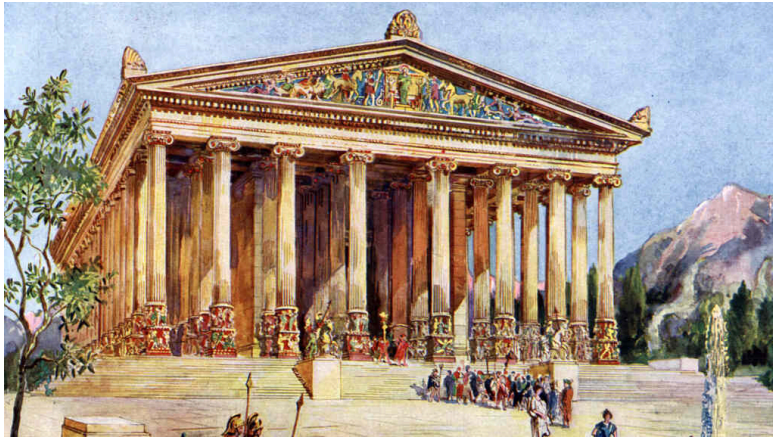


Small Group Study Guide, Week of July 28, 2024

Ephesians 1:1-2; "Intro to Ephesians" Tim Cho

Review: What were the problems with the church in Ephesus? What were the people of Ephesus like?



This is the Temple of Artemis, Originally built around 550 BC. The Roman poet Antipater described it like this around 100 years before Paul went to Ephesus:

*"I have set eyes on the wall of lofty Babylon on which is a road for chariots, and the statue of Zeus by the Alpheus, and the hanging gardens, and the colossus of the Sun, and the huge labour of the high pyramids, and the vast tomb of Mausolus; **but when I saw the house of Artemis** that mounted to the clouds, those other marvels lost their brilliancy, and I said, "Lo, apart from Olympus, the Sun never looked on aught so grand." (Greek Anthology 9.58)
[Translation by W.R.Paton]*

The Church at Ephesus appears 4 times in the Bible

Paul's missionary journey in Ephesus: **Acts 18:18-21 + Acts 19-20**

The Book of Ephesians

Paul's letter to Timothy: **1 Timothy 1:3-7** (Ephesus is where Timothy was pastor)

God's message to the church in Ephesus: **Revelation 2:1-7**

Read through **Acts 19, 1 Timothy 1:3-7 and Revelation 2:1-7**

1. What kind of people made up the church in Ephesus?
2. What were some of the challenges to the church in Ephesus?
3. What did God accomplish in the church of Ephesus?
4. What similarities do you see between the church of Ephesus and our church?
5. Despite having some of the BEST leaders of all time: Paul, Timothy, and John. There is no church in Ephesus today (no one lives there). How does that make you think differently about church?