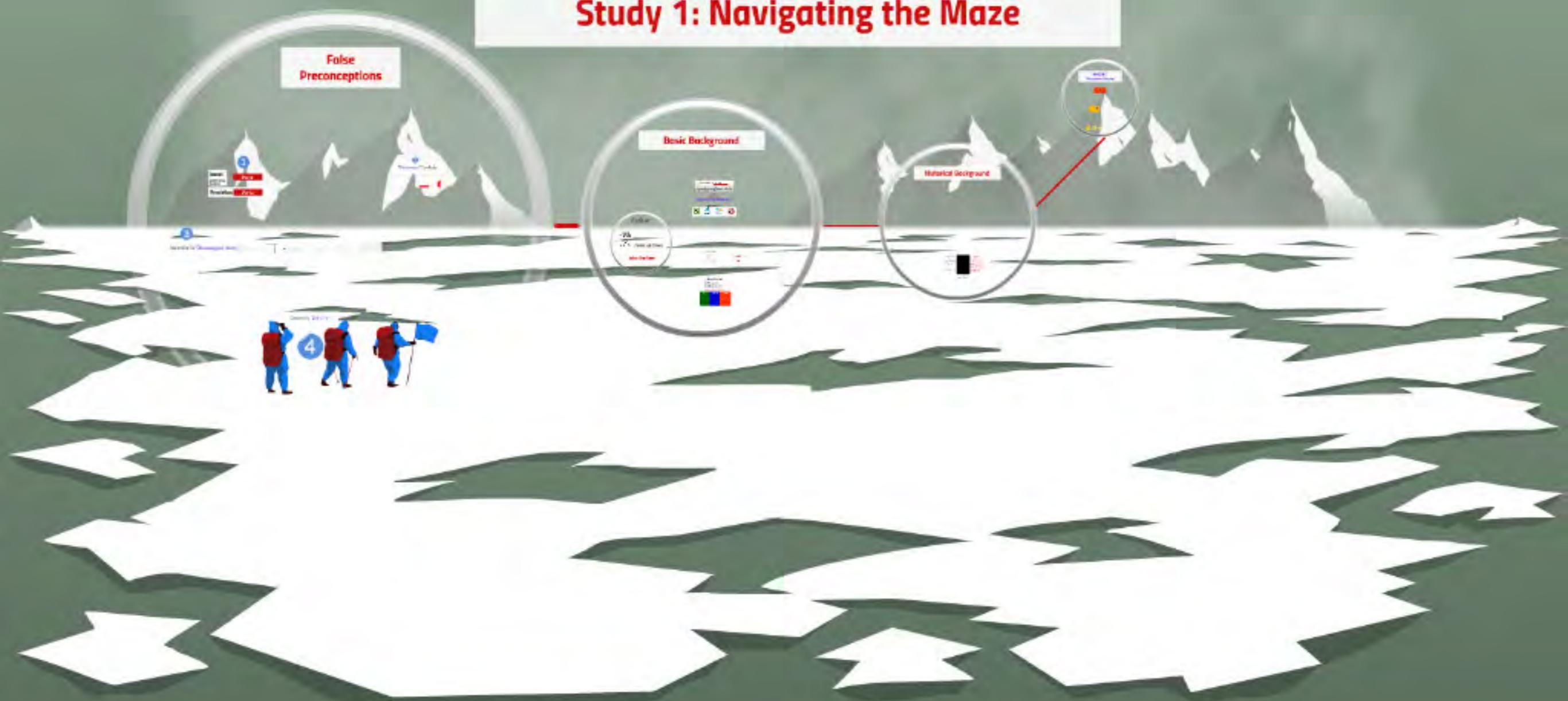


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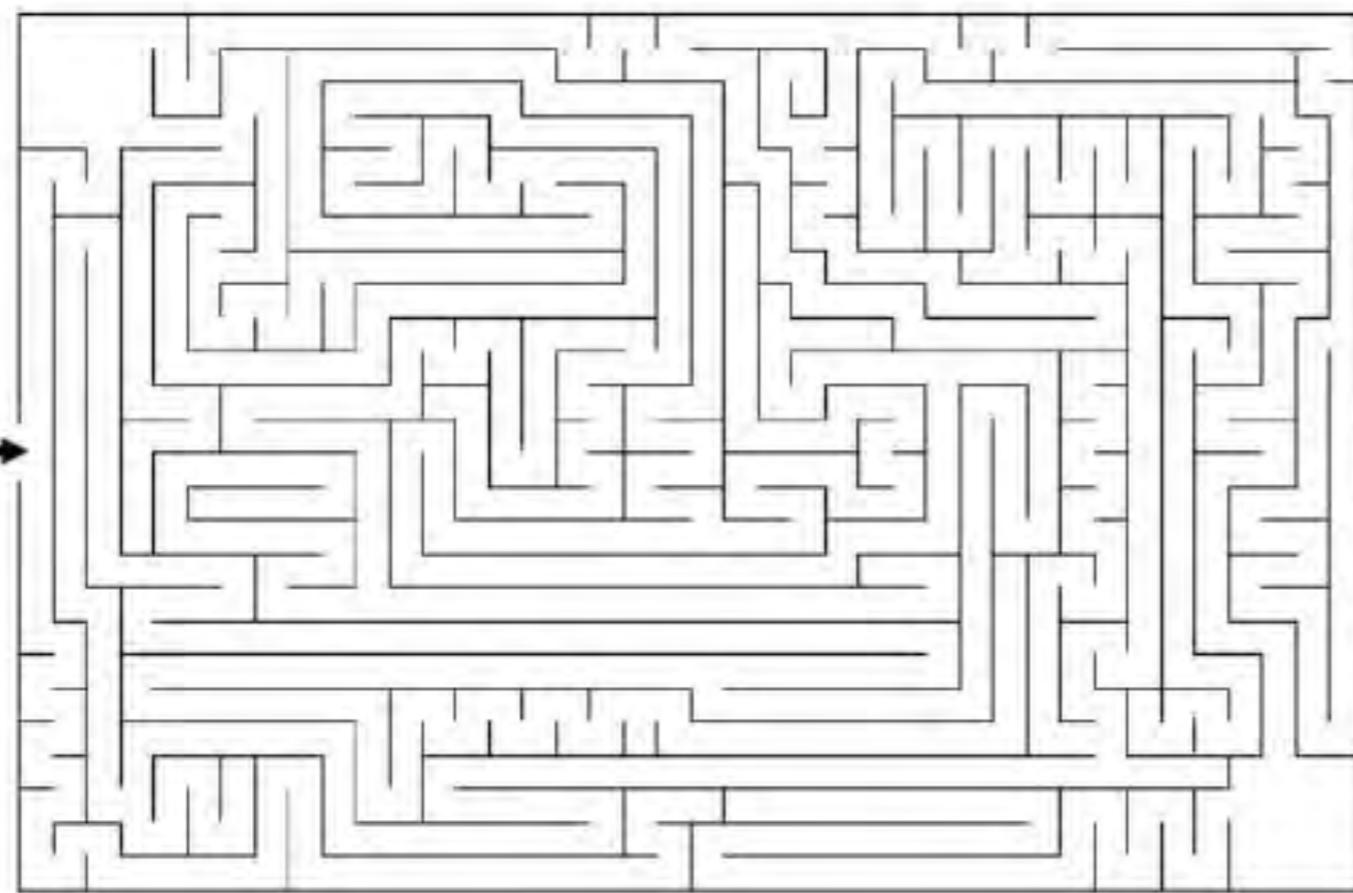
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Narrative in "Chronological Order"

