

Looking Like The Culture

Revelation 2:12-17

Introduction

Definition of Culture*:

- 1. Refinement of mind, tastes, and manners; artistic and intellectual development***
- 2. Distinctive customs, achievements, products, outlook . . . way of life***

****Oxford English Dictionary, 6th Ed***

Our Study

Revelation 12-17

v. 12a *Address*

v. 12b *Speaker*

v. 13-15 *Hidden Knowledge*

v. 16 *The Cure*

v. 17 *Encouragement*

Address

Verse 12a

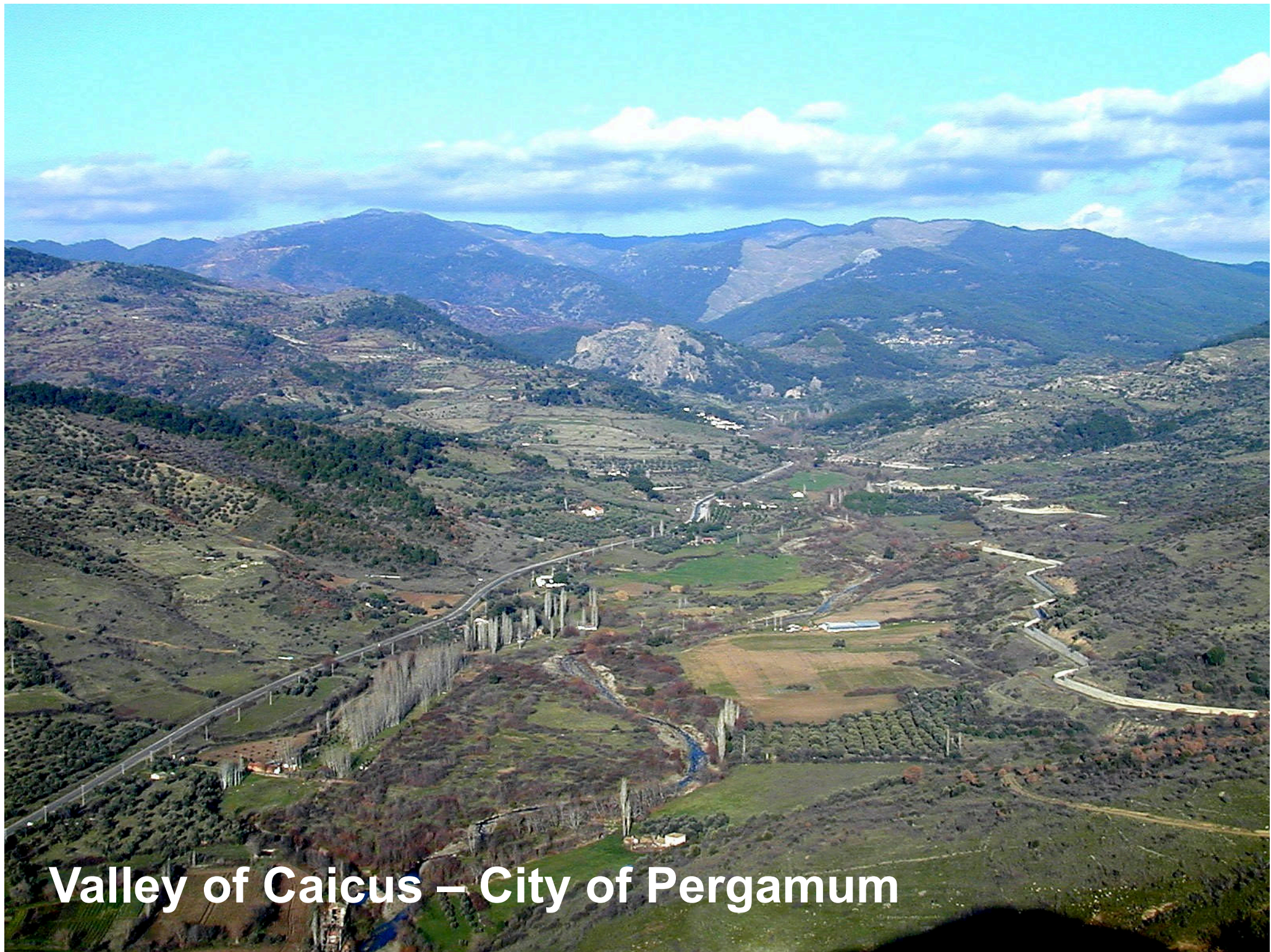
“Angel”

