

turkey

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# Chapter 1

## Turkey Trip

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

- Day 1: Antalya
- Day 2:
- Day 3:
- Day 9: Pierene





# 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 Roman Empire

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

#### 2.2.1 Emperors

- Caesar Augustus
- Tiberius
- Caligula

#### 2.2.2 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.

### 2.2.3 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

### 2.2.4 Site

Nymphaeum - Water souce. 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 athiests 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? ###  
Sarcophagus

Dead buried above ground

## Chapter 3

# Vaclav museum

### 3.1 Paul encountering Jesus on the Damascus Road

### 3.2 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:

### 3.3 Paul and Barnabas switch roles

#### 3.3.1 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 4

# Antalya

### 4.1 History

- Founded by Attalus II
- 190BC Antiochus III defeated at battle of Magnesia by Romans + Pergamenes. 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 Orontes

### 4.2 Saul

(Look at how people are introduced“)

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

#### 4.2.1 Tarsus

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

### 4.2.2 Gamiel

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

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

- Grandson of Hillel

Hillel

- Died when Jesus was 20
- More Progressive/tolerant

Shamai

- More conservative

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 5

## 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

### 5.1 Zeal

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

Ps 69:8-9

## 5.2 Paul went to Arabia

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)

## 5.3 Wilderness

God meets people in the wilderness - Moses, Israel - 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.

Acsts 13:13 Pamphylia

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

#Ephesus

## 5.4 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 if rich - See notes from Sardin -

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.

Phileterus city steward of Pergamum. Sides with Seleucids, 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 Cesar.

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 renovated in 60AD

Ima Kevea + media kee + 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 moutn Paresis.

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 6

# Colossae

### 6.1 Geography

Mount Cadmus is source of water

### 6.2 Culture

Red-purple dye = Colossinus

### 6.3 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

### 6.4 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

## 6.5 Ephesians 4: Instructions to Families

### 6.5.1 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

### 6.5.2 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.

### 6.5.3 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

### 6.5.4 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

### 6.5.5 Slavery

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

### 6.5.6 Instructions to children

Children - when asked to obey - assumes agency

## Chapter 7

# 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"

### 7.1 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

#### 7.1.1 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

## 7.2 Temple to Adphodite

Tetrapylon - Gateway into sanctuary - built 200AD

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

## Chapter 8

# 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.

## 8.1 Sebastieon

### 8.1.1 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!<sup>1</sup>

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

## 8.2 Kingdom of Priests

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<sup>1</sup>Tim Keller





## Chapter 9

# Sardis

Saturday Sept 18th morning

### 9.1 Gospel of John

- Written to Asia

### 9.2 Vineyards

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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.

Vinedresser in ancient times if they found contaminated grapes, would lift up vines on 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

“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”

Imperative : **remain in me**

## 9.3 What are the fruit

### 9.3.1 Good works

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

### 9.3.2 Fruits of the Spirit

Character as evidenced by good deeds

## 9.4 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).

### 9.4.1 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 10

# Sardis Site

Saturday Sept 18th morning

Large site

### 10.1 History

Founded 1400BC - Center of Lydian Kingdom

Roman province of Asia established 129BC

First community to start dying wool, created dice,

#### 10.1.1 Heraclids Dynasty.

Earliest rulers: Heraclids - ruled 505 years and 55 kings

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

#### 10.1.2 Mermnad Dynasty

Herodotus - Mermnad rulers invented coinage

Mining gold in Pactolus river runs between Acropolis and Necropolis

## 10.2 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 solder observed a Lydian soldier climb down the wall to retrieve a dropped helmet. This observation identified an ara 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

# Chapter 11

## 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 Tyrimnus.

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 Attalids 129BC incorporated into Roman province of Asia

### 11.1 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 Phillippi)

### 11.2 Deeds

Word used 5x in letter: ergon *ἔργον*

James

Faith - pistos \$      \$ Workd - ergon *ἔργον*

### 11.3 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 12

# Philadelphia

### 12.1 Background

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

### 12.2 Culture and industry

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

### 12.3 Religion

Patron saint - Dionysus

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

### 12.4 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





# Chapter 13

## Pergamum

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

### 13.1 Geography

Not a port city

Located on a mountain - easily defendable. No steep cliff like Sardis

### 13.2 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

Philetaerus becomes 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

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

31 BC Octavian defeats Mark Anthony i 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 \_\_\_\_.

### 13.2.1 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.

## 13.3 Throne of Satan

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

### 13.3.1 Temple of Zeus

### 13.3.2 Temple of Athena

### 13.3.3 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 - Neocordis 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. Supported by Arches (similar to Herod supporting Temple in Jerusalem)

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

#### **13.3.4 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.

##### **13.3.4.1**



# Chapter 14

## Thursday

### 14.1 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.

#### 14.1.1 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 15

# 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

### 15.0.1 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.

### 15.0.2 Alexandrian

### 15.0.3 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”

## 15.1 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).

### 15.1.1 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 16

# 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.

## 16.1 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 Christ

.. 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 rededication

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 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 17

# 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 18

### 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 19

## Resources

### 19.1 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)

## 19.2 Communication Resources

Carmine Gallo

- Talk like TED
- Storytellers Secret

## 19.3 Other Resources

Church Called Tov

Leaders Who Last

Sticky Faith