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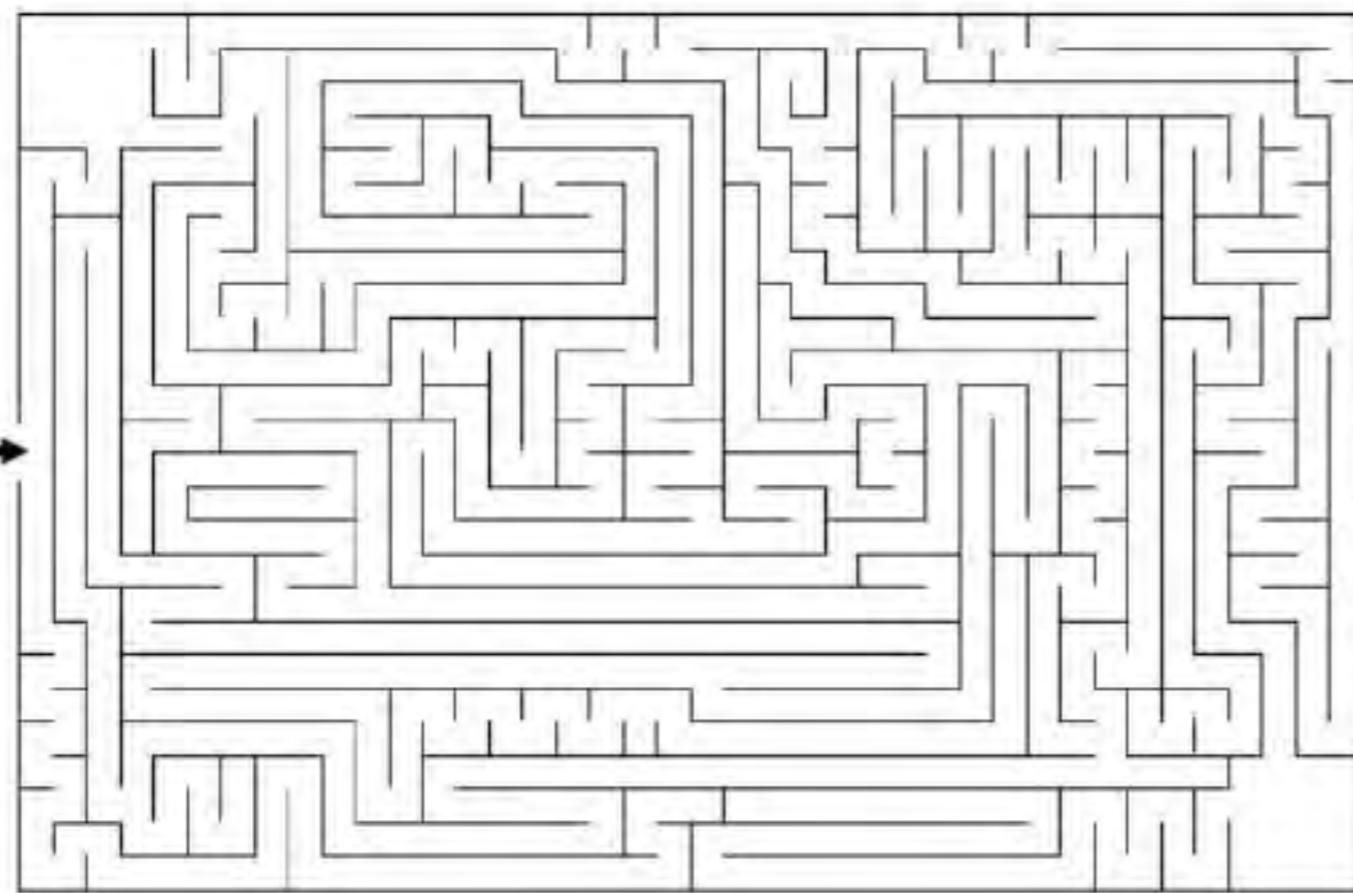
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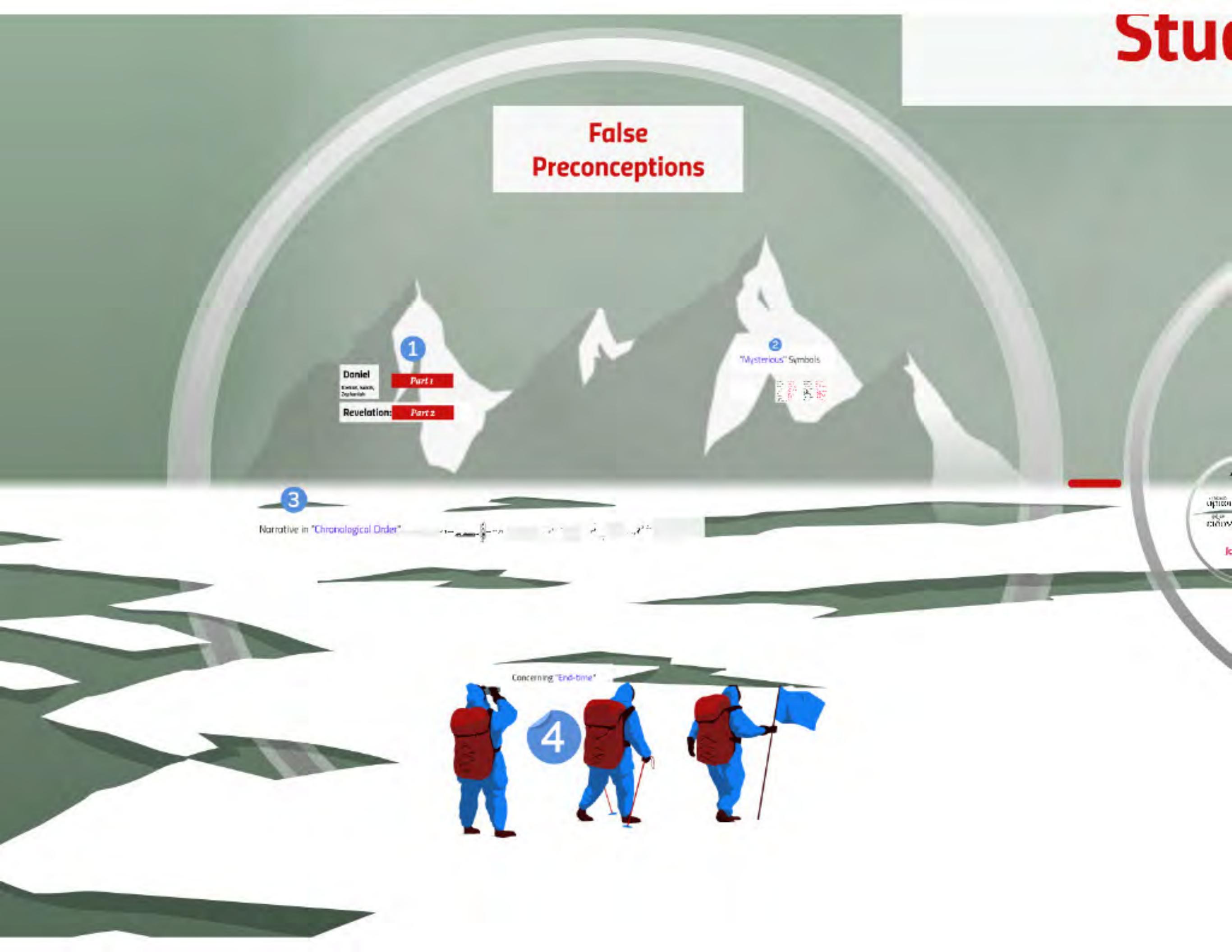


Concerning "End-time"

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False Preconceptions



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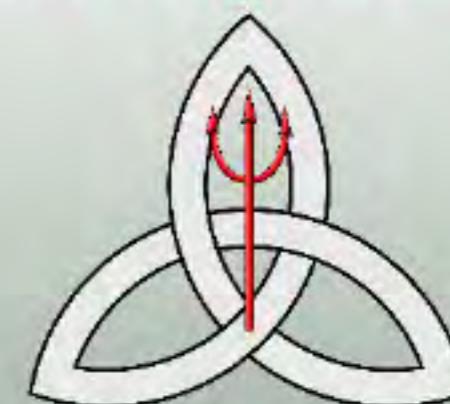
Navigating the Maze



