

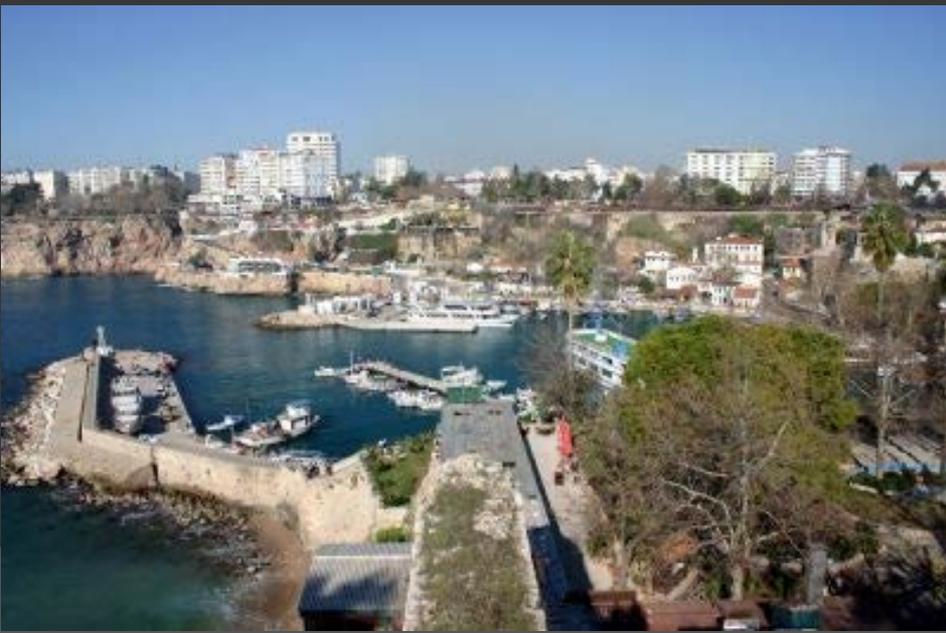
PILGRIMAGE TO TURKEY: ARCHAEOLOGICAL REMAINS ~ PART 2 ~

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SUN, MAY 19 (Pentecost) DAY 7:

- **ANTALYA:** breakfast at hotel
- Ancient **Perga:** one of best-preserved stadium-theatres in Turkey.
 - Barnabas & Paul passed thru Perga on their way to/from Antioch (Acts 13:13-14; 14:25).
- **Antalya:** Archaeology Museum, one of the finest in modern Turkey.
- **Aspendos:** Ancient theatre
- **Antalya:** back to hotel for dinner

