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1 While Apollos was at Corinth, Paul took the road through the interior and arrived at Ephesus. There he found some disciples <sup>2</sup> and asked them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when<sup>[a]</sup> you believed?”

They answered, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.”

<sup>3</sup> So Paul asked, “Then what baptism did you receive?”  
“John’s baptism,” they replied.

<sup>4</sup> Paul said, “John’s baptism was a baptism of repentance. He told the people to believe in the one coming after him, that is, in Jesus.” <sup>5</sup> On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

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<sup>11</sup> God did extraordinary miracles through Paul, <sup>12</sup> so that even handkerchiefs and aprons that had touched him were taken to the sick, and their illnesses were cured and the evil spirits left them.

<sup>13</sup> Some Jews who went around driving out evil spirits tried to invoke the name of the Lord Jesus over those who were demon-possessed. They would say, “In the name of the Jesus whom Paul preaches, I command you to come out.” <sup>14</sup> Seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, were doing this. <sup>15</sup> One day the evil spirit answered them, “Jesus I know, and Paul I know about, but who are you?” <sup>16</sup> Then the man who had the evil spirit jumped on them and overpowered them all. He gave them such a beating that they ran out of the house naked and bleeding.

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## **The Riot in Ephesus**

<sup>23</sup> About that time there arose a great disturbance about the Way. <sup>24</sup> A silversmith named Demetrius, who made silver shrines of Artemis, brought in a lot of business for the craftsmen there. <sup>25</sup> He called them together, along with the workers in related trades, and said: “You know, my friends, that we receive a good income from this business. <sup>26</sup> And you see and hear how this fellow Paul has convinced and led astray large numbers of people here in Ephesus and in practically the whole province of Asia. He says that gods made by human hands are no gods at all. <sup>27</sup> There is danger not only that our trade will lose its good name, but also that the temple of the great goddess Artemis will be discredited; and the goddess herself, who is worshiped throughout the province of Asia and the world, will be robbed of her divine majesty.”

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<sup>28</sup> When they heard this, they were furious and began shouting: “Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!” <sup>29</sup> Soon the whole city was in an uproar. The people seized Gaius and Aristarchus, Paul’s traveling companions from Macedonia, and all of them rushed into the theater together. <sup>30</sup> Paul wanted to appear before the crowd, but the disciples would not let him. <sup>31</sup> Even some of the officials of the province, friends of Paul, sent him a message begging him not to venture into the theater.

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# Book of Ephesians

## Key Themes

The Book of Ephesians addresses themes of unity, love, grace, and spiritual growth within the Christian community.

## Paul's Message

Paul's letter emphasizes the importance of living a life worthy of the calling received, and the transformative power of God's love and grace.

## Modern Relevance

The teachings in Ephesians are relevant to modern Christian life, offering guidance on how to live harmoniously and faithfully in today's world.