The Complex Structure

Dec 7

Unmasking the Trinity



The Hidden Message

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Deciphering Babylon



The Emotional Resonance

Basic Background

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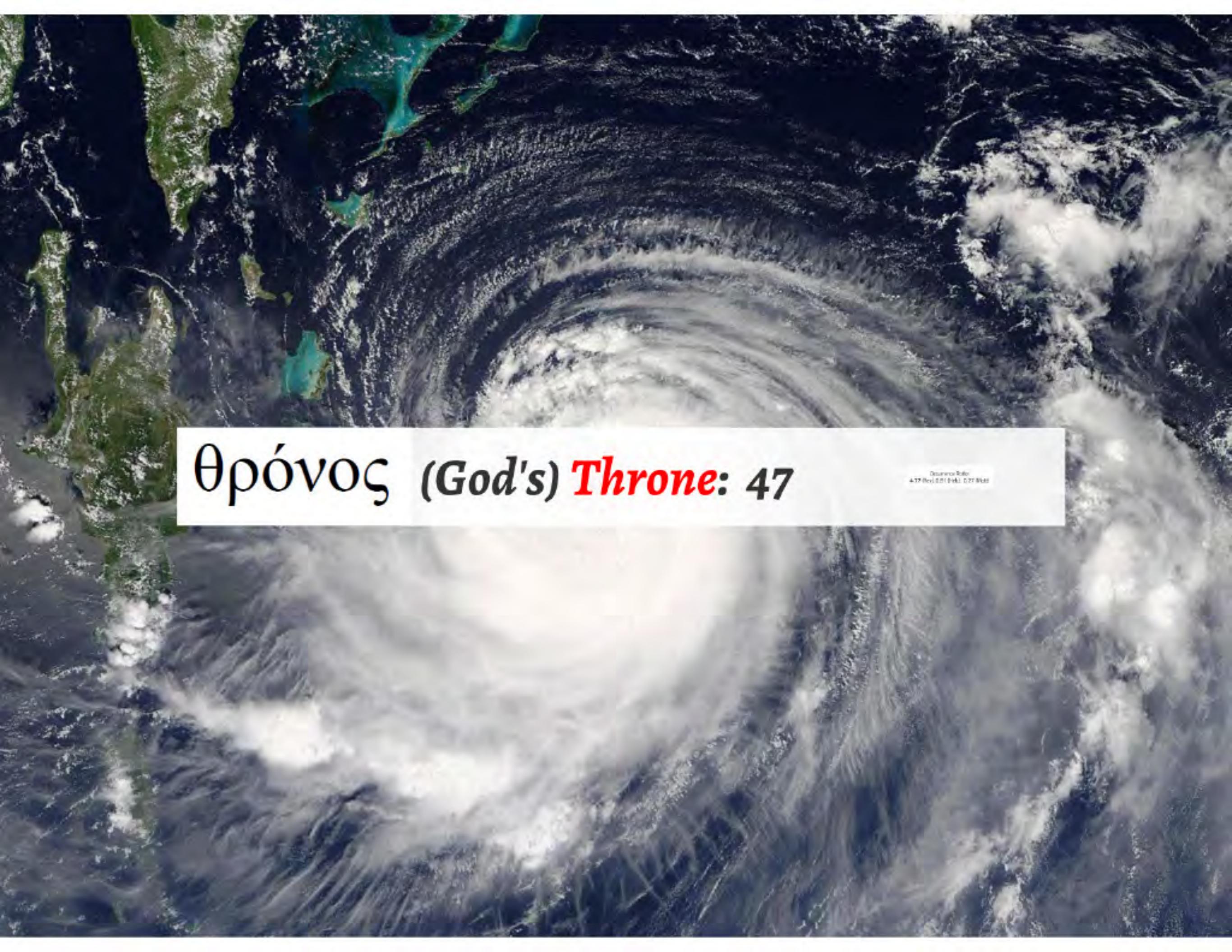
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Recurring Words



θρόνος (God's) **Throne**: 47

Seven: 55 (~7 times>)



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Occurrence Ratio:
4.77 (Rev), 0.81 (Heb), 0.27 (Matt)

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1:8 “I am the Alpha & Omega...

the one who is and the one who was and the one who is coming”

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ό ων καὶ ὁ ἥν καὶ ὁ ἐρχόμενος

Book Division

1:19 “Write therefore:
the things which you've seen,
the things which are, and
the things which shall take place.”

PAST	PRESENT	FUTURE
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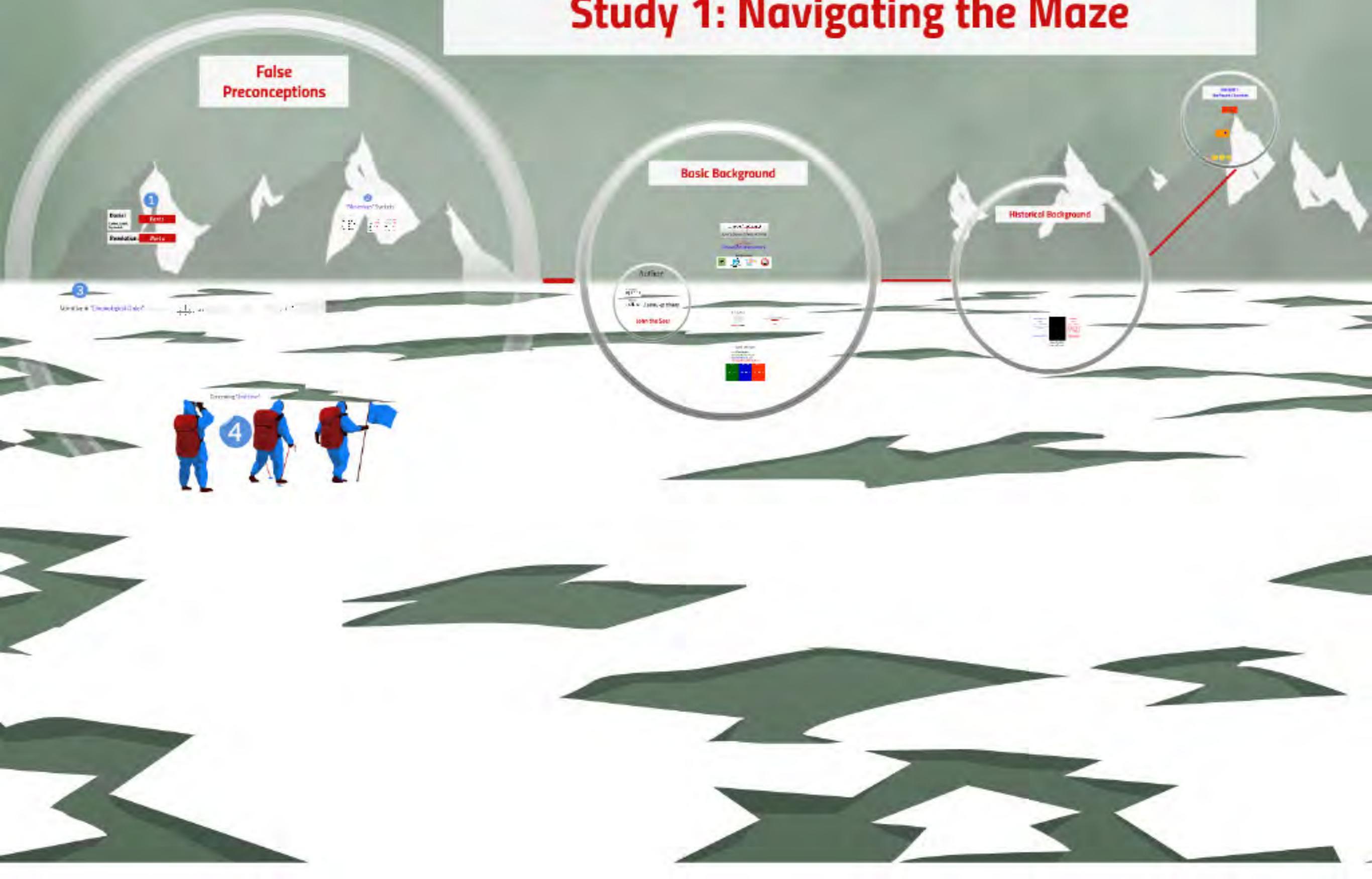
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the things which now are;
the things which are about to be;
the things which shall take place."