ANTALYA



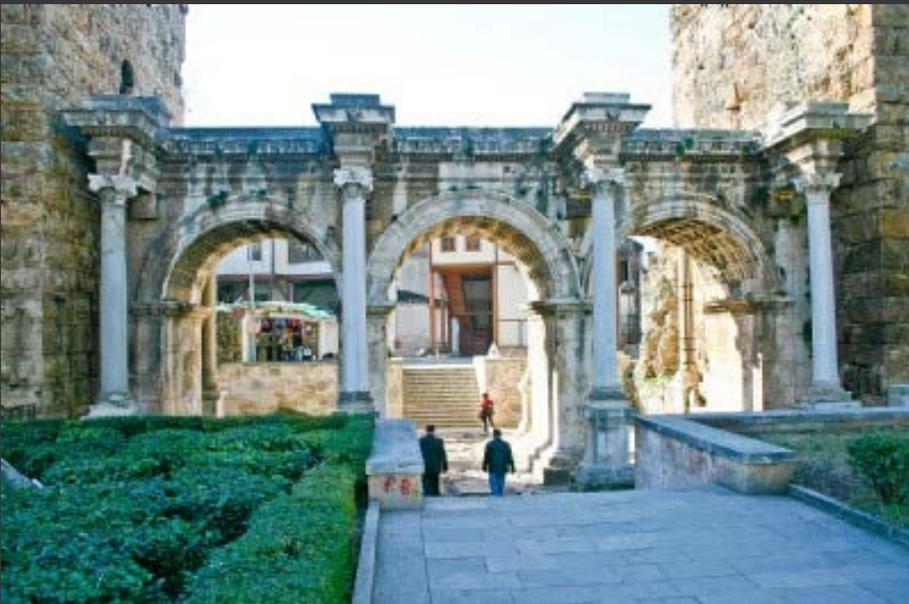
ANTALYA



ANTALYA: Hadrian's Gate



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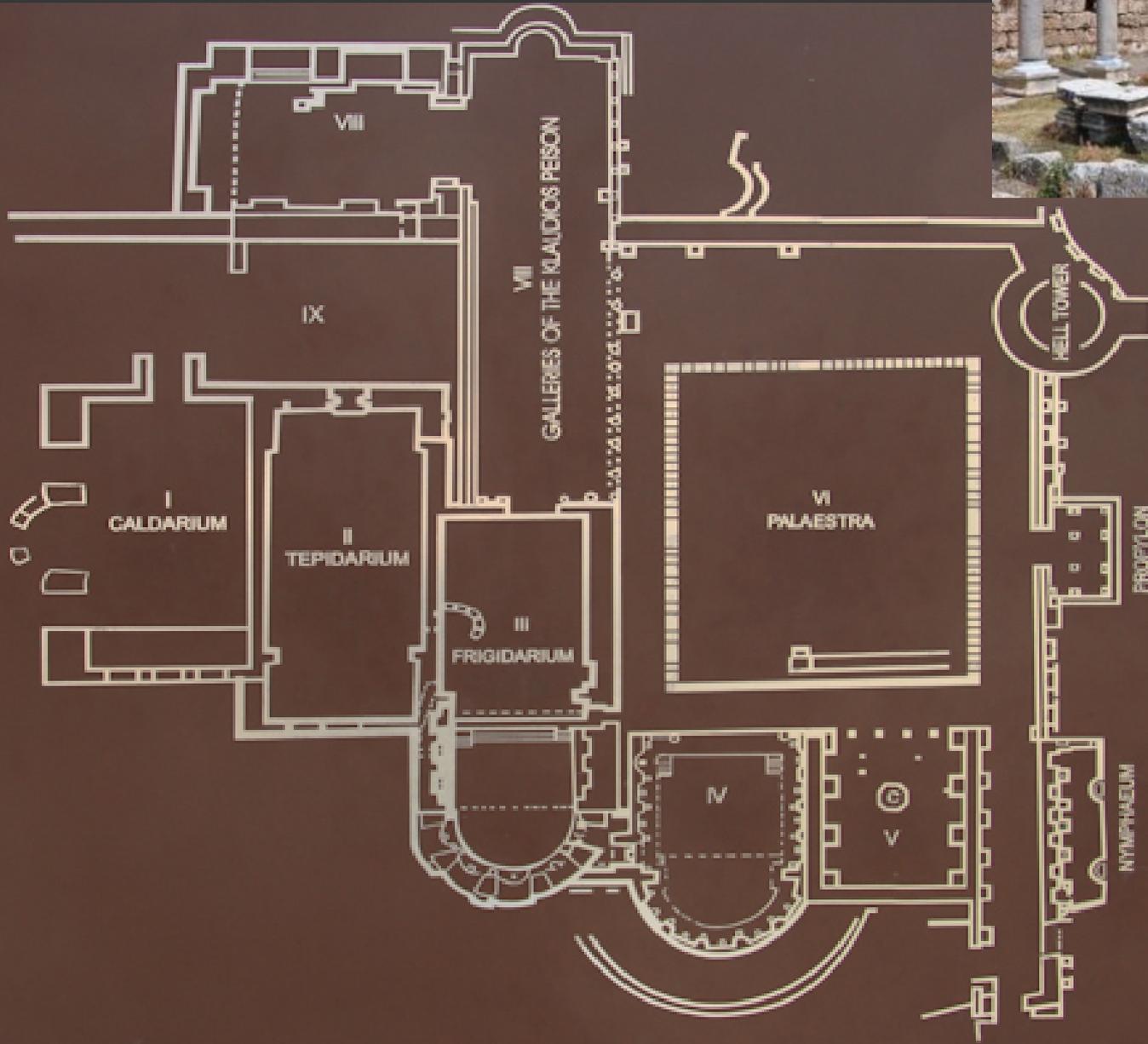
ANTALYA: Yivli Minaret (“fluted”) & Taurus Mountains



