

# ***Do You Remember Your First Love?***

**Revelation 2:1-7**

# Seven Churches of Asia



# Introduction

## ***What Do The Churches Represent?***

***View #1 – Periods of church history***

***View #2 – Different churches today***

# Our Study

## Revelation 2:1-7

- v. 1**      *Address*
- v. 1**      *Speaker*
- v. 2-3, 6**      *Hidden Knowledge*
- v. 4-5**      *Problem & Cure*
- v. 7**      *Encouragement*

# Address

## Verse 1

***“Angel”***

***. . . word refers to the lead elder of the church***

**Ephesus**



# The Address

Verse 1a

***“The Vanity of the Ancient  
World”***

***“Light of Asia”***



An aerial photograph of Quasdassi Harbor. In the foreground, a large white apartment building with multiple balconies sits on a grassy slope. A paved road with a median and trees runs alongside the harbor. The harbor itself is filled with numerous sailboats and yachts moored in the water. A long pier extends into the harbor. In the background, a densely populated hillside rises from the water's edge, and a small island is visible in the distance under a cloudy sky.

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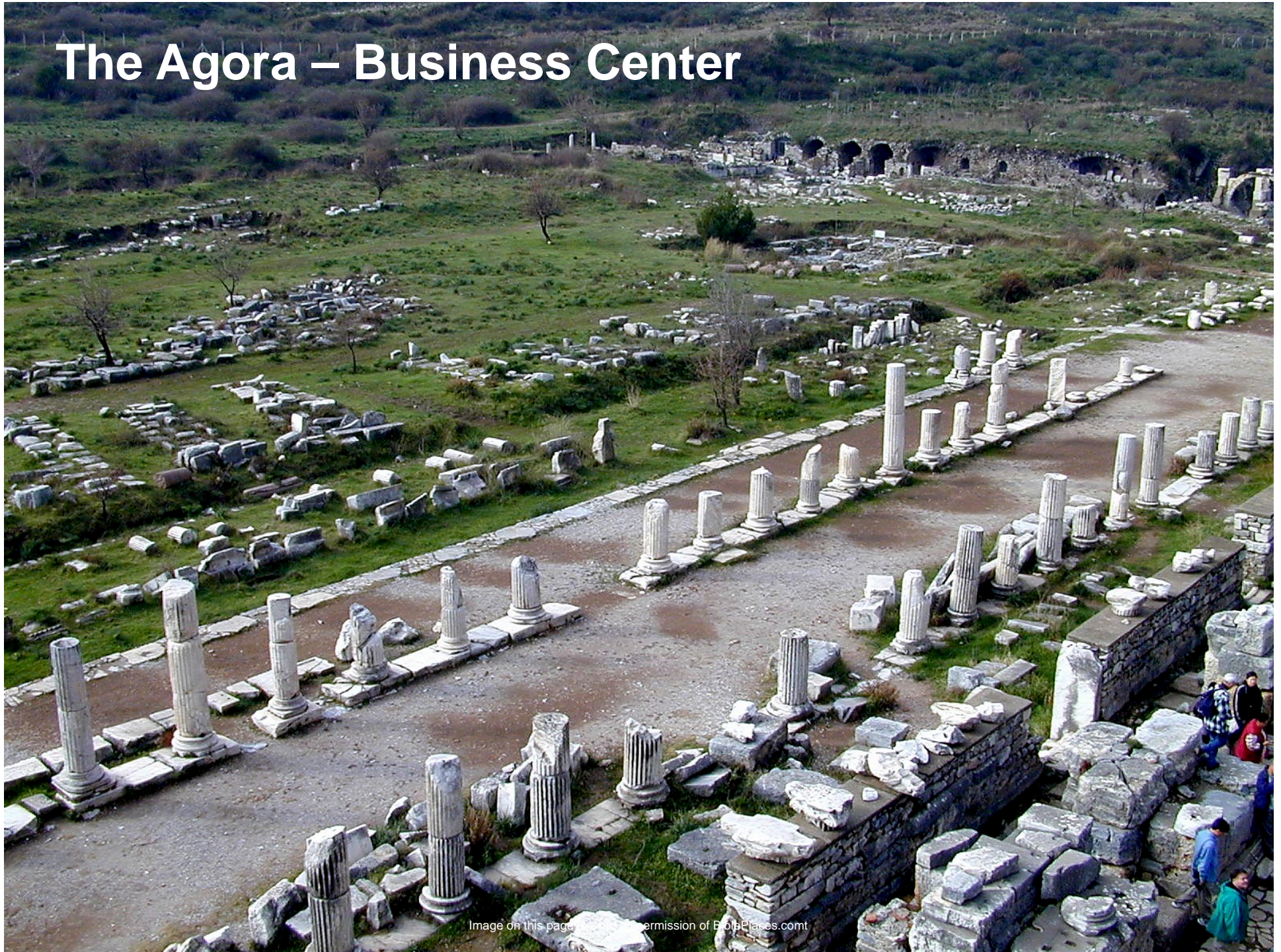


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# The Speaker

Verse 1b

***“One holds the seven stars  
and walks among . . .”***

***. . . refers to Jesus Christ***

***. . . Revelation 1:12-13, 16***



# The Hidden Knowledge Revealed

Rev. 2:2

***“I know . . .”***

***. . . Greek word οἶδα = “complete knowledge”***

***. . . reminder that God knows your heart and deeds***

***. . . we cannot escape***



# **The Hidden Knowledge Revealed**

**Rev. 2:2-3, 6**

***Jesus reveals 9 things about them . . .***

- 1. Deeds***
- 2. Toil***
- 3. Perseverance***
- 4. Did not tolerate evil people***
- 5. Tested people claiming to be apostles***
- 6. Persevered for Jesus***
- 7. Endured for Jesus***
- 8. Did not grow weary***
- 9. Hated deeds of the Nicolaitians***

# The Hidden Knowledge Revealed

Rev. 2:2-3, 6

## *Summary . . .*

*They worked hard for Jesus . . .*

- *Preserve holiness*
- *Maintain doctrinal purity*
- *To serve God*

*But something was missing . . .*

# The Problem & Cure

Rev. 2:4-5

***They left their first love . . .***



*αφιημι = “to depart, set aside, leave behind”*

***. . . They worked hard but are rebuked for not loving Jesus as they should have.***

# The Problem & Cure

Rev. 2:4-5

*They worked hard . . .*

*Romans 12:1 – was true of them*

# The Problem & Cure

Rev. 2:4-5

*They needed to be like David . . .*

*“I love you, O Lord”*

*Psalms 18:1*



# The Problem & Cure

Rev. 2:4-5

*If you think you love Jesus,  
check out what He expects  
from you **versus what you  
actually do . . .***

# The Problem & Cure

Rev. 2:4-5

## *The Cure . . .*

- 1. Remember . . . how you once loved Jesus*
- 2. Repent . . . desire to change*
- 3. Do the deeds . . . you once did*

# **The Encouragement**

Rev. 2:7

***Overcomers:***

***Eat of the . . .***

***Tree of Life . . .***

***in Paradise of God***

# Conclusion

***Priority Is Loving  
Jesus***

***. . . Your commitment is  
the proof***