

Ephesus Overview

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Paul's Message

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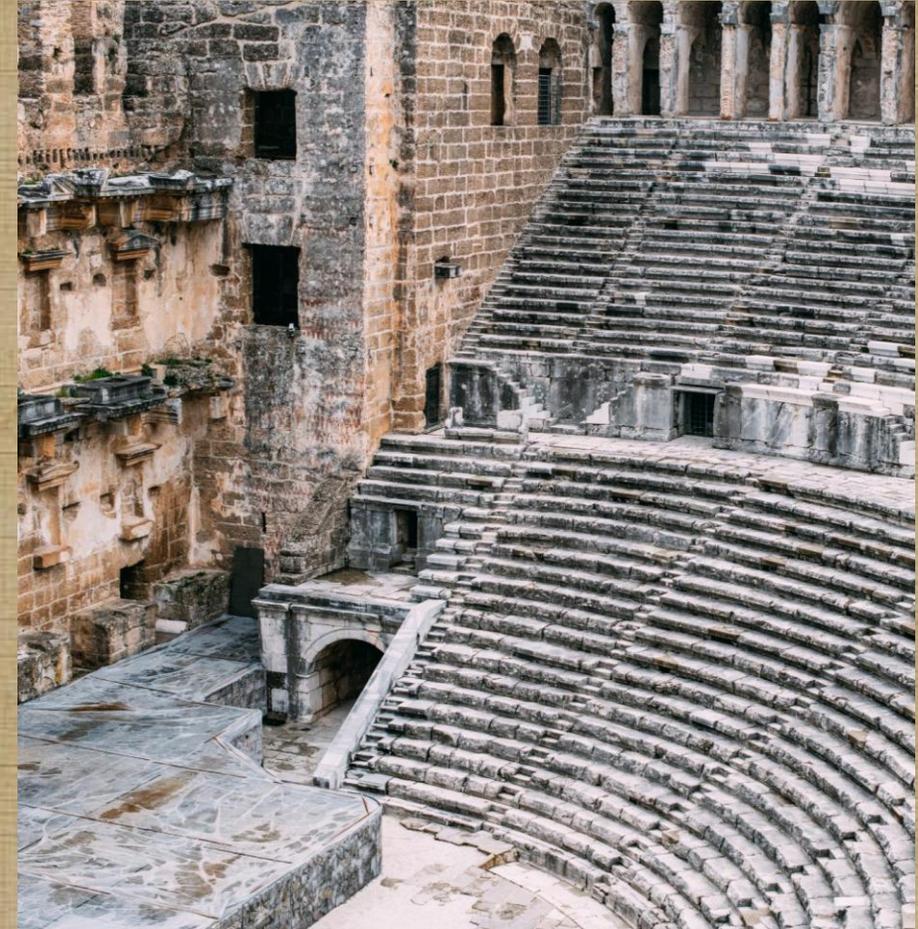
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Ancient Roman Architecture

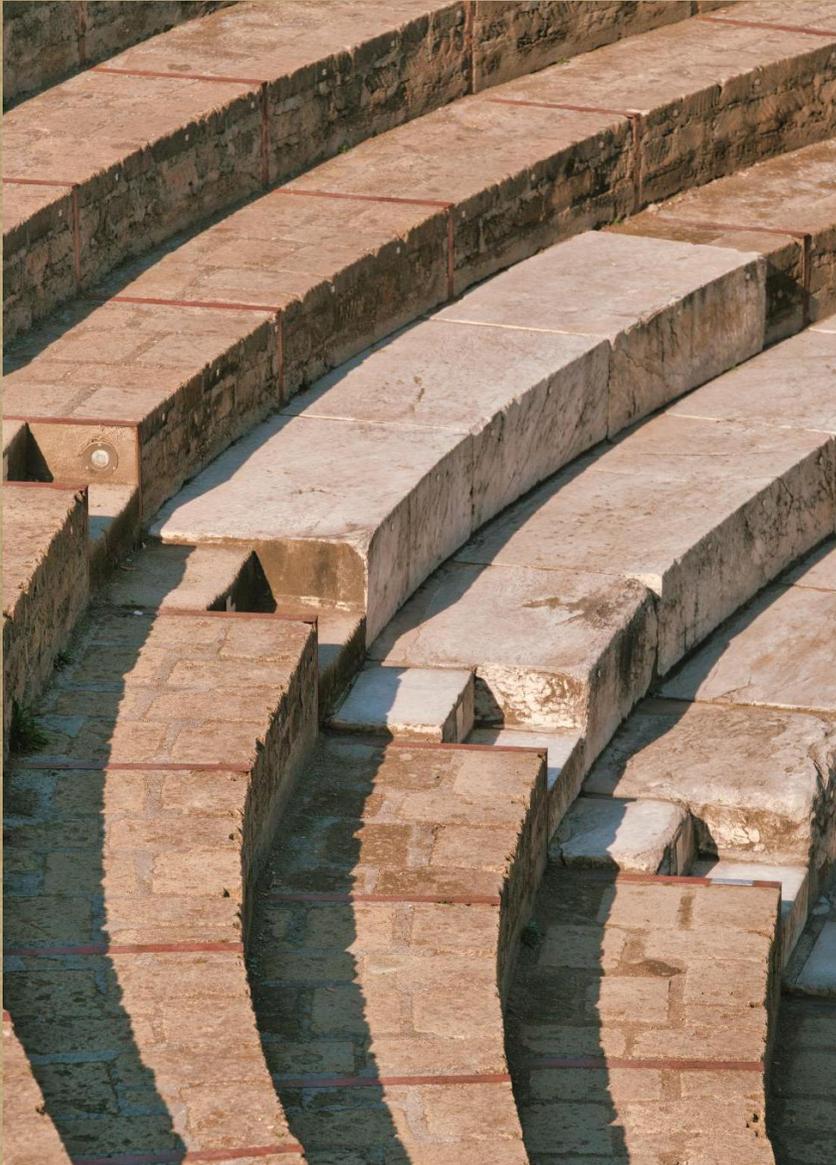
The Ephesus amphitheater is an exemplary model of ancient Roman architecture, showcasing remarkable construction techniques and design.

