



PART 6B: God's outline for Revelation

PART 7A: The church age – Ephesus & Smyrna

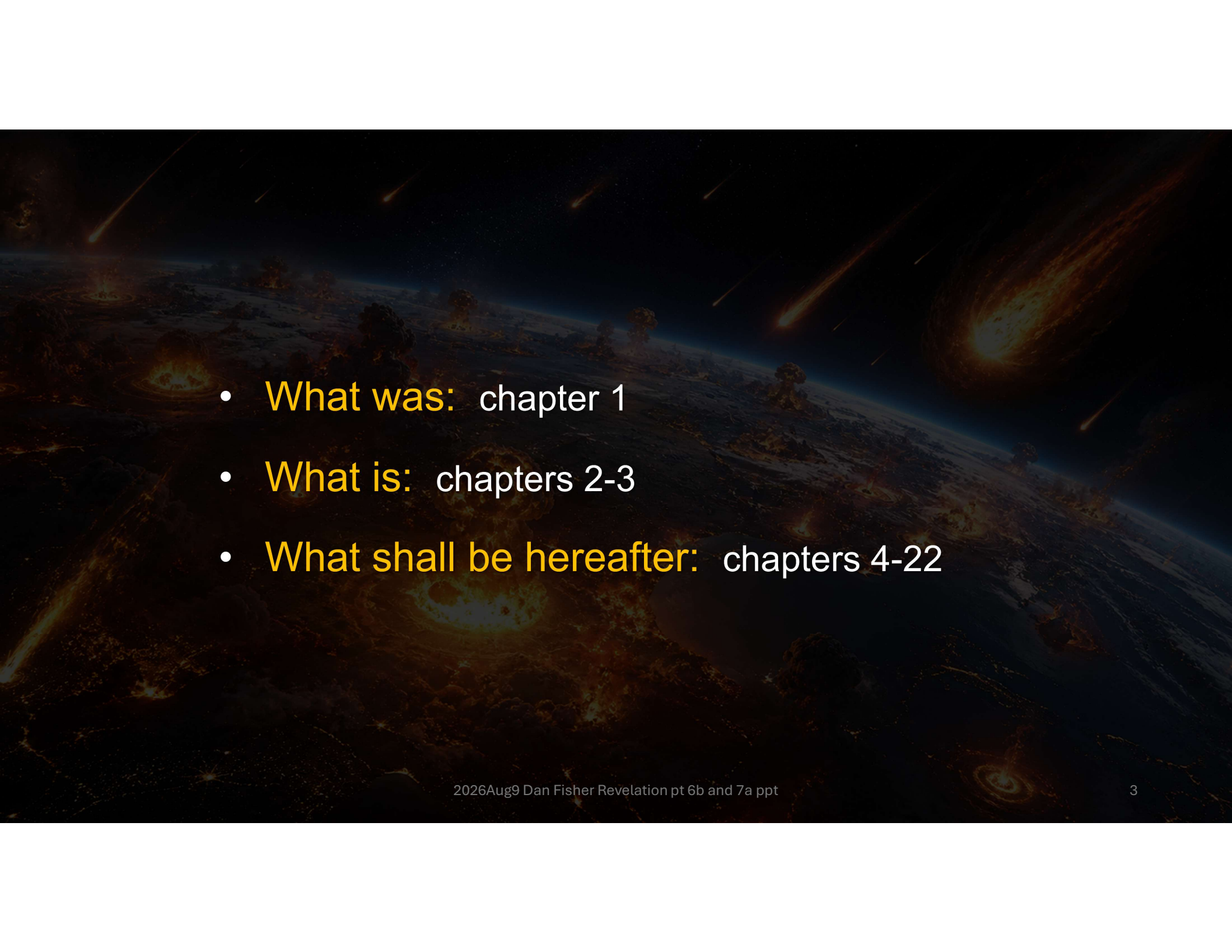
THE BOOK OF
REVELATION
A STORY OF THE LAST DAYS

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The background of the slide is a dark, cosmic scene. It features several bright, glowing galaxies in shades of blue, orange, and yellow. Numerous streaks of light, resembling meteors or comets, are scattered across the dark space, some appearing as long, thin lines and others as more concentrated bursts of light. The overall effect is one of vastness and celestial activity.

