



# CHURCHES of REVELATION EPHESUS



# TURKEY

## As we look at the churches:

- Remember, that they were real places!
  - Jesus is in the Midst of them all
  - Look for the recurring phrases; Names/Titles
  - “I know...”; “He who overcomes...” “Hear...”
  - Look for what is being commended or judged
  - What warnings/promise are made?

# Ephesus

- Most well known of the 7
  - Acts 18:19ff; Apollos, Timothy, John
  - Mighty outpouring of HS
  - Paul spent almost 2 years here (Acts 19:10)
  - Book of Ephesians written...
  - Demetrius the silversmith





# To the Church IN Ephesus:

- Jesus:
  - The ONE who Holds the Seven stars (ministers)
  - Walks among the Seven lampstands (churches)
  - I KNOW – *oida* and in 2:9,13,19; 3:1,8,15
    - Your deeds – *ergon*, work, all life and conduct
    - Your toil – *kopos* – labor united with trouble
    - Perseverance – *hupomone* - endurance

# To the Church IN Ephesus:

- I KNOW :

- Cannot endure evil men – *bastazō* - carry, support
- Put false apostles to the test – *peirazo* – test quality
- Perseverance – *hupomone* again...
- Endured – *bastazō* – in the best sense of carrying
- Not grown weary *kopiaō* – exhausted, tired



# Warning!

- I have this against you...
  - “your love the first” *agape* (Jn 13:34,35; 15:12)
  - aphiemi* – you have left, forsake, disregard
  - aorist active – point in time, now!
- “They had remained orthodox, but had become unloving partly because of the controversies with the Nicolaitans.” ATR

# Warning!

- Nicolaitans – (6) mentioned in verse 2?, 15
  - Hated by Jesus, ‘nuf said?
  - Error of Balaam (see 14)
  - Love can be lost when working hard/fighting error
- Teaching:
  - Christ had done away with the law of the Old Testament and had instituted the law of Christian liberty.
  - that the soul and spirit of man was far more important than his body.
- Not just teachings, “deeds” (6)

# The Way Back:

- Remember – *mnēmoneuō* pres. act. imper.
  - From where you fell – Feelings of warmth/passion, fervor, fellowship, awareness of Him/ His people
  - Fallen into a valley from the high state of love
- *REPENT* – *metanoēō* – change mind, attitude, conduct
  - Beware of what has replaced this attitude of love
- Do the deeds /“do’s”

# WARNING:

- I will remove your lampstand!!! Quickly!
  - A terrifying loss of Christ's presence
  - Is anything worth this???
  - Dead, lifeless, empty, foundationless, orthodoxy
- Hating the deeds of Nicolaitans was good
  - But not enough...
- Hear what the Spirit is saying to CHURCHES
  - 2:7,11,17,28; 3:3,6,13,22

# Blessing:

- Overcomers – *nikao* pres. act, continuous...
  - Jo16:33; 1Jo 2:13; 4:4; 5:4; Re 2:7,11,17,26 ; 3:5,12, 21
- “to him” – addressed to individuals
- Eat of the TREE of Life (Gen 2:9)
- The Paradise of God = HEAVEN!!! (Lk 23:43)
- AMEN!