

NT SURVEY

Ephesians - Background

Colosseum

**“... one of the most
influential documents in
the Christian church.”**

H. Hoehner

**“There is no higher
point of revelation than is
reached on this epistle.”**

Alfred Martin

“In the judgment of many who are well entitled to deliver an opinion, it is the grandest of all the Pauline letters”

K. Wuest

DESCRIPTIONS

- 1. Grand Canyon of Scripture**
- 2. Glory of the Church**
- 3. Epistle of the Ascension**
- 4. Blessed in the Heavens**
- 5. Crown of Paulinism**

EPHESIANS

➤ **Author - Paul**

AUTHORSHIP

➤ Internal Evidence

INTERNAL

- 1. Named - 1:1, 3:1**
- 2. 1st person references**
- 3. Personal notes - 1:1, 15-16, 3:1, 3,
3:13-14, 4:1, 6:19-20**
- 4. Language & style**
- 5. Theology**

AUTHORSHIP

- **Internal Evidence**
- **External Evidence**

EXTERNAL

- 1. Apostolic Fathers - Clement of Rome, Ignatius, Polycarp**
- 2. 2nd century - Irenaeus, Clement of Alexandria, Tertullian**
- 3. Other - Marcion's corpus & Muratorian Canon**

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- **Internal Evidence**
- **External Evidence**
- **Evidence Against**

EPHESIANS

➤ **Author - Paul**

➤ **Audience - Ephesians, Circular**

EPHESUS

➤ **Geographically**



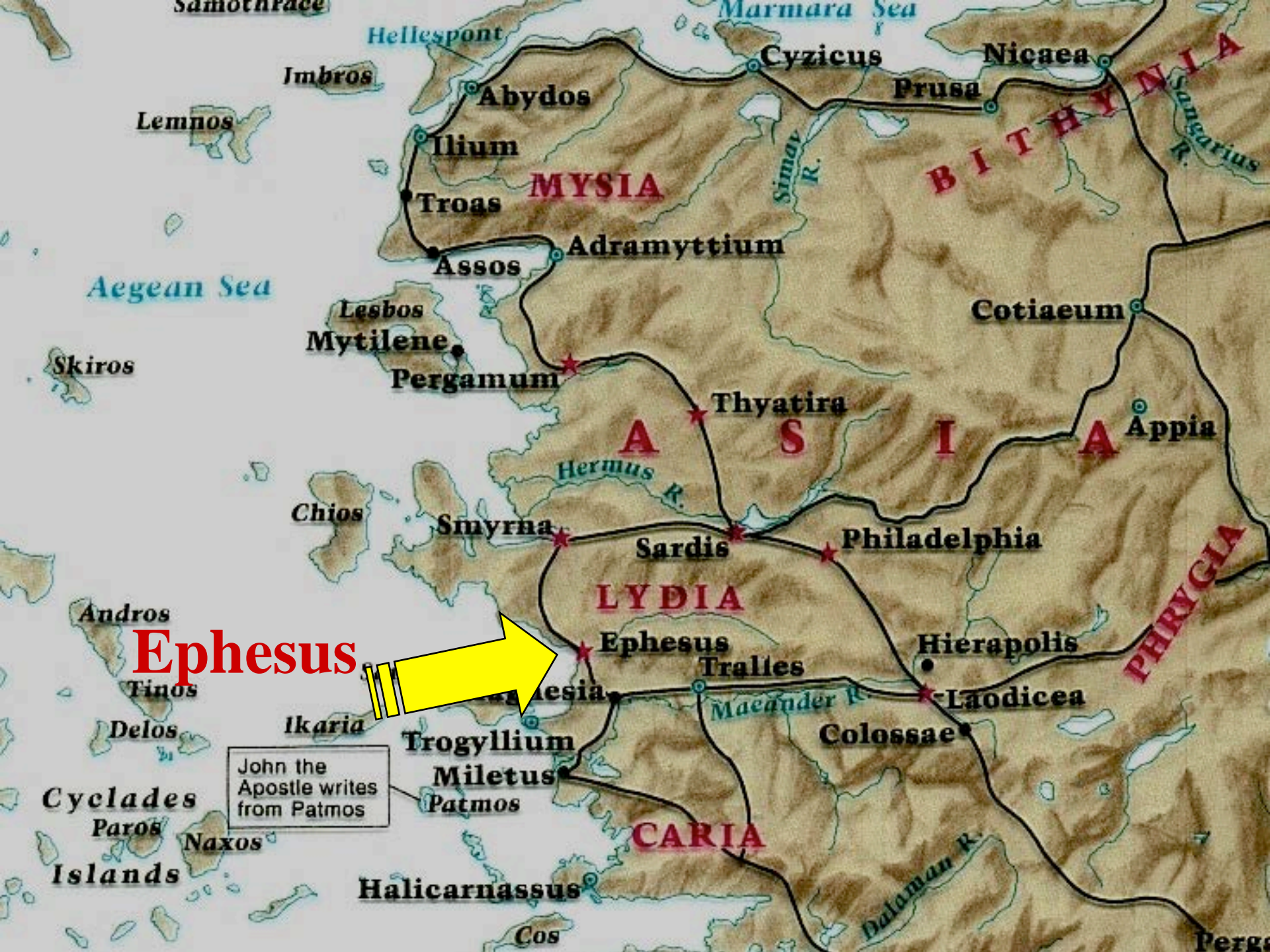
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- ⊙ addressee of Pauline Epistle
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- ▲ mountain peak
- Third Missionary Journey: Paul

