



# Kingdom Advancement

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# MBC Vision Emphasis 2024

**Be an Acts 29 Witness  
through spirit filled devotion to Scripture,  
community, prayer, & outreach.**



THE ENCHANTING PRELUDE TO  
THE LORD OF THE RINGS

THE  
HOBBIT

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TOLKIEN



This is a story of how a Baggins had an adventure, and found himself doing and saying things altogether unexpected. He may have lost the neighbours' respect, but he gained—well, you will see whether he gained anything in the end.



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Hobbits, we are told, do not like adventures.  
Nasty, disturbing, uncomfortable things!  
Make you late for dinner!



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I'M GOING ON AN ADVENTURE!

Bilbo





Smaug

Dragon

The Hobbit



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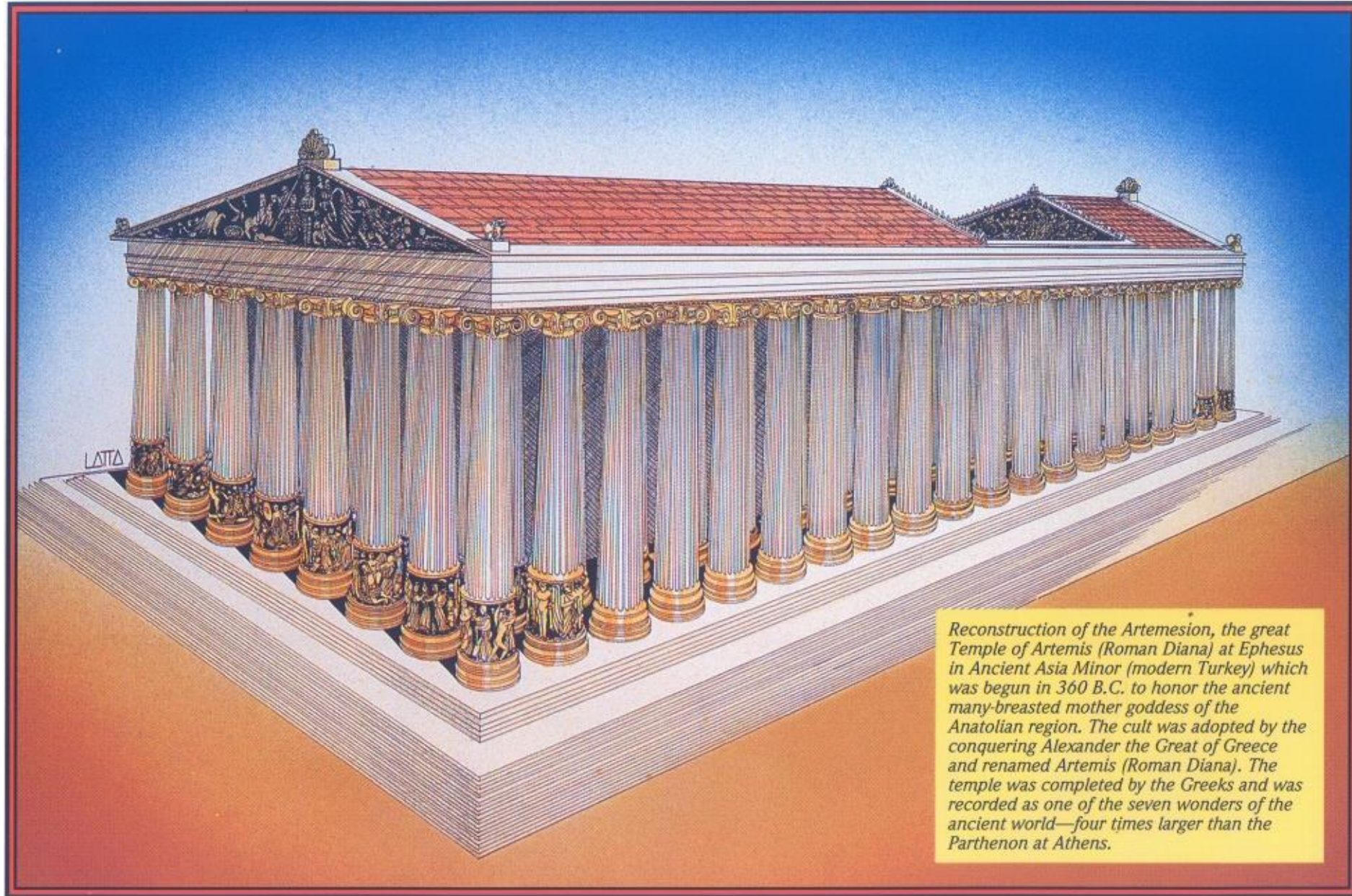
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# From Corinth to Ephesus — Paul, Priscilla, and Aquila

— Paul, Priscilla, and Aquila's route from Corinth to Ephesus







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<sup>12</sup> For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup>  
Therefore take up the whole armor of God, ...

