

turkey

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Chapter 1

Turkey Trip

Notes from Walking the Text trip to Turkey September 12-24, 2021

- Day 1: Tuesday 9/14
 - Vaclav Museum
 - Antalya Museum 9/14
 - Perga Muratpasa. Harbor. Antalay Museum 10am. Perga
- Day 2: 9/15 Weds Gorguorta Mh (outside Yalvac). Museum
 - Colossae????
- Day 3: 9/16 Thurs Denizli Frontinus Gate and Heiropolos (spring). Pamukkale Pools 12pm. Denizli 2pm
 - Laodicea
- Day 4: 9/17 Fri
 - Philadelphia Tetrapylon Aphordisease Antik Kenti. Sean Jean Slisesi. Museum with god-fearer inscription. Sebastion reliefs (in museum). Sebastion on site 10am. Huge stadium 11am
 - Aphrodisias city of Marble
- Day 5: 9/18 Sat Manisa (Vineyardn 9am). Sardis 11am.Artemis Tapinagi 12pm. Small city park Ragip Bey Mh 5pm
- Day 6: 9/19 Sunday
 - Ulucamii Mh 9am.
 - Kurtulus Mh 9:30am.
 - Theater and temple to Dionysus 10am
 - Selcuk Mn 12:20pm.
 - Zafer Mn (Aesculayeon).

- Pergamum
 - Smyrna 4pm
- Sabbath
- Day 8: 9/21 Tuesday
 - Ataturk Mh 10am.
 - Mt Croessus.
 - Selcuk (Ephesus) museum 1pm. 2 statues of Artemis.
 - Ephesus Ruins (first day) Pierene
- Day 9: 9/22 Wednesday.
 - St Jean Kilisesi. Focus on Revelations.
 - Villas in Ephesus.
- Day 10: 9/23 Thursday. Didyma. Miletos. Priene?

Chapter 2

Day 1

2.1 Devotion

Who are you? What are you doing here?

Ez 40:4

And the man said to me, “Son of man, look with your eyes, and hear with your ears, and set your heart upon all that I shall show you, for you were brought here in order that I might show it to you. Declare all that you see to the house of Israel.”

2.2 History Timeline

2.2.1 Alexander the Great

Alexander the Great defeats Persians

301BC Battle of Ipsus. After his death, kingdom was split between four generals:

- Lysimachus - Western Asia Minor
- Seleucus I Nicator - Eastern Asia Minor and North Syria (later attacks Lysimachus)
- Ptolemy - South Syria and Egypt
- Cassander - Macedonia

Israel alternated control by either Ptolemy or Seleucus. Antiochus IV (Seleucid) offends Jews with the abomination of desolation

2.2.2 Roman Empire

Problem: How to forge a Roman identity across the empire?

Virgil commissioned to write the Aenid as an origin story for Rome starting with the burning of Troy (where Homer's Iliad leaves off). "The ox and the lion will lie down together"

2.2.3 Juius Caesar

61BC - Julius Caesar comes to power. Enemy was Pompeii, and a civil war broke out. Pompeii was subsequently assassinated in Egypt.

59BC - comet appears and this is claimed as a sign that Caesar is divine.

44BC - Julius Caesar was asasinated by Bruts and Cassius.

Caesar's will names Octavian, his nephew, as next roman leader.

2.2.4 Octavian (Caesar Augustus)

Octavian assumes power at age 18

43BC - Triumverate: Octavian, Mark Anthony, Lepidus. Lepidus is subsequently dismissed.

31BC - Battle of Actium - Octavian defeats Mark Anthony. Mark Anthony had married Cleopatra, with whom Julius Caesar had ha a relationship.

29BC - Pergamum proposes to build a temple for Octavian. He agrees, with the condition that temples are built for Roma and Julius Caessar in Ephesus.

27BC - Octavian offers to yield power to senate, which subsequently make him the first emporer

2.2.5 Emperors

- Caesar Augustus 27BC - 14AD
- Tiberius 14AD - 37AD
- Caligula 37AD - 41AD
- Claudius 41AD - 54AD
- Nero 54AD - 68AD
- Vaspasian 68AD - 79AD
- Titus 79AD - 81AD
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2.2.6 Roman Triumph

- Required killing at least 5,000 enemy soldiers (civil war did not qualify)
- Initially could be arranged in honor of a general, but later was only used to celebrate the emperor.
- Designed to emphasize divine approval of the emperor
- Order of procession:
 - 1) Praetorian guard (legions were not permitted in Rome except on permission of emperor)
 - 2) Caesar dressed like a god with a purple robe, golden wreath, scepter or reed in his hands
 - 3) Soldiers “Hail Caesar”
 - 4) Procession to Forum
 - 5) Sacrificial bull with the instrument of his death (eg hammer)
 - 6) Conclusion at Capitoline Hill
 - 7) Caesar offered cup of wine as libation - poured out on head of bull
 - 8) Bull is then sacrificed
 - 9) Caesar ascends (with someone on left and right)
 - 10) Look for divine sign - flock of birds or an eclipse

John’s gospel draws parallels between triumph and crucifixion

Mark 15:6

Mark 15:17

Mark 15:18

Mark 15:20

Mark 14

Mark 15:24

Mark 15:28

Mark 15:29

I Cor 2

Col 2:15

Mark 1

Priene Calendar Inscription “beginning of good news of Caesar son of God”

At crucifixion, no one was able to figure out true identity of Jesus, which required a Roman centurion

I Cor 4:15 Leads us as captives

We are the aroma...

2.3 Regions

2.3.1 Syria

Modern day Palestine (Levant). Province of Syria important to Romans to protect them from the Parthians in the East and from Jewish rebellion in Judea. Quirinius appointed Syria Governor in AD 6¹

2.3.2 Antioch on the Orontes

After death of Alexander the Greek in 306BC, Antigonus I controls Antioch. After

2.3.3 Roman Gods

Artemis

Zeus

Hygei

Apolo

Hermes - Messenger. God of Commerce

Hercules/Paracles

Aesculapys - God of Medicine. symbol of snake- who would shed skin and regerate.

2.3.4 Helenism

Alexander the Great - Was a missionary spreading a message of Helenism

- Changed culture and sports
- Brought an individualistic mentality
- Sex and alcohol to excess

¹Wilson, p58

Chapter 3

Perga

Chapter 4

Culture

70AD Gladiators introduced to Perga - Generally a spectacle associated with a festival.

12,000 spectators

Jail was used simply to hold prisoners over until execution.

Romans were first to build free-standing theaters (Greeks built them into the hillside)

Outer Gates - 300AD Inner gates XXBC

Baths - Most popular form of leisure activity

Greeks - gymnasium - used primarily for exercise. gymnos = naked

Romans - More emphasis on waters. 867 bath houses in Rome

“Baths, wine, and sex spoil our body and make our life”

Apodyterium - changing room

4.0.1 Agora

Civic agora

Commercial agora. Inside square - statue of Hermes

Cardo - Usually north-south main street Decumanus - east-west's main street

Nymphaeum of Kystros

4.1 Barnabas and Saul

Acts 13

Acts 14:25

Set apart Barnabas and Saul

Acts 12:25

Acts 11:36

Acts 9:27 Barnabas brought Paul to council

Acts 11:22 Barnabas -> antioch. News reaches Jerusalem, which sends Barnabas

Acts 11:25-6: Believers were first called Christians in Antioch

Col 4:10

Acts xx

I Pet 5:13 Peter calls John Mark a son

Acts 13:X Pathos -> Perga

I Tim 4:11

Why Barnabas? Acts 4. He was a Levite native of Cyprus. Someone was needed who was trustworthy (vs Ananias and Siphira who lied about the process)

Barnabas vouched for Paul

Paul was culturally bilingual

One year of preparation -> scattered (?)

Why John Mark?. Mark was cousin of Barnabas and knew Jesus' life

Acts 4:36-42

Spirit didn't tell them where to go

Crucifixion was AD30. First missionary journey was 56AD

Why did John Mark leave?

- Too old
- Too Roman
- Sideways relationship with Paul

Paul confronts Peter on failing to associate with Gentiles

Did John Mark go back to avoid ministry to Gentiles?

John Mark writes gospel/founds church in Alexandria Egypt.

Mark's gospel recounts Peter's story

John Mark was one of the 120 but didn't have first-hand knowledge of the crucifixion

4.2 Common mistakes in interpreting the Bible

90% of stories depend upon location

What other events have happened at that location? - Allusion to geography

Acts 15:36

Paul to Barnabas: Let's visit

Right place to be is in the center of God's will, although not necessarily the safest.

II Tim

Get Mark and bring him to me, for he is helpful for my ministry

Chapter 5

_____ Site

Nymphaeum - Water source. Message: Gods and Goddesses bring you your water

Worship of the gods: Underlying concept is that the gods are angry and need to be appeased.

- Christians seen as atheists because they did not worship Roman gods
- Jews were offered exemption to worship of Roman gods by Caesar Augustus
- Jews later told the Romans that Christians were “not one of us”, and should not qualify for the exemption.

Question: As a Christian, do you drink the water in the Nymphaem?