1. God has provided a simple outline of Revelation for us to follow

“Write therefore the things that you have seen, those that are and those that are to take place after this.” **Rev 1:19**

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- **What was:** chapter 1
 - **What is:** chapters 2-3
 - **What shall be hereafter:** chapters 4-22



The things which are – **the churches**

Message to the Seven Churches



A map of the region of Asia Minor (modern-day Turkey) showing the locations of the Seven Churches. A light gray line traces a path connecting the cities. The cities are labeled as follows:

- Pergamum
- Thyatira
- Sardis
- Philadelphia
- Laodicea
- Ephesus
- Smyrna

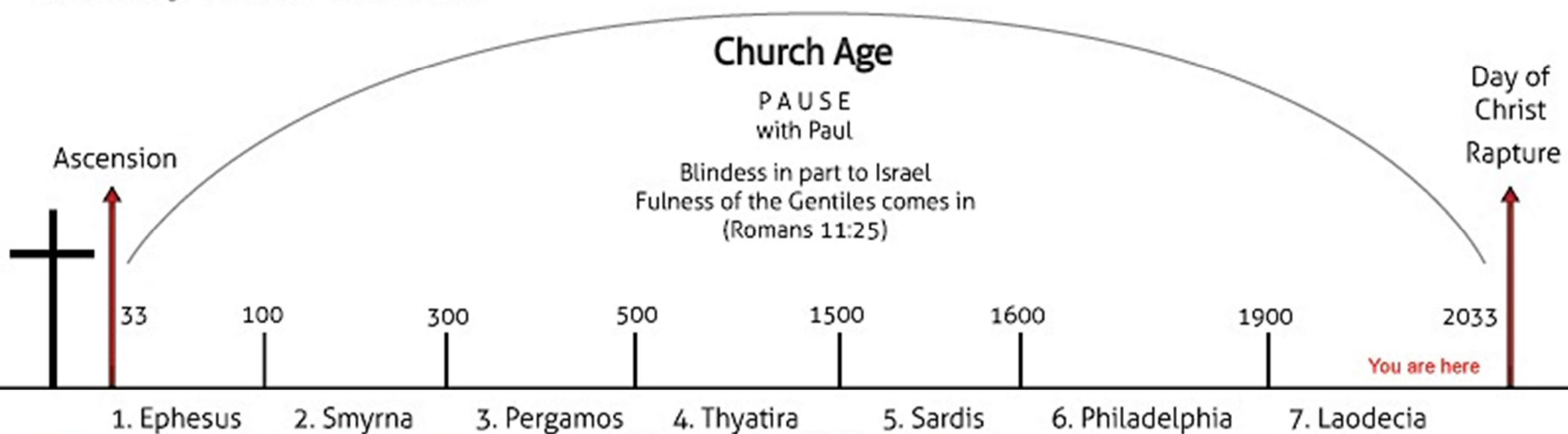
A cosmic background image featuring a dark space filled with numerous galaxies, nebulae, and several bright meteors streaking across the upper portion of the frame. The overall color palette is dark, with highlights from the celestial bodies in shades of blue, orange, and white.