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Historical Background

Traditional View

Cruel & crazy **ruler** who systemically persecuted Christians

Eusebius ca. 265–340



Caesar Domitian
Reign: (CE 81–96)

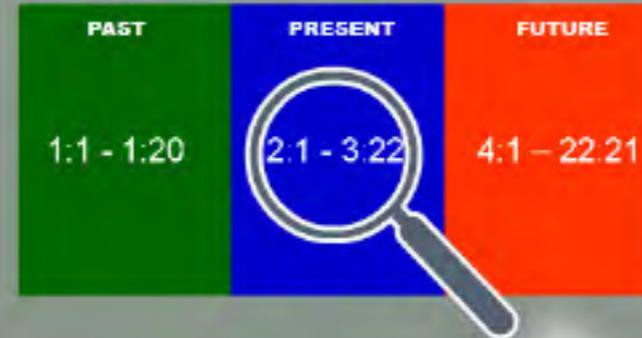
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Modern Historians
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PRESENT:

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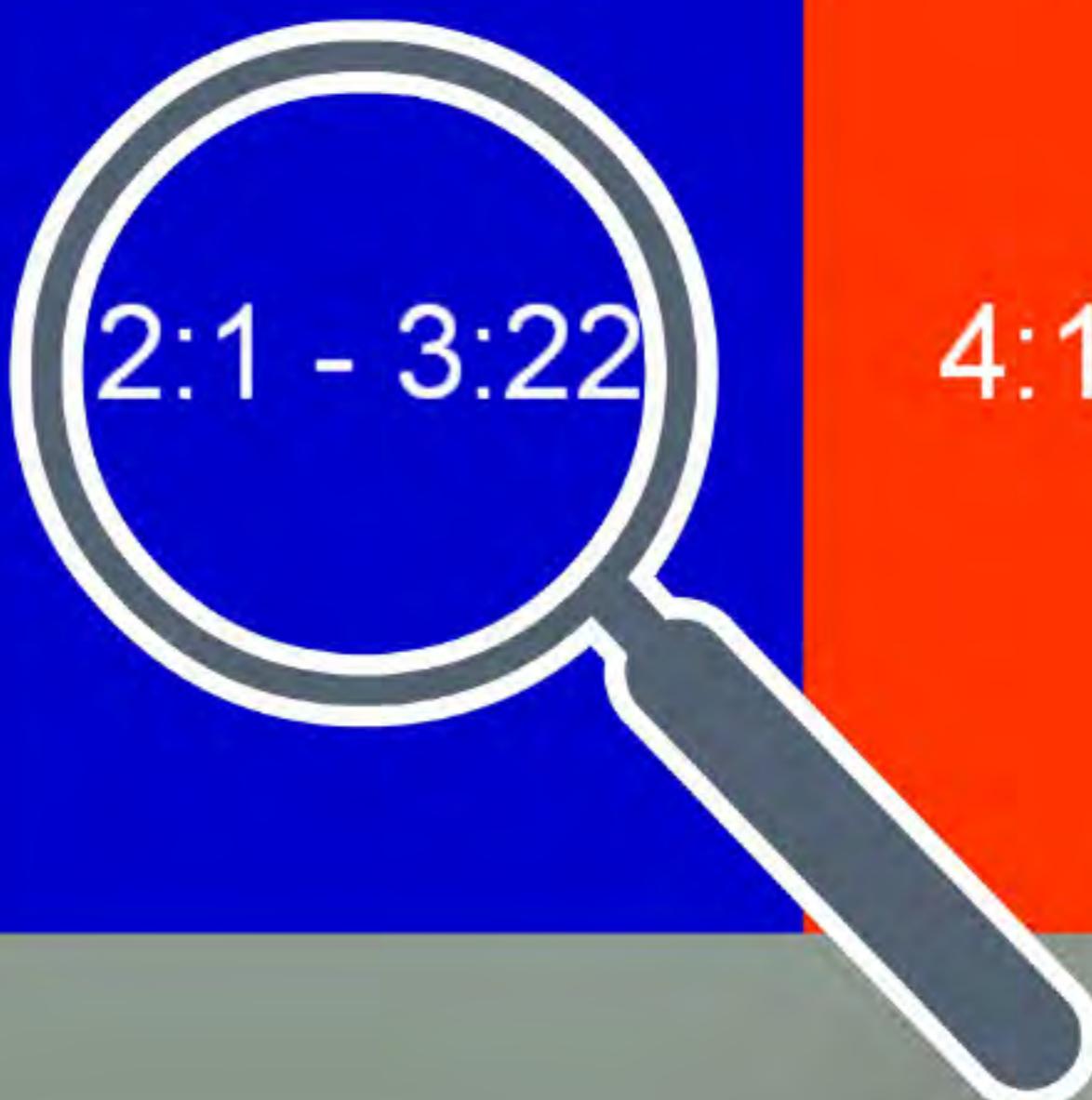
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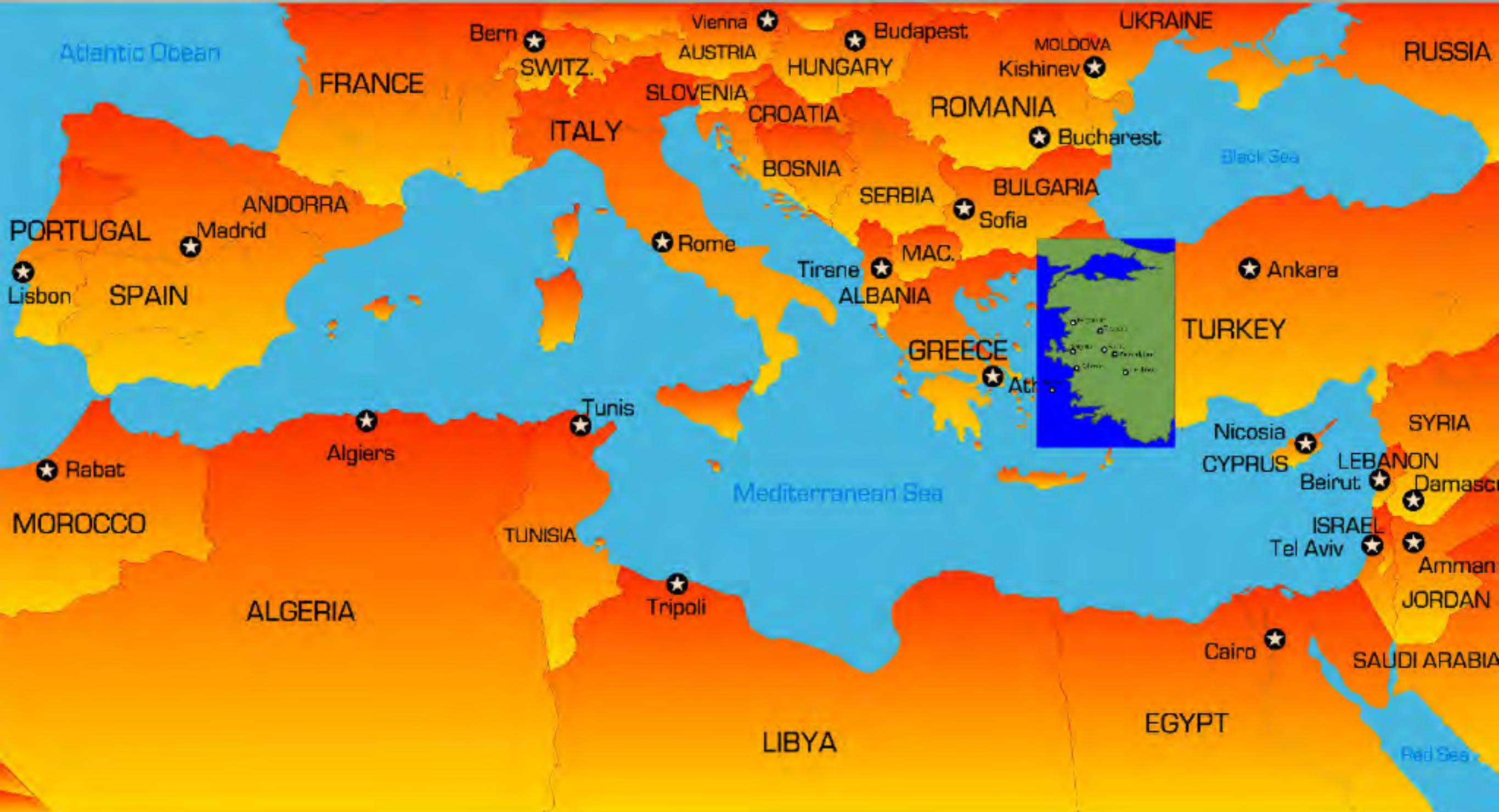
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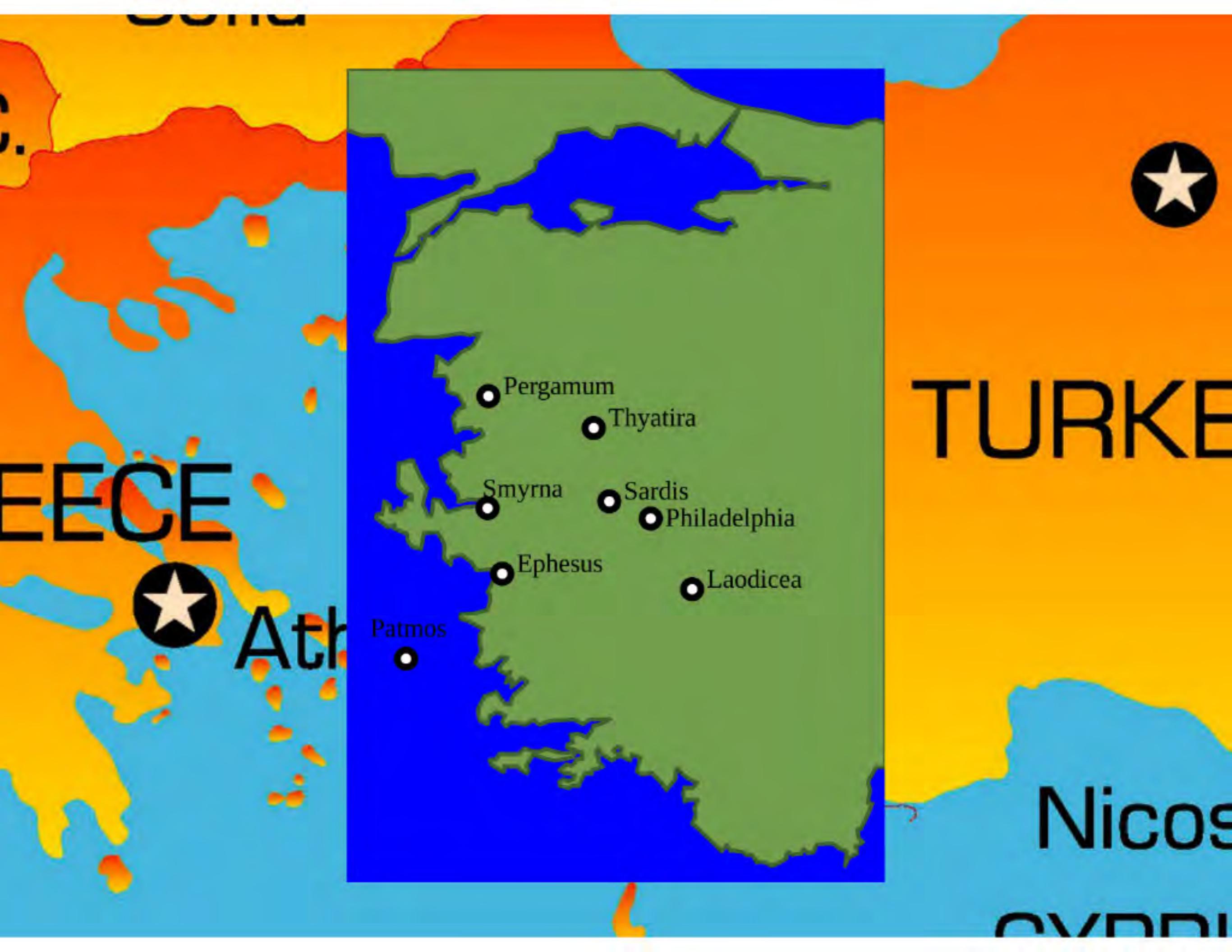
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FUTURE