5.0.1 Sarcophagus

Dead buried above ground

Chapter 6

Vaclav museum

6.1 Paul encountering Jesus on the Damascus Road

6.2 Paul in Antioch in Pisidia

Acts 13:

Now Paul and his companions set sail from Paphos and came to Perga in Pamphylia. And John left them and returned to Jerusalem, 14 but they went on from Perga and came to Antioch in Pisidia. And on the Sabbath day they went into the synagogue and sat down. 15 After the reading from the Law and the Prophets, the rulers of the synagogue sent a message to them, saying, “Brothers, if you have any word of encouragement for the people, say it.” 16 So Paul stood up, and motioning with his hand said:

6.3 Paul and Barnabas switch roles

6.3.1 Aristotlean Rhetoric

- 1) Resortium - INtroduction
- 2) Narratio - Background (vv 17-25)
- 3) Propositio - Thesis (v26)
- 4) Probato - Evidence (vv27-37) 5: Piratio - Closing argumentn (vv38-41)

Paul was made to bring the gospel to the gentiles.

Acts 13:xx-xx

“Men of Israel and you who fear God, listen. 17 The God of this people Israel chose our fathers and made the people great during their stay in the land of Egypt, and with uplifted arm he led them out of it. 18 And for about forty years he put up with[b] them in the wilderness. 19 And after destroying seven nations in the land of Canaan, he gave them their land as an inheritance. 20 All this took about 450 years. And after that he gave them judges until Samuel the prophet. 21 Then they asked for a king, and God gave them Saul the son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, for forty years. 22 And when he had removed him, he raised up David to be their king, of whom he testified and said, ‘I have found in David the son of Jesse a man after my heart, who will do all my will.’ 23 Of this man’s offspring God has brought to Israel a Savior, Jesus, as he promised. 24 Before his coming, John had proclaimed a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel. 25 And as John was finishing his course, he said, ‘What do you suppose that I am? I am not he. No, but behold, after me one is coming, the sandals of whose feet I am not worthy to untie.’ 26 “Brothers, sons of the family of Abraham, and those among you who fear God, to us has been sent the message of this salvation. 27 For those who live in Jerusalem and their rulers, because they did not recognize him nor understand the utterances of the prophets, which are read every Sabbath, fulfilled them by condemning him. 28 And though they found in him no guilt worthy of death, they asked Pilate to have him executed. 29 And when they had carried out all that was written of him, they took him down from the tree and laid him in a tomb. 30 But God raised him from the dead, 31 and for many days he appeared to those who had come up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are now his witnesses to the people. 32 And we bring you the good news that what God promised to the fathers, 33 this he has fulfilled to us their children by raising Jesus, as also it is written in the second Psalm, “‘You are my Son, today I have begotten you.’ Ad as for the fact that he raised him from the dead, no more to return to corruption, he has spoken in this way, “‘I will give you the holy and sure blessings of David.’ Therefore he says also in another psalm, “‘You will not let your Holy One see corruption.’ For David, after he had served the purpose of God in his own generation, fell asleep and was laid with his fathers and saw corruption, 37 but he whom God raised up did not see corruption. 38 Let it be known to you therefore, brothers, that through this man forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, 39 and by him everyone who believes is freed from everything from which you could not be freed by the law of Moses. 40 Beware, therefore, lest what is said in the

Prophets should come about: “‘Look, you scoffers, be astounded and perish; for I am doing a work in your days, work that you will not believe, even if one tells it to you.’”

Is 49:6

“It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

Yalvac museum

Resguste - Deeds of Caesar

Ovid - Metamorphasis 8AD Baccus and Philemon

- Wine never runs out.

Acts 14:21

But Jews came from Antioch and Iconium, and having persuaded the crowds, they stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing that he was dead. But when the disciples gathered about him, he rose up and entered the city, and on the next day he went on with Barnabas to Derbe.

Paul wasnt giving up!

42 As they went out, the people begged that these things might be told them the next Sabbath. 43 And after the meeting of the synagogue broke up, many Jews and devout converts to Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas, who, as they spoke with them, urged them to continue in the grace of God. The next Sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord. 45 But when the Jews[d] saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and began to contradict what was spoken by Paul, reviling him. 46 And Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, saying, “It was necessary that the word of God be spoken first to you. Since you thrust it aside and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, behold, we are turning to the Gentiles. 47 For so the Lord has commanded us, saying, “‘I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.’” 48 And when the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord, and as many as were appointed to eternal life believed. 49 And the word of the Lord

was spreading throughout the whole region. 50 But the Jews incited the devout women of high standing and the leading men of the city, stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and drove them out of their district. 51 But they shook off the dust from their feet against them and went to Iconium. 52 And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

Chapter 7

Antalya

7.1 History

- Founded by Attalus II
- 190BC Antiochus III defeated at battle of Magnesia by Romans + Pergamenes against Seleucid kin For events of Antiochus III See Daniel 11:10-19
- 188 BC Treaty of Apamea
- 133 BC - Attalus III willed lands to Rome, but Atalya remained free
- 64 BC - Rome annexed Atalya by Pompey
- 40-39 BC Parthians occupied Antioch on the Orantes

7.2 Saul

- Acts 7:5-8 They laid their coats at the feet of Saul
- Acts 8:1-3 Saul approved of their execution. He put beleivers in prison.
- Acts 21:39 (arrested on temple mount
- Ats 22:3

7.2.1 Tarsus

171BC citizens of Tarsus began receiving Roman citizenship. 64BC Capital of Cilicia. Site of largest philosophy school in the empire

7.2.2 Gamiel

Acts 22:3 Studied under Gamiel in Jerusalem (required \$)

Gamiel - First rabbi (my teacher) given title of rabboni (our teacher)

- Grandson of Hillel, who died when Jesus was 20. More tolerant and progressive than Shamai. Jesus tended to favor teaching of Hillel (except about marriage)

Acts 5:30-40 Gamiel (honored by all):

"If (the Way) is from God, you will not be able to stop it, because you cannot oppose God.

Acts 9:1 Saul - asked for letters for Damascus (150 miles away) to take them as prisoners

Acts 22:3

Acts 22:3-21

Acts 20:9-18

Galatians 1:3-7

Chapter 8

Antalya

Acts 9:34 Damascus Saul, Saul

Ez 1:28 Rainow / Glory -> fell face down

Acts 9:15 GO -> proclaim my names to the Gentiles

Gal 1:15-16 God set me apart from my mother's womb

Is 49 Called me from my mother's womb -> light to the Gentiles

Jer 1:5

Paul arrives in town -> goes to synagogue first

Acts 9:9

Acts 9:4

Jonah - 3 days in the whale

Fighting against the goads

Gamiel -> if the Way is from God, you cannot resist it, because you would be resisting God

Playwright from the day (Euripides): futility of resisting the gods- kick against the goads.

Gal 1: Gospel is not of human origin. As zealous as any

8.1 Zeal

Hebrew: Kana' Phineas Num 25 EliJah I kings 19:10 I have zealously served the Lord Zealots - politica group in the Inter-testimental period - Zealous and stopping at nothing - Maccabean revolt AD6

Ps 69:8-9

8.2 Paul went to Arabia (=wilderness)

I Kings 19:15 Lord says to Elijah: return to wilderness

Gal 1:17 I did not go up to Jerusalem but went to Arabia

Gal 4:25 Hagar is Mt Sinai in Arabia

(Province of Arabia is Siani penninsula - NOT Saudi Arabia)

8.3 Wilderness

God meets people in the wilderness - Moses, Issrael, Elijah, Paul

Paul spends 3 years in the wilderness getting his theology right. He was zealous in persecuting the Way, but needed to re-orient his theology.

Acts 13:13 Pamphylia

Acts 14:25-26 Perga -> Atylia -> Antioch

#Ephesus

8.4 Geography

Mount Coresssus - Hiked

Mount Pion - across valled with two humps

City with castle - Mount Ayasoluk

To left -river at base of mountains Cayster river

Oval - marshlike - Harbor - at base of where we hiked - silting of Cister river.
Water is not now 3 miles away

Teater at base of mount Peon could hold 20,000 people

Road goes from amphitheater to harbor = "Harbor Street"

Teater to covered building - Marblestreet

Building to smaller theater - Curets streeets = Curetes Street. Between tea-heater and flat room - Giant swaure with trees in middle = agora - Commercial agoara

Big square with theater on it Civic Agora

Perga - One agora

Hiked Moutn Caresis

Mount aslaouke in distance

Three major roads - harbor/marble/cure street Commercial and state agora

Magnesin gate - near bend in road outside parking lot.

Started our hike when wall goes down back side.

5 mile wall built by Lysimicus to protect city

Stadium on NorthEast of ed

Artemesis temple largest in the world only a column remains. Off North end of Moutn Peopls headed towards moutn Ayosolupe. Wasn't in city center because something fell from sky - probably piece of meteor. Built temple in swampy area. Birthplace of artemesis was behind Mount Caresus in Mount Ortygia.

Ephesus means "desirable"

Huntington College Mark Fairchild - similar to Mark Wilson

Origin myth - Amazons founded Ephesus and cult of Artemis. Amazons are Hittites. From Black Sea region.

Amazons - all-woman tribe amazing archers.

Ephesus founded 1900BC

Local peoples 1100 to 1000 BC (during time of David - Uriah the Hittite is from Turkey)

Greek colonists -> Greek influence. Settlement situated city off North side of Moutn Peon about 1000BC unto 550BC (off North end of Mt Peon.