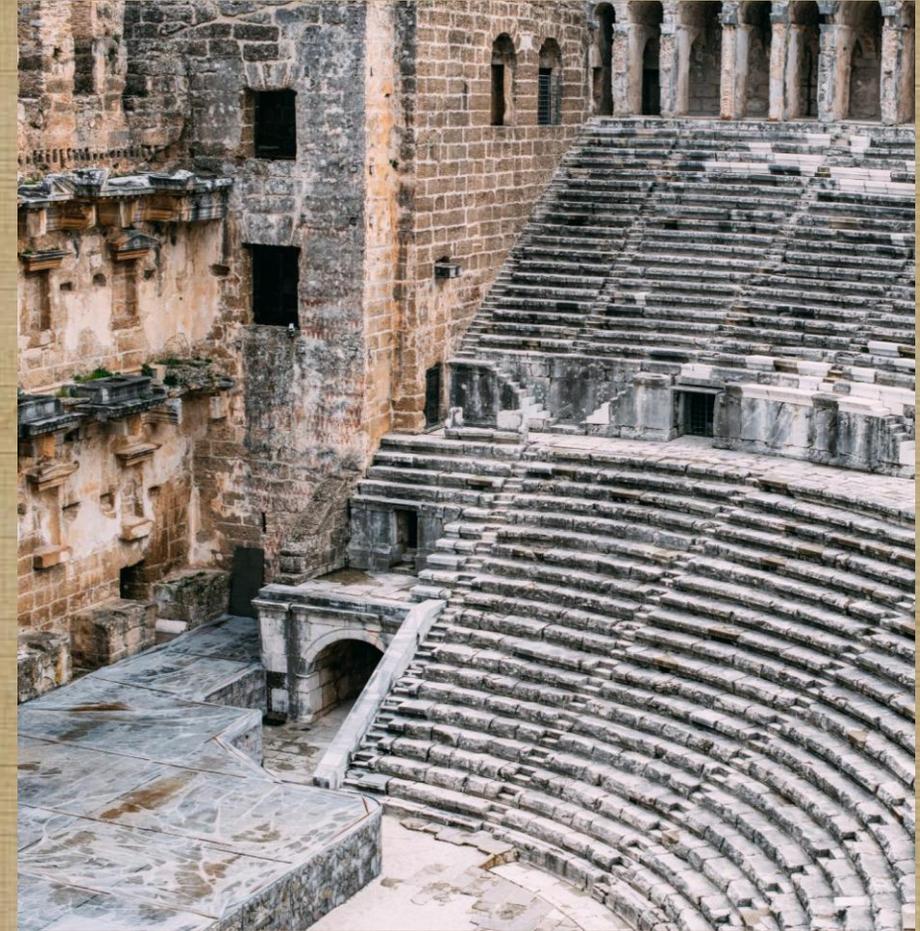
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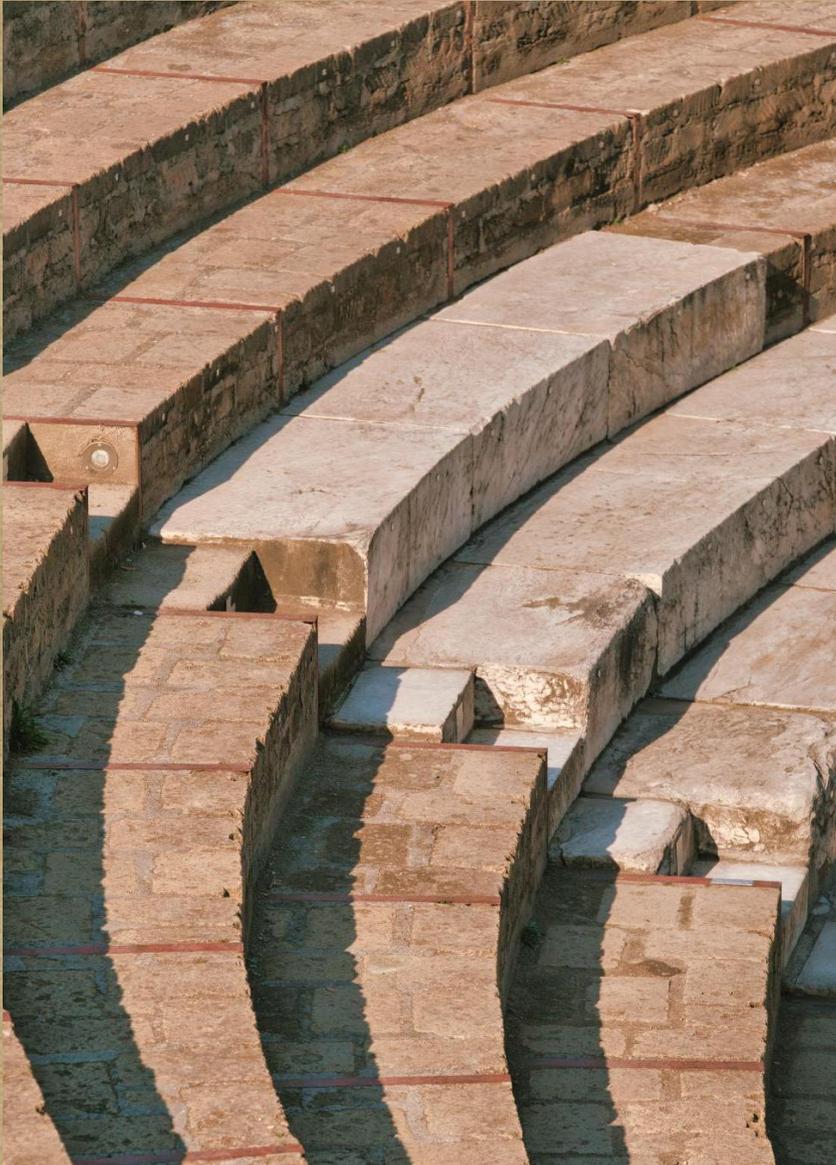
The Ephesus amphitheater is an exemplary model of ancient Roman architecture, showcasing remarkable construction techniques and design.