4:1 – 22:21







Traditional View:

Current Persecution
Systemic Discrimination

Modern View :

Imminent Persecution
Severe Penalty

Suffering

"God, please do something!"

1. Ephesus

'To the angel of the church in **Ephesus** write: These are the words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand, who walks among the seven golden lampstands:2 'I know **your works, your toil** and your patient endurance. I know that you cannot tolerate evildoers... 4 But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first.

5Remember then from what you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first.... 7Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches. To

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- De Facto Capital of Asia Minor
- "Supreme Metropolis of Asia"
- Roman Governor Residence
- Key Trade Centre

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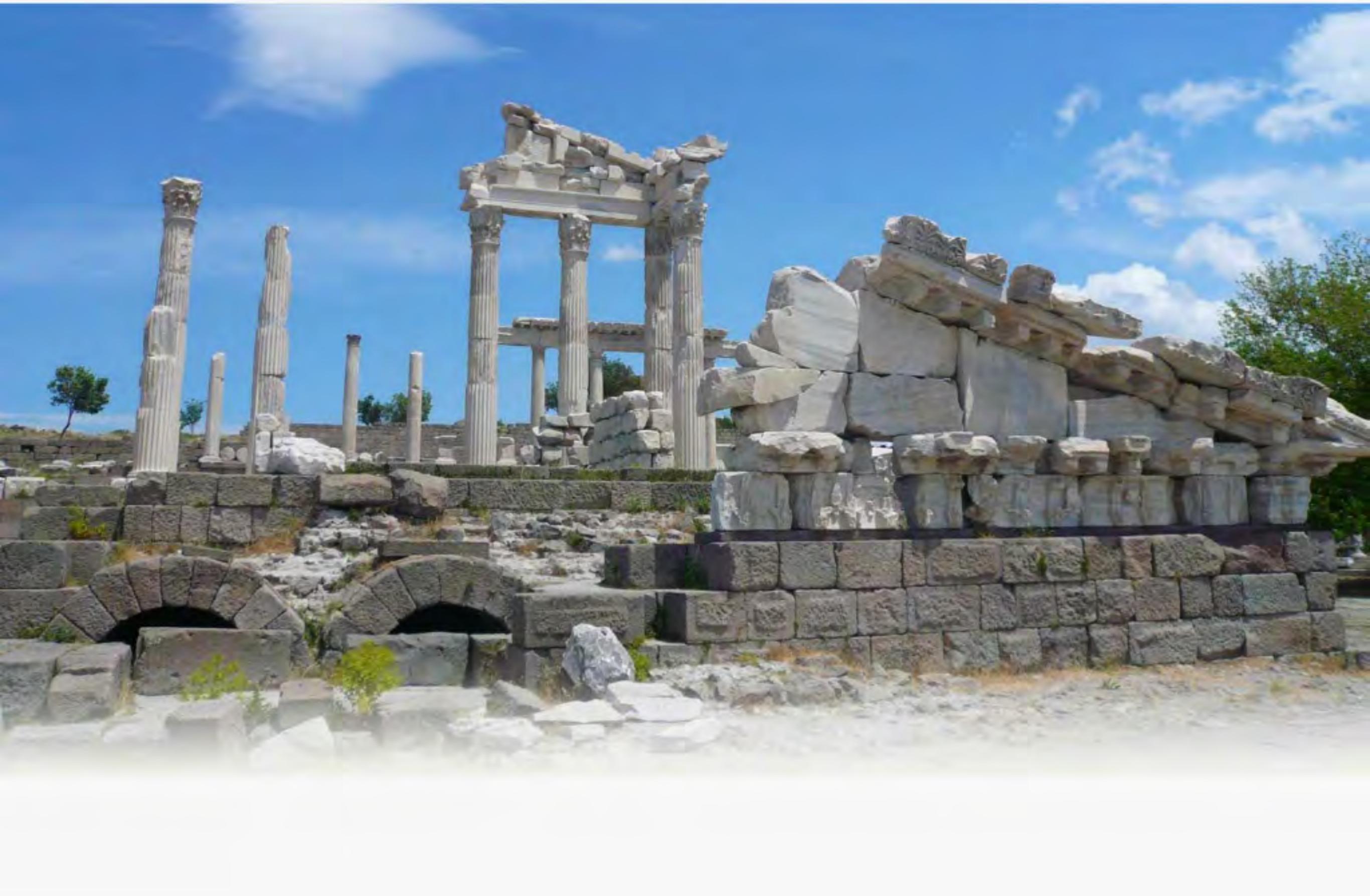
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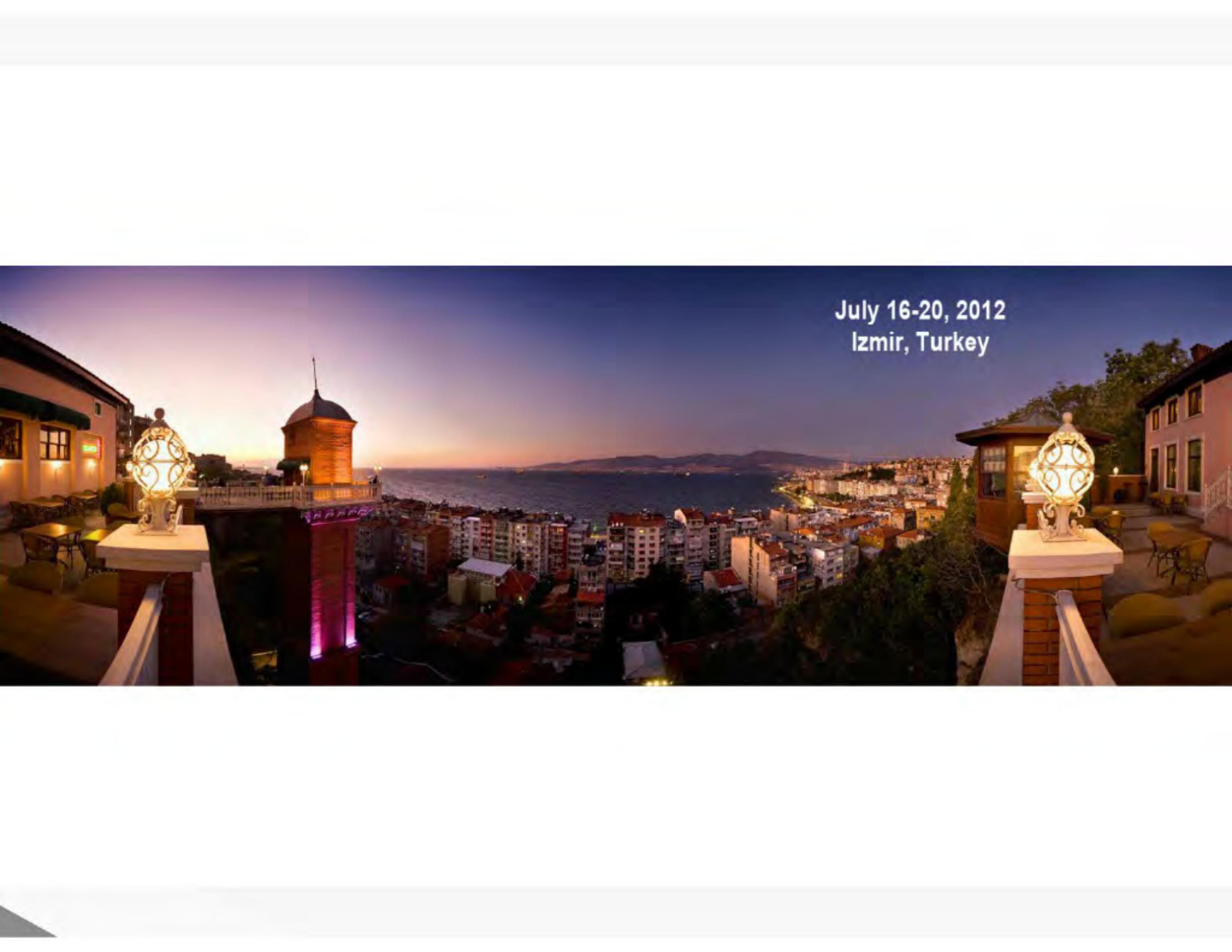


