

EPHESUS

A CITY OF EXCESS

In the days of Priscilla and Aquila, Ephesus was a city where spiritual power, political loyalty, and global influence converged—*creating a city of excess*.



1 EPHESUS WAS A VERY SPIRITUAL CITY

Spirituality was everywhere—but it was not the true God.



EPHESIAN GRAMMATA (MAGIC)

Spells, incantations, and mystical practices were common and profitable.



TEMPLE OF ARTEMIS (PAGAN)

One of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. The heart of pagan worship and festivals.



AN IDOL ECONOMY

Silversmiths crafted and sold idols, shrines, and charms—driving the city's economy.

2 EPHESUS WAS A VERY ROMAN CITY

Loyalty to Rome and the emperor was expected—worship was political.



THE IMPERIAL CULT

The emperor was honored as divine. Temples and priesthoods promoted his worship throughout the city.



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"Caesar is Lord" was the confession of allegiance. To say it was to side with Rome's power.



TEMPLE OF ROMA AND JULIUS CAESAR (DEDICATED 29 BC)

Ephesus honored the goddess Roma and the deified emperor Julius Caesar in a grand public temple.

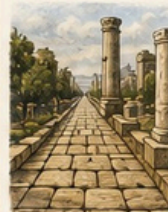
3 EPHESUS WAS A CITY WITH ACCESS TO THE WORLD

Wealth, ideas, and influence flowed in and out of Ephesus daily.



A MAJOR TRADING HUB

Its deep-water harbor connected Ephesus to every major port of the Mediterranean.



IMPERIAL ROAD NETWORK

Ephesus was linked by great Roman roads to all of Asia—spreading commerce, culture, and control.



CONNECTED TO THE WORLD

Caravans from the Silk Road brought goods and ideas all the way from China to the Mediterranean.

4 PRISCILLA & AQUILA ENTERED EPHESUS AS A CITY OF EXCESS



EXCESSIVELY WEALTHY

Commerce, banking, and craftsmanship created enormous prosperity.



EXCESSIVELY CONNECTED

Ideas, goods, and people from around the world flowed through Ephesus.



EXCESSIVELY SPIRITUAL

Spiritual hunger was real—but it was captured by false gods and magic.



EXCESSIVELY DARK

Immorality, idolatry, and oppression thrived in the shadows.



IN A MASSIVE CITY OF HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS, TWO PEOPLE CARRIED A DIFFERENT ALLEGIANCE.

*Their allegiance was to Jesus.
In a city that did not know him—yet.*