560BC - Croesus - Lydian King takes control of city, then moves city further towards Mount Ayosolyon.

Croesus is rich - See notes from Sardis -

546 - Croesus is owned by Cyrus the Persian

334 BC conquered by Alexander the Great. Preserves city (Macedonia control)

Alexander the great dies -> generals fight.

294 BC Lysimachus gains control of Ephesus. Lysimachus moves city to between Mount Caresus and Moutn PePeon.. Lysimachus builds 5 mile wall to protect city.

282 BC Seleucids defeat Lysimachus.

Philetas city steward of Pergamum. Sides with Seleucus, who defeats Lysimachus

Battle of Magnasia

Celusids lose to Romans and Attelids

133BC Attelid III dies and wills empire to Rome.

Added to Provice of Asia 129 BC

First Century AD: Ephesus supplants Pergamum as foremost city in Asia. Fourth largest city in Roman empire behind Rome, Syrian Antioch, Alexandria. Ephesus and Syrian Antioch are similar in size. Minimum 250,000 people in Ephesus in Paul's days

Leadership in Ephesus:

Acts 18:18-21

Paul stayed many days, set sail (from Corinth) with Aquilla and Priscilla.

Paul was trying to come to Ephesus, but prevented by Holy Spirit. On Second missionary journey, drops off Aquilla and Priscilla.

Acts 14:24-28

Jew named Apollos. Had been instructed in the way of the Lord. Knew only baptism of John...proving from the scriptures that Jesus was the Christ

Acts 19:1

While Apollos was in Corinth. Paul took interior road (3rd Journey - has with him since Lystra = Timothy)

Acts 20:31

Be on your guard. For 3 years I have never stopped warning you with tears.

Acts 19:22

Timothy stayed in Asia and pastors Church

II Tim 4:11-13

Only Luke with me. Get Mark. I sent Tychicus to Ephesus.

Tichichus is pastoring in Ephesus. Timoty was buried at Ephesus. Luke is buried at Ephesus. After this. John comes to Ephesus and becomes pastor in Ephesus. At foot of corss - John behold you mother, Mother, behold your son.

Church of Mary. Mother of Jesus died here.

Long list of people pastoring in Ephesus.

Ephesus a gateway city for Troas to the East. Connect Agean to Asia

Only more highly travelled area is Israel.

Aprodesian 1750 people in Bouleterion

Built 2C AD

Constructed in Hellenistir period (Begins with Alexander the Great)

= 334 BC and followings.

Boule meeting - only members of counci could enter and vote. Otherwise could be used as Odeon (lecture hall)

Acts 19:

18 Months in Corinth -> Ephesius. Leaves Priscilla and Aquilla

Apollos - needs to hear about holy spirit.

Appolos sthen goes elsewhere

Acts 19:1

Apollos at Corinth. Paul took road through interior to Ephesus.
Have you heard of Holy Sprit> -> Jhn's Baptism. ththey were bap-
tized in name of Jesus and holy spirit am on them and they spoke
in tongues and prophesized

John ws populatJohn'smission was to prepare the way for the messiah. Baptism of repentence.

v4

Third missionary journey - 54-55AD, 25 yaears after resurrection - people still are talking about John's baptism.

Story of Jesus had still not been procolaimed in Ephesus.

First journey 46-48

Acts 15 council 49-50

2nd Journey 50-53

Third journey 53-54-57 AD.

Arrested in Jerusalem

Cesarii

Rome in 60–61

61-2 Paul released

Light chain arrest Pilat 26-36 AD -> felix festus -> agrippa

When in Rome, he is not in a prison cell. He has a right to appeal to Caesar.

Being guarded by a soldier. 64 - our

Rearrested in 67 -> brought to Nero. Paul martyred by Nero 67=68 AD

For 3 years I warned you

9 months unaccounted for

3 mo synagogue - 2 mo lecture hall -> gap 9 months ->

... so that all the Jews and Greeks heard the word of the Lord.

Seven sons of Sceva. Jesus I know, and I know about Paul, but who are you?

Magical center of Roman empire. Curses, Voodoo, incantations. Paul has a power that is coming from a different source of power.

Drachama = 1 day's wage. 50,000 drachamas went up in flames

Word spread widely and grew in power. Handkerchief gig only happens in Ephesus. A number who had practiced sorcery

Huge bonfire "we are starting church" see also in Timothy, Ephesians, Corinthians. Start of church amidst chaos.

False teaching is going to be a huge problem.

Sorcery =/= cult worship.

note lions feed off flanking stairs

Alexander offered money to help rebuild, and offered money for rebuilding.

Four times size of Parthenon. 400+ feet long, 200+ feet wide. Forest of 127 columns

Several functions

pilgrims banking government inscriptions Asylum Debtors Poor and Needy

Controlled 70,000 acres of agriculture.

#Theater - started being removed in 60AD

Ima Kevea + media keea + summa keveah

Artemesian = Artemis temple One of 7 wonders of the ancient world

1000s of pilgrims came for Spring festival of Artemis

At new testament time, temple ws 5th one built on the site. Built and rebuilt, renovated.

Located at site of meteroite falling. Traditional birthplace behind moun Pare-sis.

July 21, 356 BC Herostratus burned down temple with oil lamps and rags. Ruler banned use of his name, and baned . Herostatic fame”

Dishonoring that goddess would let the temple burn. Date is birthdate of Alexander the Great MOther goddess left her post to attend the birth of Alexander the Great

Richest sancuart apart for oracle at Delphi

Ortesia - sacred grove where she was born = Ortesia described as “paradise” = paradeisos There arose a great disturbance about The Way. Demetrius a silversmith brought in small little business for the skilled wrokers ”You know, that we received a good business, and how Paul has convinced... practically the shole province of Asia .

Acts 19

They shouted for two hours: “Great is Artemis” in the theater

Preitanus (City Clerk) quieted the crowd. (It took him two hours to get there)

People of Ephesus, doesn’t all the world know that Ephesus is neocorus of the temple of Artemis and her image that fell from heaven. Since these facts are undeniable.

Though they have neither robbed tamples or blasphemed...

IF then, Demetrius and his associates have a grievance, they can bring it to the procounsel.

As it is, we are in danger of being charged with rioting, since there is no reason for it. With that, he dismissed the assembly.

Paul was having a massive impact on the city, bot by tearing down their gods, but by evelating the gospel.

Chapter 9

Colossae

9.1 Geography

Mount Cadmus is source of water

9.2 Culture

Red-purple dye = Colossinus

9.3 History

Tell not yet excavated

480BC Xerxes (Persian) invaded

Leading city 5/6 Century BC

300BC Heropolis built

60 AD - Earthquake decimated

5/6 Century AC -> people moved out

9.4 Biblical References

Paul took road through interior to Ephesus on 3rd missionary journey Paul never met Colossians Letter written by Paul from Rome - Delivered by Tichichus

9.5 Ephesians 4: Instructions to Families

9.5.1 Domestic Relationships in Roman culture

Aristotle Politics: Household management in its perfect form: master + slave, husband + wife,

449BC - Law on 12 Tablets

Pater Familia - held power of life and death for household members

9.5.2 Ephesians 4

Paul didn't invent Roman household code. Instructions are given first to wives, then husbands (pater familias), then children. Addressing wives first was unheard of in Roman society.

9.5.3 Marriage types

- With the hand - Man brings a woman into his home (and she is subject to him) - 50%
- without the hand - Wife is not under husband's authority

9.5.4 Instructions to husbands

Husbands - Agapao - love without expecting anything in return. This was revolutionary in Roman culture, which was highly transactional. Many marriages were politically expedient

Work for master - LORD: Kuios

9.5.5 Slavery

Paul couldn't abolish slavery, as the whole economy of the Roman Empire depended upon slavery.

9.5.6 Instructions to children

Children - when asked to obey - assumes agency

Chapter 10

Pisidian Antioch

10.1 Background

Miniature Rome - founded on 7 hills

Re-founded by Caesar Augustus after he shrunk the army to 28 legions, with a resulting increase in veterans. He gave land grants in Pisidian Antioch to retired soldiers.

Herod and Caesar shared the same worldview, but Herod was hemmed in by the territory of Israel

10.2 Geography

Founded 3C BC to protect major roads. Roman roads were critical for rapid movement of troops. In peacetime, roads provided rapid travel.

6BC Via Sebaste built between Pisidian Antioch and Perga (port city on the coast).

Paul likely took the Via Sebaste north at the beginning of first missionary journey, and travelled overland on the way back

10.3 History see

City founded by Antiochus I (Seulicid)

190 BC Battle of Magnasia

189BC Treaty of Apamea

131 BC Attelid

31BC Battle of Actium. Mark Anthony defeated by Octavian (soon to become Caesar Augustus).

61BC Julius Caesar comes to power. Civil war with Pompei, who is eventually assassinated in Egypt -> Julius Caesar increases in power.

59BC - Comet appears in sky - taken as a sign that Caesar is divine.

44BC - Julius Caesar assassinated by Brutus and Cassius. Octavian comes to power at age 18.

