

The (Strange) Roman World at the Time of Christ

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1. Daily Life in the Roman World

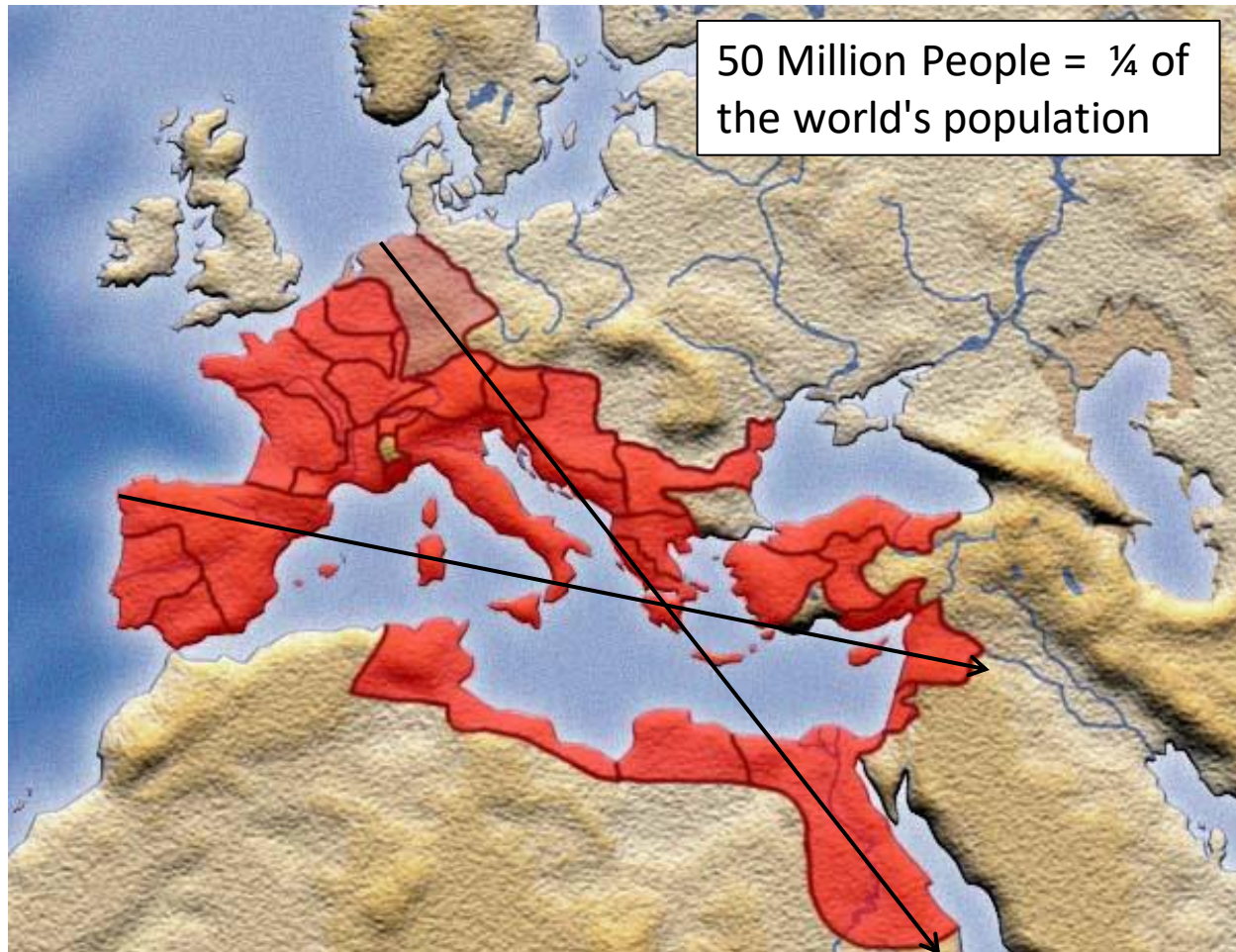
2. Roman Cities: A Trip to Ephesus

3. Lesser Beings: Women, Children, Slaves. The Elderly