2. Smyrna

8 'And to the angel of the church in **Smyrna** write:
These are the words of the first and the last, who
was dead and came to life: 9 'I know your affliction
and your poverty, even though **you are rich...**

Be faithful until death, and I will give you the
crown of life. 11 Let anyone who has an ear listen
to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.
Whoever conquers will not be harmed by the
second death.





July 16-20, 2012
Izmir, Turkey

- Wealthy port city
- Birthplace of Homer
- "Crown of Smyrna"



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Daniel

Ezekiel, Isaiah,
Zephaniah

Part 1

Revelation:

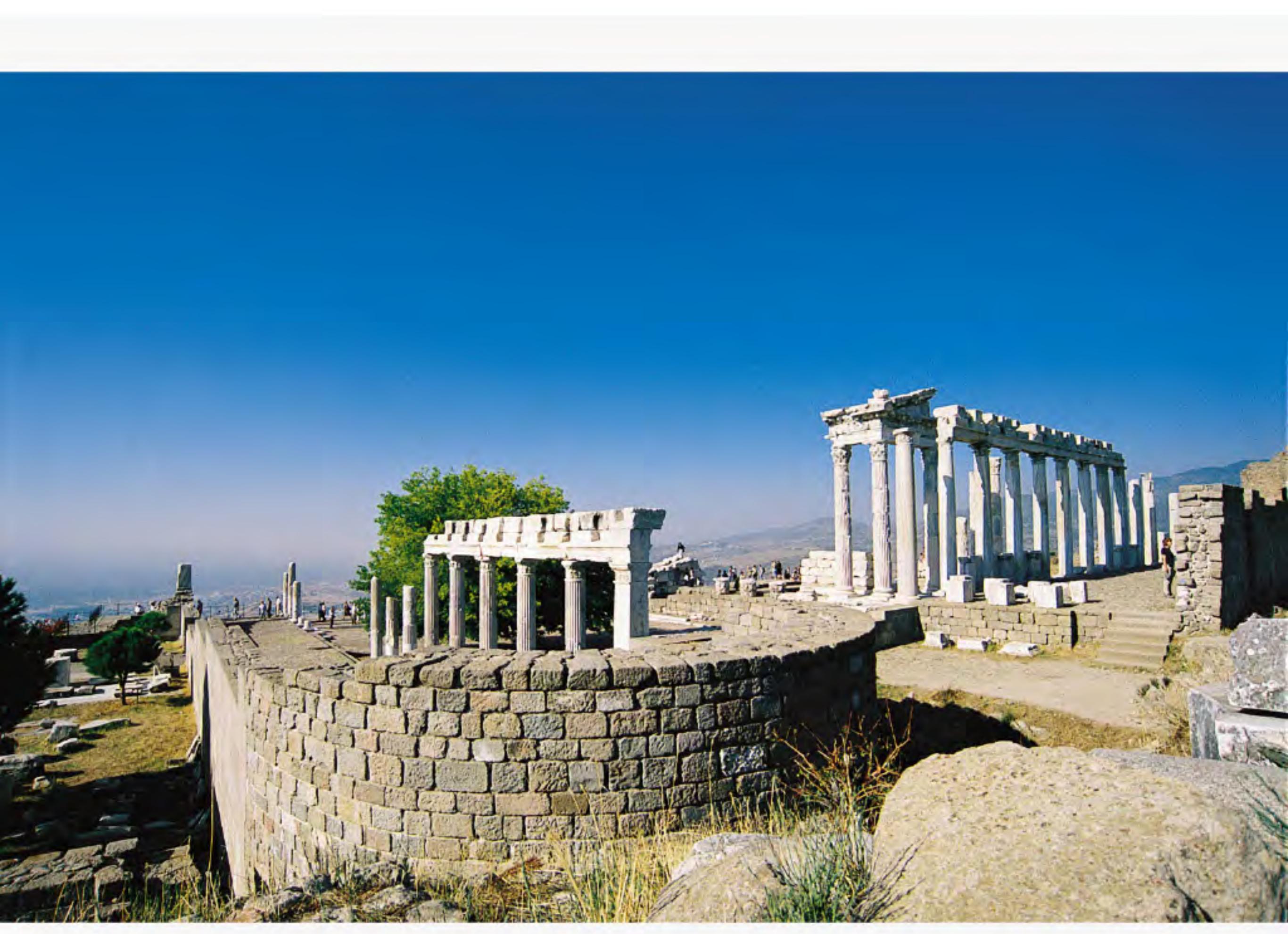
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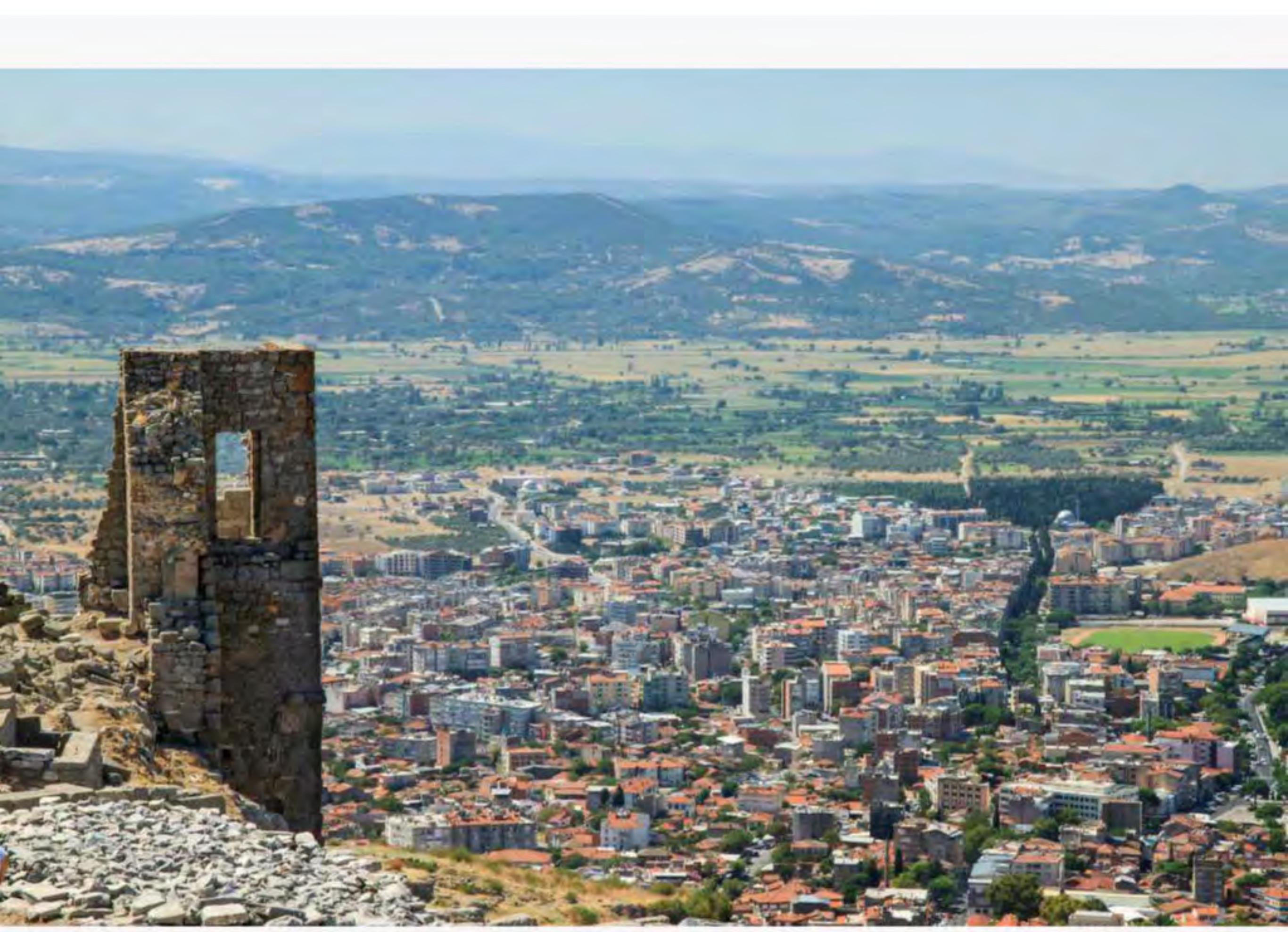