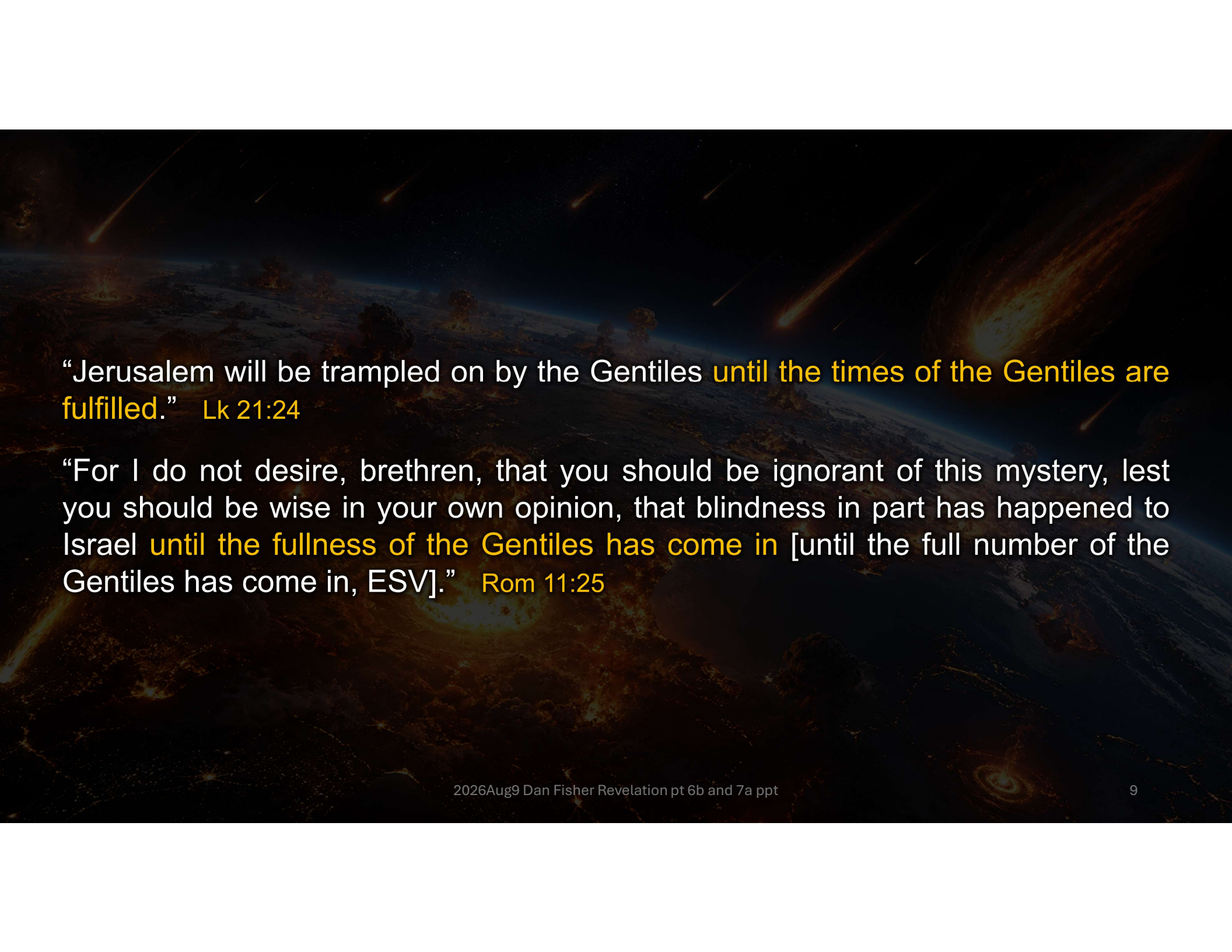
2. The messages to the seven churches can be understood in three ways:

- directly
- doctrinally
- dispensationally

**3. The 7 churches of Revelation may give us
a glance at the entire Church Age**

History of the Church





“Jerusalem will be trampled on by the Gentiles **until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.**” Lk 21:24