42BC - Senate proclaims Caesar divine

25 BC Caesar refounded 'Antioch towards Pisidian' as a Roman colony

10.4 Social mobility

Roman economy was founded upon slavery. Spartacus led a slave revolt in XXX. Emperor realized that social mobility would be necessary to give some hope to slaves and prevent another slave revolt. Manumission was the process of freeing a slave, in which the slave would become a client of the former owner. Urban slaves were better off than the rural poor (freeman) because of the protection of the patron. This gave more social mobility to Roman society compared with Greek society, where once a slave you were always a slave.

Early church considered all social classes equal in standing before God, which threatened the established social order of Rome.

10.5 Eastern Frontier

Eastern frontier was a threat to Rome, both from Jewish uprising in Israel and the Parthians. Herod was instrumental in defending eastern frontier.

40BC Parthians had installed Antigonus. Herod fled to Rome to ask for help. Herodian built as a memorial. Antonian fortress - Herod was friends with Mark Anthony. When Caesar Augustus defeated Mark Anthony in 30BC Herod went over to Augustus.

10.6 Revelations

Written to the persecuted church - Written in code so that the Romans wouldn't decipher. Written to a persecuted church to remind them that Jesus was still on the throne.

10.7 Hemeneutics

Proverbs \neq promises

10.8 Bible

Acts 13:14 Paul travels to P antioch

Acts 14:21 Preached gospel and returned to Antioch

Acts 16:16

Second missionary journey

10.9 Site

10.9.1 Temple to Caesar

100 columns and 2 levels. Propylon inscription recounts deeds of Caesar.

Chapter 11

Hieropolis

Day 3 9/16

11.1 Geography

Lichus river valley - branch of Meander Interior road to Ephesus Holy city = Hieros + polis

11.2 History

200s BC Antiochus II (261BC - 246BC)

190BC Battle of Magnasia

189 Treaty of Apamea

133BC - Attelis III willed kingdom to Rome

17 AD earthquake (city is located over a seismic fault line)

60AD earthquake

Zenith in 2C BC and 3C BC with 80,000 inhabitants

11.3 Tomb scenes

Lazarus (John 11). Had been dead 4 days. People weren't considered dead until after 3 days.

Jesus weeps: feels the pain of death in Lazarus. Sin and death were joined since the Fall.

Resurrection: John 20. Mary thought he was the gardener.

God partners with humanity to bring wholeness

11.4 Signs of Jesus

- 1) Wedding at Cana John 2
- 2) Healing of official's son Jn 4:43
- 3) Healing of paralytic at Bethsaida Jn 5
- 4) Feeding 5000 John 6
- 5) Walking on water
- 6) John 9
- 7) Healing of Lazarus Jn 11
- 8) Resurrection of Jesus - a new reality. First day of the new week. First day of new life.

New tomb in which no one had been laid

Cross and tomb both in a garden

Theology required an empty tomb

Cor 15 - No hope without resurrection

Gardner redeems the garden

11.5 Garden of Eden

Sin destroys our relationships:

- With God
- With ourselves
- With others
- with Creation

John 18

Jesus crosses Kidron valley to go to a garden (no mention of Gethsemane).

(Gethsemane = oil + pressing)

John doesn't include "take this cup" or Judas. He wants the audience to know "there is victory in the garden"

Empty tomb represents more than just forgiveness of sins.

Eternal life doesn't just begin after we die. Restoration of all things means reconciling us to ourselves.

Exile in Babylon occurs because Israel did not give the land a Sabbath.

Jesus doesn't want to just forgive us for our brokenness.

Rev 22: Renewed heaven and earth.

End game is about Shalom

Discipleship in addition to salvation

11.5.1 Water = chaos = demonic

Red sea = sea parted

Jordan River = waters parted

Bethany beyond Jordan - Jesus redeems the Jordan river

Battle with chaos by the word (??)

John comes in the spirit of Elijah

Elijah leaves the earth at the Jordan

John channels Elijah - wearing skins, etc

Naaman ~ healing of lepers by Jesus

Chapter 12

Martyrium of Philip

Built 4c/5C AD in honor of Philip, who was martyred 80sAD

Edict of Milan - Constantine made Christianity legal

Who was Philip

- 1) Philip the disciple
- 2) Philip the evangelist in Acts (who preaches to Ethiopian eunich)

John 1:43

Finding Philip, from Bethsaida (only recounted by John)

John

Turning to Philip

John xx:20

Greeks came to Philip in order to speak to Jesus

John 14:8-9

Philip said: "show us the father"

Apocrypha: Book of Philip

- Eye condition -> healed

Church grows in persecution and dies in complacency

Gap between expectations and reality => crisis of faith. eg "I can't believe in a God who would allow this to happen"

Modern technology increases our ability to predict the unknown

Life does not allow the same control as our phones

"Get thee behind me, Satan!" When we can die to our expectation, we can be open to his leading.

Chapter 13

Laodicea

To Colossae and Laodicea and those I have not met

Epiphra - Pastor for Colossae

Mount Cadmis - Source of cold water

13.1 History

Village fortified in 260BC

Built by Antiochus II mid 3C BC

190 BC -> given to Attelid kingdom

17AD Earthquake

26AD Competed with 10 cities to become neokorus for Tiberius, who later chose Smyrna, citing a lack of finances in Laodicea for the project. As a result, the city made it a goal to make money.

60AD after earthquake, Laodicea refused Nero's aid in rebuilding (because of their wealth). Colossae was not given aid by Nero because they were considered "no longer important"

13.2 Economy

- 1) Banking center
- 2) Medical center specializing in ophthalmology. Eye salve collrium (sp?). Demontheses wrote an ophthalmology textbook
- 3) Athletics and Gladiatorial competition

- 4) Black wool - due to high lime content in water. Lime content meant that you might vomit after drinking the water.
- 5) Zeno family - "Throne City" cf Plancia Magna, benefactress of XXXX

13.3 Geography

Hot water - hot springs of Hieropolis - brought healing Cold water - Colossae - cool and refreshing

I know your deeds (not "I know your faith" or "I know your theology")

I wish you were hot or cold

You are good for nothing (vs Laodicea - "I don't need a thing")

Church began to take on ethos of the community/city.

When Nero did not provide funding for rebuilding of Colossae, Laodicea didn't help.

So be zealous and repent

We have gotten good at confession (I am off the path) rather than repentance (returning to the path).

God loves repentance (cf David sins and then repents)

Imperatives:

- Hear
- Be zealous
- Repent

Roman soldiers had the right to knock on a door and come in to be garrisoned and supplied, and ask for clothing for colleagues.

"sup with you" = *Deipnon* (?) in greek

Multiple copies made of Revelation - each church sees the letters to the other churches, so that the group of churches can help them repent and can learn from each others' mistakes

Laodicea was midway between Hieropolis and Colossae

Chapter 14

Philadelphia

Day 4 9/17 at 16:30

14.1 Background

1 - “Gateway to the East” 2 - Promoted Hellenistic values

14.2 Culture and industry

Famous for grape production due to volcanic soil. Catacecaumene = “burnt land”

14.3 Religion

Patron saint - Dionysus

- God of wine
- God of the arts esp theater
- God of Spring Break

14.4 History

Founded by Attelis II (ruled 168-158 BC). Nicknamed Philadelphus because elder brother ruled Attelid kingdom (Eumenes II) before him from 197-159BC.

In the 160s Attelis II made a trip to Rome, and Rome wanted him to overthrow his brother. Eumenes found out, and named his brother Philadelphus

- 133BC Attelis III wills empire to Rome
- 17AD earthquake decimated. People moved outside city for over a year due to aftershocks.
 - Tiberius suspended taxes for 5 years -> in gratitude, name of city is changed to Neocaesarea
- During Nero, name changed back to Philadelphia
- 60AD earthquake -> Vespasian provides \$ -> name changed to Flavia (his wife)
- 92 Domation edict: 50% of all farmland to be sown in grain. This was a problem for the local economy, and the soil would not support growing wheat.
- After Domitian's death -> name changed back to Philadelphia.

#Bible

I will make them my pillars -> my new name

Open door - a gateway that no one can shut.

Pillars - stability You have little power

I will write on (pillars) my new name

Rev 6:10

Is Jesus is gatekeeper to new Jerusalem

Is 60:4-15 Children of oppressors will bow down before you. Then I will call you XXX of my name

Is 45:14 When the bow

Is 49:23 Kings shall be your

I will make (synagogue of satan) bow and acknowledge that I have loved you.

Is 62:1-2 vindication: You will be called by a new name which the mouth of the Lord shall bestow

14.5 Jews and Christians

Jews were granted an exemption to cult worship (ie sacrificing meat to idols), and had to pay a tax

Jews later told the Romans that the Christians were not part of them.

Jews believed that the Christian faith was a farce.

I will keep you from the hour of the test for the whole world (=unrighteous??)

Only imperative: "hold fast" = Krateo eg grab onto a fishing net in the middle of a storm.

All Greek words come from 7 trades

I am coming soon =/= a rapture

I thess 4 Will be aught up together in the cloud. Meet = apantasis. When the emperor comes to the city, the citizens go out to meet him and escort him into the city.

