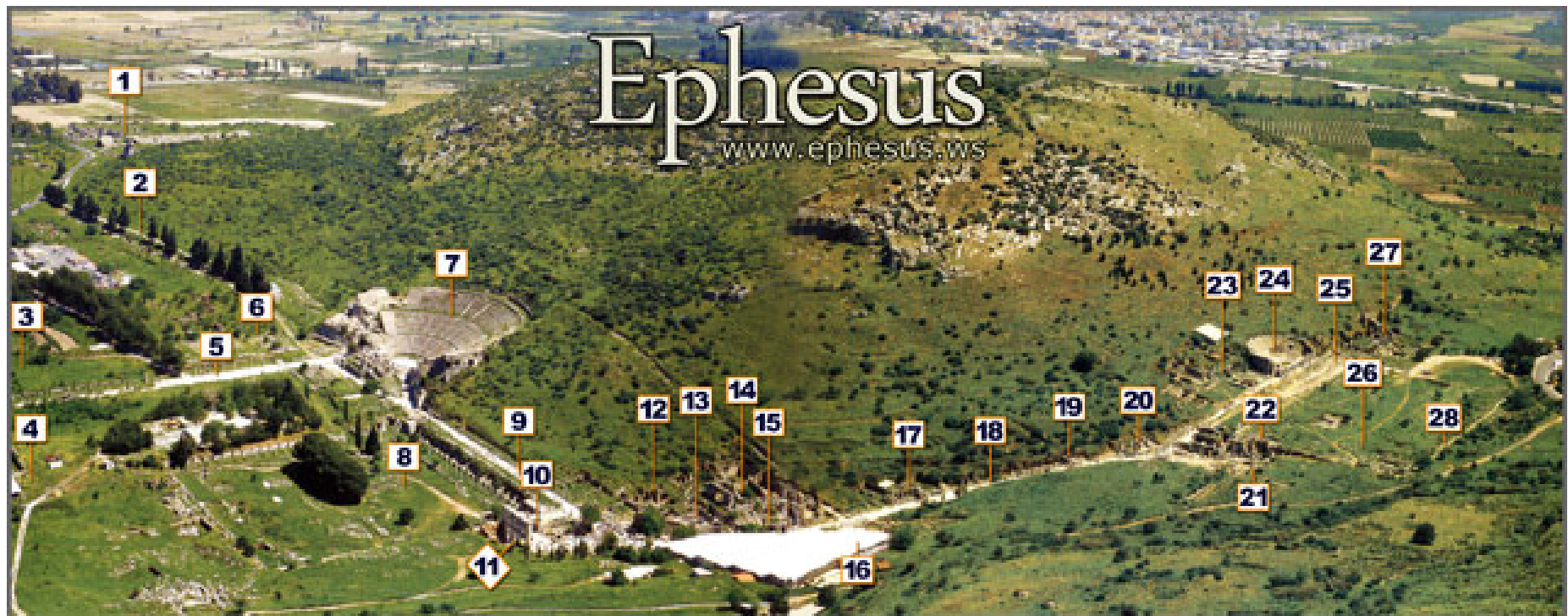


Jesus Walks Among the Lampstands

Lesson #4











































The Christ Title

Revelations 2:1: “To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: The One who holds the seven stars in His right hand, the One who walks among the seven golden lampstands, says this:”

Revelation 1:13

“ . . . and in the middle of the lampstands I saw one like a son of man, clothed in a robe reaching to the feet, and girded across His chest with a golden sash.”

Revelation 2:1c

“ . . . the One who walks among the seven golden lampstands, says this:”

The Commendation

Revelation 2:2-3,6: “² I know your deeds and your toil and perseverance, and that you cannot tolerate evil men, and you put to the test those who call themselves apostles, and they are not, and you found them to be false;
³ and you have perseverance and have endured for My name's sake, and have not grown weary. . . . ⁶ Yet this you do have, that you hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.”

#1

“I know your deeds, your hard work
and your perseverance.”

General acknowledgment of their
rigorous labor.

#2

“I know that you cannot tolerate
wicked men.”

There is no compromise with first
century heretics.

#3

“ . . . that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not.”

#2 involves a passive response. In #3, they are commended for an aggressive response. They tested them in some way.

#4

“You have persevered and have endured hardships for my name and have not grown weary.”

They suffered for no other reason than following Christ. The Ephesian church is militant in defending the truth of the gospel.

#5

“You hate the practice of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.”

They are vigorous in defending orthodoxy.

Acts 6:5

“⁵ The statement found approval with the whole congregation; and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas and Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch.”

The Greek word *niklaos* means
“Destroyer of the People.”

Acts 20:29-30

“²⁹ I know that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; ³⁰ and from among your own selves men will arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them.”

“You all live according to truth,
and no heresy has a home among
you; indeed, you do not so much
as listen to anyone if they speak of
anything except concerning Jesus
Christ in truth.”

The Complaint

Revelation 2:4: “Yet, I hold this against you: you have forsaken your first love.”

Acts 20:20-21,31

“²⁰ . . . how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you publicly and from house to house, ²¹ solemnly testifying to both Jews and Greeks of repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. . . . ³¹ Therefore be on the alert, remembering that night and day for a period of three years I did not cease to admonish each one with tears.”

I Timothy 1:4-6

“⁴ Nor to pay attention to myths and endless genealogies, which give rise to mere speculation rather than furthering the administration of God which is by faith. ⁵ But the goal of our instruction is love from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. ⁶ For some men, straying from these things, have turned aside to fruitless discussion.”

Matthew 22:37-40

“³⁷ And He said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.” ³⁸ This is the great and foremost commandment. ³⁹ The second is like it, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ⁴⁰ On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets.””

Ephesians 6:24

“²⁴ Grace be with all those who love our Lord Jesus Christ with incorruptible love.”

“You have left your love,
the first [love].”