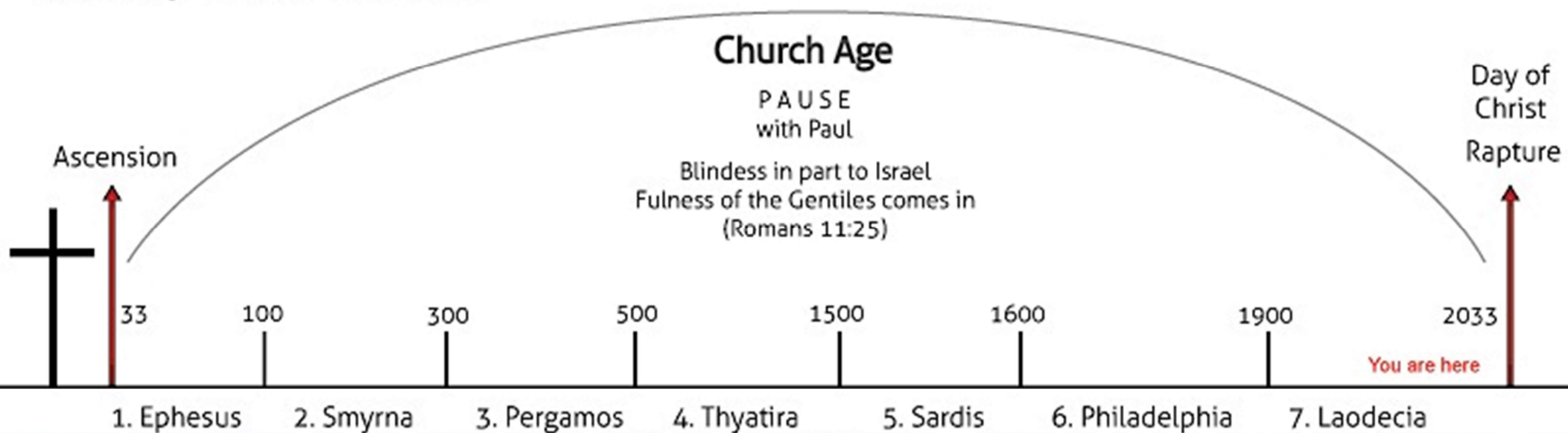
“For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel **until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in** [until the full number of the Gentiles has come in, ESV].” Rom 11:25

“There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. ²⁶ People will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. ²⁷ At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸ When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” **Lk 21:25-28**

“And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: ‘The Deliverer will come out of Zion, and He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob; ²⁷ For this is My covenant with them, when I take away their sins.’” **Rom 11:26**

“For if their being cast away is the reconciling of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead?” **Rom 11:15**

History of the Church



The Things Which Are - The Seven Churches

Ephesus



Rev 2.1-7

Smyrna



Rev 2.8-11

Pergamos



Rev 2.12-17

Thyatira



Rev 2.18-29

Sardis



Rev 3.1-6

Philadelphia



Rev 3.7-13

Laodicea



Rev 3.14-22

Alexandrian School Of Thought

**First
Church Age**

33 - 100 AD
Death of Christ
1st & 2nd Persecution

**Second
Church Age**

100-312 AD
The Caesars
2nd - 10th
Persecutions

**Third
Church Age**

312 - 590 AD
Constantine
The Political Church

**Fourth
Church Age**

590 - 1517 AD
Middle Dark Ages
The Idolatrous Church
Catholic Church

**Fifth
Church Age**

1517 - 1750 AD
Reformation
Protestantism

**Sixth
Church Age**

1750 - 1925 AD
Missionary
Movement

**Seventh
Church Age**

1925 AD - End
Apostate Church

4. The churches seen dispensationally – the church age at a glance?

- **Ephesus:** 100 (church of the apostles)
- **Smyrna:** 100 – 300 (persecuted church)
- **Pergamos:** 300 – 500 (church married to Rome)
- **Thyatira:** 500- 1500 (church of middle ages)
- **Sardis:** 1500 – 1700 (reformation church)
- **Philadelphia:** 1700 – 1900 (great awakening church)
- **Laodicea:** 1900 – present (lukewarm church)