PERGA/E



PERGA: Southern Bath



PERGA: Bath



PERGA: Forum



PERGA: Cardo (Main Street)



PERGA: Cardo
(Column with
Artemis)



PERGA: Nymphaeum (water fountain)



PERGA: Oceanus, game board, & butcher's table



PERGA: Dancer & Priestess of Artemis



PERGA: Statue & Inscriptions of Plancia Magna, city benefactress



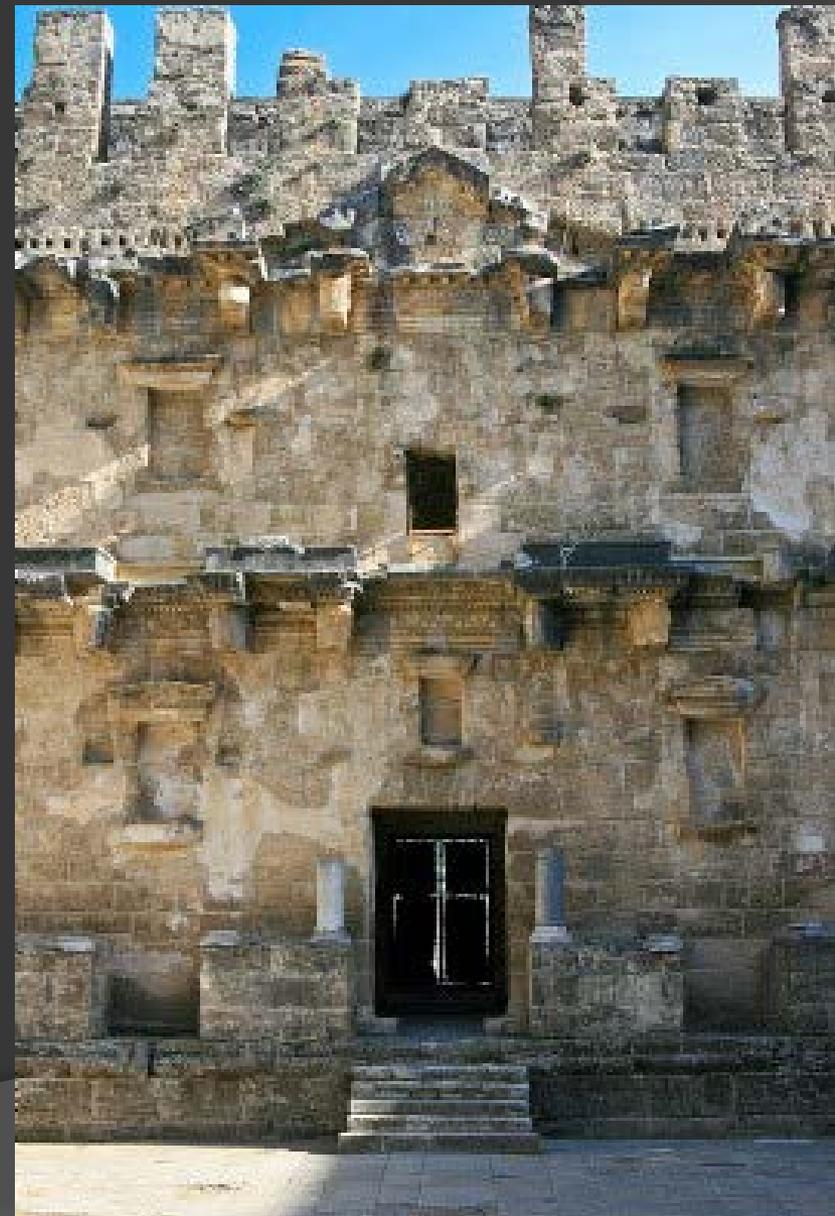
