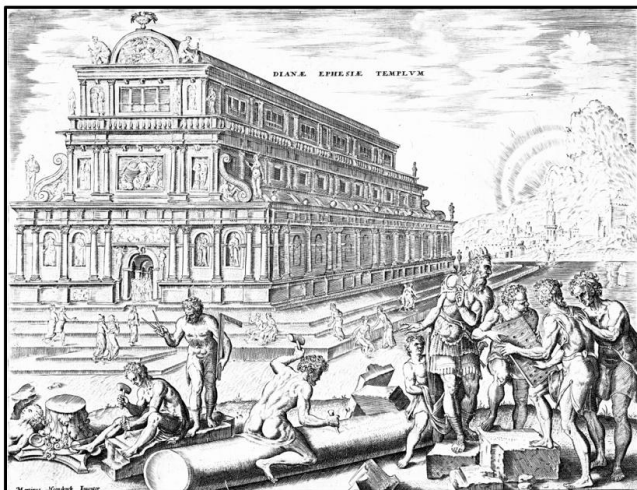


Slides for R3 The Letter to the Church of Ephesus

4 The Seven Churches of Revelation 2 and 3



7 The Temple of Diana, or Artemis, in Ephesus



The temple was originally built around 550 BC and then destroyed by arson in 356 BC. It was initially rebuilt around 323 BC. **This temple was known as one of the seven wonders of the ancient world.**

It was destroyed and rebuilt many times and the last incarnation of the temple was destroyed by the Goths in around AD 252 to 262 (*both dates are shown in history books*), although Artemis continued to be worshipped at the site until around AD 400.

The picture on the right is of a model which attempts to recreate the probable appearance of the third temple. Only some foundations and fragments of the last temple remain today, and we do not know how the temple looked in Paul's or in John's time, late in the First Century.