Dan 7:13

Dan 7:11 - boastful word: Beast slain

Chapter 15

Aphrodisia

Friday Morning September 17th

City of Marble (1 mile from marble quarry)

Origins as small village until 2nd century BC Growth as artisans began to move from Pergamum Incorporated as city in 1st century BC 44BC Julius Cesar assassinated - Brutus and Cassius were responsible - Octavian and Mark Anthony and _____ form triumvirate - Civil war between Octavian and Mark Anthony vs Brutus and Cassius - Aphrodisia supported Octavian - Labienus and his followers supported Brutus and Cassius - Labienus pillories Aphrodisia for their support of Octavian 42BC Octavian and Mark Anthony defeat Brutus and Cassius (who commit suicide) 39BC Mark Anthony grants free city status to Aphrodisia for their loyalty to him 30BC Mark Anthony commits suicide after defeat by Octavian (Caesar Augustus) Inscription in wall from Julius Cesar: "I love this city and take it as my own"

15.1 Origin Stories

Homer writes Iliad and Odyssey, which forms origin story for Greece Virgil writes Aeneid, which connects Greek and Roman origin stories.

Story starts when Troy is burning (same scene as end of Iliad). Aphrodite (Venus) is father of Aeneas

15.1.1 Emperors connected with Aphrodite in their own origin story

Emrit - 2 miles outside of Caesari Philippi

- Temple to Cesar Augustus
- Status of Venus present => Emperor identified with Aphrodite

15.2 Temple to Adphodite

Tetrapylon - Gateway into sanctuary - built 200AD

Temenos - Courtyard Proneos - Front part Neos - Holy of Holies

Chapter 16

Museum

Obelisk - 125 different names of those providing for those in need. Three categories of names:

- Jews (n=61)
- Proselytes (n=3) Gentiles who desire to convert to Judaism. Wikipedia
 - (Baptized)
 - Circumcision
 - Kosher laws
- God-Fearing (n=52)

Gentiles who want to worship Yaweh but don't want to adopt culture of Jews.
Link

Acts 13:16

So Paul stood up, and motioning with his hand said: "Men of Israel and you who fear God, listen.

Acts 17:4

And some of them were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a great many of the devout Greeks and not a few of the leading women.

Acts 17:17

So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there.

16.1 Sebastieon

16.1.1 Aphrodite

- Goddess of Love. Usually depicted as sensual
- Mother Goddess. Statue found in Temple to Aphrodite portrays her as mother goddess (in full length dress)

Sebastos = venerable one = Greek version of Augustus

The Sebasteion, excavated in 1979-81, was a grandiose temple complex dedicated to Aphrodite and the Julio-Claudian emperors. Its construction stretched over two generations, from c. AD 20 to 60, from the reign of Tiberius to that of Nero. The complex was paid for by two prominent Aphrodisian families. It consisted of a Corinthian temple and a narrow processional avenue (90 x 14 m) flanked by two portico-like buildings, each three-storeyed (12 m high), with superimposed Doric, Ionic, and Corinthian orders. These North and South Buildings, which defined the processional avenue, carried marble reliefs in their upper two storeys for their whole length. The reliefs were framed by the columnar architecture so that the two facades looked like closed picture-walls. Some 200 reliefs were required for the whole project, and more than 80 were recovered in the excavation. They featured Roman emperors, Greek myths, and a series of personified ethnē or 'nations' of Augustus' world empire, from the Ethiopians of eastern Africa to the Callaeci of western Spain.

Temple to Aphrodite and Julio-Claudian emperors (except Caligula)

Reliefs recounted the deeds of the emperor.

Poema = Work of poetry

Eph 2:8-10

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

We are God's Sebastien - recounting of his deeds

"Do you know what it means that you are God's workmanship? What is art? Art is beautiful, art is valuable, and art is an expression of the inner being of the maker, of the artist. Imagine what that means. You're beautiful, you're valuable, and you're an expression of the very inner being of the Artist, the divine Artist, God Himself.

You see, when Jesus gave Himself on the Cross, He didn't say, "I'm going to die just so you know I love you." He said, "I'm going to die, I'm going to bleed, for your splendor. I'm going to re-create you into something beautiful. I will turn you into something splendid, magnificent. I'm the Artist; you're the art. I'm the Painter; you're the canvas. I'm the Sculptor; you're the marble. You don't look like much there in the quarry, but I can see. Oh, I can see!" Jesus is an Artist!" And you beloved are His crowning achievement, His masterpiece!¹

How do our lives (and deeds) communicate a message about who God is?

I Peter - Living stones buiolt together

Your body is a temple

I Cor 3

I Cor 6

=> Allow God to shape your life

16.2 Kingdom of Priests

16.3 Parable of the Vineyard

Saturday Sept 18th morning

Ancient vineyards run along the ground. In contact with ground, grapes can become contaminated with fungus (grape smut?) which stunts their growth. Modern vineyards raise the vines off the ground on wires. In ancient times, if the Vinedresser found contaminated grapes, he would lift up the vines or a rock or on a forked stick in order to allow the sun to dry off the grapes and combat grape fungus.

Every branch that bears fruit the vinedresser prunes, that it will bear more fruit.

Pruning cuts off leaves

- Allows sun to get to other leaves
- Permits directing nutrients

We need to trim the good things in our lives to make energy for the great things. Requires being clear on who you are and what you are uniquely called (and gifted) to do

¹Tim Keller

“Good to Great” - Enemy of great is good

Brad Gray - As a candidate for a pastoral job - re-wrote the job description and handed it back to search committee.

Look at how many times Jesus disappointed those around him (people he didn't heal). “That is why I have been sent”

Jesus's imperative : **remain in me**

16.4 What are the fruit

16.4.1 Good works

You will know (false prophets) by their fruit - Can a bramble bear good fruit?

16.4.2 Fruits of the Spirit

Character as evidenced by good deeds

16.5 John 15-17

Where do the events in these chapters take place?

John 14: Let us leave (Upper Room)

John 18 - Jesus left -> crossed the Kidron Valley Perhaps they left the Eastern Gate after leaving the temple, which would lead to the garden (also referred to as Gethsemane).

16.5.1 Did John 15-17 take place in the Temple

Temple was left unlocked during Passover (so that the Messiah wouldn't be locked out of the temple)

Jesus was the new Moses

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Chapter 17

Sardis Site

Saturday Sept 18th morning

Large site

17.1 History

Founded 1400BC - Center of Lydian Kingdom

Roman province of Asia established 129BC

First community to start dying wool, created dice,

17.1.1 Heraclids Dynasty.

Earliest rulers: Heraclids - ruled 505 years and 55 kings

Last Heraclids king: Croesus - had beautiful wife. Demanded that his chief bodyguard see her naked to know how beautiful she was. Croesus hid Gyges in his wife's bedroom. Wife discovers Gyges and proposes two options to address her dishonor: Gyges would kill himself, or would kill her husband (for arranging dishonor), and she would marry him. Gyges would become first of Mermnad dynasty.

17.1.2 Mermnad Dynasty

Herodotus - Mermnad rulers invented coinage

Mining gold in Pactolus river runs between Acropolis and Necropolis

17.2 Battle with Cyrus

Croesus - Mermnad king. Ten years into his rein, debates challenging Cyrus (leader of Persian empire).

Inquires of Oracle at Delphi. Was told: *If you cross the River Hales, a great kingdom would be destroyed*

547BC Croesus crosses the Haley river at Cappodicia to fight Cyrus. Battle ends in stalemate. The end of the fighting season ends, Croesus dismissed the allied armies and heads back to Sardis. Cyrus pursues Croesus and asks the allied armies to join him, but they refuse.

October 546BC Cyrus besieged Sardis for one year.

Persian soldier observed a Lydian soldier climb down the wall to retrieve a dropped helmet. This observation identified an area of vulnerability in the wall. A small team was able to breach the wall at night, and open the city gates.

334BC - Sardis remained in Persian control

Conquered by Alexander the Great

220 BC - Celucid king in control

Achaeus usurped authority and rebelled against Antiochus III and pronounced himself king.

Antiochus III besieged Sardis for two years.

Soldier named Lagoris noted that in an area along the wall where dead animals were thrown over the wall, the vultures perched on the wall without being disturbed, meaning that area was not guarded.

Chapter 18

Thyatira

Smallest city, but longest letter

(Why site a city where there is no natural protection?)

3000 BC Lydian town - located near site of Lydian worship of sun god Tyrinnus.

Seleucus I formed a military colony with Macedonian soldiers in 300s BC

190 BC Seleucids under Antiochus III held the city.

188 BC Treaty of Apamea resulted in control by the Attelids

129BC incorporated into Roman province of Asia

18.1 Culture

Manufacturing city: Bronze working, baking, shoemaking

Acts 16:19 Paul by the river... Woman Lydia from Thyatira, craftsman of purple cloth. (Location would have been Phillipi)

18.2 Deeds

Word used 5x in letter: ergon $\epsilon\rho\omega\nu$

James

Faith - pistos \$ \$ Works - ergon $\epsilon\rho\omega\nu$

18.3 Food sacrificed to idols

Acts 15:29

that you abstain from what has been sacrificed to idols, and from blood, and from what has been strangled, and from sexual immorality. If you keep yourselves from these, you will do well. Farewell.”

Acts 21:25

But as for the Gentiles who have believed, we have sent a letter with our judgment that they should abstain from what has been sacrificed to idols, and from blood, and from what has been strangled, and from sexual immorality.”

