## Session 3: The Busy Church: Ephesus (Rev. 2:1-7) Remember Acts 17:11 The Apocalypse (Unveiling-SINGULAR) - (1:19) Christ's Instruction and Outline for the Book - "Have Seen" Risen Christ (Ch. 1) - "Is" The Seven Churches (Ch. 2-3) - "Hereafter" The Conquest (Ch. 4-22) Promised Blessing to the Reader (1:3) Questions from Previous Session (1:7) -2 Quotes from the OT Prophets & 1 from Jesus - Dan. 7:13-14; Zech. 12:8-11; Mat. 24:29-31 - Summery Introduction to the Conquest (Post-Church) - Jerusalem Will Be Attacked by All Other Nations - God (Christ) Will Empower Them and Rescue Them - Jerusalem Will Repent and Cry Out to Christ - The Nations Will Cry Out in Fear of Christ - Ref. Armageddon The Truths in the Image of The Risen Christ (1:12-16) - Dressed as a High Priest Tending the Lamps in the Holy Place - Making Intercession (Heb. 7:23-28) - Righteous and Holy (White Hair) - Sees All (Eyes Like Fire) - Speaking "in the Spirit" (Like Rushing Waters: Ez. 43:1-2) - Speaking Judgement from the Word of God (Two-Edged Sword) - Walking in Judgment Among the Churches (Feet of Fine Brass) - Responsible for the Fire Coming from the Menorah Letters to the Churches of Asia (Ch.'s 2-3): Application: - Local Churches with Local Church Problems - Personal Challenges Within the Church - Open Letters So that Every Church Can Learn - Prophetic Insight into the Church Age

**Journey Through the Bible: Revelation** 

Areas of Meaning:	<u> </u>
- The Name of the Church	
- The Title Christ Chooses for Himself	
- Commendation	
- Concern	
- Instruction	
- Promise to the Overcomer	
History of Ephesus:	
- Founded around 1400 BC (Tacitus)	
- Patron Deity: Hittite Mother Goddess (Diana)	
- Conquered in 1000 BC By Colonists from Athens	
- 541BC Became Part of the Ionian Confederation	
- Against Persian Expansion into Europe	
- Conquered by Alexander the Great 334 BC	
- Left to the Roman Republic by King Attalus in 129 BC	
- Roman Empire (Augustus) Made Capitol of Asia	
(Circa 27 BC)	
Geography, Trade, and Influence:	
- Wealthy City Considered 2 <sup>nd</sup> Only to Rome by 100 AD.	
- Temple of Artemis One of the 7 Wonders Ancient World	
- Income Based on Prostitution	
- Threatened by the Founding of the Church (Paul)	
- Coast City/Center of Trade from Europe to Far East	
- Harbor Eventually Eroded Becoming Unusable	
- Today the Ruins are 20 mi. Inland	- <u></u>
Apostolic Period:	
- Most Populus City in the Empire	
- Harbor Traffic Eventually Diverted to Smyrna	
- Cultural Center for Study (Mysticism)	
Paul's Influence:	
- 1 <sup>st</sup> Missionary Encounter to the Synagogue	
- 2 <sup>nd</sup> Visit Preached to Gentiles at School of Tyrannus	
- Acts 19:24-41; 20:1	
- Priscilla, Aquila, and Apollos	
- 1 Corinthians Penned During 2 <sup>nd</sup> Visit	
- Paul Writes to Ephesus from Rome	
- False Apostles followed (7 Sons of Siva: Acts 19)	
- Eventually Became a Missions Hub to Europe	