Ephesians 6:12–13a

## The Word of God. Stick to it!

<sup>8</sup> And he entered the synagogue and for three months spoke boldly, reasoning and persuading them about the kingdom of God. <sup>9</sup> But when some became stubborn and continued in unbelief, speaking evil of the Way before the congregation, he withdrew from them and took the disciples with him, reasoning daily in the hall of Tyrannus.

## **The Word of God. Stick to it!**

<sup>10</sup> This continued for two years, so that all the residents of Asia heard the word of the Lord, both Jews and Greeks.

<sup>20</sup> So the word of the Lord continued to increase and prevail mightily.



## The Power of God. “Be strong in the Lord.”

<sup>11</sup> And God was doing extraordinary miracles by the hands of Paul, <sup>12</sup> so that even handkerchiefs or aprons that had touched his skin were carried away to the sick, and their diseases left them and the evil spirits came out of them.

## The Power of God. “Be strong in the Lord.”

<sup>13</sup> Then some of the itinerant Jewish exorcists undertook to invoke the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, **“I adjure you by the Jesus whom Paul proclaims.”** <sup>14</sup> Seven sons of a Jewish high priest named Sceva were doing this.

## The Power of God. “Be strong in the Lord.”

<sup>15</sup> But the evil spirit answered them, “Jesus I know, and Paul I recognize, but who are you?” <sup>16</sup> And the man in whom was the evil spirit leaped on them, mastered all of them and overpowered them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.

## The Power of God. “Be strong in the Lord.”

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Ephesians 6:10

praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, Ephesians 6:18

## The Power of God. “Be strong in the Lord.”

<sup>11</sup> Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. ... <sup>13</sup> Therefore take up the **whole armor of God**, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. <sup>14a</sup> Stand therefore,

Ephesians 6:11,13,14

# The Sanctification of Believers.

## Get specific, repent, & grow.

<sup>17</sup> And this became known to all the residents of Ephesus, both Jews and Greeks. And fear fell upon them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was extolled.

# The Sanctification of Believers.

## Get specific, repent, & grow.

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<sup>19</sup> And a number of those who had practiced magic arts brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all. And they counted the value of them and found it came to fifty thousand pieces of silver.

## Get specific...

Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, <sup>27</sup>and **give no opportunity to the devil.**

Ephesians 4:26- 27



## Get specific...

Anyone whom you forgive, I also forgive. Indeed, what I have forgiven, if I have forgiven anything, has been for your sake in the presence of Christ, **so that we would not be outwitted by Satan**; for we are not ignorant of his designs.

2 Corinthians 2:10-

## Repent...

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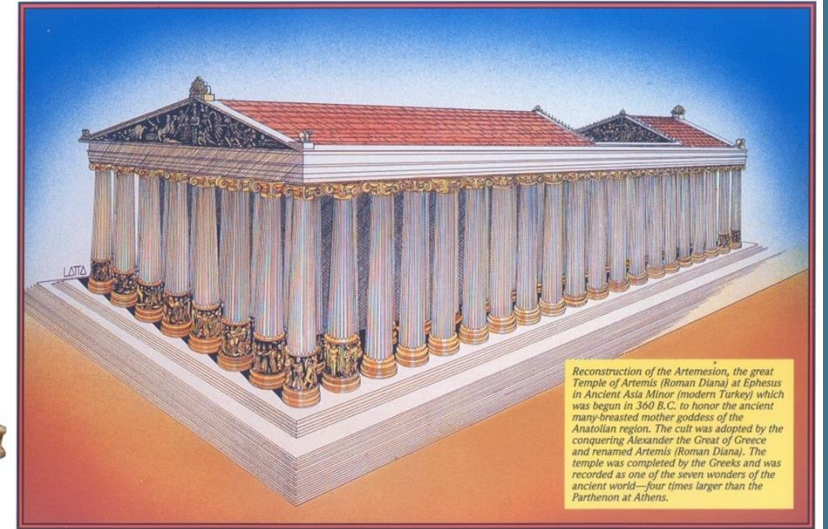
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Grow...

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The sanctification of believers impacts the economy of Ephesus.



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May the Kingdom of God advance as we

- stick to the truth of God
- rely on the power of God
- and grow in sanctification.