## 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.

# Paul's Preaching Spark

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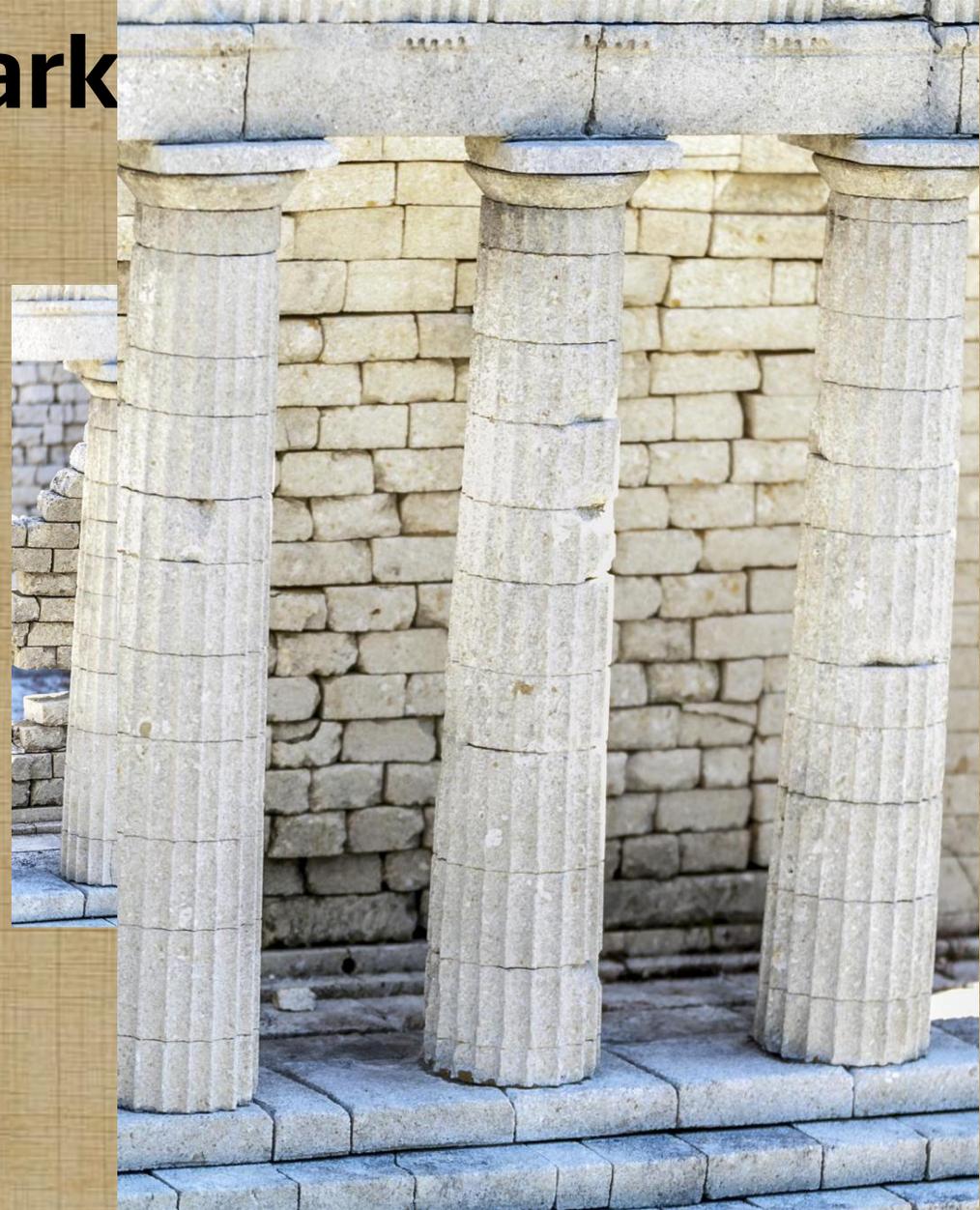
