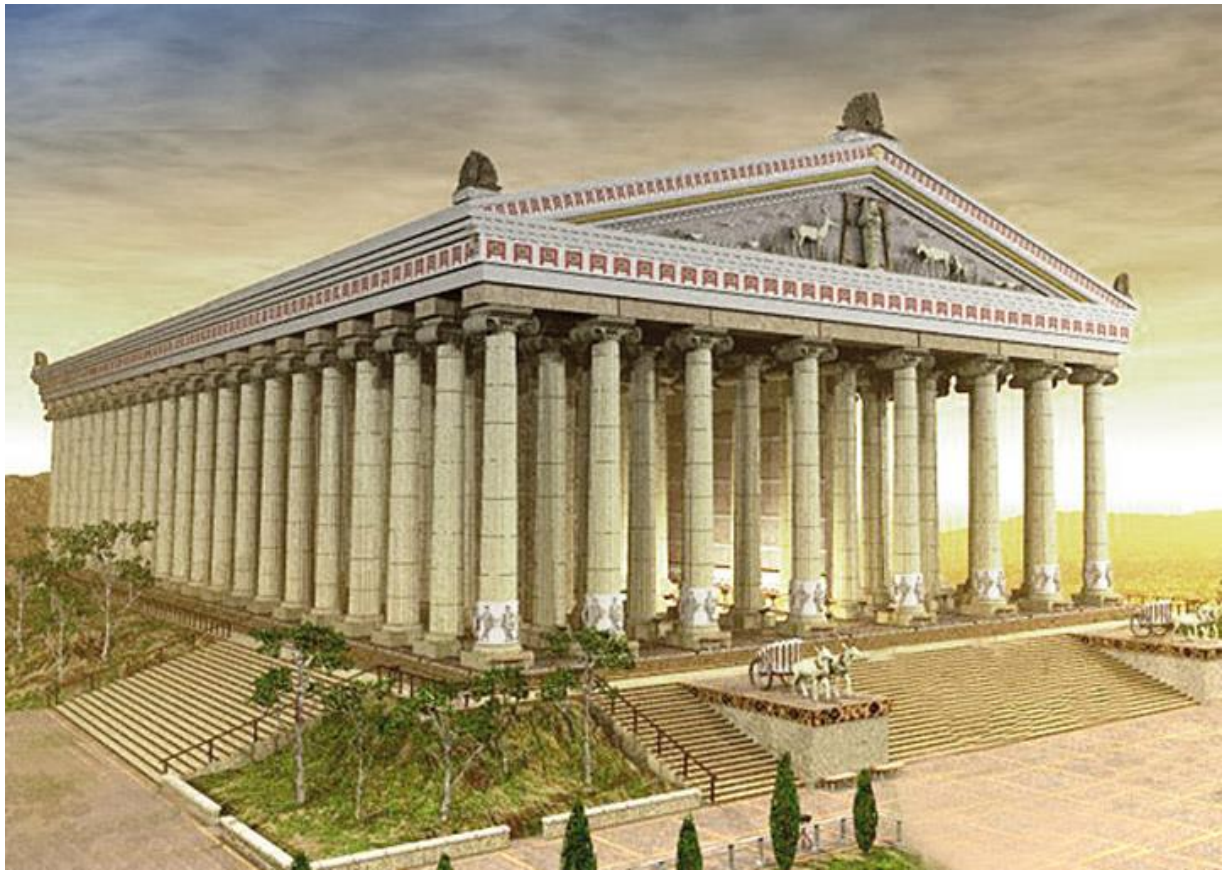
Artemis Temple 550BC



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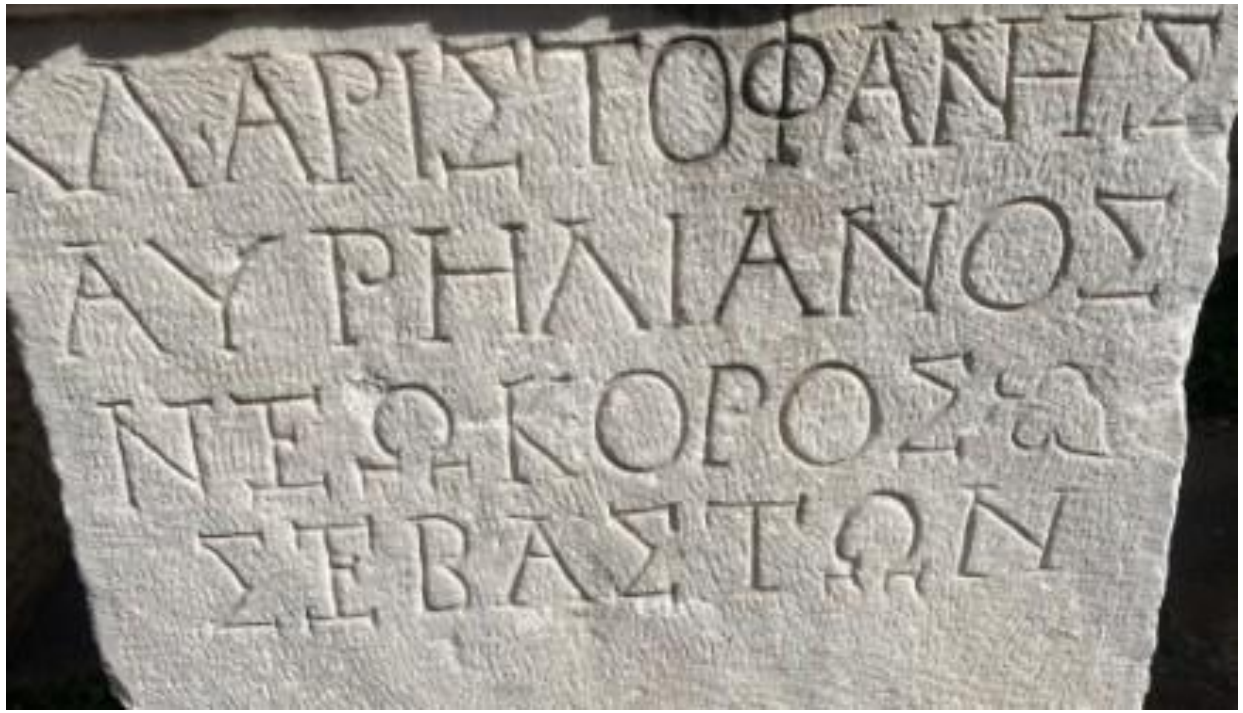

Temple of Artemis
Ephesus
Németh Ádám
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Smyrna

Σμύρνη *myrrh*





KLARI STOPHANES

small branch *garland crown*

AGRYLIANOS

coming from wild olive groves

NEOKOROS

temple keeper

SEBASTON

Majestic [Greek term for Augustus Caesar]

Revelation 2:8-11 *to aggelos messenger* *First and the Last*
ONE who was dead and has come to Life

Myrrh pressed-crushed to get aroma
Persecuted Church from 56 AD to 312 AD

- *I know your tribulation and poverty, but **you are RICH*** [spiritually]
- *and blasphemy of those Jews who are NOT, but synagogue of Satan*
- *do not fear what you are about to suffer*
- *devil will cast you into prison to be tested*
- *you will have trial/tribulation for **10 days*** δέκα ἡμέρα = *deca hemera*
  apocalyptic for *10 distinct phases/time periods*
- *be faithful unto death and I will give you Crown of Life*
- *he with ears HEAR **what is said to the churches***
  - *BTW you will not be hurt by the second death*