2 Corinthians written from Macedonia

1 Corinthians written from Ephesus

Romans written from Corinth

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Ephesus



John the
Apostle writes
from Patmos

Qusadassi Harbor



EPHESUS

- **Geographically**
- **Politically**

Free city

Ephesus Street







EPHESUS

- **Geographically**
- **Politically**
- **Socially**

Ephesus Street & Civic Agora



Commercial Agora Ranked with Antioch & Alexandria



Ephesus Street and Theater, Population - 250,000



Ephesus Street with Library of Celsus



Ephesus street with Library of Celsus



Library of Celsus









Frescoes in house



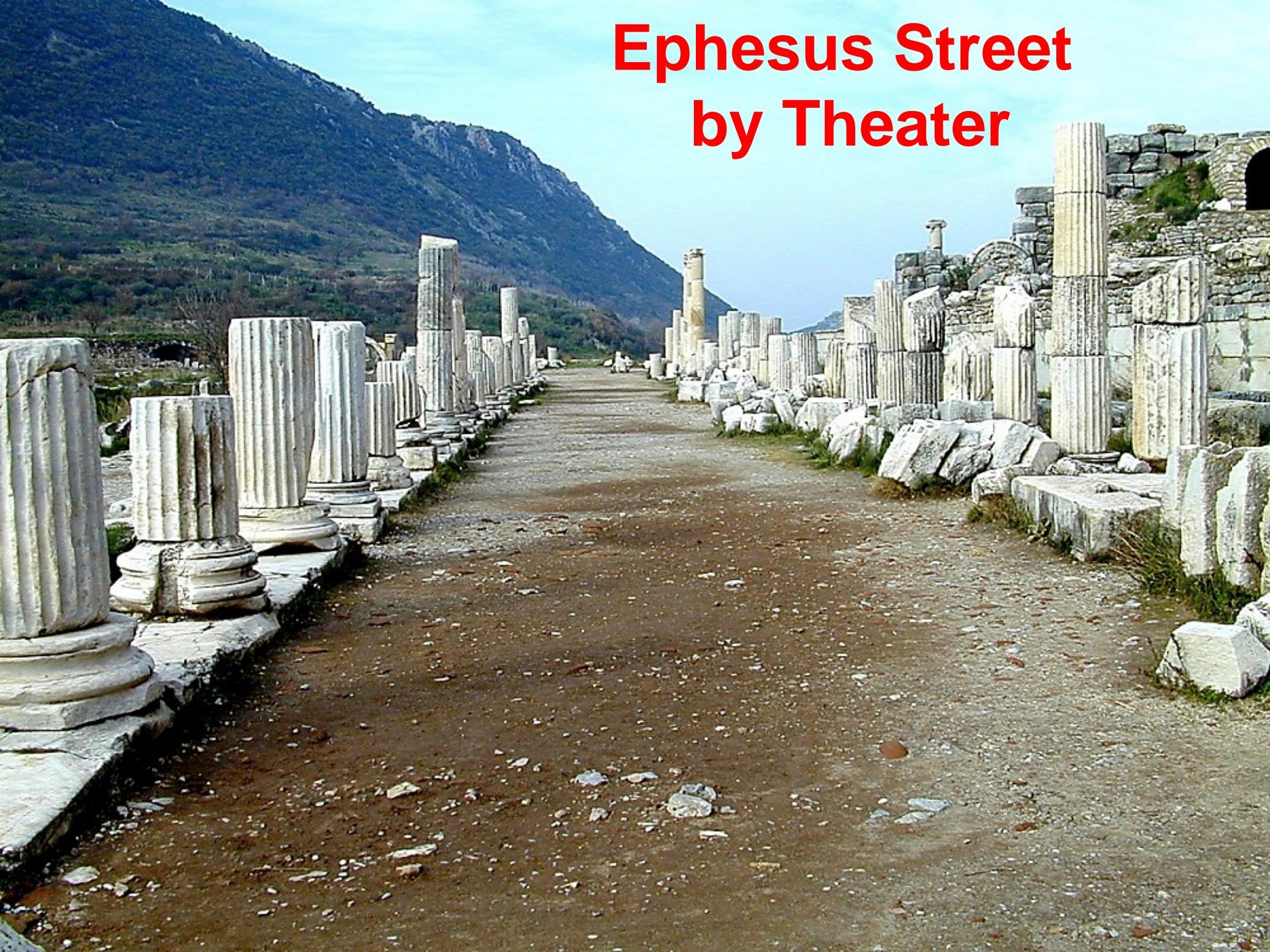


**Bathhouse
Caldarium**

**public
bathroom**



Ephesus Street by Theater



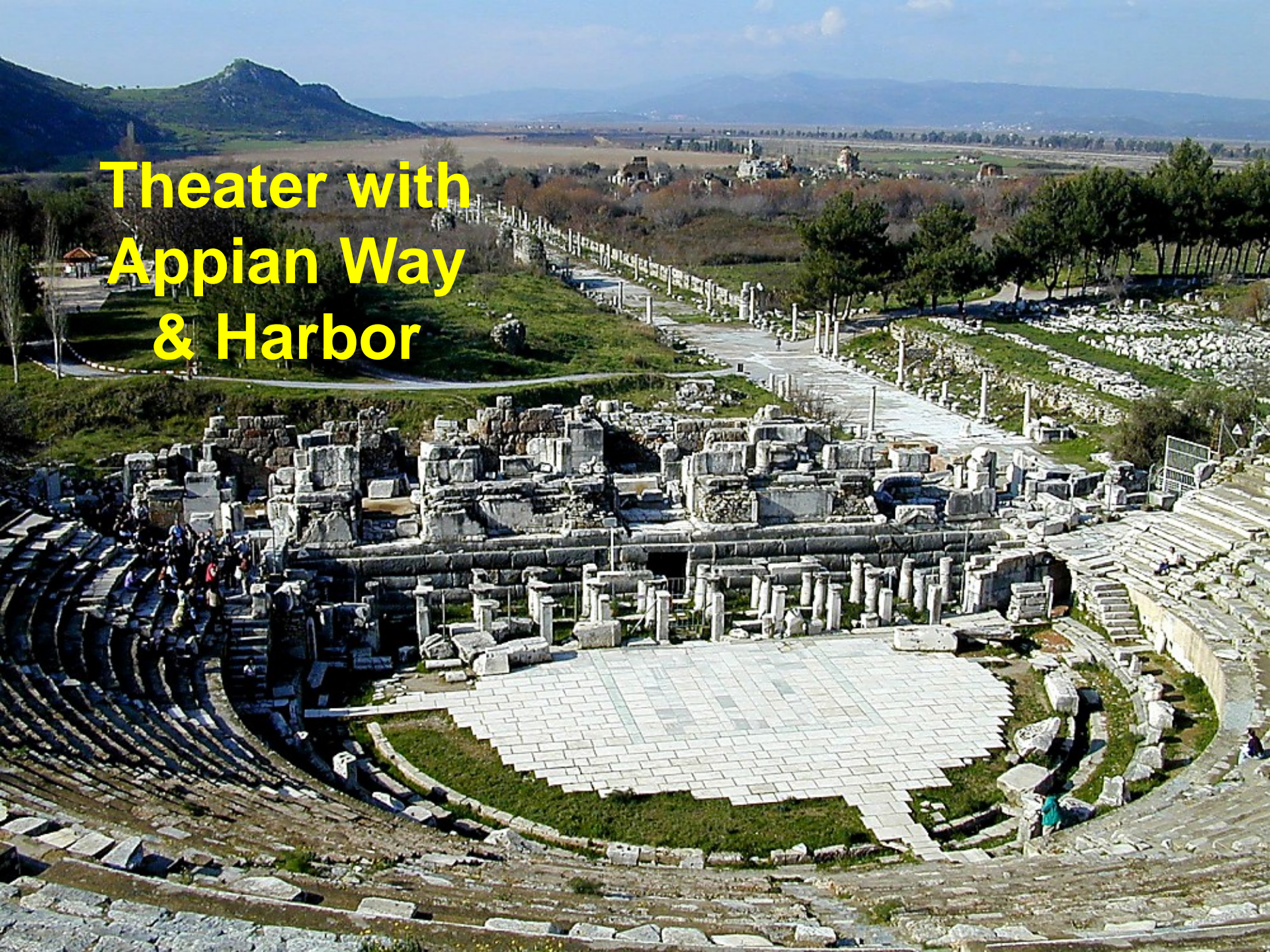
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- **Architecturally**

