

The Call to Overcome Loveless Orthodoxy

Revelation 2:1-7

Ephesus



Roman Provinces







Pergamum

Thyatira

Sardis

Smyrna

Philadelphia

Ephesus

Laodicea

Patmos

Harbor



Commercial Agora of Ephesus



Artemision (Temple of Artemis)



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Ampitheater (Acts 19:23-24)



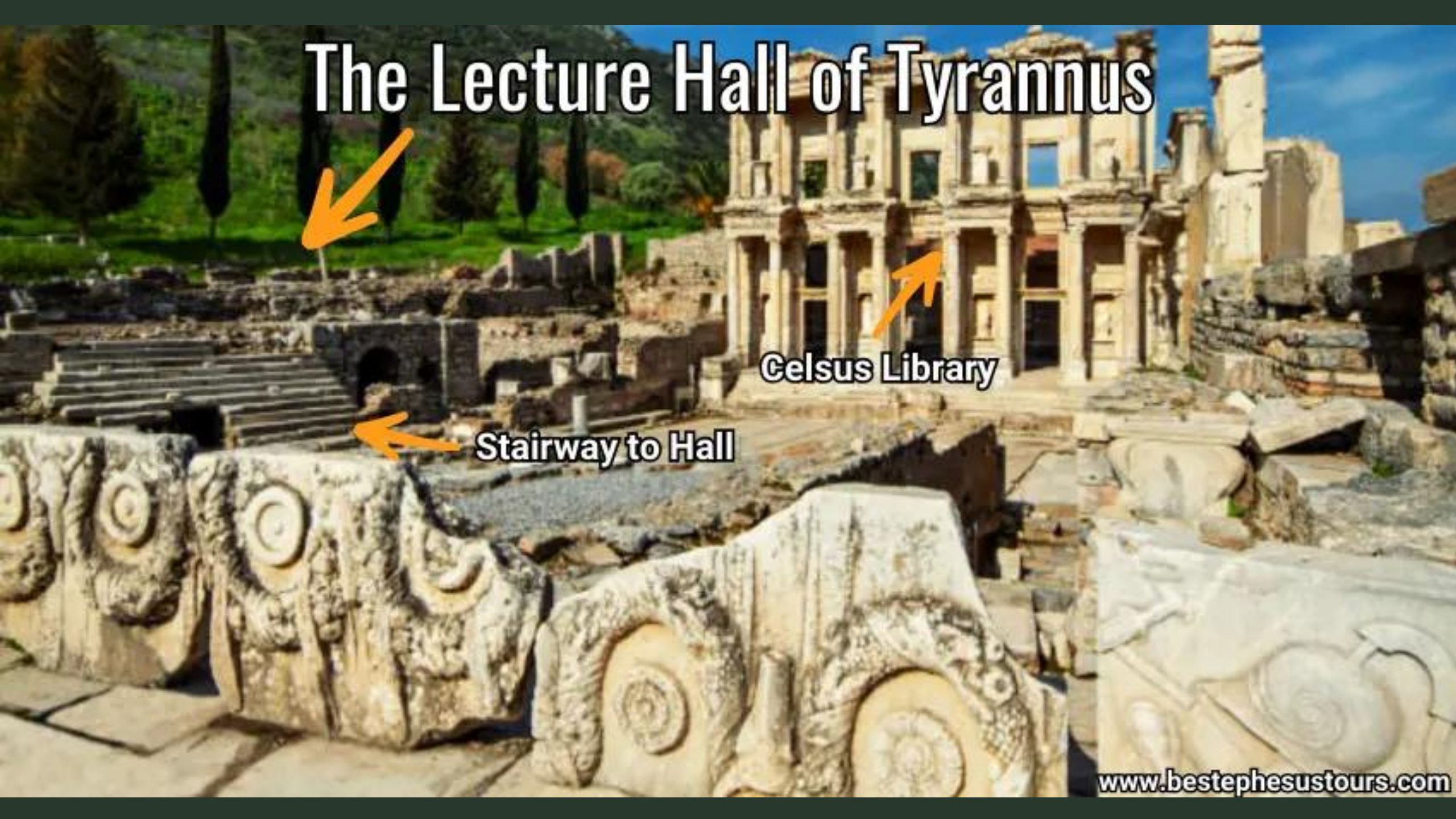
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The Lecture Hall of Tyrannus



Celsus Library

Stairway to Hall

Ephesus



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John 10:27-28

“My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and **no one will snatch them out of my hand.**”

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Acts 20:29-30

"I know that after my departure fierce wolves would come in among the Ephesian church, not sparing the flock; and from within the church men would arise speaking twisted things, to draw away disciples after them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears."

1 Timothy 4:16

“Keep a close watch on yourself and on the teaching. Persist in this, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers.”

1 Corinthians 13:3

If I give away all I have, and if I
deliver up my body to be burned,
but have not love, I gain nothing.

"Love is the overflow and expansion of **joy in God**, which **gladly** meets the needs of others" – John Piper

Acts 19:18-20

“Also many of those who were now believers came, confessing and divulging their practices. And a number of those who had practiced magic arts brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all. And they counted the value of them and found it came to fifty thousand pieces of silver. So the word of the Lord continued to increase and prevail mightily.””

1 Corinthians 13:2

And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.

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1 John 4:19

“We love because he first loved us...”