

A large aircraft carrier is shown from a high-angle perspective, sailing on the ocean. The deck is visible with several fighter jets parked. The ship's superstructure is prominent on the left side. The sky is clear and blue.

REVELATION

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

A vintage movie camera on a tripod is the central focus on the left side of the image. In the foreground, a black clapperboard with white text and a black and white striped top is positioned diagonally. The background is a blurred film set with a bright light source on the right and a red traffic cone on the floor.

COMING SOON:

The LION
of the TRIBE
of JUDAH

PRODUCTION _____
DIRECTOR _____
CAMERA _____ SCENE _____ TAKE _____

OUTLINE

- I. Vision of J.C. among 7 Churches 1-3**
 - A. Introduction 1:1-8**
 - B. Vision of Jesus Christ 1:9-20**
 - C. Letters to the 7 Churches 2-3**
 - 1. Church at Ephesus 2:1-7**

EPHESUS

1. Circumstances



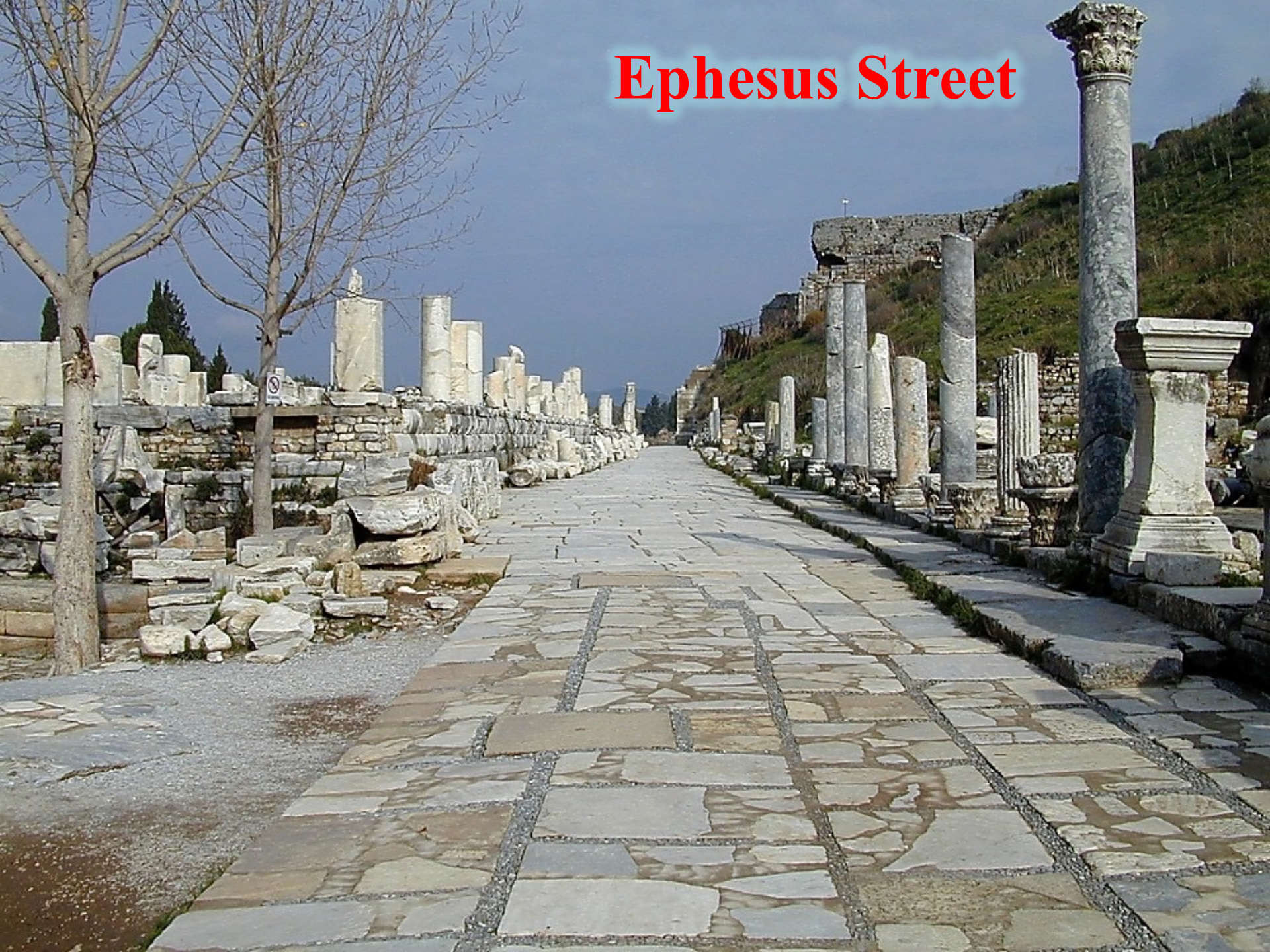
Ephesus →





425' x 220'

Ephesus Street



Library of Celsus



Appian Way To Harbor





475' x 98'
25,000



60' Column
127 columns
425' x 220'



Artemis, 1st c AD
World-wide

EPHESUS

1. Circumstances
2. Commission -
3. 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:

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verb form of toil in 2:2

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- ✓ Strong commitment - not weary

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5. Complaint -

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- 8. Left - ἀφίημι (afiemi)**
to forsake, quit, desert

VIEWS on 1st LOVE



1. For mankind

2. For God & man

3. For one another

4. Of 1st conversion

5. For Christ as #1 priority

Appian Way

**Left love for Lord
& replaced with
cold orthodoxy**



Small Theater

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2:5-6



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CORRECTION



➤ Remember - pres impv

Eph 1:15, 3:17-19, 6:24

➤ Repent - aor impv

➤ Repeat - aor impv

➤ Or Removal

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NICOLAITANS



1. Hierarchy over laity
2. Sect of Gnostics
3. Another sect
4. False apostles

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8. **Left - ἀφίημι (afiemi)**
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9. **Overcomers - νικάω (nikao)**
to conquer, be victorious, overcome

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Sea of Galilee

A photograph of the Sea of Galilee at sunset. The sun is a bright yellow-orange orb on the right side of the horizon, casting a long, shimmering reflection across the water. In the foreground, a dark wooden pier structure with several vertical posts and a truss bridge section extends into the water. The sky is a gradient of orange and yellow, and the water is dark with gentle ripples.

**You may be Biblically
sound but how is your
love relationship!!!**