Act 19:28-29



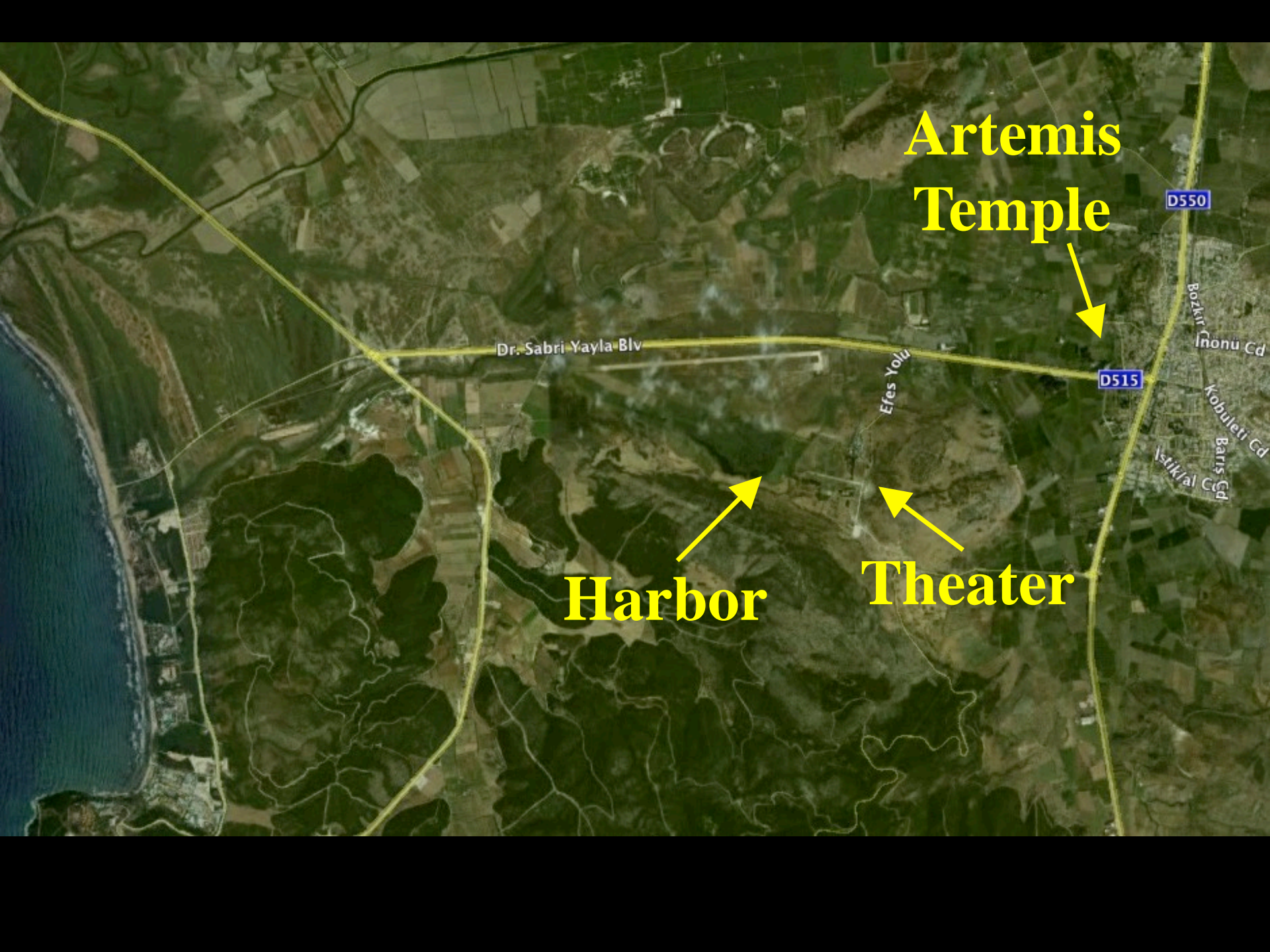
Theater with Appian Way & Harbor







25,000



**Artemis
Temple**



Dr. Sabri Yayla Blv

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D550

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Kobuleti Cd

Baris Cd