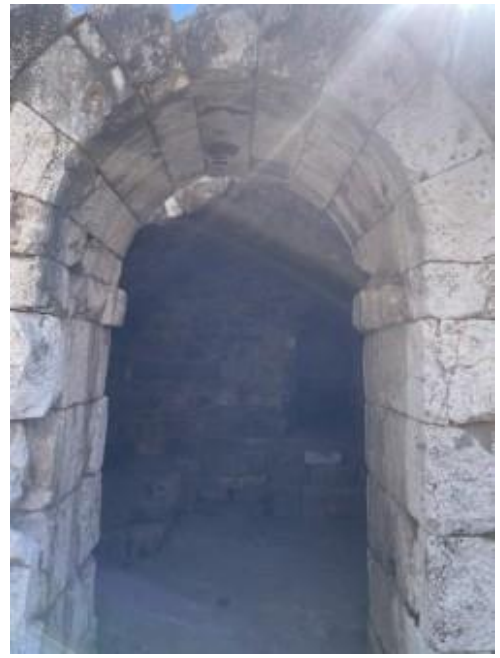
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Smyrna

Σμύρνη *myrrh*

Bouleuterion seated 250



Smyrna

Σμύρνη *myrrh*



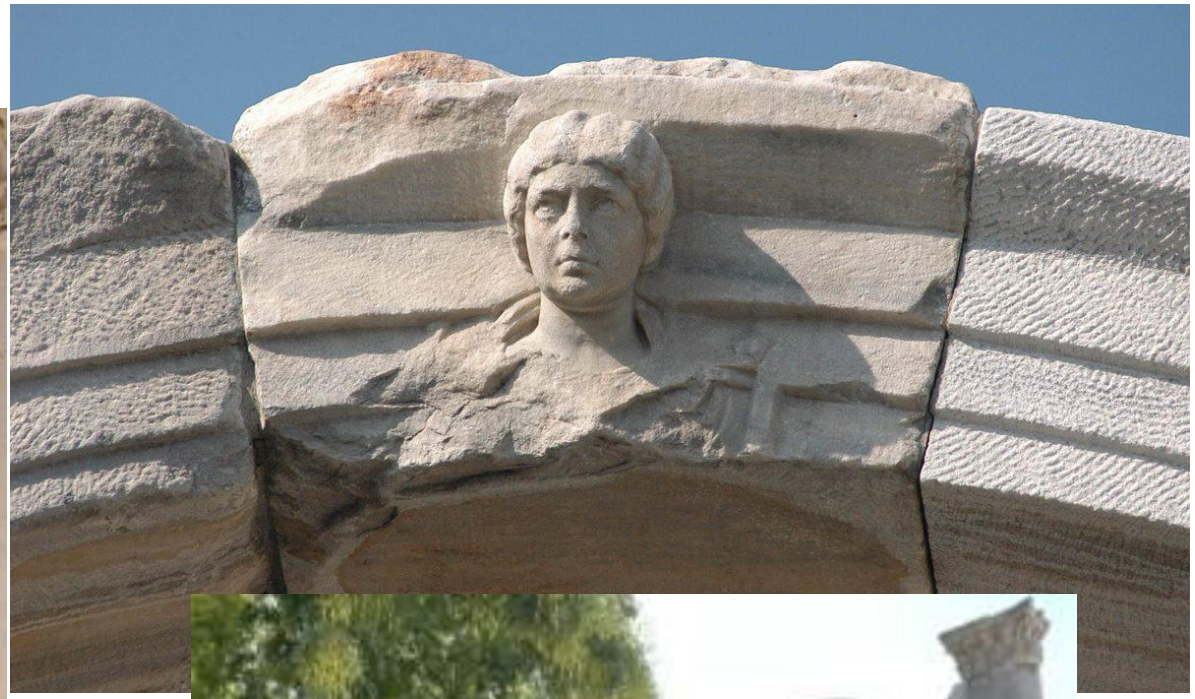






Smyrna Σμύρνη *myrrh*







Roman Empress Faustina Arch
married to
Marcus Aurelius

Smyrna Σμύρνη *myrrh*





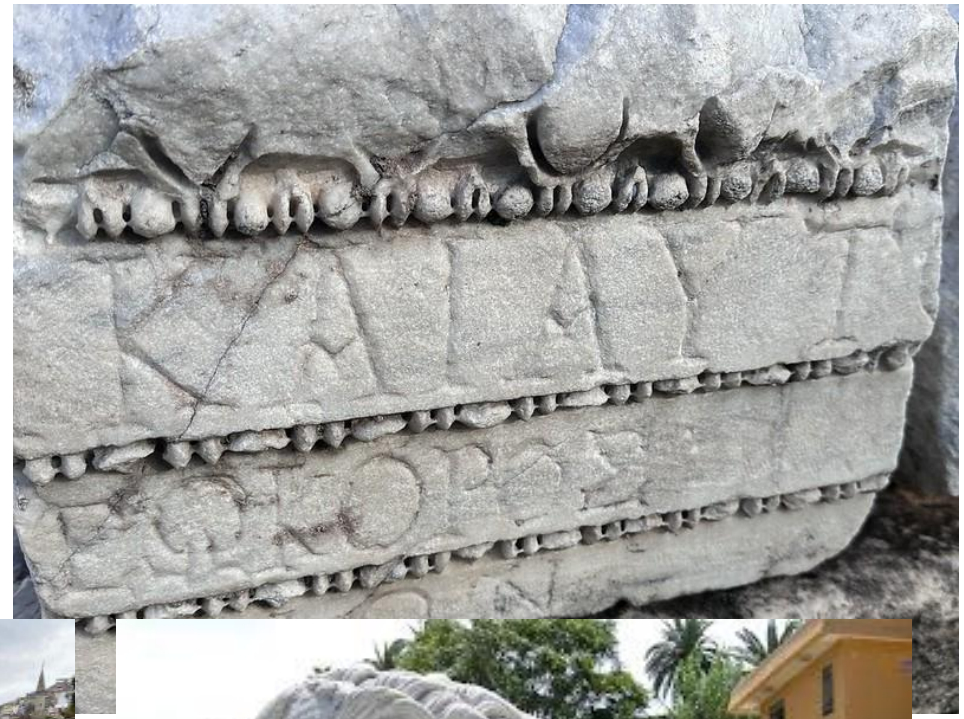
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Smyrna Σμύρνη *myrrh*













Smyrna Σμύρνη *myrrh*



IOULION	*Greek name for Troy*
MENEKLEA	*proper name*
LIOPHANTON	*leave behind*
ASIARXHN	*Asiarchen*
ENLOSKOS	*leaning toward*
LOTEIMESAME	*we're finished/done*

Revelation 2:8-11 *to aggelos messenger*

First and the Last
ONE who was dead and has come to Life

- tribulation/persecution and earthly poverty [but spiritually rich]

Persecuted Church of 56 to 312 AD

- Christians refused to worship Roman gods
- Christians not acknowledge Emperor/Caesar as divine
- Christians not participate in pagan rituals and rites
- ***Nero*** blamed Christians for fire in 64 AD
- ***Vespasian*** ordered Jerusalem destroyed in 70 AD by his son Titus
- ***Titus*** finished Colosseum in 80 AD used Christians for sport
- ***Domitian*** [81-96AD] punished Christians Exiled John bar-Zebedee to Patmos
- ***Nerva Trajan Hadrian Antonius-Pius Marcus-Aurelius Diocletian Constantius I Constantine*** 306 AD 'Augustus Emperor' while in York [England]

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WHERE is Smyrna church today?