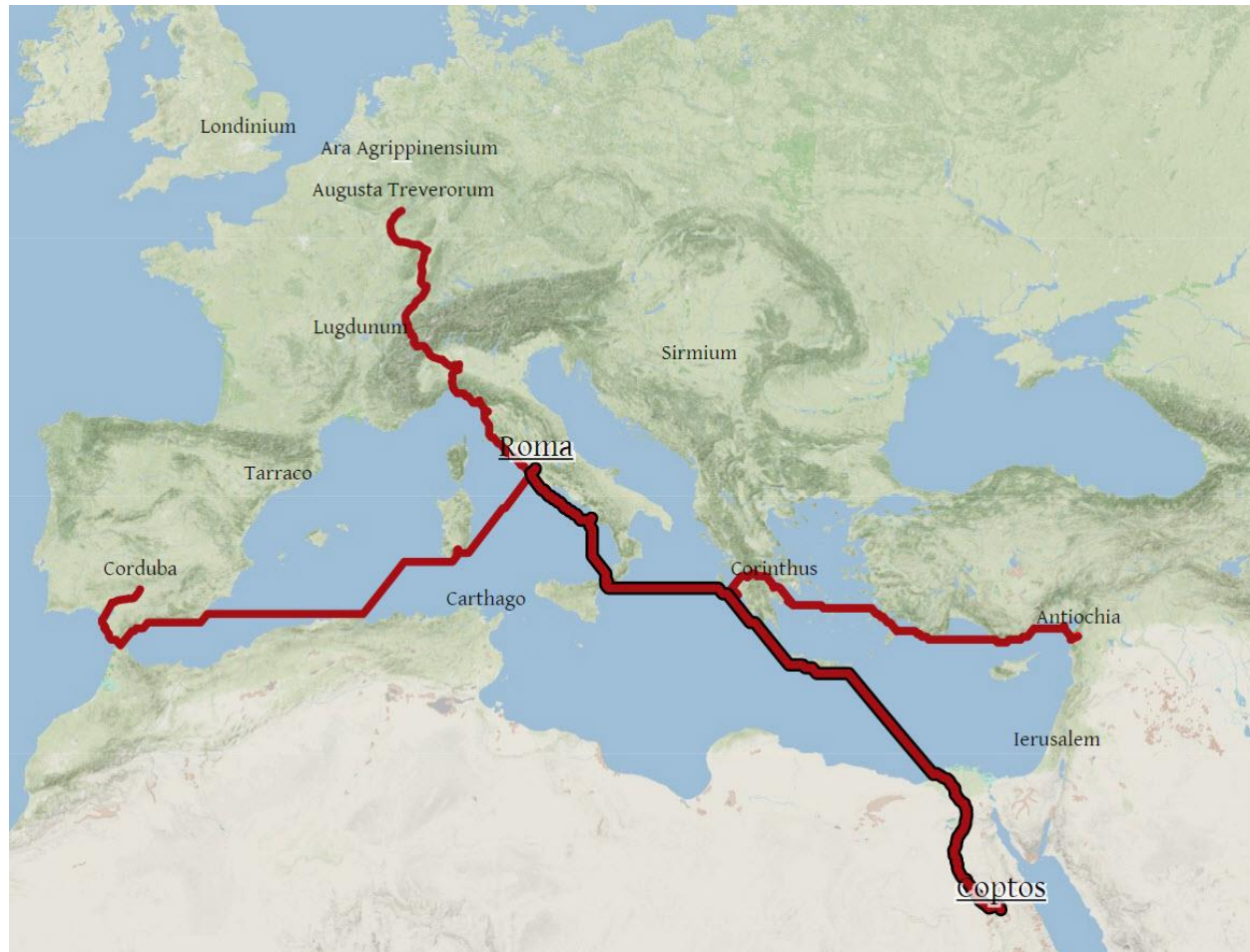
4. Religions of the Roman Empire

- Setting the Stage for Christianity

How Big Is The Roman World?

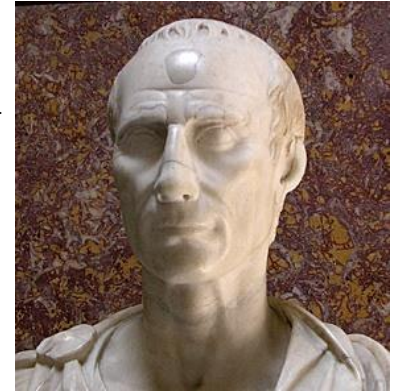


The Roman World: How Long to Rome?