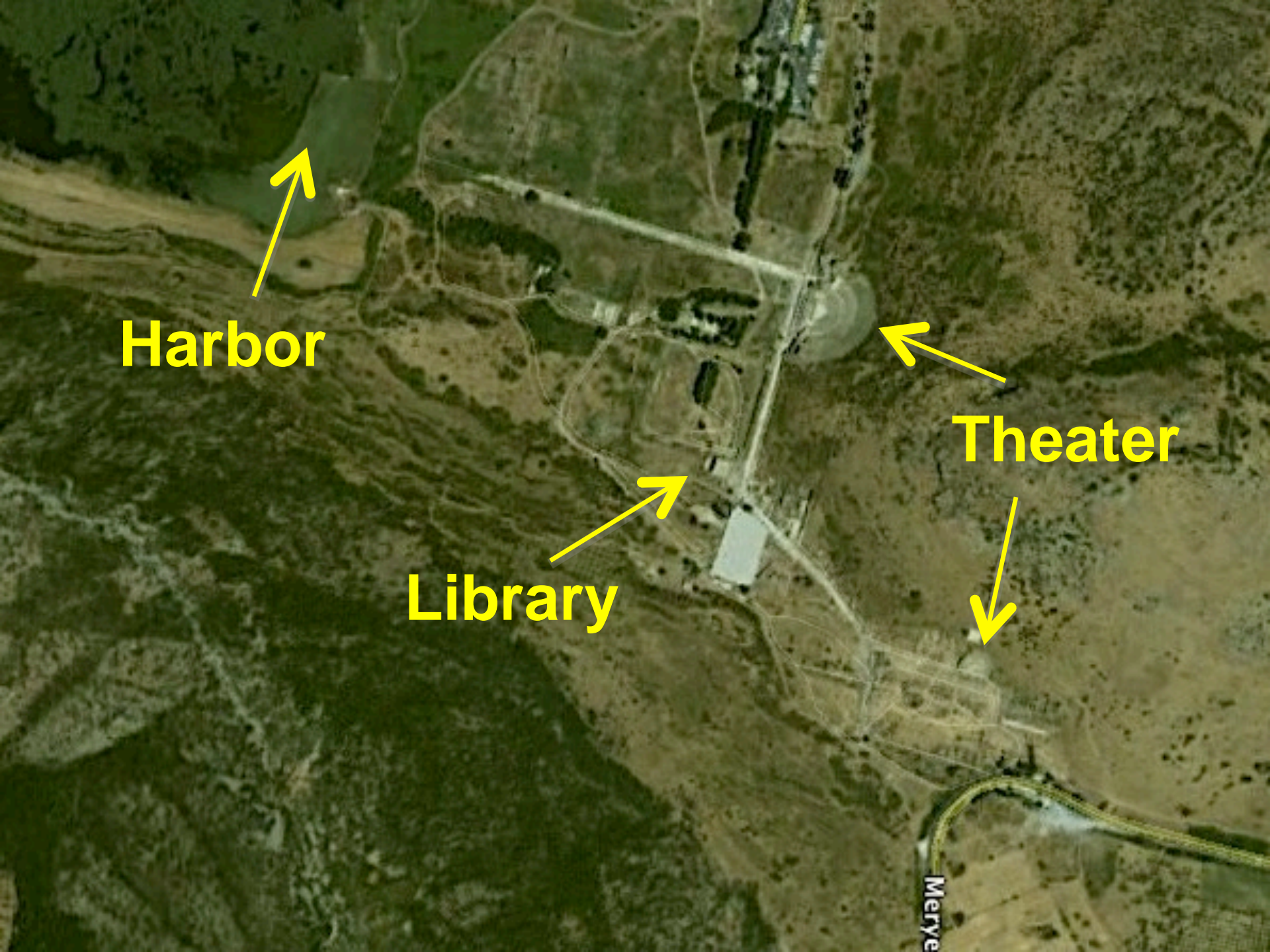
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Harbor



Theater





Harbor

Library

Theater

Merye

Small Theater from Temple of Domitian





EPHESUS

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- **Socially**
- **Architecturally**
- **Spiritually**