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

Asia Minor



Pergamum

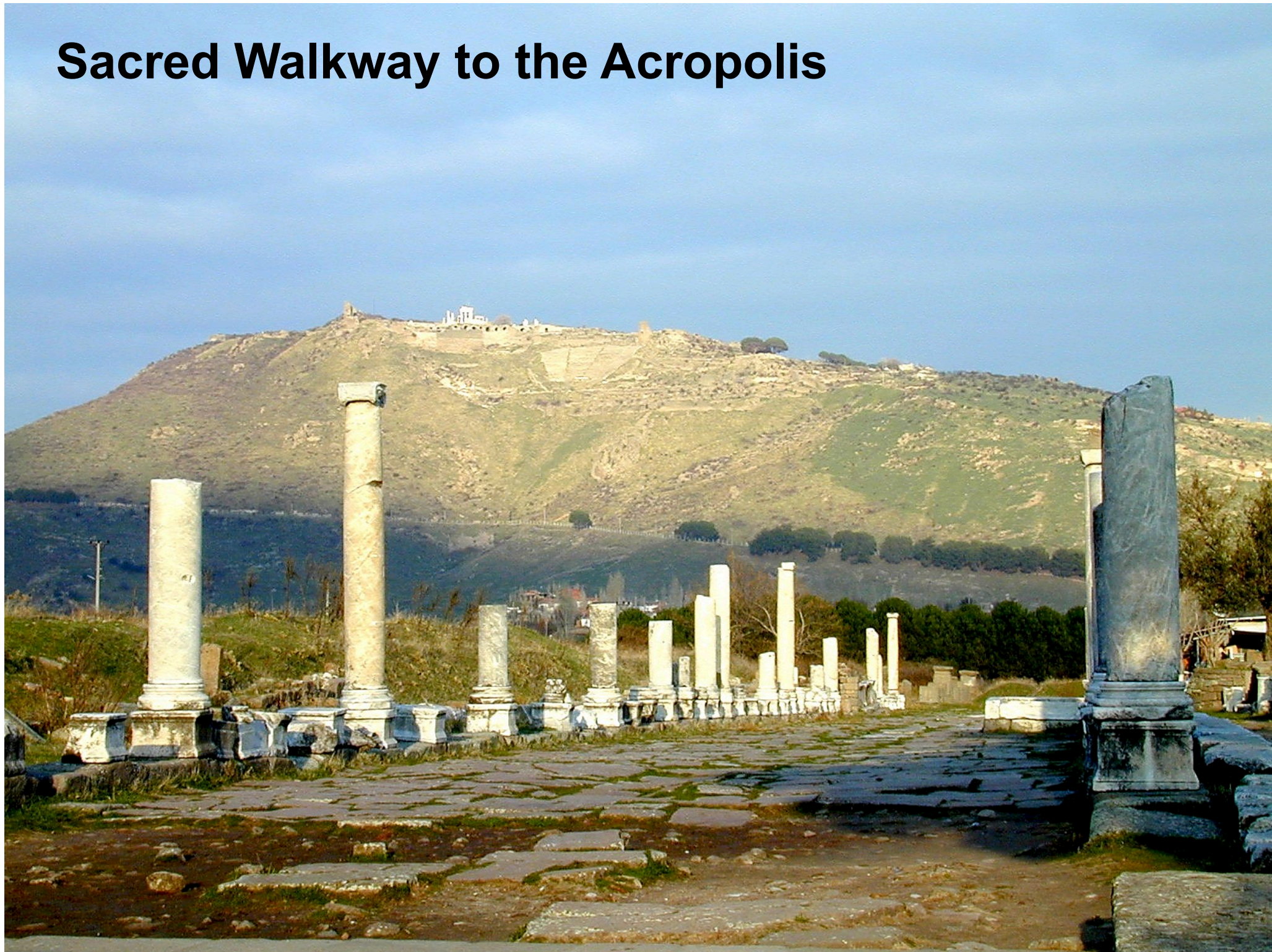


Valley of Caicus – City of Pergamum

The Acropolis – Business Center



Sacred Walkway to the Acropolis



Some of the Fortifications



Gymnasium of Pergamum



The Theater



The Library Ruins



Ruins – Temple of Trajan



Ruins – Temple of Athena



Ruins – Altar of Zeus



Ruins – Temple of Demeter



Ruins – Temple of Dionysus

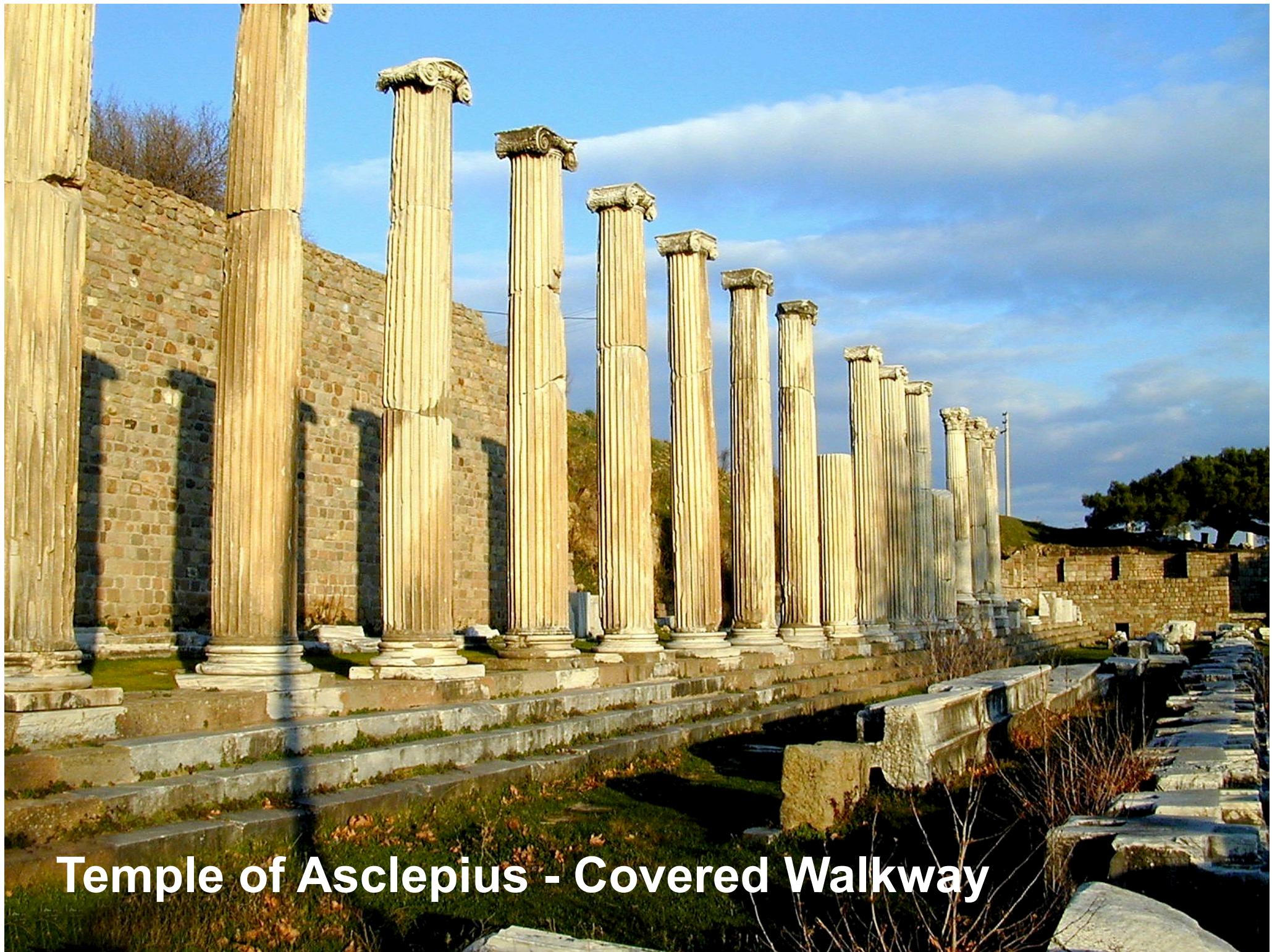


Ruins – Temple of Serapis



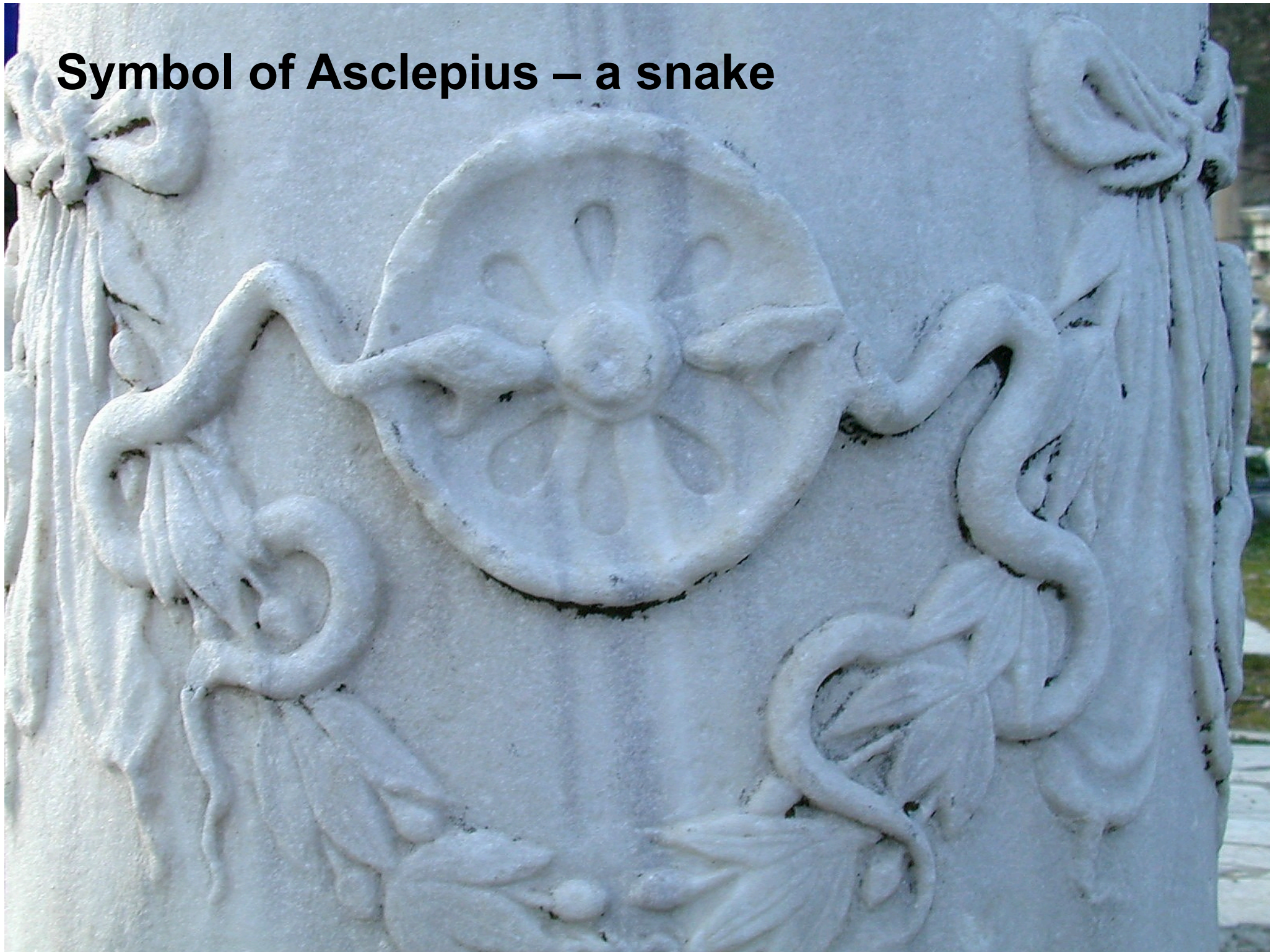
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Temple of Asclepius - Covered Walkway

Symbol of Asclepius – a snake



Asclepius Sacred Passageway



The Speaker

Verse 12b

“Has the sharp two-edged sword . . .”