3. Pergamum

12 'And to the angel of the church in **Pergamum** write: These are the words of him who has the sharp two-edged sword: 13 'I know where you are living, where Satan's throne is. Yet you are holding fast to my name, and you did not deny your faith in me...

16 Repent then... To everyone who conquers I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give a white stone, and on the **white stone is written** a new name that no one knows except the one who receives it.







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- A library with 200,000 volumes
- Invention of Vellum

4. Thyatira

18 'And to the angel of the church in **Thyatira** write: These are the words of the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and whose feet are like **burnished bronze**: 19 'I know your works—your love, faith, service, and patient endurance. I know that your last works are greater than the first...

24 But to the rest of you in Thyatira... To the one who conquers I **will also give the morning star**. 29 Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.





"Mysterious" Symbols

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- Commercial trades: bronze-work; dyes; leather-work

5. Sardis

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These are the words of him who has the seven
spirits of God and the seven stars: 'I know your
works; you have a name for being alive, but
you are dead...'

4 Yet you have still a few people in Sardis who
have not soiled their clothes; they will walk
with me, dressed in white, for they are
worthyIf you conquer, you will be clothed like
them in **white robes**...





- Wealthy and prosperous city
- Well-known for woolen industry

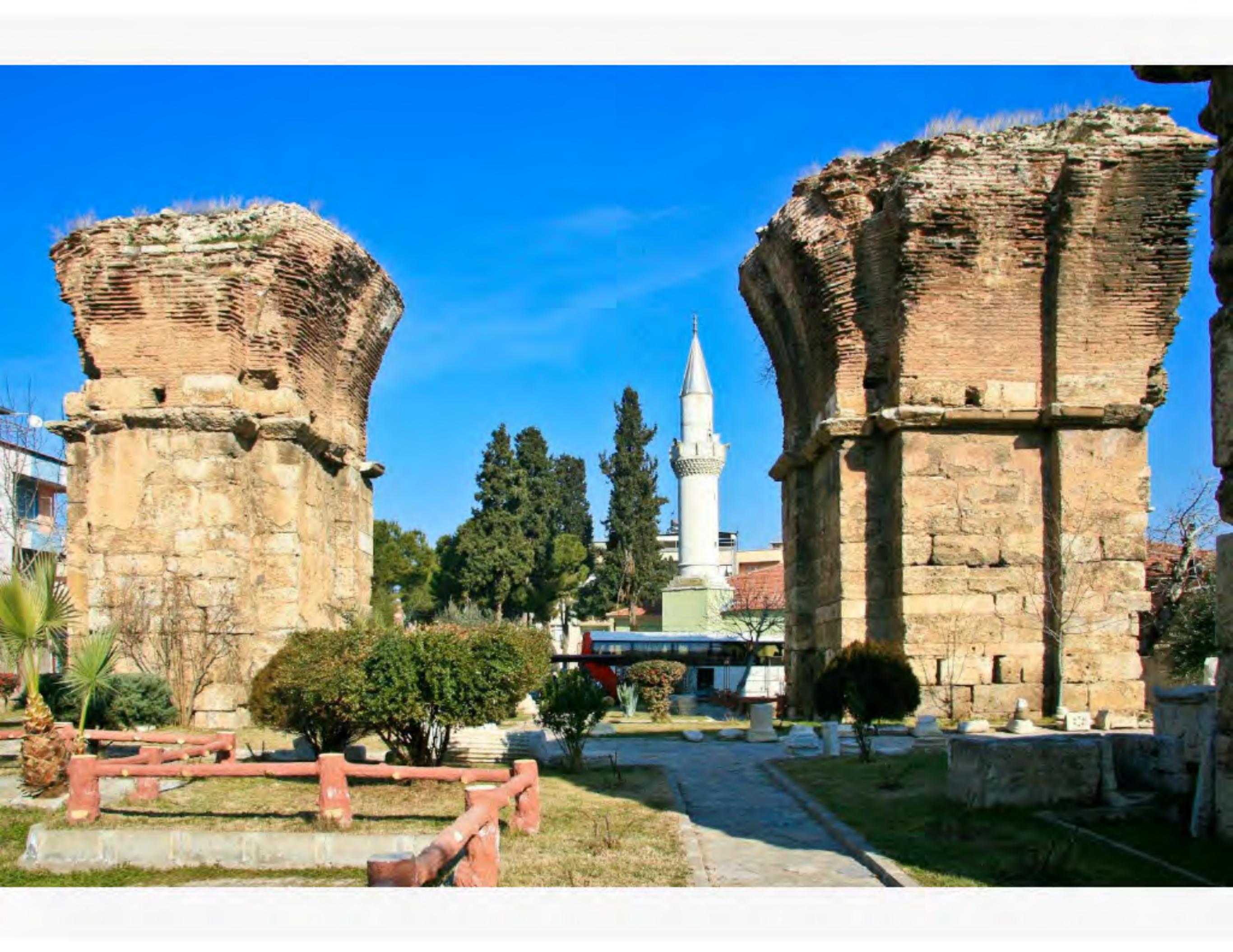
6. Philadelphia

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2If you conquer, I will make you a **pillar** in the temple of my God; you will never go out of it...

