

The Call to Overcome Deception and Sinful Toleration

Revelation 2:12-17





Pergamum

Thyatira

Sardis

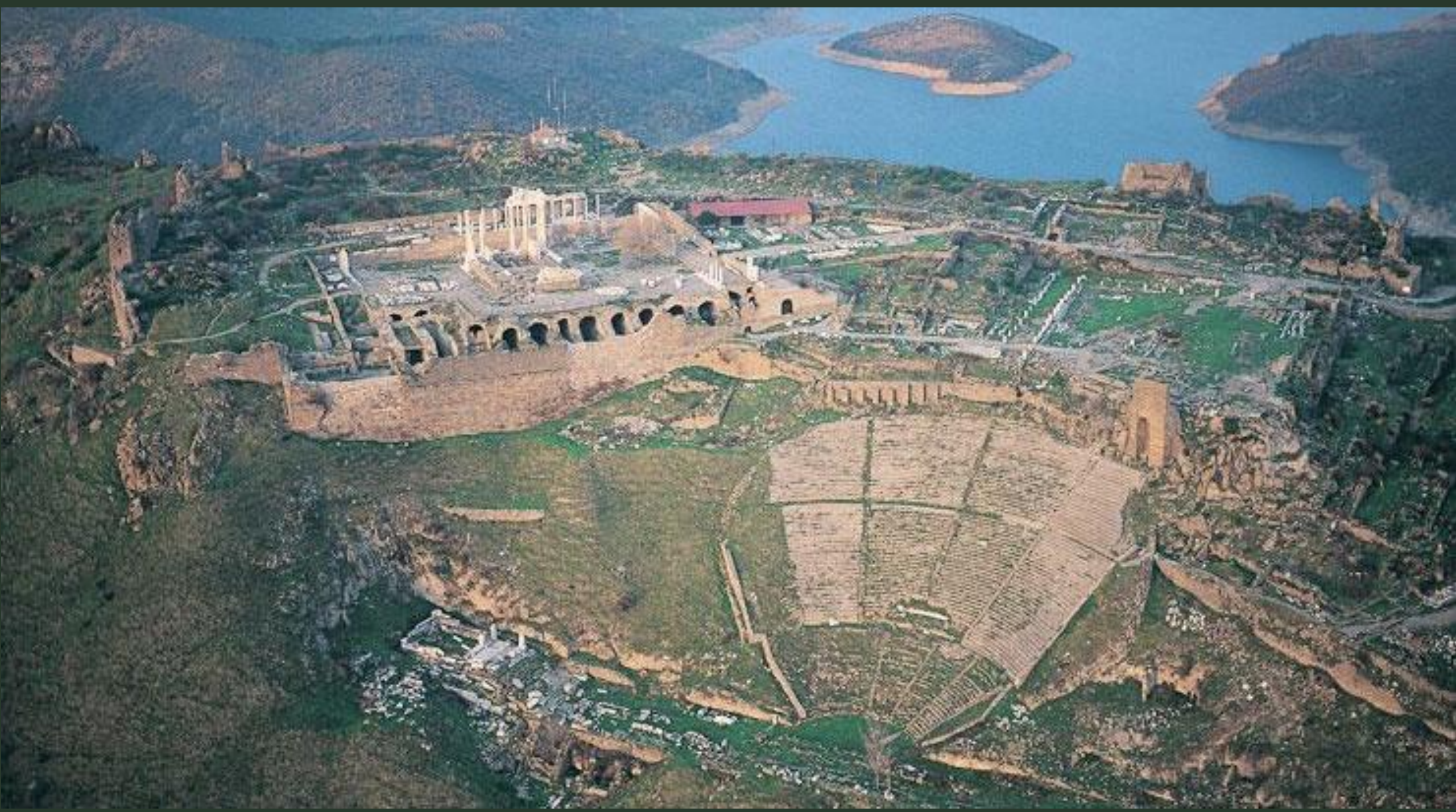
Smyrna

Philadelphia

