

Week Three

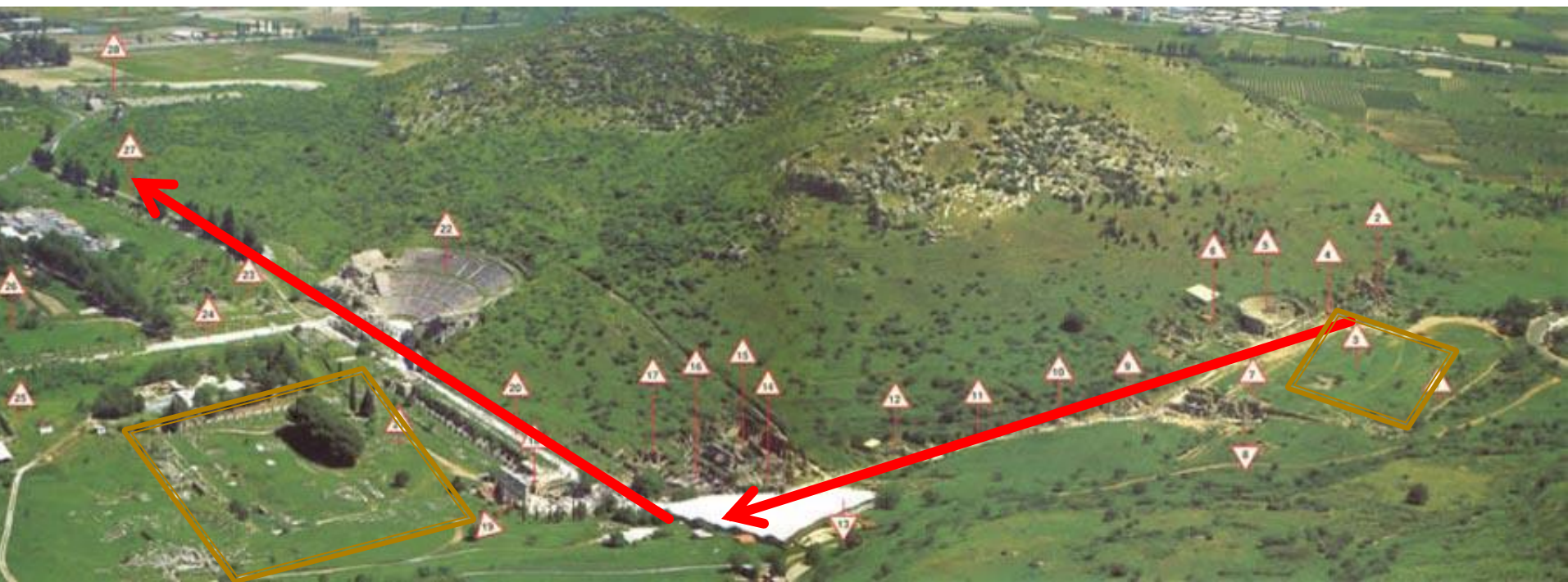
# Ephesus:

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# Paul's Journeys to Ephesus



Third Journey:  
picking up in  
Ephesus...



# What do they value?

- Politics
- Engineering
- Business
- Nice Homes
- Learning & Education
- Commerce & Shopping
- Religion
- Entertainment
- The Body & Fitness
- Sports
- Sensuality/Sex

# The Classical Apollo and Artemis



**Artemis and her twin brother Apollo were Olympian Gods, albeit illegitimate.**

**Zeus was married to Hera. The twins, however, were born to Zeus and Leto. Leto was a descendent of the despised and defeated race of Titans. Hence, their Olympian pedigree was disputable.**