- Earthquake prone city
- Well-known for wine industry
- Currently, the city is called **Alasehir** in Turkey

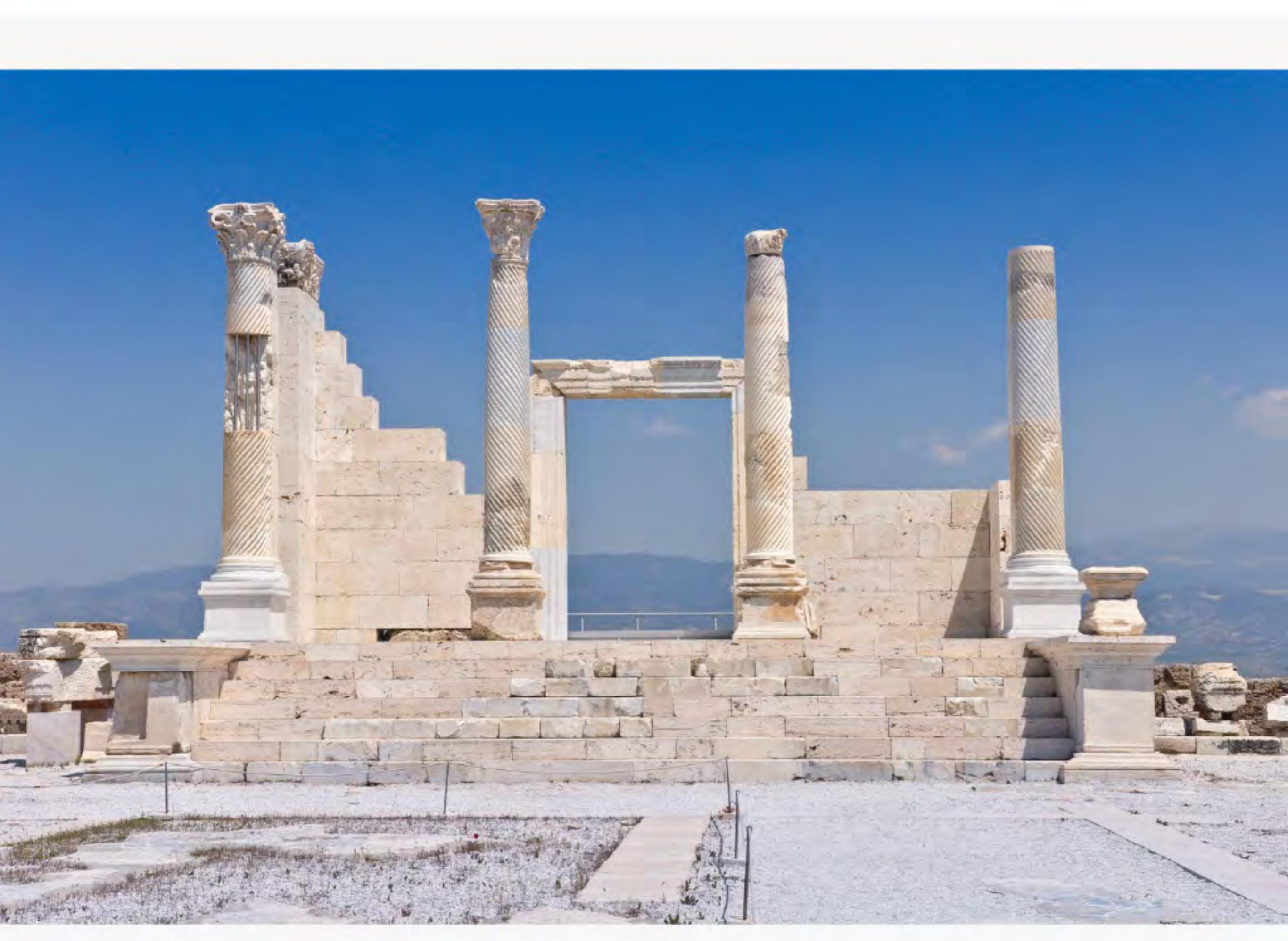
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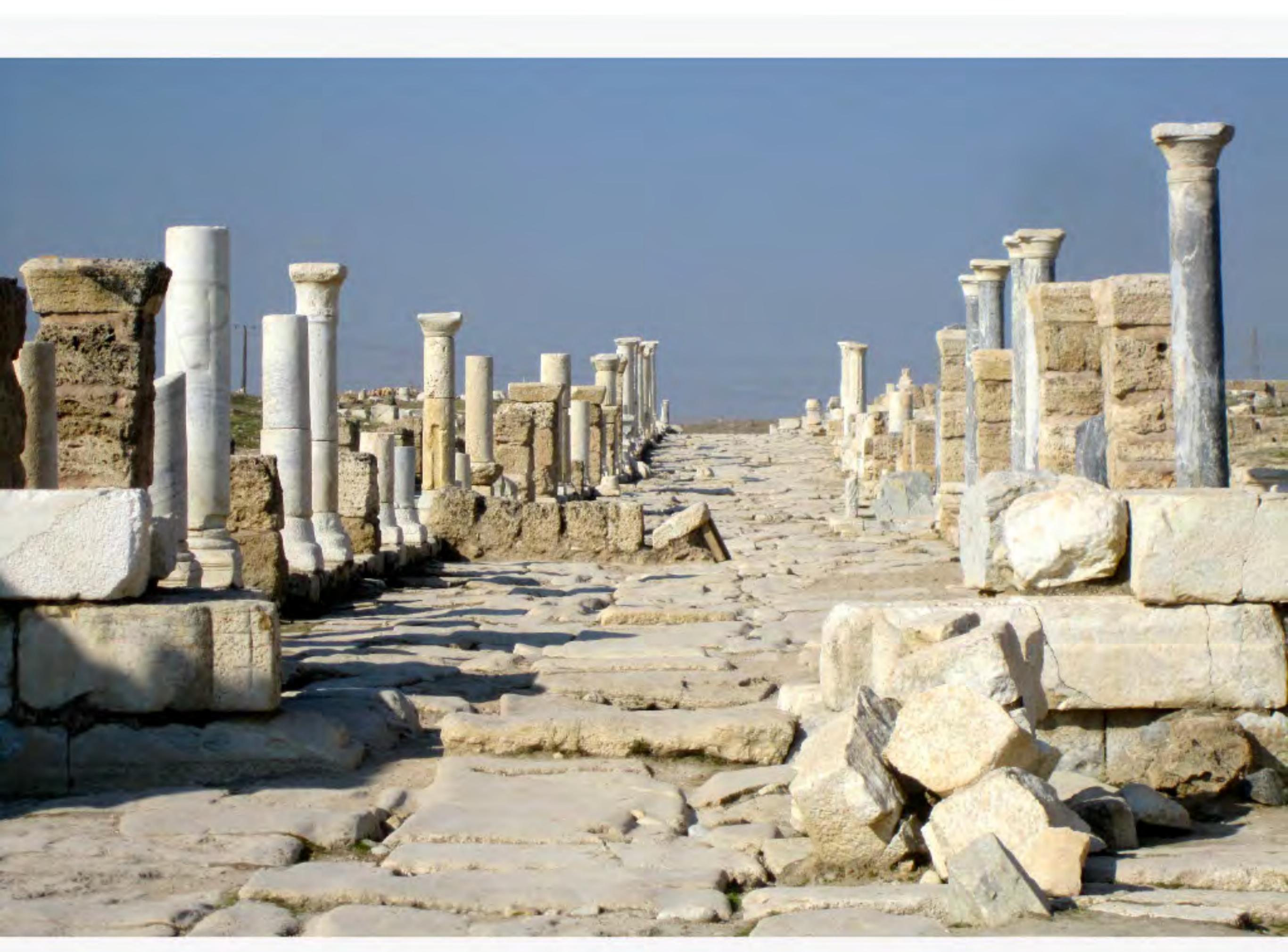




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14 'And to the angel of the church in **Laodicea** write: The words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the origin of God's creation: 15 'I know your works; you are neither cold nor hot. I wish that you were either cold or hot. 16 So, because you are **lukewarm**, and neither cold nor hot, I am about to spit you out of my mouth. 17 For you say, "I am **rich**, I have prospered, and I need nothing." You do not realize that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, **blind**, and naked.





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 - Banking industry
 - Black glossy wool
 - Phrygian powder for eye defects

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18Therefore I counsel you to buy from me **gold** refined by fire so that you may be rich; and **white robes** to clothe you and to keep the shame of your nakedness from being seen; and **salve to anoint your eyes** so that you may see.

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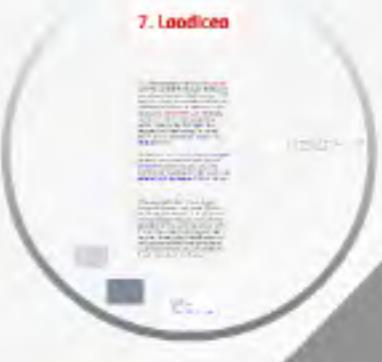
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