Ephesus

Laodicea

Patmos





Altar of Zeus



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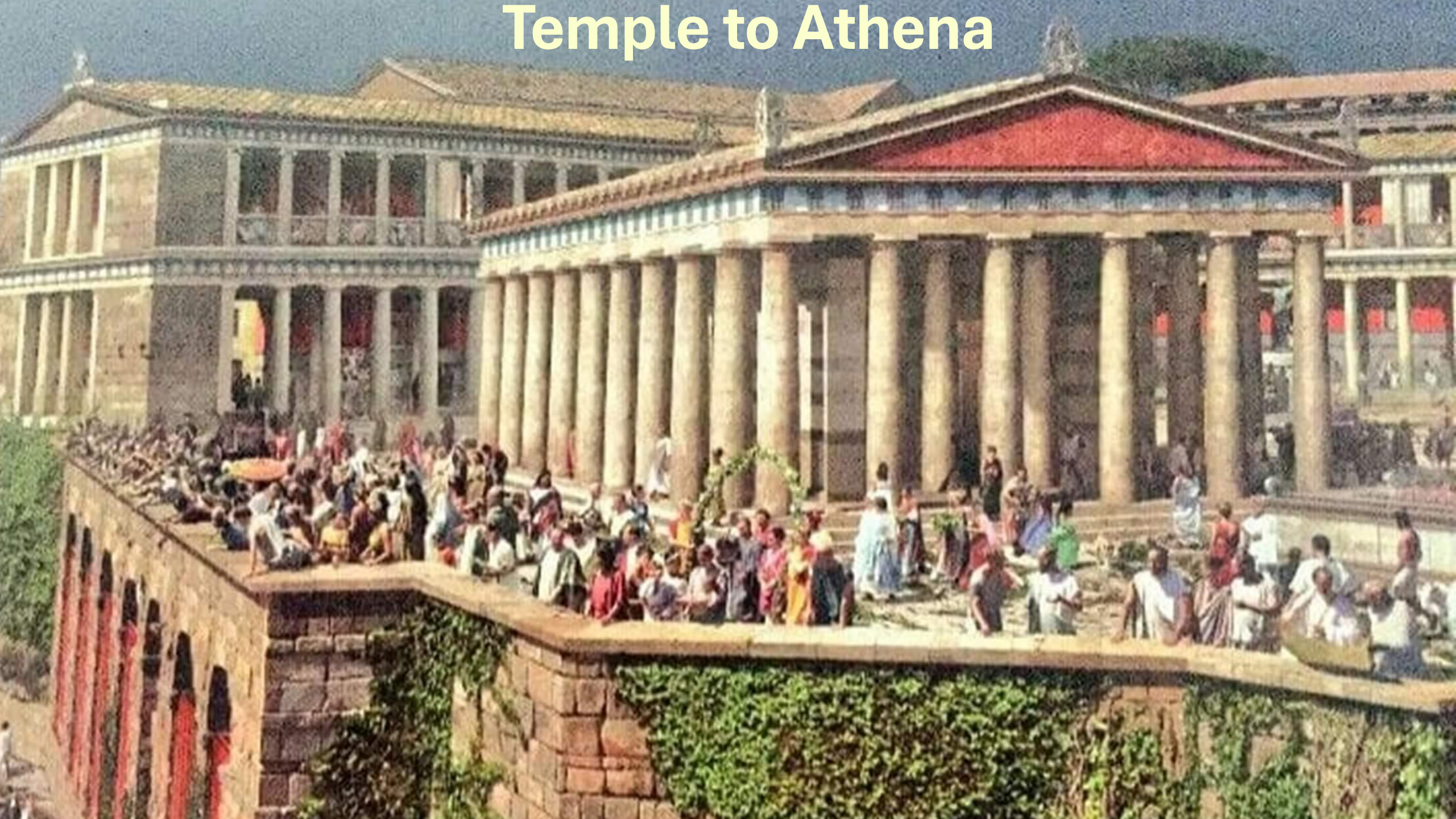
Zeppelin Field