PERGA: Incense Altar



PERGA: Frieze from Theatre



ASPENDOS: Theatre stage



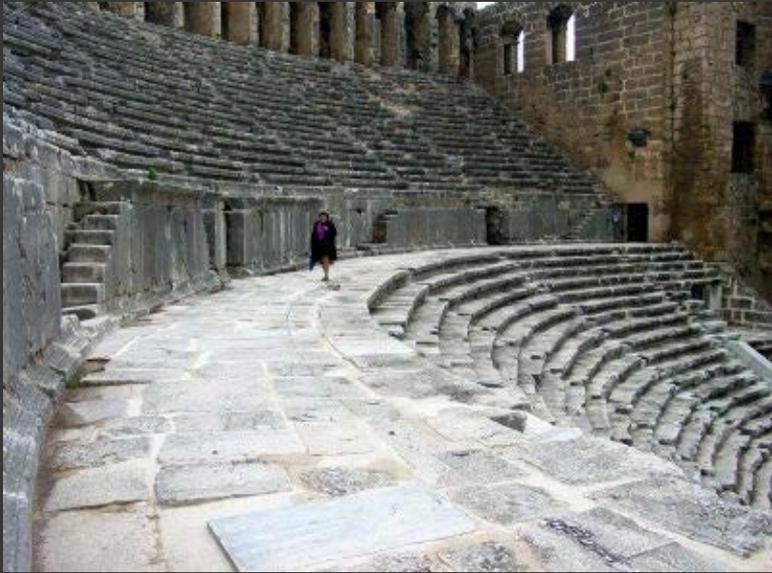
ASPENDOS: Theatre



Asp. Theatre: Keystone of Dionysus, entrance & exterior



ASPENDOS: Diazoma ("Belt Walkway") & Theatre Seating



ASPENDOS: Nymphaeum



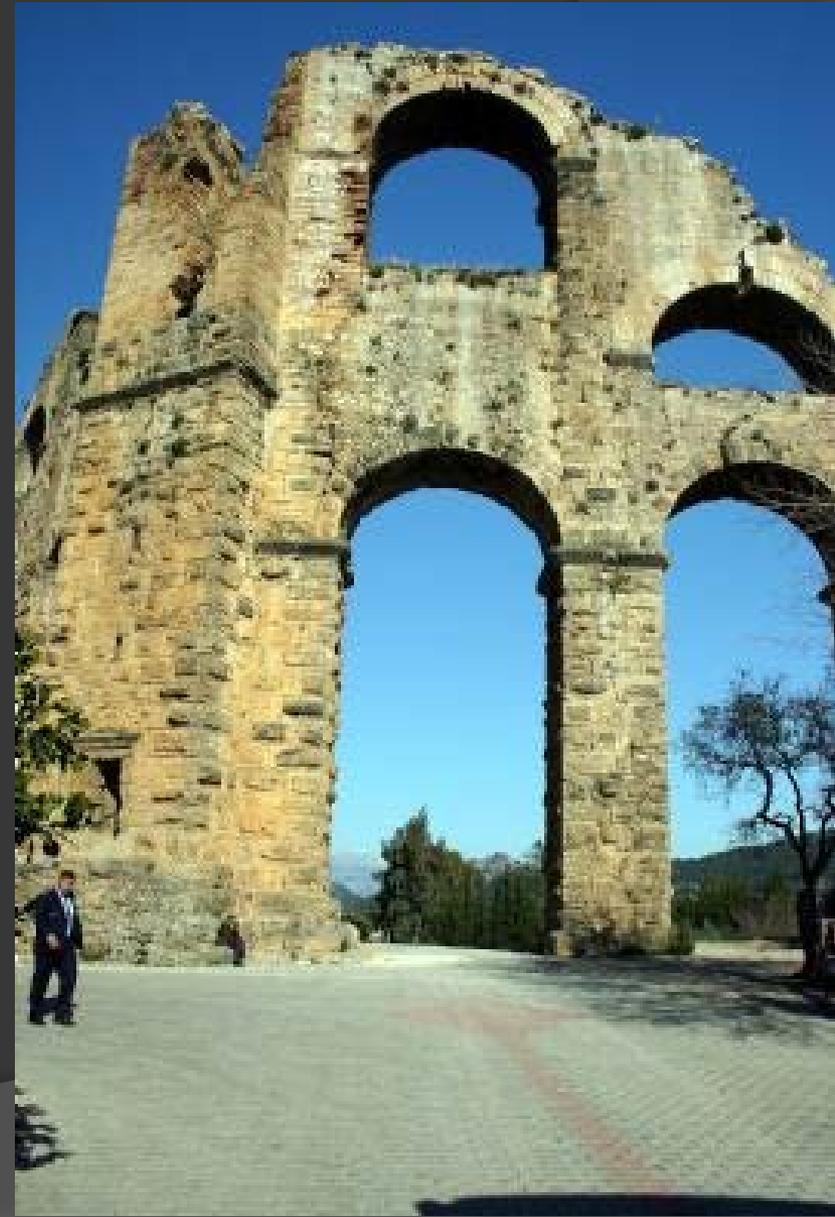
ASPENDOS: Street & Gate; Acropolis & Temple