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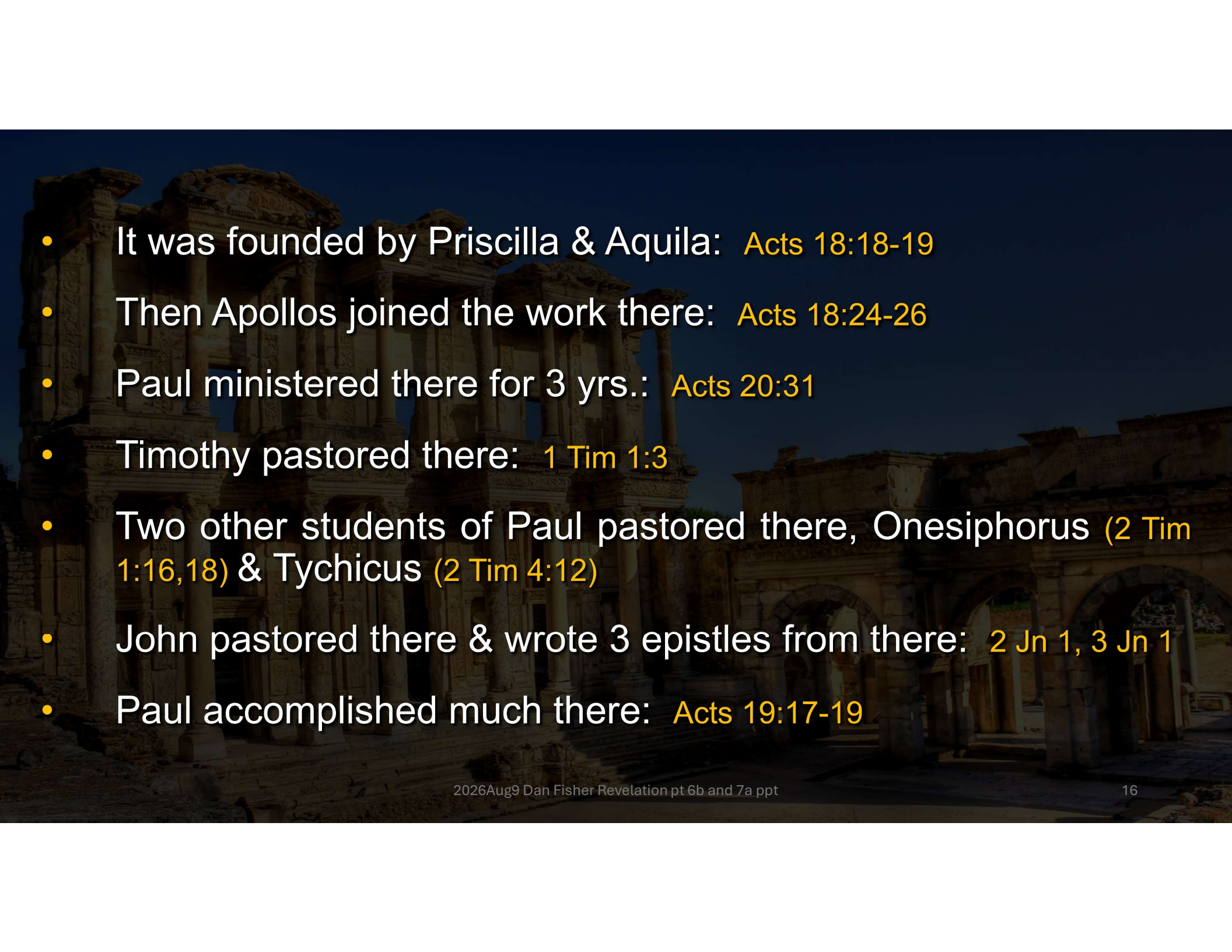