. . . refers to Jesus Christ

. . . Revelation 1:16; 19:15

The Hidden Knowledge Revealed

Rev. 2:13

“Satan’s Throne . . . Satan dwells . . .”

*. . . refers to **all** of the pagan gods*

The Hidden Knowledge Revealed

Rev. 2:13

“Antipas . . .”

***. . . reportedly was martyred by being
roasted in a brass bull***

The Hidden Knowledge Revealed

Rev. 2:13

“ . . . in the days of . . . ”

. . . reveals things are different now

The Hidden Knowledge Revealed

Rev. 2:14-15

They tolerated two errors . . .

1. *Teaching of Balaam – Num. 25:1-9; 31:16*
2. *Teaching of the Nicolaitans – Acts 6:5*

The Hidden Knowledge Revealed

Rev. 2:14-15

Did They Forget? . . .

. . . 1 Cor. 7:39

. . . 1 Thess. 4:3

. . . 2 Cor. 6:14

. . . Col. 1:15

. . . Deut. 7:3-4

. . . 1 Cor. 6:18

. . . Col. 3:5

The Hidden Knowledge Revealed

Rev. 2:14-15

They did forget . . .

. . . King Solomon's error ?

The Hidden Knowledge Revealed

Rev. 2:14-15

Did they forget ?

. . . Or, did not care ?????

The Hidden Knowledge Revealed

Rev. 2:16

So Jesus calls them . . .

. . . to repent

. . . or ELSE

The Encouragement

Rev. 2:17

Three rewards . . .

. . . hidden manna

. . . white stone

The White Stone – In Pergamum

Ἡ ΒΟΥΛΗ ΚΑΙ Ο ΔΗΜΟΣ
ΤΩΝ ΠΡΩΤΩΝ ΝΕΩΚΟΡΩΝ
ΠΕΡΓΑΜΗΝΩΝ ΕΤΙΜΗΣΕ
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The Encouragement

Rev. 2:17

Three rewards . . .

. . . hidden manna

. . . white stone

. . . new name

Conclusion

Are You Caught? - 1 John 2:15-17

- *Repent*
- *Bath yourself in scripture*
- *Be filled with the Spirit*
- *Pray continually*