ASPENDOS: Aqueduct



ASPENDOS: Aqueduct & stadium



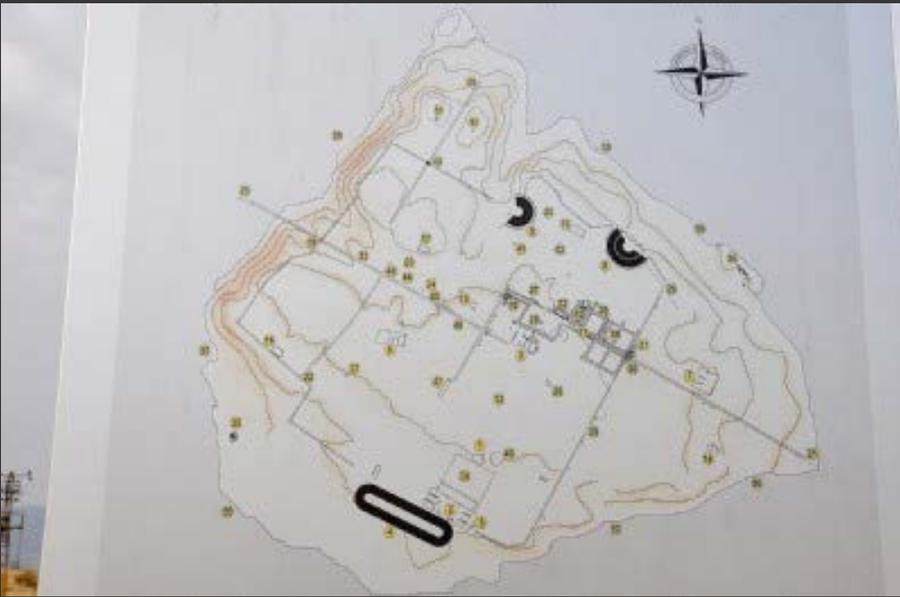
ASPENDOS: Selçuk Bridge (13th Cen.) at Köprüçay River (ancient Eurymedon)



MON, MAY 20, DAY 8:

- ⦿ **ANTALYA to LAODICEA to COLOSSAE to HIERAPOLIS**
- ⦿ Morning travel to **Laodicea**, a site largely unexcavated.
 - The church here received a letter from Paul (Col 4:16)
 - One of the seven churches of the Book of Revelation.
 - Site of an important regional church council held in 367 AD.
- ⦿ We then visit ruins of ancient **Colossae**.
 - Paul himself never visited, but Epaphras, one of his associates and a citizen of Colossae, founded the Colossian church (Col 1:7; 4:12).
 - Paul later tells Philemon of his hope to visit there upon being freed from prison (Phlm 1:22).
- ⦿ Next, we visit the ruins of **Hierapolis** (Col 4:13)
 - UNESCO World Heritage Site, in present day Pamukkale
 - St. Philip was martyred here in 80 AD.
- ⦿ Our hotel in **Pamukkale** offers thermal spring waters laden with minerals. The waters falling over a plateau edge created a cascade of dazzling white petrified basins.

LAODICEA: Column w/Cross & Menorah



LAODICEA: Cardo, Drainage, Exedra



LAODICEA Baths: Ionic Temple (?) with baptismal font (?)



LAODICEA: Stadium



LAODICEA: Large Theatre



LAODICEA: Small Theatre & Gymnasium



LAODICEA: Byz. Church, Gym. Interior, Water Siphon, & Pipes



LAODICEA: Water Tower & Pipes



LAODICEA: Odeum & Excavators



COLOSSAE



COLOSSAE: Acropolis



COLOSSAE: Theatre & Stream



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COLOSSAE: Lycus Valley, Opium poppies, Collosae in snow



HIERAPOLIS/Pamukkale: Travertine



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HIERAPOLIS: Thermal Pool



HIERAPOLIS: Water Channels, Gate of Domitian, Latrine



HIERAPOLIS: Temple of Apollo & the Plutonium



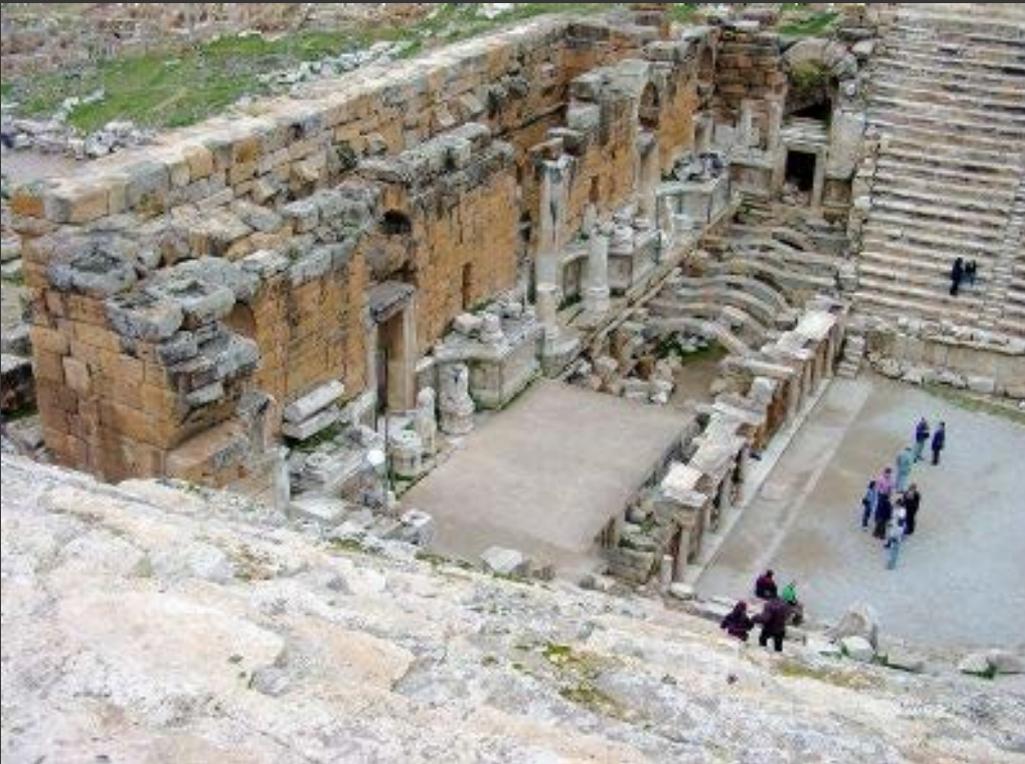
HIERAPOLIS: Northern Baths & Cardo



HIERAPOLIS: Theatre



HIERAPOLIS: Theatre Stage



V.I.P. Seats & Fish decoration



HIERAPOLIS: Necropolis & Sarcophagus w/Menorah



HIERAPOLIS: Tomb w/Menorah of Marcus Aurelius Philoumeno Streneion (2nd Cen)