Chapter 19

Pergamum

\$ /pi /epsilon /rho /gamma /alpha /mu /omega /sigma \$ = Height / Elevation
/ Citadel

19.1 Geography

Located on a mountain - easily defensible. No steep cliff like Sardis. Not a port city.

19.2 History

Settlement 8th Century BC

Controlled by Alexander the Great.

After Alexander's death, empire split among Alexander's generals.

- Lysimachus takes control of western Asia
- Seleucus takes control of territories to the East
- Seleucus attacks Lysimachus in order to expand his territory
- Philetaerus - steward of the city of Pergamum for Lysimachus: Switches sides to Seleucus just prior to the battle for Pergamum.
- Seleucus wins and rewards Philetaerus, who became wealthy, and first Attalid king.

212 BC: Alliance of Rome and Attalus I attacks Antiochus III the Great and wins. Rome allows Attalus to keep control of Pergamum (as they were skeptical that they could control a large modern city.)

190 BC Battle of Magnasia

189 BC Treaty of Apamea

133 BC Antiochus III wills his empire to Rome

129 BC Pergamum become capitol of province of Asia. 150 AD Ephesus is on the ascendency and overshadows Pergamum. Ephesus has a port, which Pergamum does not.

31 BC Octavian defeats Mark Anthony at Battle of ____.

29 BC Pergamum asks Octavian to allow it to be the first city to construct a temple for emperor worship. Octavian agrees, on the condition that temples are also constructed at Ephesus and Nicea to Roma and Julius Caesar.

19.2.1 Ius Gladii

Only Roman governors and the emperor were given the right of the sword, meaning the power to execute capital punishment. Roman legionnaires carried a double-edged sword. Emperor carried a pear-shaped sword (to emphasize their power of life and death). Usual mechanism of capital punishment was the gladiatorial ring.

19.3 Throne of Satan

Sites of pagan worship in Pergamum which might be candidates for “Throne of Satan”:

19.3.1 Temple of Zeus

Located in Bergama museum in Berlin. Built around 170BC by Eumenes II

Rev 8:34 Incense smoke rising off the altar

Tabernacle - 12 loaves of show-bread, which are exchanged every Sabbath. Priests eat bread after Shabbat -> “I provide for you”

19.3.2 Temple of Athena

Second largest library in the ancient world

Julius Caesar invaded Alexandria and destroyed the library. Mark Anthony plunders library in Pergamum in retaliation.

Built in 36BC as first temple.

Athena was goddess of wisdom (cf “I am the way, the truth, and the life”)

19.3.3 Trajan Temple

Built 98-117 AD for emperor worship.

Original temple built in 29 BC for emperor worship has not been found.

26 AD 2nd temple built for Smyrna - Neokorus for Tiberius. This means that for 50 years, Pergamum was leading site for emperor worship.

98 AD Trajan selects Pergamum as site for construction of temple for emperor worship. Platform for temple supported by Arches (similar to arches supporting Herod's Temple in Jerusalem)

19.3.4 Letter to Ephesians

Ephesians 1-3: Christian identity. Chapters 4-6: Christian behavior. Fits pattern of identity -> Calling -> Conduct.

Our fight is not against flesh and blood.

Armour of God is defensive

Roman soldiers forbidden to protect hamstrings (so that they would not be comfortable running away from the enemy).

Need a community to stand firm similar to how Roman soldiers were able to create a strong defensive position by interlocking their shields ("tortus")

Right relationships » Right behaviors

19.3.5 Temple to Dionysus

Theater began in ancient Greece

Springtime festival: Dionysus was resurrected from the dead each spring. Dionysus was patron saint of theater and the arts.

Patron deity of arts and theater

Tragedy and Comedy

Pantomime - One actor plays all roles. Suggestive and sensual

Mime - Dialog without masks. Crude. Very popular. Could be performed in the agora

Eph 5

Not even a hint of ... or coarse jesting

Symposia = “drinking together”

Convivium - less sexual and more intellectual

Roman relationships were all transactional

XXX Room - Stone couches with pillows. Women and boys available

Libation - drink offering to the Gods

Thomas Cahill - fragment of 4C BC comedy which comments on how a symposia typically progresses

Jesus - I am the resurrection and the life (reference to Dionysus)

Jn 6

I am the living bread which comes down from heaven. Unless you eat my flesh and drink my blood, you have no part of me. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert and died.

“Room clearing speech”

John doesn’t include Last Supper

Took | Blessed | Broke | Gave - these elements were in the feeding of the 5,000

Podium Hall - could accommodate 70 worshippers of Dionysus. Meat (sacrificed on altar) and wine - body and blood of Dionysus.

19.4 Demeter = Ceres

Goddess of grain

Jn

I am the bread of life.

Only way to get into sanctuary is to be sprinkled with the blood of piglets.

Included an altar to an unknown god.

19.5 Aescylupian

Aescylapius - Father is Apollo. God of inspiration.

Epiparis

Most famous hospital in ancient world

Snakes - symbol of regeneration (they shed their skin)

If healed -> Can commission terra cotta body parts

Library

Stoa = Covered colonnade

Sacred Spring

Galen - practiced at Pergamum

Pythia - Oracle to speak to people for treatment regimens from gods

Soter = savior

#Ephesus

Ephesus a gateway city for Troas to the East, connecting the Aegean to Asia.
Only more highly traveled area is Israel.

19.6 Geography

Located at mouth of Cayster River as it flows to Aegean Sea. Silting of the Cayster River meant that the Aegean sea moved further and further away from Ephesus over the centuries. At the time of Paul, the river

Mount Coressus - Hiked

Mount Pion - across valley from Coressus with two humps

Mount Ayasoluk - Ottoman castle (after 1340 AD)

Locations of Ephesus

- Ionian city at base of Mount Pion
- Lydian/Persian/Greek city near the Artemisian
- Lysimachus moved to valley between Coressus and Pion (294BC - 650AD)
- Byzantine city near Ayasoluk

Theater at base of mount Pion could hold 20,000 people

Road goes from amphitheater to harbor = "Harbor Street"

Theater to covered building - Marble Street

Building to smaller theater - Curetes Street.

Commercial Agora between theater and villas (inside large flat-roofed structure)

Civic agora - large square with theater (by contrast, Perga had one agora)

Magnesin gate - near bend in road outside parking lot.

5 mile wall built by Lysimachus to protect city

Stadium on NorthEast

19.6.1 History

Origin myth - Amazons, all-woman tribe of Hittites from the Black Sea region, founded Ephesus and cult of Artemis. Amazons were reputed to have cut off their breasts after child-rearing so as not to interfere with their skill as archers

Ephesus founded 1900BC

Local peoples 1100 to 1000 BC (during time of David - Uriah the Hittite is from Turkey)

Greek colonists -> Greek influence. Settlement situated city off North side of Mount Peon about 1000BC until 550BC (off North end of Mt Peon).

560BC - Lydian King Croesus takes control of city, then moves city further towards Mount Ayasoluk.

546BC - Croesus is defeated by Cyrus I of Persia

334 BC Ephesus is conquered by Alexander the Great, who preserves the city.

301 BC Alexander the Great dies and his generals fight for control of the kingdom.

294 BC Lysimachus gains control of Ephesus, moves city to between Mount Croesus and Mount Pion, and builds a 5-mile wall to protect city.

282 BC Seleucus Nicator defeats Lysimachus. Philaterus was the city steward of Pergamum, who just before the battle sides with the Seleucids, who subsequently defeat Lysimachus.

Battle of Magnesia

Seleucids lose to Romans and Attalids

133BC Attalid III dies and wills empire to Rome.

Added to Roman Province of Asia 129 BC

First Century AD: Ephesus supplants Pergamum as foremost city in Asia. Fourth largest city in Roman empire behind Rome, Syrian Antioch, Alexandria. Ephesus and Syrian Antioch are similar in size. Minimum 250,000 people in Ephesus in Paul's day.

19.6.1.1 Artemis Temple

Ephesus was temple keeper (neokoros) for Artemis. Temple was largest in the world, of which only a solitary column remains. Off North end of Mt Pion headed towards Mount Ayasoluk. Temple located outside city gates because by legend a meteor fell from the sky in a swampy area. Birthplace of Artemis was behind Mount Coressus in Mount Ortygia.

19.7 Paul in Ephesus:

Acts 18:18-21

Paul stayed many days, set sail (from Corinth) with Aquilla and Priscilla.

Paul was trying to come to Ephesus, but was prevented by the Holy Spirit. On Second missionary journey, drops off Aquilla and Priscilla.

Acts 14:24-28

Jew named Apollos. Had been instructed in the way of the Lord. Knew only baptism of John...proving from the scriptures that Jesus was the Christ

Acts 19:1

While Apollos was in Corinth. Paul took interior road (3rd Journey - has with him since Lystra = Timothy)

Acts 20:31

Be on your guard. For 3 years I have never stopped warning you with tears.

Acts 19:22

Timothy stayed in Asia and pastors the church

II tim 4:11-13

Only Luke with me. Get Mark. I sent Tichicus to Ephesus.

Tichicus is pastoring in Ephesus. Timothy was buried at Ephesus. Luke is buried at Ephesus. After this. John comes to Ephesus and becomes pastor in Ephesus.

19.7.1 Mary Mother of Jesus

On the cross, Jesus says "John behold your mother, Mother, behold your son."