**Ephesus area
of Temple of
Artemis**

**Largest known building
225x425, 127 columns**



Temple of Artemis ruins



**Ephesian Artemis,
1st c AD**







**Temple of
Artemis ruins**

Hadrian Temple, 2nd c AD





CHURCH

- ✓ **Founding - Act 2:9**
- ✓ **Visits - 18:21, 19:1f, 20:28f**



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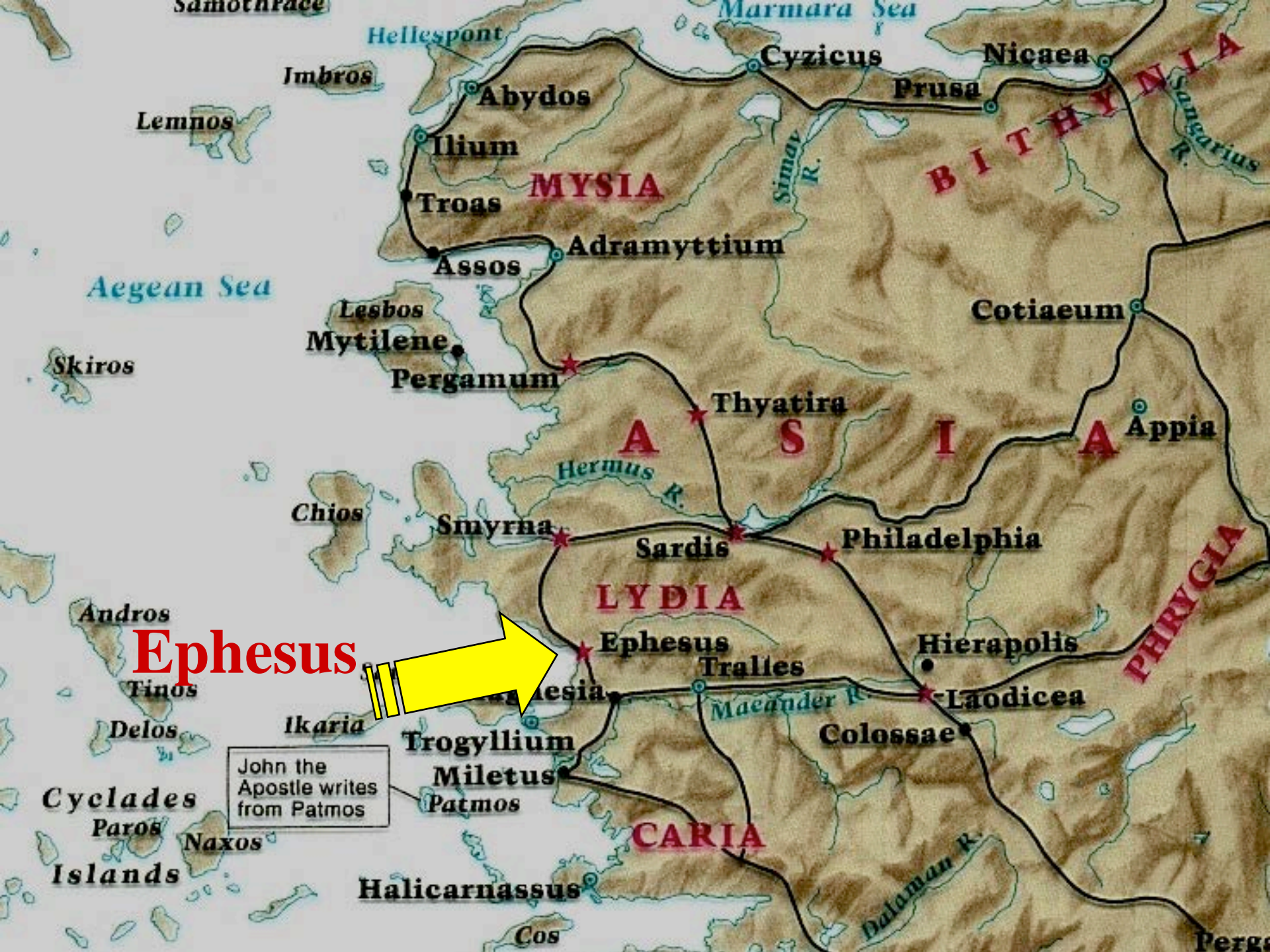
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- ✓ **Later ministry**

