



Letters To The Seven Churches

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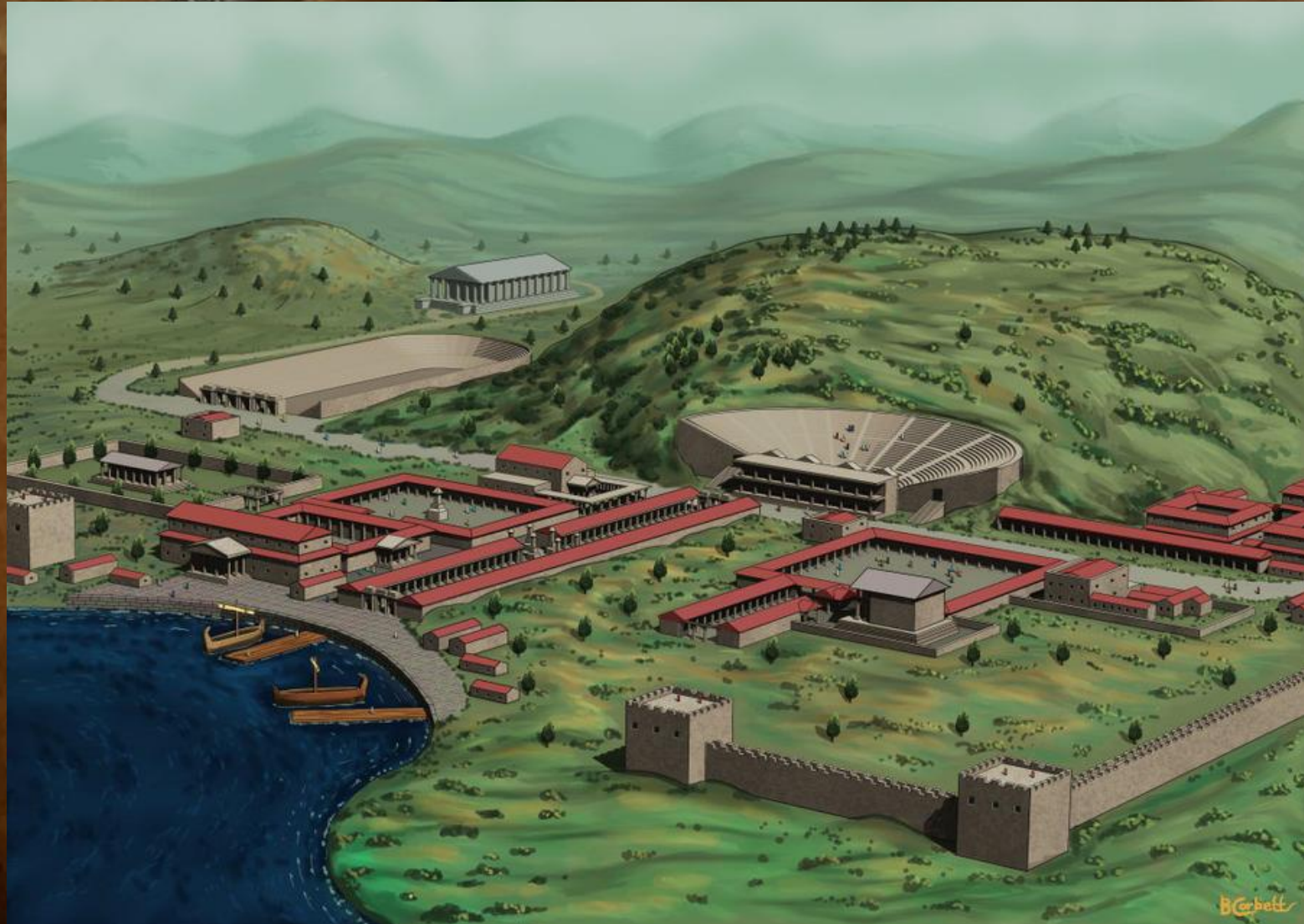
The Church in Ephesus

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Map of Churches



Ephesus Then



Ephesus Today



Temple of Artemis



Praise

- Just as Jesus loved the seven churches, He also loves Grace Fellowship and wants us to be the church we are called to be.
- Ephesus was a religious capitol and Christianity flew right in the face of idol worship.
- The church patiently endured and did not grow weary of serving Jesus.
- The church was loyal to correct doctrine.
- The church was not afraid to challenge false teachers.
- The church rejected the teaching of the Nicolaitans.

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Problem

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- The church was simply going through the motions; Jesus was no longer their first love.
 - We need to love Jesus first, then every other love relationship will flow from His love.
 - Their passion for Christ had become cold; it was more out of obligation than love.
 - The church calendar was filled, but the passion was gone and so was Christ.
 - Churches today have lost their love of Jesus in order to dot the i's and cross the t's.
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Solution

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- Jesus gives three simple, yet challenging steps to draw us back to Him.
 - Remember how it used to be.
 - Repent – change your mind and your heart.
 - Do the things you did at first.
 - Unfortunately, we want immediate gratification and no pain.
 - The wonderful thing about God is that He will allow us to repent.
 - Repenting is taking action.
 - Jesus wants us to remember what it was like to be fully and completely in love with Him!
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Conclusion

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- We are to serve God and serve one another.
 - If we do not repent, Jesus will remove our lampstand from its place.
 - The church would never know its lampstand was removed, because nothing would change, except God would not be there.
 - If we are faith-filled in this life, we will know Jesus intimately in the next life.
 - Everything we do, we should be doing for the Lord.
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