Two theories regarding later life of Mary mother of Jesus

- Came with John to XXX
- Jesus's brothers took care of her.

19.7.2 Aphrodesian Theater

Aphrodesian theater: Built in 2c AD and could hold 1750 people in Bouleterion. Constructed in Hellenistic period (Begins with Alexander the Great 334BC ff). Bouleterion used for meeting of boule = city council, during which time only council members could enter. Otherwise could be used as Odeon (lecture hall)

Acts 19:

Paul spends 18 Months in Corinth -> Ephesus. Leaves Priscilla and Aquilla

Apollos - needs to hear about holy spirit -> receives Holy Spirit -> goes elsewhere

Acts 19:1

Apollos at Corinth. Paul took road through interior to Ephesus. Have you heard of Holy Spirit? -> John's Baptism. They were baptized in name of Jesus and holy spirit came on them and they spoke in tongues and prophesized

John (the Baptizer)'s mission was a baptism of repentance in order to prepare the way for the Messiah. Events of Acts 19 occur during Paul's third missionary journey (54-55AD), 25 years after resurrection - people still are talking about John's baptism. *John's ministry must have had a profound impact*, as the gospel of Jesus had still not been proclaimed in Ephesus.

19.7.3 Paul's Journeys

- First journey 46-48
- Acts 15 council 49-50
- 2nd Journey 50-53
- Third journey 53-54-57 AD.
- Arrested in Jerusalem
- Caesarea Philippi
- Rome in 60AD - 61AD
- Paul released 61AD
- Rearrested 67AD
- Martyred by Nero 68AD

19.8 False teaching a major problem in Ephesus

19.9 Sorcery

Seven sons of Sceva

Jesus I know, and I know about Paul, but who are you?

Ephesus was the center of magic in the Roman empire. Curses, Voodoo, incantations. Paul has a power that is coming from a different source of power. Drachama = 1 days wage. When sorcers burn their scrolls, 50,000 drachamas went up in flames. What a way to start a church! The healing through handkerchiefs only happens in Ephesus - perhaps because the citizens were open to supernatural powers. Sorcery is NOT cult worship (of emperors or GrecoRoman gods).

19.10 Artemesian Temple

Four times size of Parthenon. 400+ feet long, 200+ feet wide, with forest of 127 columns. Temple had several functions:

- Destination for pilgrims
- Banking
- Governmental inscriptions
- Asylum
- Debtors
- Poor and Needy

Artemesian cult controlled 70,000 acres of agriculture. Alexander offered money to help rebuild. 1000s of pilgrims came for Spring festival of Artemis

At new testament time, temple was seventh one built on the site, having been rebuilt and remodeled multiple times.

Located at site of meteorite falling. Traditional birthplace behind mountain Parnassus.

July 21, 356 BC Herostratus burned down temple with oil lamps and rags July 21, 356BC (Alexander the Great's birthday). Rulers banned use of his name. "Herostratic fame" is now in common parlance. Dishonoring that goddess would let the temple burn. Date is birthdate of Alexander the Great. "Back Story?" goddess left her post to attend the birth of Alexander the Great

Richest sanctuary apart from oracle at Delphi

Ortesia - sacred grove where Artemis was born, described as “paradise” = paradeisos

Acts 19:

There arose a great disturbance about The Way. Demetrius a silversmith brought in no little business for the skilled workers ”You know, that we received a good business, and how Paul has convinced... practically the whole province of Asia.

Acts 19

They shouted for two hours: “Great is Artemis” in the theater

Preitanus (City Clerk) quieted the crowd. (It took him two hours to get there)

People of Ephesus, doesn’t all the world know that Ephesus is neocorus of the temple of Artemis and her image that fell from heaven. Since these facts are undeniable.

Though they have neither robbed temples or blasphemed...

IF then, Demetrius and his associates have a grievance, they can bring it to the procounsel.

As it is, we are in danger of being charged with rioting, since there is no reason for it. With that, he dismissed the assembly.

Paul was having a massive impact on the city, not by tearing down their gods, but by elevating the gospel.

19.10.1 Theater

Renovations started 60AD

Ima Kevea + media kevea + summa kevea

Chapter 20

Thursday

20.1 Angels of the Churches

7 starts and 7 lamp stands.

Who are angels? Ethos of the community

Roland Worth. John addresses angel and church simultaneously (interchangeable).

?Angel is bishop or pastor. (Jezebel reference). There isn't a single pastor or bishop. Paul is raising up a lead of pastors or leaders. John oversees leaders of each of the communities of house churches.

Angel is also messenger. Could this be a person identified in each church as a courier.

20.1.1 Ears to hear

Is 6:8-10

Whom shall I send? Send me. Be ever hearing, but never understanding... otherwise, they may hear and understand.

Jer 5:21

Written to Southern Kingdom after Babylonian exile of the Northern Church

Hear

Ex 12:2

You are living among a rebellious people, who have ear and do not hear

Ez 3:27

Ps 115:1-8

Idols have eyes but do not see, and have ears but do not hear

Mark 8

After feeding of 4000

Why are you talking about having no bread? Are your hearts hardened? Do you have eyes to see and not see and ears to hear and do not hear?

Later, Jesus goes to Bethsaida. Heals blind man. (partial healing is an illustration of disciples hearts)

Do you see anything?

Chapter 21

Prene - Temple to Athena

11C BC city founded

350BC re-founded due to silting of Meander river. Pre-planned city. Hippodamian planning: all roads run at right angles. Prene is best type-site for Greek city design.

Population at zenith: 15,000

334 BC - Alexander the Great visits. City surrenders. Miletas chose to resist and was besieged by Alexander. During siege, Alexander visits and helps dedicate temple to Athena. Alexander the Great welcomed into Ephesus as well. (Provides funds for rebuilding temple to Artemis, which was declined as it was thought inappropriate for one god to contribute to another).

Attelids control Prene

Attelid III wills empire to Rome

21.0.1 Temple

Inscription: "King Alexander dedicated this temple to Athena". Athena is the goddess of war (and wisdom). Alexander sought to change the world through Hellenism. Athena: I am the way, the truth, and the life

Designed by Pythius (also designed mausoleum at Honocarnasus, also a 7 wonder of the ancient world). At the time, wrote a treatise on how temple was constructed, which was used as a manual until 2C BC.

Emperor worship was major competitor to the gospel for the early church. Italians did not easily accept divinity of cesear, but Asia did accept divinity of the emperors.

21.0.2 Alexandrian

21.0.3 Synagogue

6C AD

Inscription of menorah

Torah closet

Early church met in homes in residential areas.

No church buildings until 4C AD (due to legalization of Christianity)

We needed to hear story anew.

Museum - If you show up in Asia Minor and want to preach the good news (divine man, believe on Jesus and be saved) - people would say “got that”

21.1 Church’s ministry to the Culture

How did church change Asia minor? Community. Christians acted (deeds) contrary to culture. Paul: We are God’s workmanship (poema) to walk

Love others as yourself (contrary to transactional relationship in Roman society).

Caring for others (adoption of infants exposed and those abandoned in the market).

Sexual ethic of Christians was different from roman society

Treatment of women and children and slaves. Women were seen as more than object of male gratification.

No longer male/female, master/slave, Jew/Greek - both in justification and in dignity.

Genesis - God created us in his image: male and female.

Major beef with Christians:

- 1) Destruction of social order. Roman economy was based upon slavery. Spartacus in 73BC broke out of gladiator in Capua near bay of Naples and led a slave revolt. Two motivations: median averages - Amassed 90,000 people who joined revolt, most slaves rescued from country villas. Fort was on Mount Vesuvius. He gave dignity to slaves. 71BC Crassus put down revolt -> crucified 6000 rebels along Appian way. Communicated message about revolt and giving dignity to slaves.

- 2) Redefined power. If you sacrifice to Cesar, you give to him. If you worship Jesus, he will sacrifice for you.
- 3) As Roman society decayed, divinity of emperors started to make less sense. Tiberius - last 10 years he abrogates responsibility and leaves Sejanus in charge and Tiberius departs for a life of debauchery. Local governors (such as Pilate) needed to take more responsibility. Caligula. Problem with assassinating a divine ruler. Augustus was golden age of empire (44 years of peace, then dies a natural death).
- 4) Tangible power of the Christian community, in contrast to distant deity of the emperor. House churches: unity and ?underground economy in Thyatira, to avoid participation in guilds. Broke bread together. Studying together. Mutual prayer. Evangelizing. Singing together.

Colossians

As you teach and admonish one another, with worshiping and singing

House church - Lord's supper.

Example: Church at Corinth

I Cor

I have no praise for you. Your meetings do more harm than good. Some of you go ahead with your own private suppers. As a result, some are hungry and others get drunk. Don't you have homes to eat or drink in? Or do you despise the church to humiliate those who are poor. For I received from the Lord what I have passed on to you. In the same way, after the supper he took the cup.

At the heart of Jesus' message is sacrifice for others.

In this way you celebrate the Lord's death until he comes.

Whoever eats or drinks in an unworthy manner, drinks judgement

whoever eats and drinks without discerning the body of Christ (ie knowing needs of the body).

Some sickness is the result of sin...

Sin is destructive in when it takes root.

But if we were more discerning, ... but we are being disciplined

- 6) Christians believed in the Holy Spirit, which was personally present in people's lives.