Versatile Venue

The amphitheater was used for gladiatorial games, performances, and public gatherings, making it a central hub for events.



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Historical Construction

The Ephesus Theater was constructed in the 3rd century BC and later expanded during the Roman period.

Large Seating Capacity

By 50 AD, the theater could seat approximately 25,000 spectators, making it one of the largest of its time.

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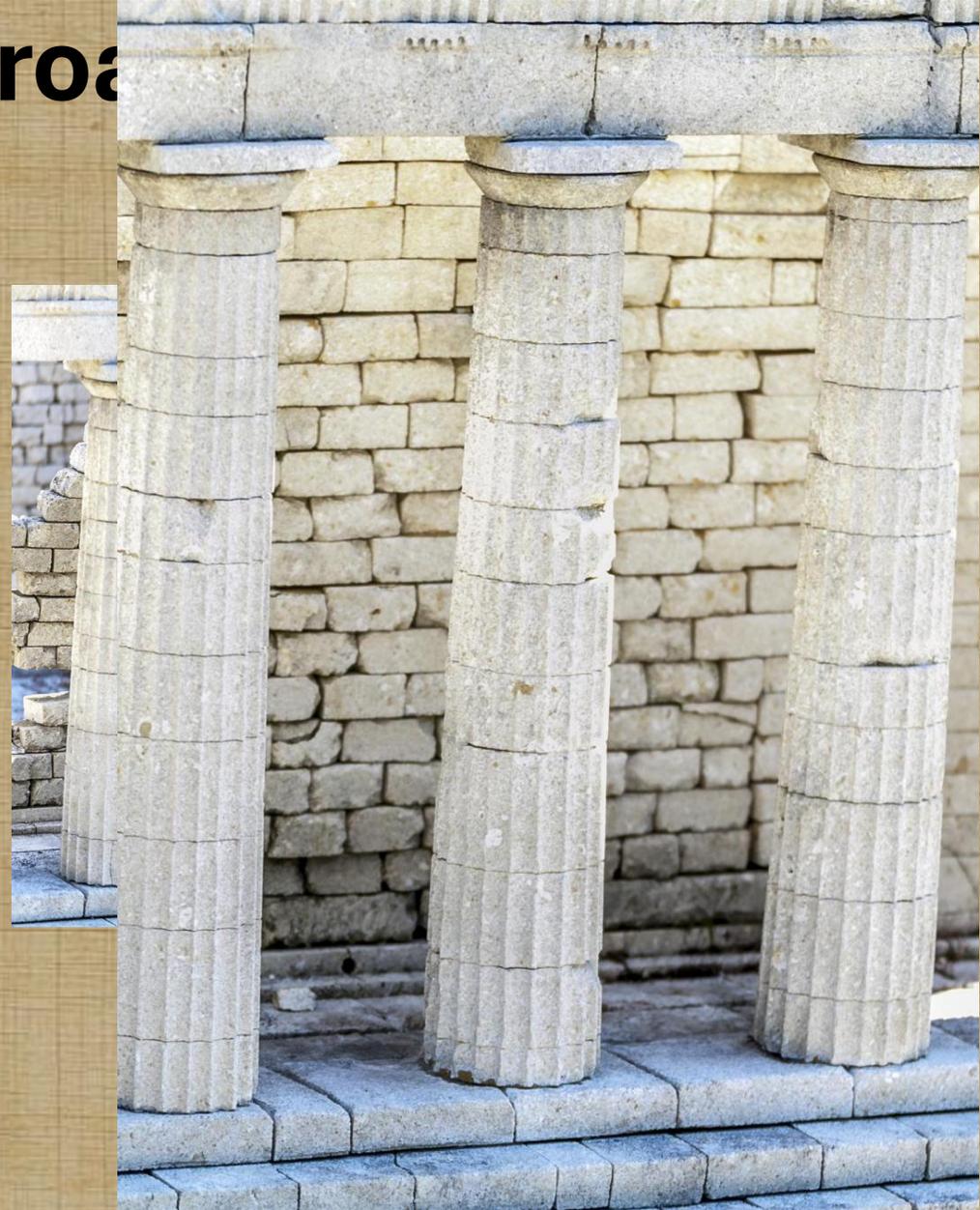
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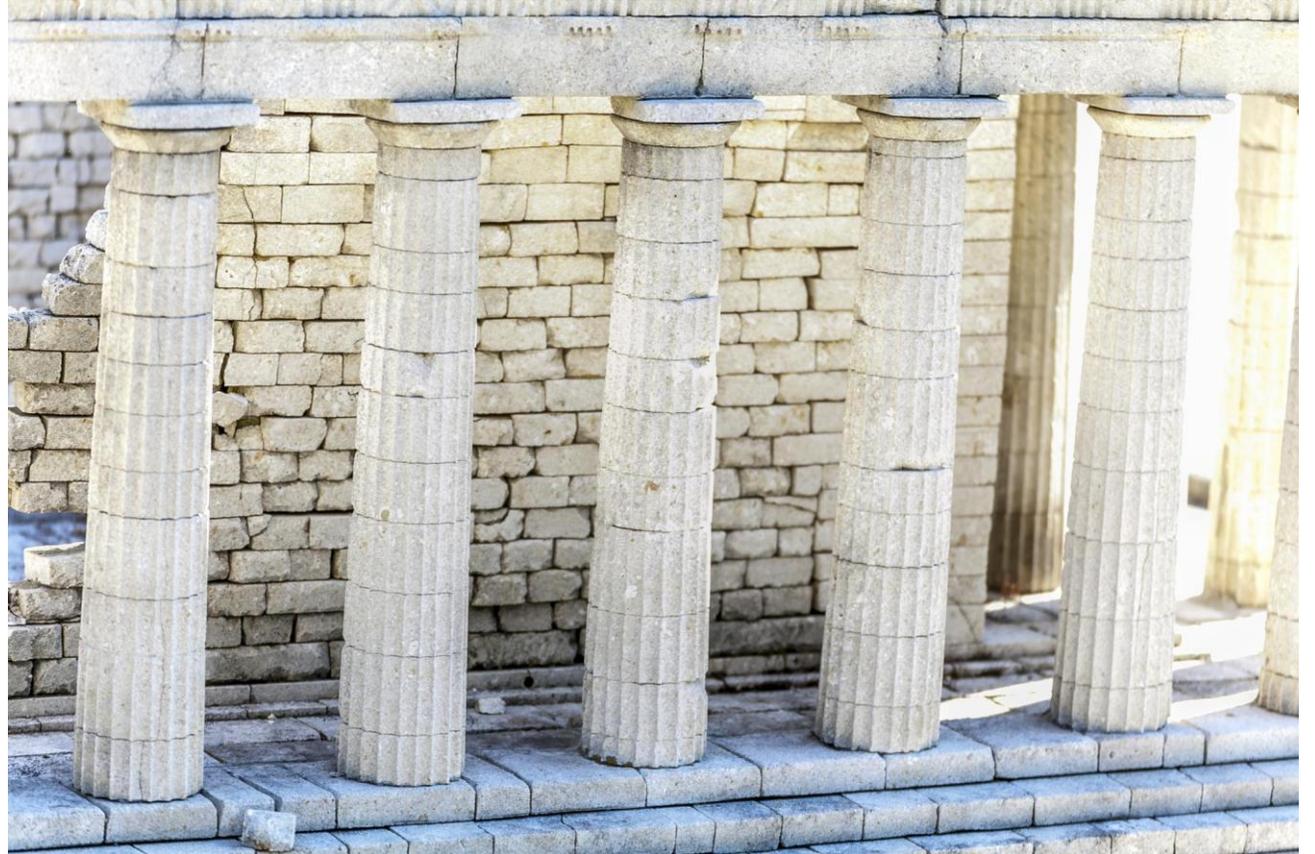
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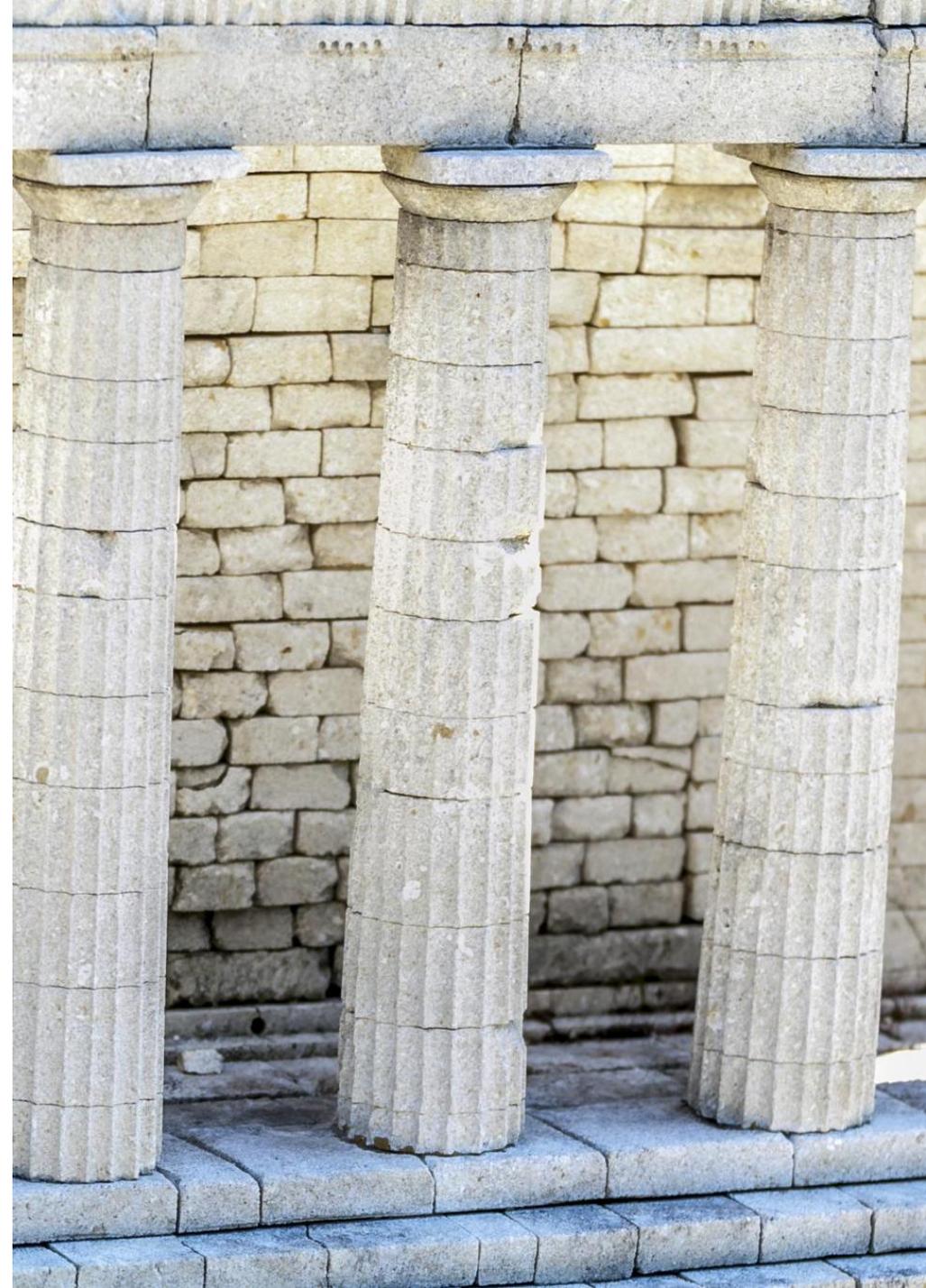
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Paul's Teachings in Ephesus

Lecture Hall of Tyrannus

Paul's teachings in Ephesus primarily occurred in the lecture hall of Tyrannus, where he spent over two years.

Confrontation at the Theater

A significant confrontation took place at the theater, where silversmiths rioted against Paul due to the threat his teachings posed to their trade.

Paul's Missionary Activities

Paul's missionary activities in Ephesus were impactful, leading to both widespread teachings and significant confrontations.