Temple to Athena

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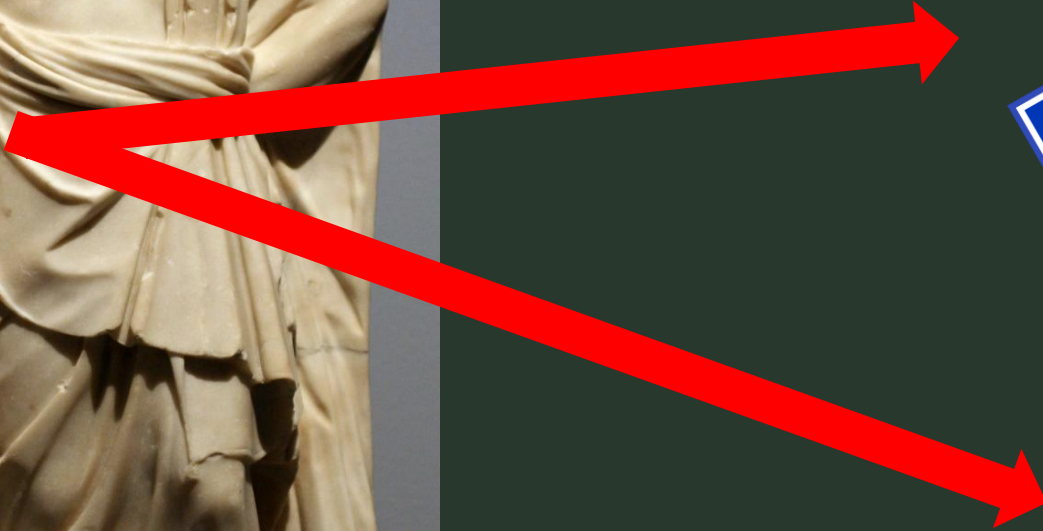
Theater / Temple to Dionysus



Temple of Trajan



Temple of Asclepius





Asclepion = “healing center”





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Matthew 28:18

And Jesus came and said to them,
“**All authority** in heaven and on
earth has been given to me.

Acts 17:30-31

The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which **he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed**; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

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John 19:10-11

So Pilate said to him, "You will not speak to me? Do you not know that I have authority to release you and authority to crucify you?" Jesus answered him, "You would have no authority over me at all **unless it had been given you from above.**"

Acts 4:27-28

" Sovereign Lord... truly in this city there were gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, both Herod and **Pontius Pilate**, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, **to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place.**

Matthew 16:18

I will build my church, and the
gates of hell shall not prevail
against it.

“The Teaching of Balaam”

Numbers 22-24

Numbers 31:15-16

Numbers 25

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Isaiah 11:4

He shall strike the earth with the
**rod of his mouth, and with the
breath of his lips** he shall kill the
wicked.

1 Corinthians 5:1-2

It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and of a kind that is not tolerated even among pagans, for a man has his father's wife. And you are arrogant! Ought you not rather to mourn? **Let him who has done this be removed from among you.**

1 Corinthians 5:11

...But now I am writing to you not to associate with anyone who bears the name of brother if he is guilty of sexual immorality or greed, or is an idolater, reviler, drunkard, or swindler—not even to eat with such a one. “Purge the evil person from among you.”

1 Corinthians 6:9

Do not be deceived, neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters...will inherit the kingdom of God.

1 Corinthians 13:6

Love does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth.

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John 6:48-51

Jesus declared "I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. **If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever.**

Revelation 19:12

12 His eyes are like a flame of fire,
and on his head are many diadems,
and **he has a name written that
no one knows but himself.**

Revelation 3:12

The one who conquers, I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God. Never shall he go out of it, and I will write on him ...**my own new name.**

John 16:33

In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; **I have overcome** the world.