HIERAPOLIS: Monumental Tomb



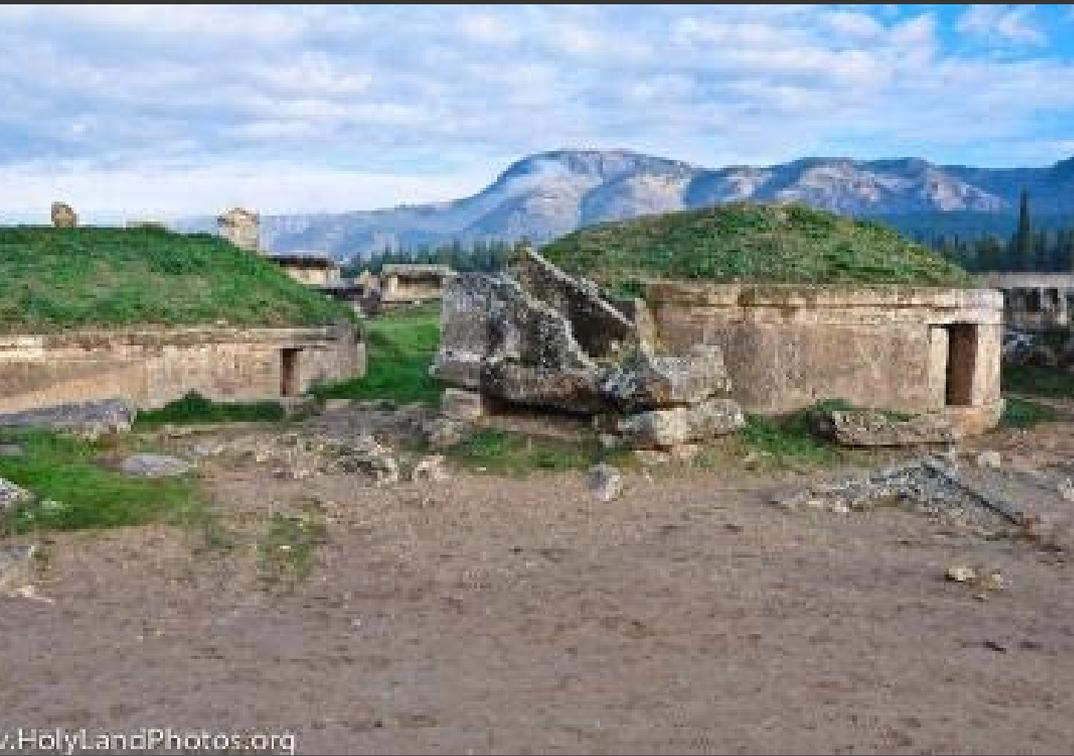
HIERAPOLIS: Tomb w/ Inscription of merchant Flavius Zeuxis



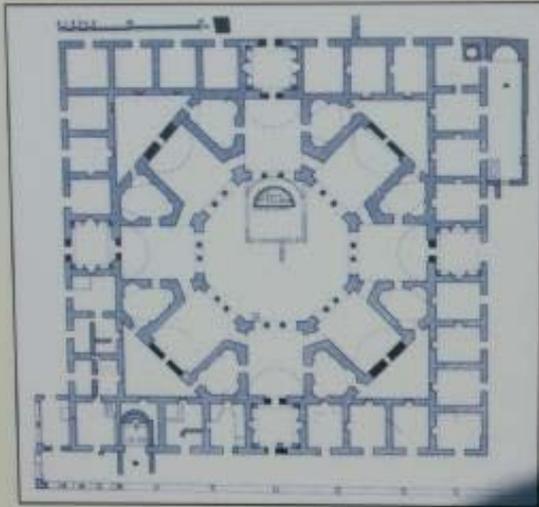
HIERAPOLIS: Tomb Complex; Freestanding Tomb w/Inscription



