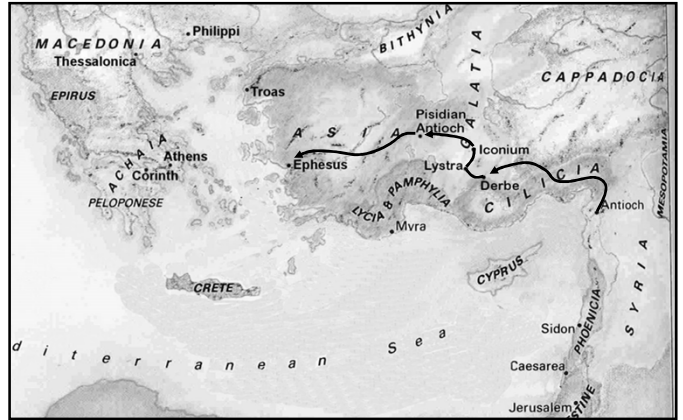


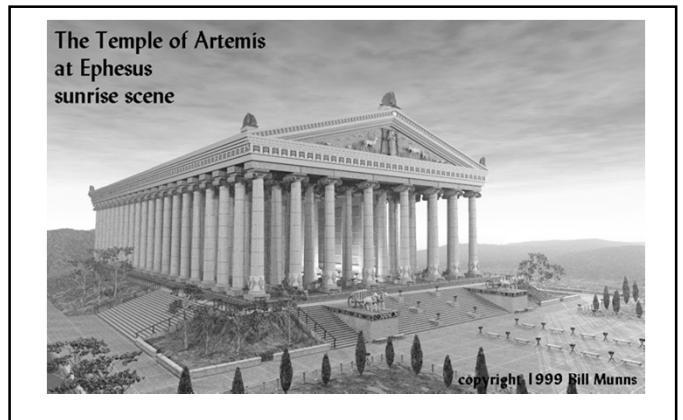
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The Continuing Work of Jesus



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Acts 19:23-41



Theater at Ephesus (capacity: 24,000)

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1. The Exclusivity of the Gospel

- the gospel calls people to turn from false idols to worship the one true God through Jesus
- *implication* – all other versions of worship and notions of god are false

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2. The Reality of the Gospel

- the gospel brings transformation not mere addition of a new belief
- the gospel transforms a person's affections, allegiances and behavior (cf. 2 Cor. 5:17)

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3. The Impact of the Gospel

- the gospel does have social implications and may bring cultural change
- idolatry and false religion ultimately bring chaos and violence to a society

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➤ *implications*

- 1) The potential of the gospel to significantly impact the life and culture of a city
- 2) The realistic expectation of opposition as the gospel confronts personal and cultural idols