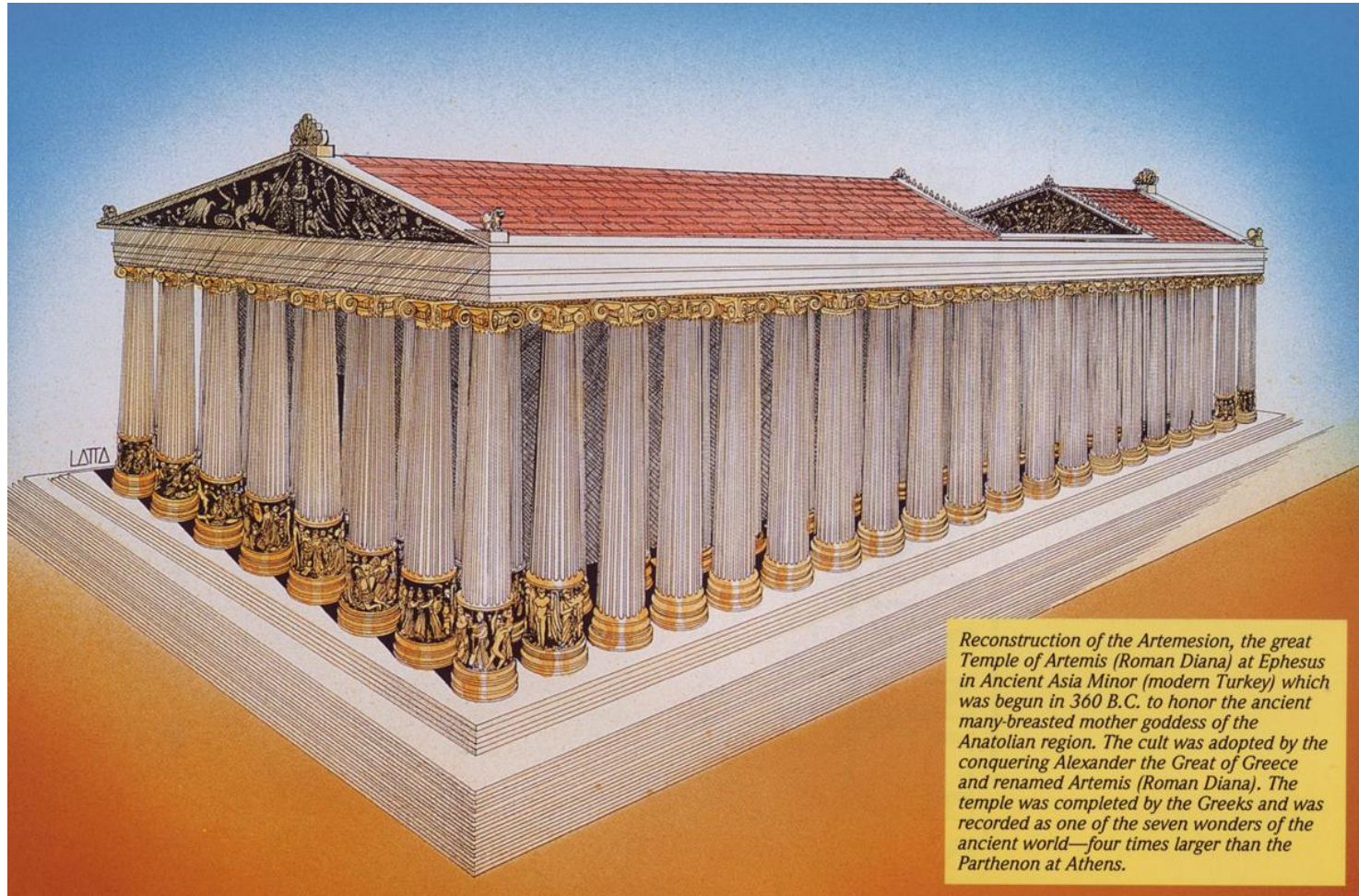
# Ephesian Artemis

What are those...things?

- A. Many breasts
- B. Bull testicles
- C. Eggs (fertility)



# The Artemesion



*Reconstruction of the Artemesion, the great Temple of Artemis (Roman Diana) at Ephesus in Ancient Asia Minor (modern Turkey) which was begun in 360 B.C. to honor the ancient many-breasted mother goddess of the Anatolian region. The cult was adopted by the conquering Alexander the Great of Greece and renamed Artemis (Roman Diana). The temple was completed by the Greeks and was recorded as one of the seven wonders of the ancient world—four times larger than the Parthenon at Athens.*

# Artemis Temple: 7 Wonders??





# Prostitutes' House



After the Celsus Library was built, a tunnel was made from the brothel to the library. This made it easy for a man to tell his wife that he was "going to the library."

# The Great Theater: What were the plays about?



# Stadium: Sports & Gladiators



# Purity...

**What area of life was affected by the sensual culture of Ephesus?**

**What area of life was NOT affected by the sensual culture of Ephesus?!**

**We are in search of The Pure Life.**

# What Had Happened to Them

## Old Self

Bitter. Lover of money.  
Blasphemer.  
Unwholesome talk.  
Greedy. Boast about  
what I have. Prostitute.  
Boast about what I've  
done. Craved. Hateful.  
Arrogant. Covetous.  
Slandered. Adulterer.  
Rage and anger.  
Malicious gossipier. Dirty  
jokes. Homosexual.  
Alcoholic. Thief. Liar.