Who's Who: Julius Caesar, Augustus, Herod

- Julius Caesar : his death set off Rome's Civil Wars
- Augustus: Roman world's ruler at the birth of Christ. Won Civil Wars.
- Herod: appointed "King of the Jews." Ruled Judea, a client state of Rome. Did not rule Ephesus.

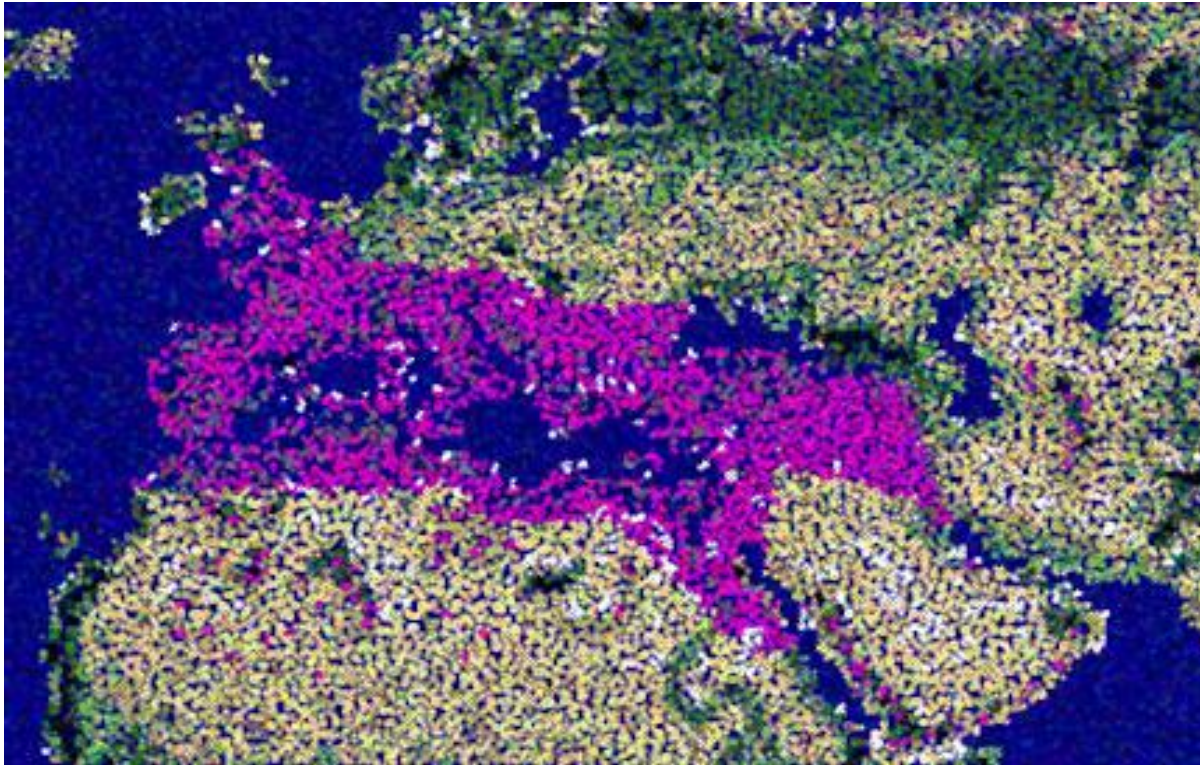


Roman Cities

And a Trip to Ephesus

How Many Cities?

- Over 1000 cities and settlements are known.



2. A Roman City:

Where a Roman Wanted to Spend his Daily Life

A “Roman City” meant

- wealth
- culture and beauty
- power
- In the hinterland: "no one sees sculptors, painters, or perfumers or money changers or poets."

He might have added:
“or hairstylists.”