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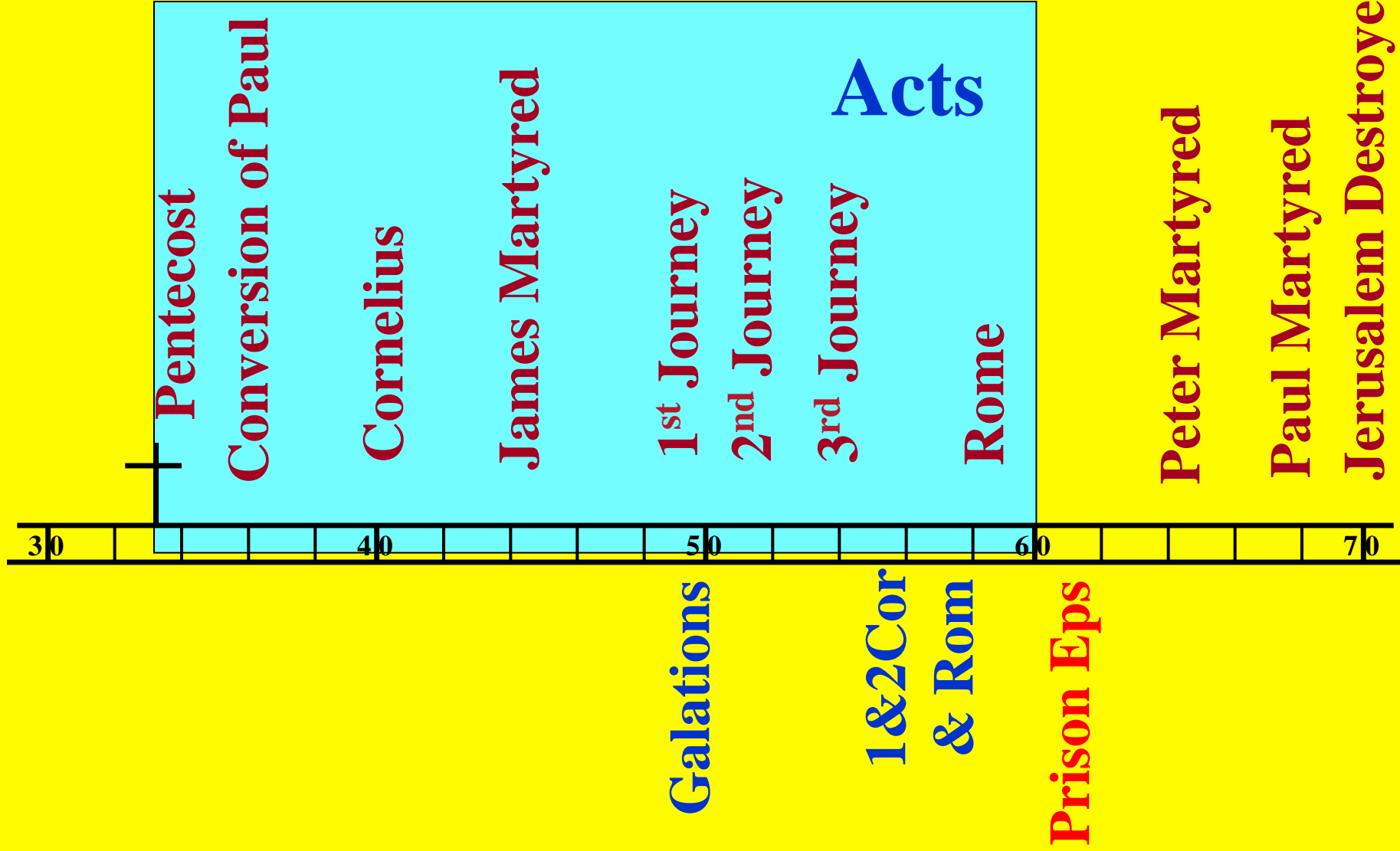
OCCASION

1. Roman prison
2. Hearing of their faith - 1:15
3. Arrival of Epaphroditus
4. Tychicus leaving for Asia - 6:21

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ACTS HISTORY



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- **Purpose - Doctrinal**

**Church should
be our focus of
ministry!!!**



Paul and Lydia