Central Themes in Ephesians:  - The Gospel is the Fulfillment of All History (1-3)  - Praise to God for Christ and Grace for All  - All People Dead in Sins/A New Life in Christ  - Torah Fulfilled/ Barriers Broken  - Unify All Peoples Under Christ  - All People Understand the Love of the God (Therefore)  - Live the Gospel  - All in Christ are One Body  - Unity is NOT Uniformity  - Many Gifts/Ministries, One Spirit  - Choose the New Clothes (Life in the Spirit)  Take Off Put On  Lies Truth  Anger Peace Theft Generosity  Gossip Encouragement  Revenge Forgiveness Immorality Self-Control  Drunkenness God's Spirit  - Devotion, Not Just Doctrine  -Worship (Sing) in Public and Private  - Be Thankful  - Esteem Others as Greater  - Mutual Submission and Love in Marriage  Spiritual Warfare (Eph. 6:10-24)  - Spiritual Warfare (Eph. 6:10-24)  - Spiritual Warfare (Eph. 6:10-24)  - Spiritual Warfare (Sospel)  - Love God and Each Other  - Work in Common Cause (Spread and Live the Gospel)  - Defend the Doctrines of the Faith  - Balance the Ministries in Unity	<ul><li>Per Legend Joh</li><li>Gospel of John</li><li>Per Eusebius, John</li></ul>	nes Bishop (1 Tim. 1:3) n Moves there with Mary	
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Paul's Farewell and Warning (Acts 20:26-31)	
The Church and Christ (V.1):  *Εφεσος (Origin Lost) "Permitted" or "Darling"  "Holds the Seven Stars"  - Command and Authority Over  - Making Secure (John 10:28)  "Walking Among":  - Christ is Present (Mat. 18:20)  - Walking in Judgement (Pro. 8:20-21; Rev. 1:15)	
Commendation (V. 2-3) - Works (Ministry) - Labor (or Toil: a beating of the breast with grief, sorrow) - Endurance - No Tolerance for Evil (Not Apathetic) - Tested False Teachers - Endured Persecution and Hardship - Persevered	
<ul> <li>Concern (V. 4)</li> <li>"You have abandoned the love (agape) you had"</li> <li>"at first (πρῶτος)": "First in time" or "First in rank"</li> <li>- 3 Great Commandments Voiced by Christ</li> <li>- Love God with Everything You Are (Deut. 6:4-7)</li> <li>- Love Your Neighbor as Yourself (Lev. 19:17-18)</li> <li>- Love One Another (Jn. 13:34)</li> <li>- Love God (Worship &amp; Discipleship)</li> <li>- Love Your Neighbor (Missions &amp; Evangelism)</li> <li>- Love Each Other (Discipleship &amp; Fellowship)</li> </ul>	
"Love and Hope Become Casualties in the Hunt for Heresies."	
<ul> <li>Nicolaitans (V. 6)</li> <li>Followers of Nicolas of Antioch (Acts 6:5)</li> <li>Early Church Fathers Attributed Abuses Excused or Rationalized by False Claims to Apostolic Authority</li> <li>1 Peter 5:1-3</li> <li>Untranslated Word: Niaco = Conquer/Rule; Laos = People</li> <li>John 13:15-16</li> </ul>	

Instruction REPENT (v. 5): - Sound Doctrine to be Understood by All - Love for God is Primary - Devotion (Personal Relationship) Not Just Doctrine. BOTH! - Balance (Creative Tension) In Ministry	
Promise to the Overcomer (V.7): - Fruit of the Tree of Life - Everlasting Life - A Special Recognition Reserved for the Faithful & the Loving - Standing in the Immediate Presence of God	
Prophetic Insight: - Church After Acts - Regionalism (Distinctive Doctrines) - Early Heresies - Confusion on Church Government and Biblical Cannon - Persecution Without and Within	
Understanding the Early Church: - Apostle or Missionary Preaches - Synagogue or School of Philosophy - A Community of Converts Crystalizes - Becomes the Disciples of the Apostle - Officers are Appointed (Bishop/Elder and Deacons) - Pastor (Bishop or Elder) Continues Teaching - Formulates Sermons and Commentaries - Studies Epistles and Gospel(s) - Teaches the Deacons - Pass Sermons on to Home Fellowships - Meet the Physical Needs of the Members - Lead Charitable/Evangelistic Ministries	
For Session 4:  Read Rev. 2:8-11  How Were We Persecuted in the Past?  How Are We Persecuted Today?  How Can We Turn Persecution into Opportunity?  Journal Thoughts and Questions.  Discuss In Groups.	