A City Had the Good Life

- Aqueducts : Water in an arid climate
- All-weather roads
- Temples
- Libraries, theaters, an odeion
- Monuments, arches, tombs
- A forum or two, and basilicas
- Baths
- Amphitheaters and stadia
- Skilled craftsmen for buildings, sculpture, paintings, decoration

Ephesus: Everyone Loves It



Ephesus: Terrain



The Celsus Library at Ephesus



The Great Theater, Ephesus



Antioch to Ephesus



By Land: 21 days. By sea: 8 days.

Quick History of E.



- Much , much older than Greeks and Romans— inhabited 70 centuries ago. Excellent harbor for trade.
- Its "founding spot" is the Ayasoluk Hill outside of today's classical city, in Selcuk.

The Roman Impact on Ephesus under Augustus

- Augustus elevated it to be the capital of Rome's new "Asia" province.
- Boom- time. Trade and wealth flowed. Beautiful townhouses for the rich.
- Tourism flourished: The Temple of Artemis
- Two new aqueducts were built or extended.
- With water, the population could grow.

Artemis of Ephesus

Goddess of Fertility



Ephesus to Rome: Shortest Route



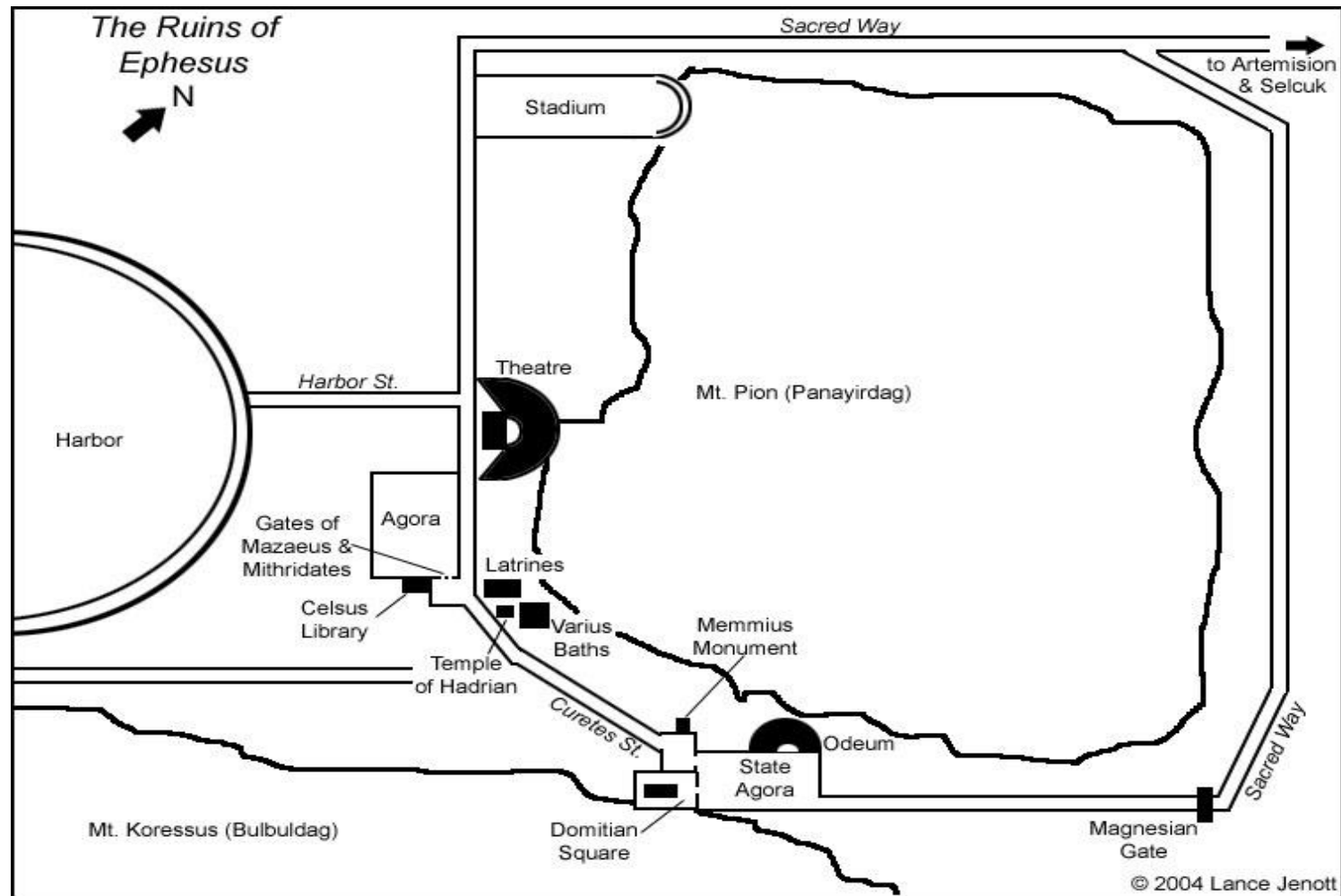
By Land (and some) Sea: 30 days. 18 stops