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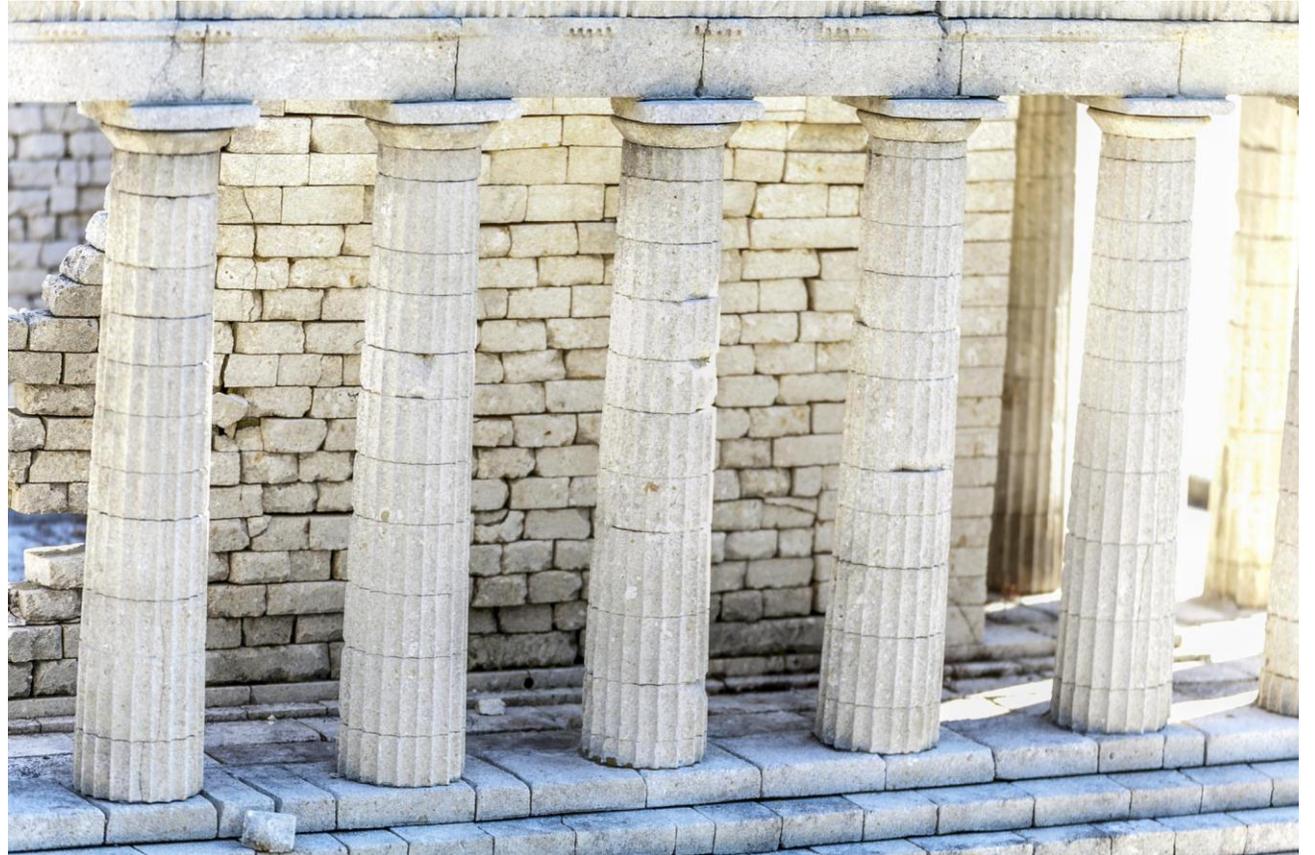
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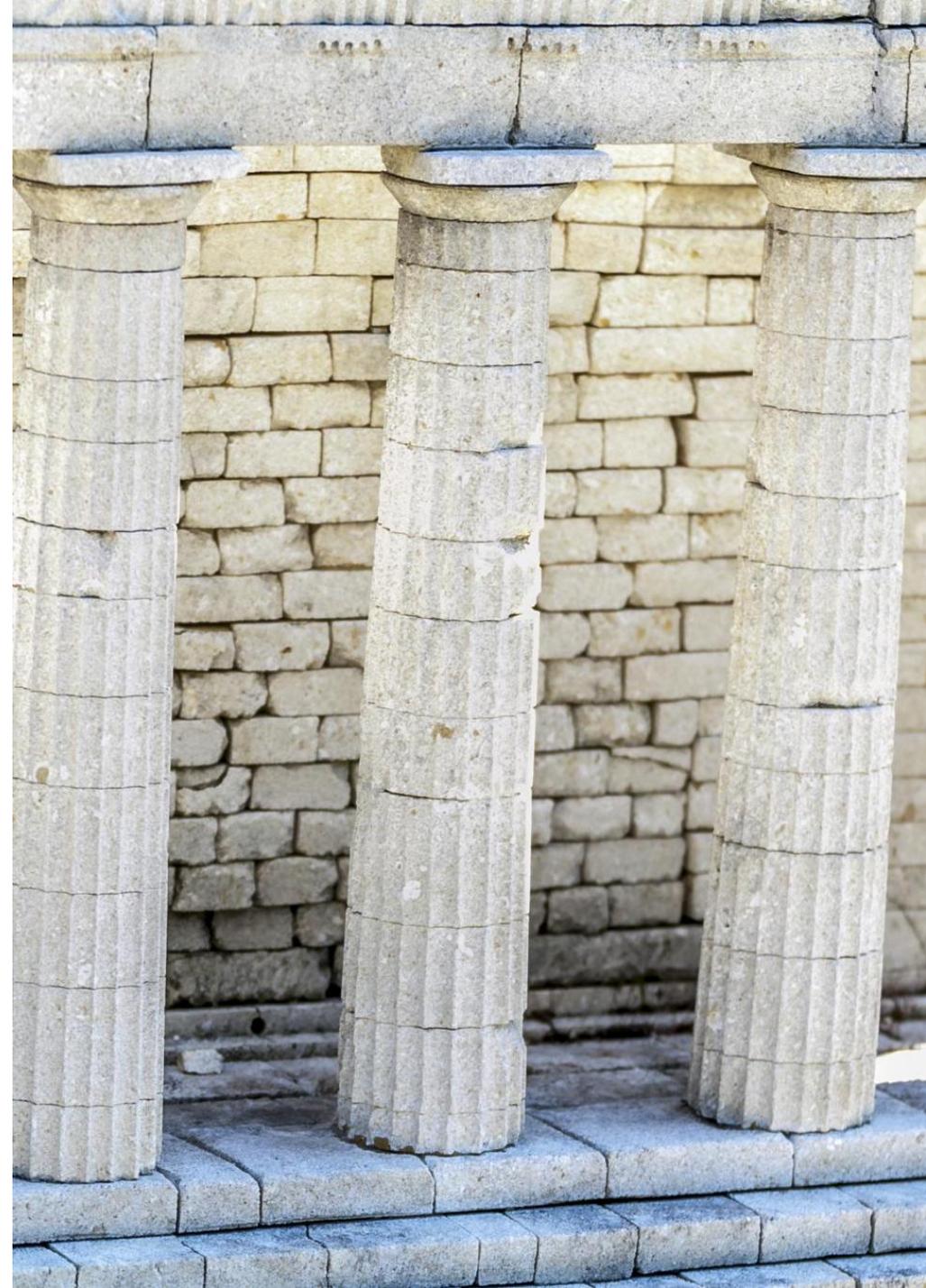
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# Paul's Teachings in Ephesus

## **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.

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