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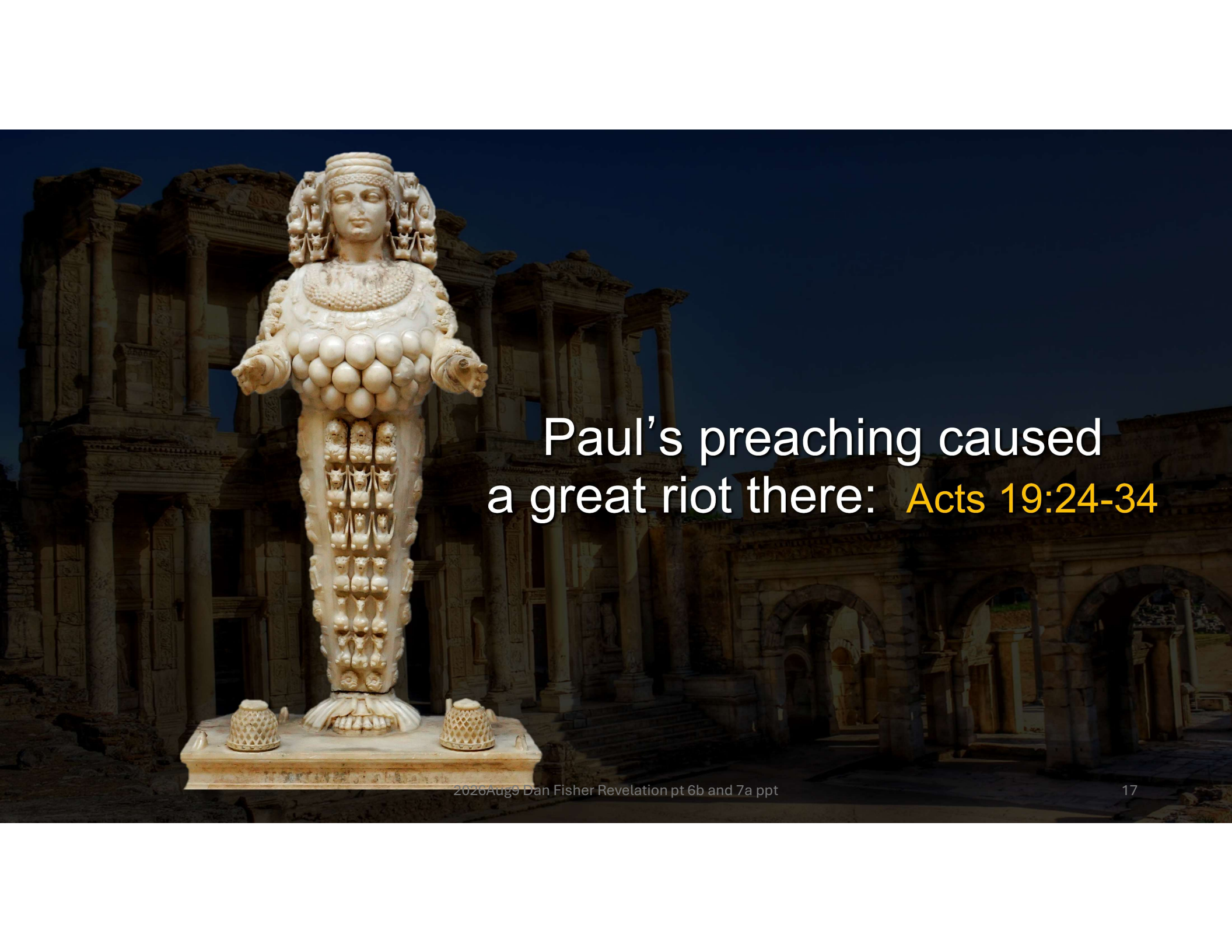
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