Ephesus to Rome: Fastest Route



By Sea (and some Overland): 16 Days. 9 stops

Map of Ephesus: Close-Up



Aqueducts: 600-plus Aqueducts have been identified in the Roman World

- About 90% of an aqueduct was underground
- The cost of building an aqueduct high: perhaps \$300,000 per mile. A similar pipeline in modern Australia has cost about 20% of this.
- The aqueduct business was complicated: first find a reliable source. Capture it. As it flows along, protect the water from animals and water robbers. Deliver it into to the city, catching the water at its destination. Distribute the water within the city.

New Aqueducts

- The Aqua Iulia with three pipe lines made of clay. Eventually ran 24 miles, over 22 bridges and 3 tunnels.



The Path of the Iulia Aqua Aqueduct



Water: Baths

- Greeks used small hip tubs. The Romans valued large, public baths.



From the Harbor past the Baths into Ephesus



Water: Latrines



Entertainments: Large Scale



Entertainment: Smaller Scale



The Celsus Library: 12,000 Scrolls



How the Library Was Built



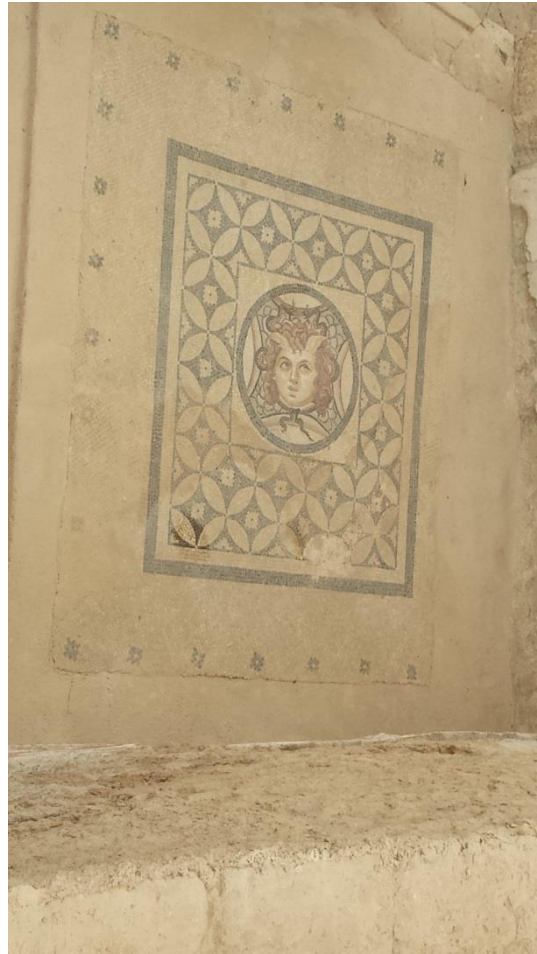
Library : Lead Clamp Still There!



Housing: For the Rich










Villas for the Rich: Floor Mosaic





Grocery List for the Villa

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 ΞΥΛΑ  Δ
 ΚΡΟΜΟΙΑ  Δ /
 ΚΑΡΑ  Σ
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 ξύλα ἄσ(σάρια) γ'
 κρόμοια ἄσ(σάρια) δ'
 κάρα ἄσ(σάριον) 4'
 εἰς βαλανῆ(ον) ἄσ(σάρια) ιβ'