Julius Caesar ascended on a comet to the right hand of Saturn. He was present but distant.

Town Clerk: Paul has never maligned the gods.

Role of the leader is to close the gap.

Need the testing of God's work (rather than criticizing other church leaders from the stage).

21.1.1 Message of Jesus

Barakh - Hebrew work can be translated - to bless or uplift or give praise to. Most usage is to bless God. "Blessed are you Lord our God"... Literal meaning is to bend a knee. We kneel to bring attention to God. When we bend a knee, we make someone else bigger. When we humble ourselves, we make someone else greater

Phil 2:5-8

In your relationships with one another, have the same... as Jesus, who took on humanity. Did not consider his _____ came in human likeness, became obedient to the cross

Matt 20:25-30

The rulers of the Gentiles lord it over the them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you, Instead, whoever . Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and give his life as a ransom for many.

Cross was the most humiliating instrument in the ancient world.

John 13: 1-5

Jesus knew that it was time... He now showed them the full extent of his love. He knew that the father had put all things under his. He got up and began to wash the disciples feet.

Jesus bends a knee as he washes his feet. A rabbi would never wash the feet of his students. Jesus had put Peter in the servant's position. John is in seat of predominance. Peter should have washed everyone's feet, and Jesus's washing of feet is a sign Peter had missed his responsibility

John 13: -17

when he had finished washing. Do you understand what I have done? You call me teacher and Lord, Now that I have washed your feet, you should wash one another's feet. No servant is greater than is master, nor a messenger than the one who sent. You will be blessed if you do this.

Who bends the knee to whom in your world? In your marriage?? Among friends? At work? At church? In family?

Proposal on bended knee -> made a promise to bend a knee in the marriage.

=> Jesus was at the core of our life, as he served and sacrificed for us.

John 17:20-23

High priestly prayer. My prayer is not for them alone, but also for , that all of them may be one, just as I am in you and you and me, that they may believe,... that they may be brought to complete unity.

Heb 10:

Since we have a great priest, let us draw near to God, having our hearts sprinkled. Let us hold unswervingly . Let us consider how we can spur one another on to good deeds. Let us not abandon meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, proclaiming the coming of Christ.

Agora manager

Priene Calendar Inscription 9BC of Caesar Augustus

Since providence has ordered all things, whome she filled with all virtue, sending him as a savior for us, that he might end war, surpassing all previous benefactors... And since the birthday of Augustus was the beginning of the evangelion of Caesar.

Chapter 22

Oracle

120 columns - each takes 20,000 hours of work

Built around sacred spring

Delphi - adyton built over a fissure in the rock, which released gas which put priests in a trance.

Adyton - Inside naiskos = inner temple. Adyton is inner chamber inside naiskos.

Pythea - sitting on top of tripod, inhaling vapors -> trance. Priest would stay outside adyton and ask pythea. Oracle would speak back the answer is a different voice than her own. She was taken over by spirit of Apollo. Pythea = oracle. Once named, couldn't leave. At times, she would become hysterical, and would be dead in a few days.

Minority report (Tom Hanks)

Similar to what was happening at aesclypeon in Ephesus. Was there a dark magic operating?

Oracles in ancient world: 3/6 are in Asia Minor.

Paul in Ephesus: Statements which could be understood by Ephesian audience.

Acts 20:20 I have taught you publicly from house to house.

Acts 20:27 I have not hesitated to proclaim to you the whole will of God

Acts 20:33 I have not coveted anyone silver, gold, or clothing.

Ephesians 1:7-9 In him we have redemption in his blood, in the riches of his grace, making known to us the mystery of his will, which he set forth in Christ.

Mystery =/= secret. Secret is intended to be kept hidden, but a mystery is intended to be revealed over time.

Oracle was a central fact of Roman culture known throughout Asia Minor. People travelled long distances in order to hear from the gods to ask important questions.

We have all the words of God in our bibles. Are we ignoring the wisdom of God's revealed word? The word of God is what guides our path.

22.1 Holiness

Paul's letter

Rom 1:7

Grace to you and peace

I Cor 1:1

Eph 1:1

Paul and apostle

Paul and Timothy

Col 1:1-2

Paul and Timothy

Col 3:12

As God's chosen People

Heb 3:1

Fix your thoughts

Genesis 1: Human space and God's space overlap.

After fall, sin has brought separation between human space and God's space.

Tabernacle so that I can dwell among them. Needs to build a space where there can be overlap between human and God's space where he can overlap with

586 BC Babylonians burn temple.

537 BC Cyrus: People can go back

516BC temple re-dedicated -> becomes massive structure on Temple Mount

John : HE tabernacled among us.

Jesus: Do not leave until you receive the spirit.

God changes his location from tabernacle to his spirit.. God's presence is no longer contained within a temple. Language going forward: You are a new temple.

Eph 2:19 Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers. With Christ Jesus himself and the church

.. in which God lives by his spirit.

You are God's temple. You are that temple.

Your body is the temple (singular)

Jesus came to heal separation between God and unholy people.

Never been about the space, (eg the church building) but about the people

Rev 21 - God's dwelling is now with his people. Complete redemption

God meets with Israel Ex 19 and 20 - time of Shavuot = {pentecost}

Mt Sinai occurs at Pentecost

Change in identity - Saint who sins (rather than sinner saved by grace)

Early church prior to 400AD didn't have buildings

God changed his address from the temple to the church (people)

Once Christianity became legal, built buildings and decline followed.

1 Cor 3:16-17 If anyone destroys the temple, God will destroy that person. Does this mean factionality in the Church? Disunity = destroying unity

Shalom - Started in Shalom - shattered -> rebuilt -> restored in final days of history.

Chapter 23

Miletas

Two harbors

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- Lions harbor

City abandoned by silting of Meander river and malaria from swamp formed by Meander river

6C BC most prosperous Greek city in country. 60,000 people. One of first cities to mint coins (along with Sardis).

494BC Persians fought against Miletas - Island of Laode -> defeats Miletas' fleet, which made Miletas inferior to Ephesus.

Third imperial cult temple here (Pergamum, Smyrna). Caligula followed. Caligula wanted temple built while he was living. Neocorus for Caligula.

After 3D BC - Meander silting, city declined.

Largest agora ever built in Greek world. Heropolis had largest in Roman world

Miletas was neocorus for Apollo (Ephesus ~ Artemis).

Apollo Sanctuary in Miletas and temple in Didyma

II Tim 4:20

Erastus stayed in Corinth. I left trophamis sick in Miletas

Greek inscription: "The place of the Jews who are god-fearers".

Chapter 24

Wrap up

How do you say goodbye to someone you believe you won't ever see again.

Acts 20

(end of Paul's third missionary journey): Trying to get to Jerusalem in time for Pentacost.

Arrived at Miletas. (Paul had decided to avoid Ephesus to arrive in Jerusalem by Pentacost.

Paul sent to Ephesus for the elders of the church. When they arrived, Paul said: You know how I lived the whole time I was with you, from the first time I entered the province of Asia I served the Lord with great humility despite the plots of the Jews, but taught you publicly from house to house. I have proclaimed to Jews and Greeks that they need to place their faith in Jesus. But the spirit warns me... But my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord has given me, the task of testifying to the good news of God's grace. I know none of you will ever see me again. Therefore, I declare to you today that I am innocent of anyone's blood. I have given you the whole counsel of God. Be shepherds of the church of God. Even from your own number, some will arrive, so be on your guard. Remember that for three years I never stopped warning you night and day with tears. I have not coveted anyone's silver, or gold or clothes. In everything I did, I worked to help the weak... It is more blessed to give than to receive.

Departed from harbor at Miletas.

Started with Paul in a harbor.

I Cor 11:1

Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ

Could we say: “Be imitators of me, as I follow Christ”?

Help the weak (those on the under-side of power)

Admonish with tears

Be shepherds of the church - a group of people leading another group of people

Every where I go, the spirit warns me that hardship is headed my way.

I held nothing back

No retirement from Kingdom work

John records:

John 17:3 Jesus’s prayer for us:

This is eternal life, that they know you I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you give me to do.

Artists - Last 10% makes or breaks the work...

(strengthen your hands to finish strong)

Chapter 25

Resources

25.1 Scripture memorization

With memorization: scripture is always available and “inside”

- 1) Find arc and movement of the story line. Read several times
- 2) Memorize images of lines of scripture on the bible page
- 3) Speak it 7 times outloud - ready to go on to next verse
- 4) Break up into chunks, then repeat chunks together
- 5) when tricky- draw a picture or acronym (especially for lists)
- 6) Motions with hands to remember what’s next. Muscle memory for motions
- 7) Memory temple

Beatitudes:

- Poor in spirit (dust on head)
- Mourn - (tear)
- Humble (no nose in the air)
- Hungry (mouth)
- Merciful (no grabbing the neck)
- Peacemakers (hands)
- Persecuted (sawn in half)

- 8) Memory is a muscle

- 9) Hebrew has a cadence when reciting. Look for rhythm and beat.
- 10) No substitution for repetition
- 11) Scriptures tend to be visual (Psalm 1 - Walk -> sit -> stand)

25.2 Communication Resources

Carmine Gallo

- Talk like TED
- Storytellers Secret

25.3 Other Resources

Church Called Tov

Leaders Who Last

Sticky Faith