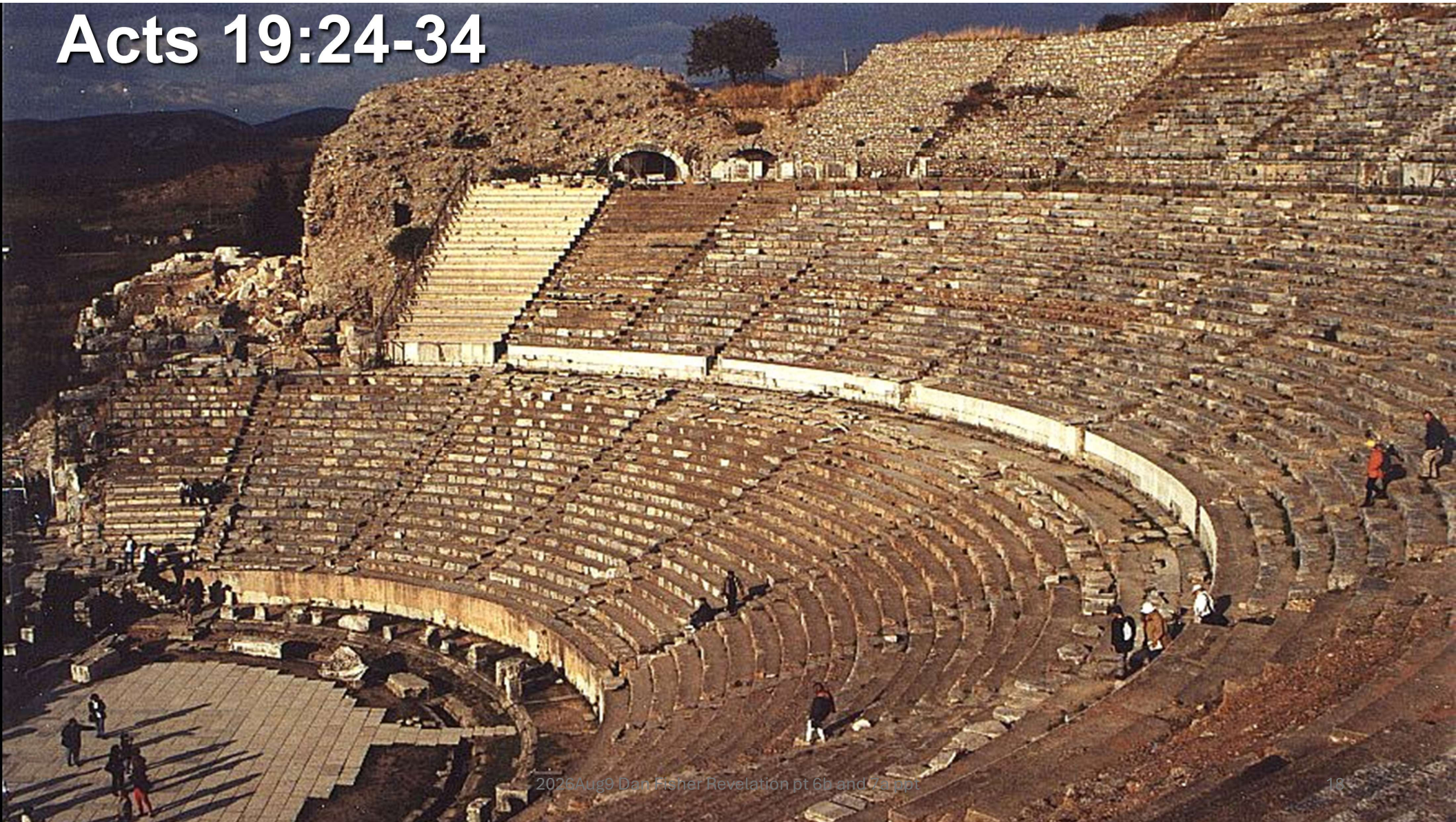
Ephesus – the church that lost its first love