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Small figs 2½ asses

Barley 12 denarii, ½ ass

For Kallityche 1 denarius

Wood 3 asses

Onions 3 asses

Caraway ½ ass

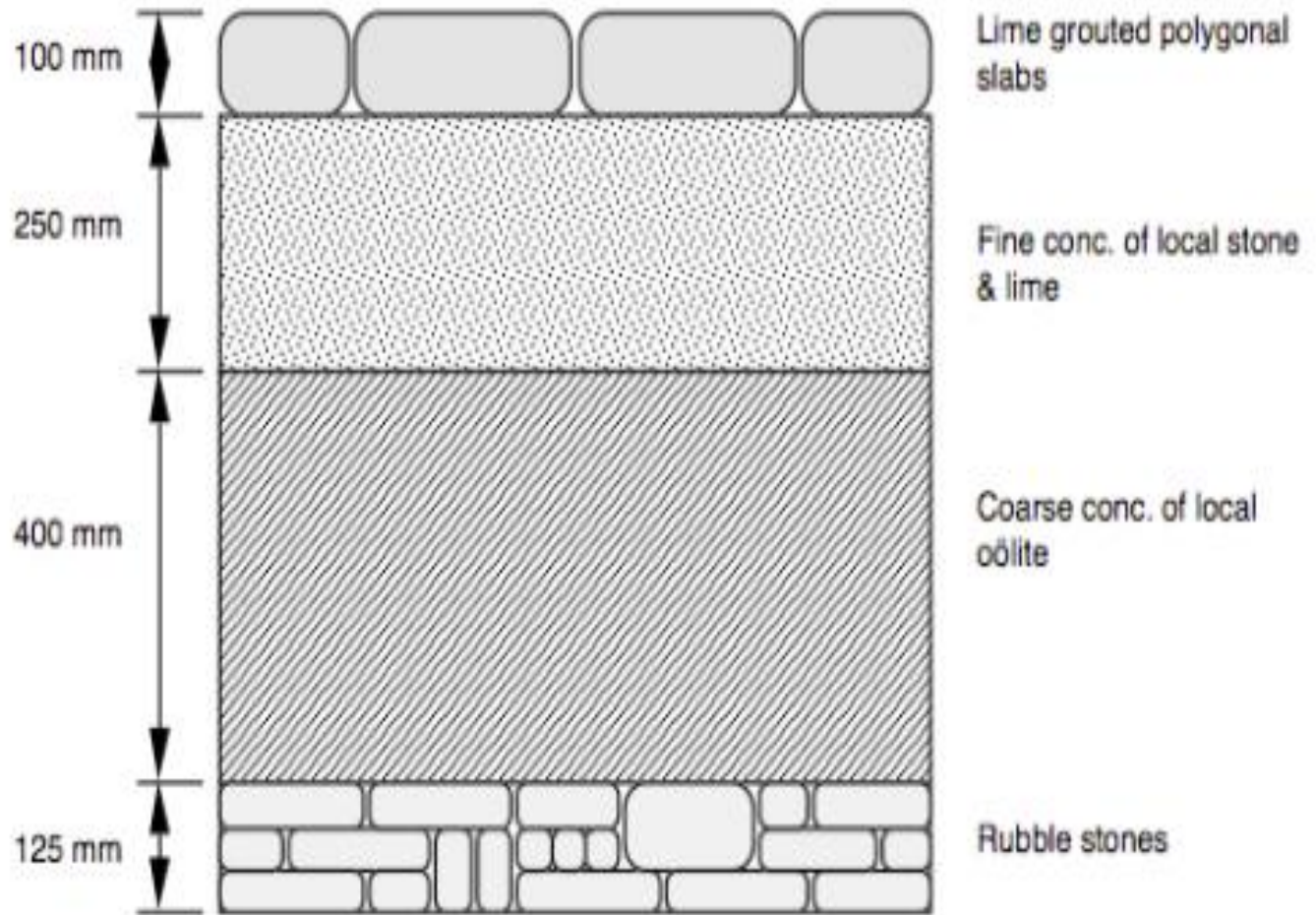
(Entrance) to the thermal bath 12 asses

Harcama listesi (kayıt, kopya ve çeviri)
 List of expenses (drawing and transcription)
 Ausgabenliste (Umzeichnung und Übersetzung)