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178 AD Huge earthquake leveled the city … Marcus Aurelius rebuilt a lot of it

240-1900 AD Numerous earthquakes … city in various stages of open-port and piles of limestone-marble ruins

1922 Great fire of Smyrna … just after Turkish nationalist forces under Mustafa Kemal entered and destroyed Greek and Armenian quarters of Smyrna
tens of thousands killed
displaced >1M Christian refugees

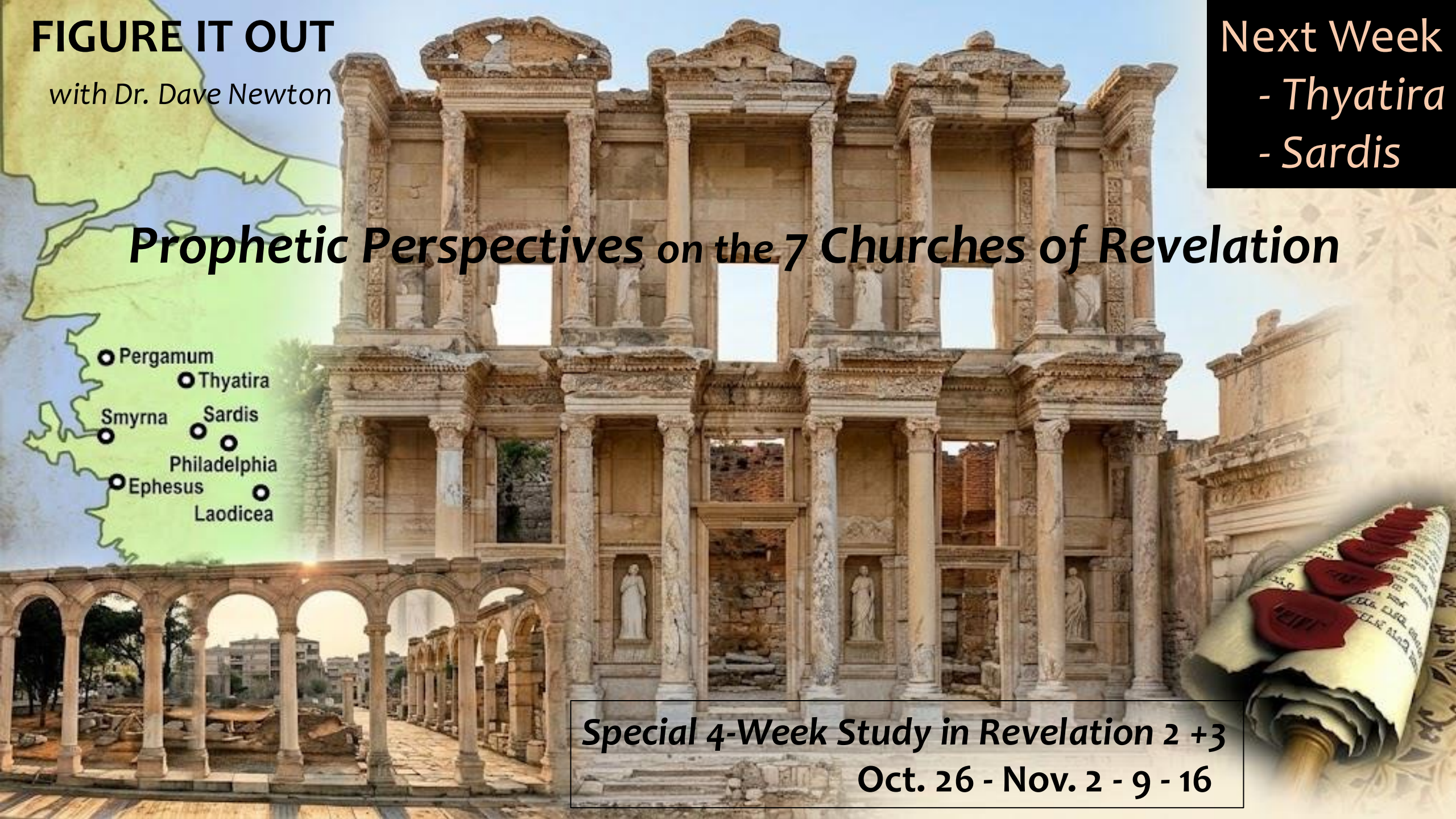
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