HIERAPOLIS: Tumulus Tomb & Sarcophagus Tomb



HIERAPOLIS: Tomb Church & Martyrium of Philip



HIERAPOLIS: Church of Philip w/Apse



HIERAPOLIS: Tomb & Church

Tomb Interior; Overview



HIERAPOLIS: Martyrium Interior; West Entrance (Lower Right)



Martyrium Entrance w/ Pilgrims' Room“ (top left); “Pilgrim’s Path”



Pilgrim's Path (cont.); Pilgrim Purification Building (low-l); "Pilgrims' Rooms" (low-r)



HIERAPOLIS: Chapel Apse attached to Martyrium; Martyrium Carvings



TUES, MAY 21, DAY 9:

- ◎ **To APHRODISIAS to MILETUS to KUSADASI:**
- ◎ Depart Pamukkale for ruins of ancient Aphrodisias.
 - Sacred site since 5800 BC: Neolithic peoples came here to worship goddess of fertility and crops.
 - Greek era: site dedicated to Aphrodite, goddess of love & fertility. Great temple built in 1st cent. AD.
 - Area remained a stronghold of pagan beliefs for centuries
 - Eventually Christianity spread and the city was renamed Stauropolis (“city of the cross”).
- ◎ Travel to seaside city of **Miletus**.
 - Not wanting to delay his travels by going to Ephesus, Paul called Ephesian elders to Miletus to bid farewell (Acts 20). From here, he sailed to Jerusalem to celebrate Pentecost.
- ◎ Dinner and overnight in resort of Kusadasi

APHRODISIAS

◎ <http://www.sacred-destinations.com/turkey/aphrodisias>



APHRODISIAS



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MILETUS (mod. Balat)



MILETUS: Theater



MILETUS: Theatre w/Inscriptions; Low-R God-Fearer Inscription



MILETUS: Gladiator Reliefs & Processional Way



MILETUS: Ionic Stoa, Lion Harbor,



KUSADASI



WED, MAY 22, DAY 10:

⦿ EXCURSION TO HOUSE OF MARY & EPHESUS:

- We begin with Mass at the House of Mary, believed to be the last home of Jesus' mother. This peaceful site, sacred to both Christians and Muslims, was visited by Popes Paul VI, John Paul II, and Benedict XVI.
- ⦿ Our day's focus is on **EPHESUS**, capital of the Roman province of Asia Minor, largest city and main harbor on the western coast.
 - Today's shoreline is over four miles west of Roman-era harbor.
 - St. Paul founded the Church in Ephesus in 53-56 AD.
 - Great Theatre where Paul addressed the crowds (Acts 19:29).
 - Ruins of Church of the Virgin Mary ("Council Church"): 4th cent. church with a baptistery and bishop's residence. The Third Ecumenical Council, which affirmed Mary as "Theotokos", met here in 431 A.D.
 - Early Xn tradition believes John the Apostle wrote his Gospel in Ephesus.
 - The Basilica of St. John, built by Justinian in the 6th cent., is believed to house the tomb of St. John.
- ⦿ Return to hotel in Kusadasi with dinner at a local restaurant.

EPHESUS: House of Mary



EPHESUS: Great Theatre



EPHESUS: Council Church



EPHESUS: Basilica & Tomb of John



EPHESUS

- ⦿ For more on Ephesus, see the following sites:
- ⦿ <http://www.sacred-destinations.com/turkey/>
 - Ephesus
- ⦿ <http://www.holylandphotos.org/>
- ⦿ For Days 11-16 of our Pilgrimage, see Part 3.