Paved Main Street



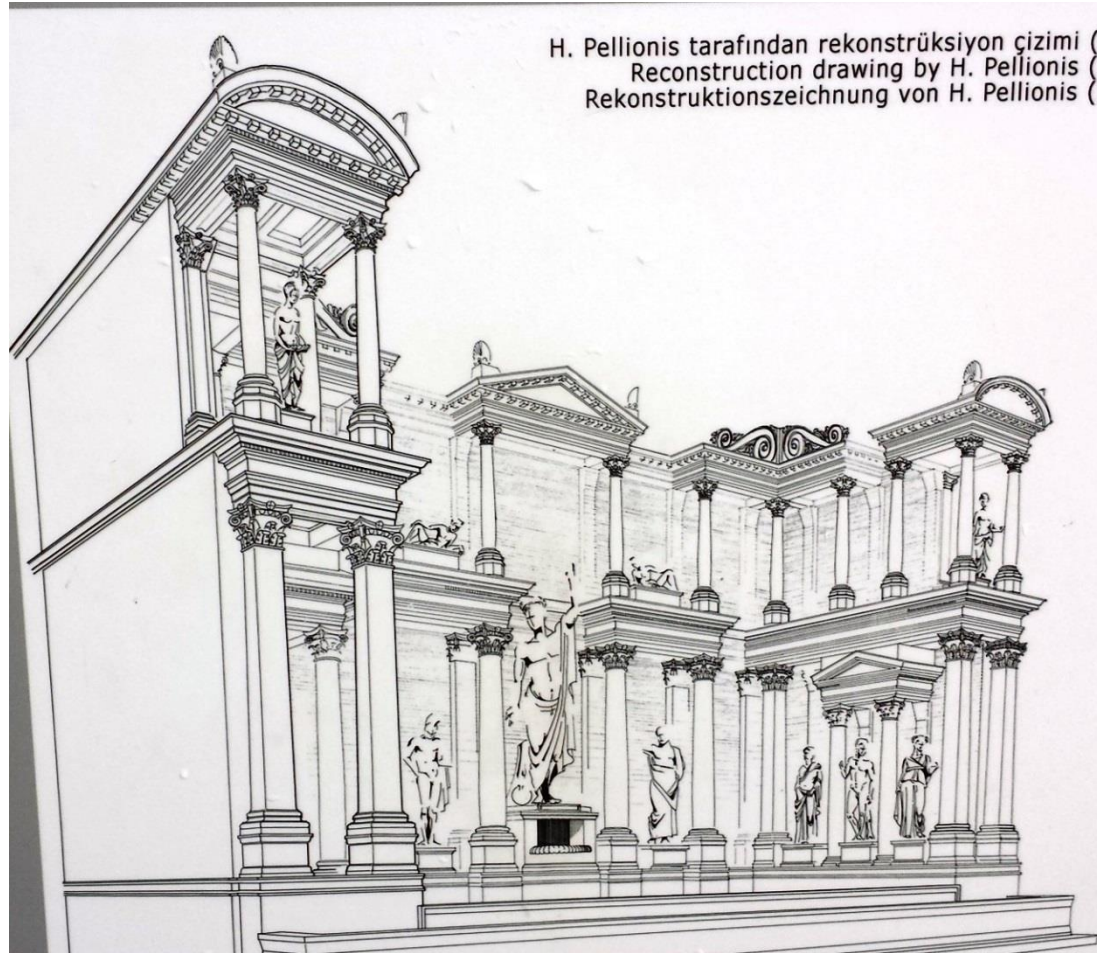
A Roman Road or Street



Roads in the Roman World



Temples: Trajan's



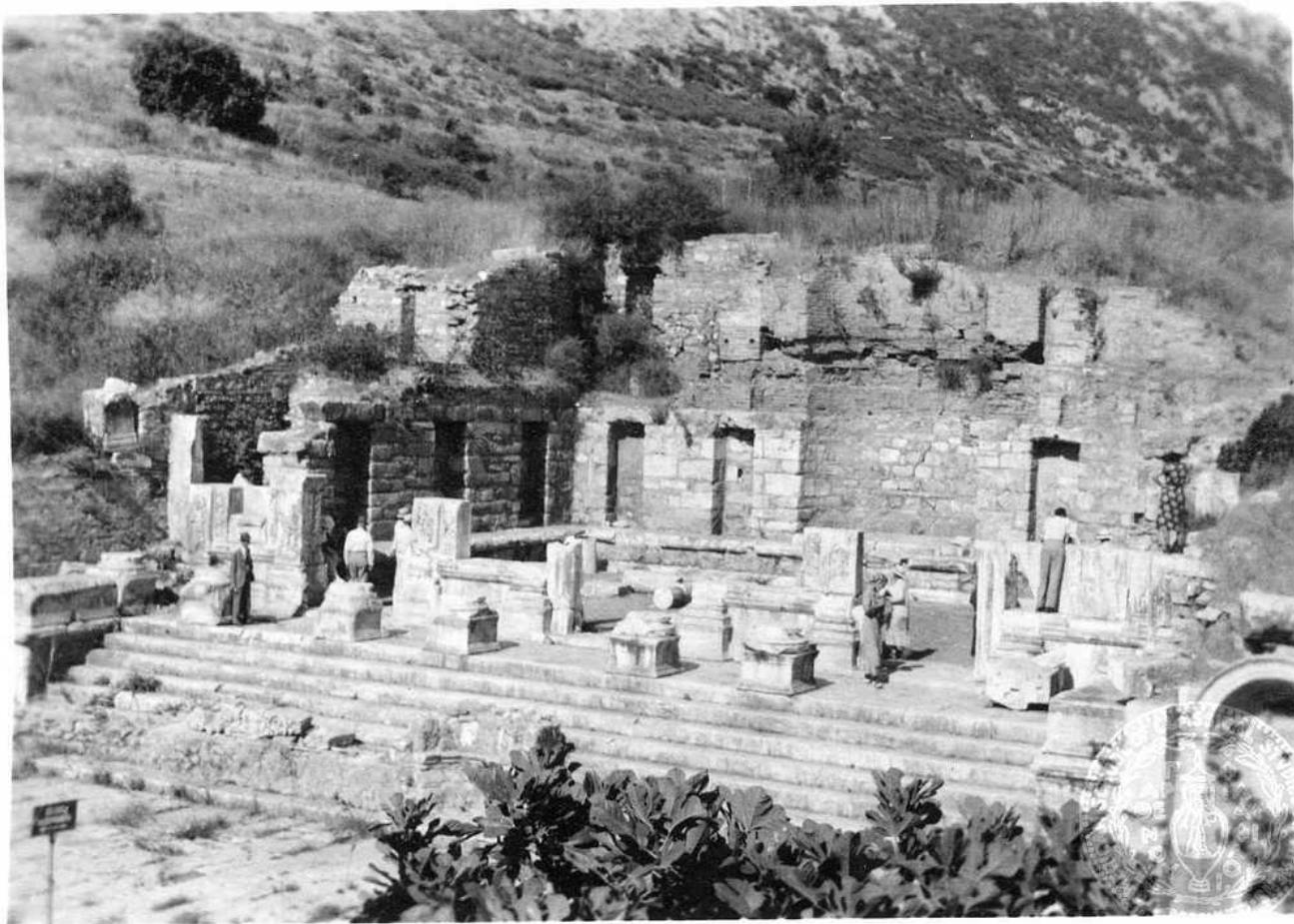
Temples: Trajan's Temple Today



What Happened to Ephesus

- Harbor silted up. There went the fortunes made from trading with the Orient
- Earthquakes and fires struck
- Invasions from outsiders like the Goths. Roman Army could no longer defend it.
- Slowly became a small village; completely abandoned in the 15th c.
- Rediscovered only in the 19th c, by Austrian and British archeologists

Library , 1937





Workers Excavating Huge Columns



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Kurek sütünlarının kazısı
Excavation of the Curetes columns
Freilegung der Kurekensäulen

Statue Found Buried



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Bulunduğu durumuyla kabartmalı plaka
The find context of a relief slab

Near Ephesus

- The Ancient Temple of Artemis
- Mary's house
- Basilica (6th c) of St. John of Patmos

The Temple of Artemis: One of the 7 Wonders of the Ancient World



Mary's House



Model of 6th c Basilica dedicated to St. John of Patmos



Ruins of St. John's Basilica