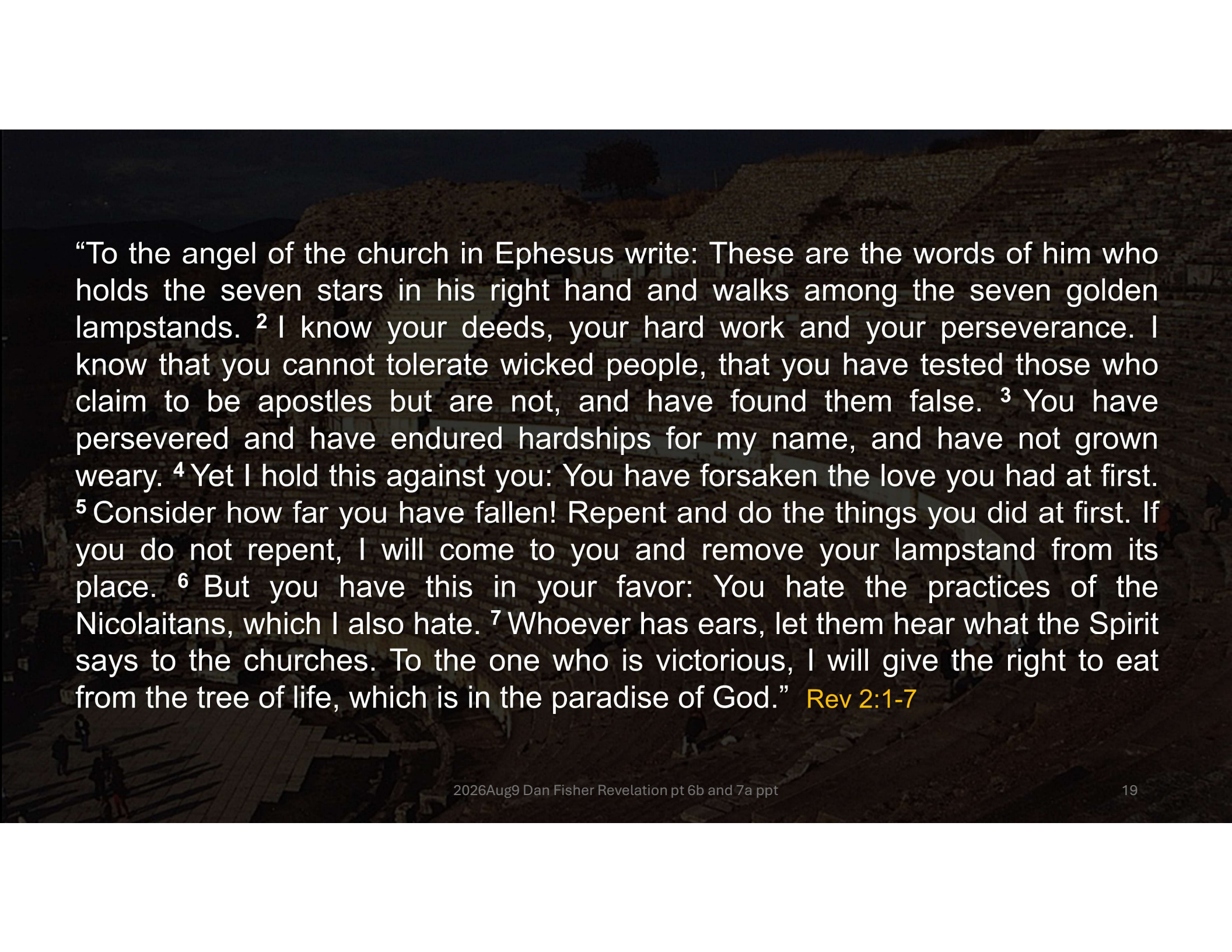
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- It was founded by Priscilla & Aquila: Acts 18:18-19
 - Then Apollos joined the work there: Acts 18:24-26
 - Paul ministered there for 3 yrs.: Acts 20:31
 - Timothy pastored there: 1 Tim 1:3
 - Two other students of Paul pastored there, Onesiphorus (2 Tim 1:16,18) & Tychicus (2 Tim 4:12)
 - John pastored there & wrote 3 epistles from there: 2 Jn 1, 3 Jn 1
 - Paul accomplished much there: Acts 19:17-19



Paul's preaching caused
a great riot there: **Acts 19:24-34**

Acts 19:24-34





“To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: These are the words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand and walks among the seven golden lampstands. ² I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance. I know that you cannot tolerate wicked people, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them false. ³ You have persevered and have endured hardships for my name, and have not grown weary. ⁴ Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken the love you had at first. ⁵ Consider how far you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place. ⁶ But you have this in your favor: You hate the practices of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. ⁷ Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.” **Rev 2:1-7**