## TWO WRONG BELIEFS

- Adopted!
- Chosen!
- Cleaned
- Chosen for good works
- Holy Spirit lives inside

## New Self

Humble. Gentle. Patient.  
Bearing with one another.  
Speak truth. Work. Give  
generously. Building others  
up with my words. Kind.  
Compassionate. Forgiving.  
God's holy person.  
Thanksgiving. Good.  
Righteous. Truthful. Under  
the Influence—of the Holy  
Spirit. Speaking Psalms,  
hymns and spiritual songs  
to others. Singing. Giving  
thanks. Submitting to each  
other.

# What Had Happened to Them

## Old Self

lover of money.

**1. God  
accepts  
my old  
lifestyle.**

Covetous.

. Adulterer.

anger.

gossiper. Dirty

osexual.

Thief. Liar.

But immorality or any impurity or greed must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints; and *there must be no* filthiness and silly talk, or coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks. For this **you know with certainty**, that no immoral or impure person or covetous man, who is an idolater, has an inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.

**Let no one deceive you** with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore do not be partakers with them; for **you were formerly darkness, but** now you are Light in the Lord; walk as children of Light. Ephesians 5:3-8

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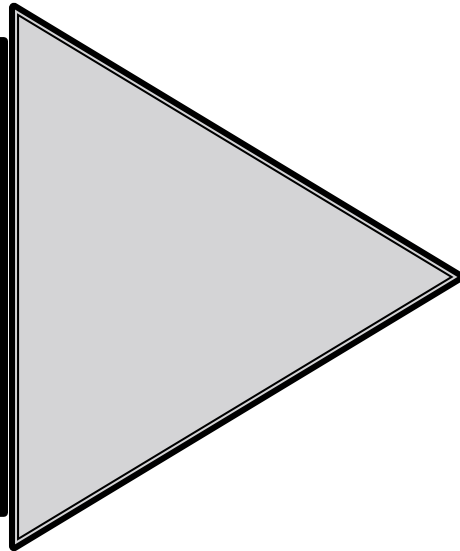
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The old self cannot be trained to be good. It desires things that are opposite to what the new self desires.

## New Self

Humble. God-fearing. Bearing with one another. Speak truth to one another generously. Live up with my conscience. Compassionate. God's holy Spirit. Thanksgiving. Righteous. the Influence of the Holy Spirit. Speak hymns and songs to one another. Sing to one another. Give thanks. Submit to one another.

*Trying to become is a futile effort.*

# How did they get from old to new?

## Old Self

**REPENT** of the old self:

1. I am this.
2. It is wrong.
3. I don't want this anymore.
4. I can't change myself.

Without this



There is no this:

- Adopted!
- Chosen!
- Cleaned
- Chosen for good works
- Holy Spirit lives inside

## New Self

**RECEIVE** the new self:

1. Jesus is the Son of God.
2. His righteous life paid for my sinful life on the cross.
3. I ask Him to take my old life and give me His life.
4. He forgives me and changes me.



# Purity...

**Children: Skim Ephesians 1-5.**

**Young (Wo)men: Skim I John 1-5.**

**Elders: Skim I Timothy 1-5.**

**Write down at least five phrases or verses that you think would apply to people living in a sensual culture. Put a star by the one you choose as the key verse.**

# So how did they live in purity with the new self?

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in reference to your former manner of life, you **lay aside the old self**, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit, and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and **put on the new self**, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.

Ephesians 4:22-24

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# Purity in Christian Circles...

Adultery: wanting someone else.

"I wish I didn't have my husband."

"I wish I had that person."

Covetousness: wanting someone's possessions.

"I wish my husband were like that other husband."

"That husband would care for me better."

Impurity: indulging in sinful thoughts.

- Through what I read.
- Through what I watch.
- Through what I listen to.
- Through what I imagine.

**The NEW SELF wants to live a pure life!**

# As you have received Jesus, walk in Him. (Col. 2:6)

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# Purity in Christian Circles...

My marriage vow.

“I will forsake all others and cling only to my husband.”

“I will submit to my husband.”

Contentment and Thankfulness.

“God has given me much through my husband.”

“God will teach me through my husband.”

Purity: renewing my mind.

- Through what I read.
- Through what I watch.
- Through what I listen to.
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