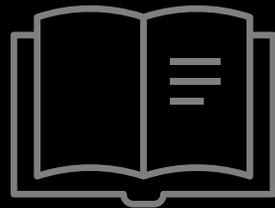


ACTS 19 : 22 - 34

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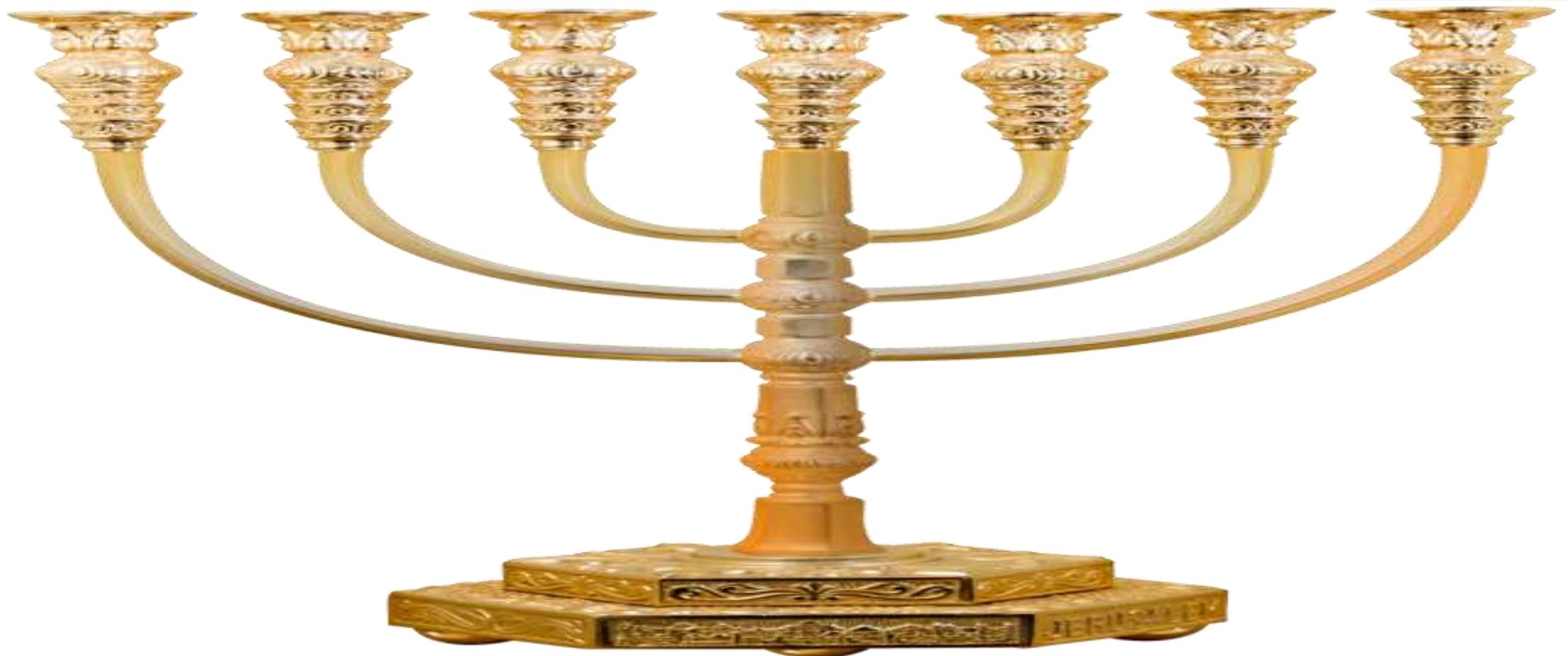
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1. History of Ephesus

Why this study?

- *Unchanging God with unchanging ways.*
- *If you see the pattern that He did first,
look for the same pattern now.*
- *The Church and Ages change.
He does not.*
- *Satan changes his tactics, but he can't
change his character*

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Worst Persecutions of Christians

- 64AD Nero

- *Arrested and tortured all of the Christians in Rome*
- *Executed them in public*
- *Crucified, burn alive or thrown to wild animals*

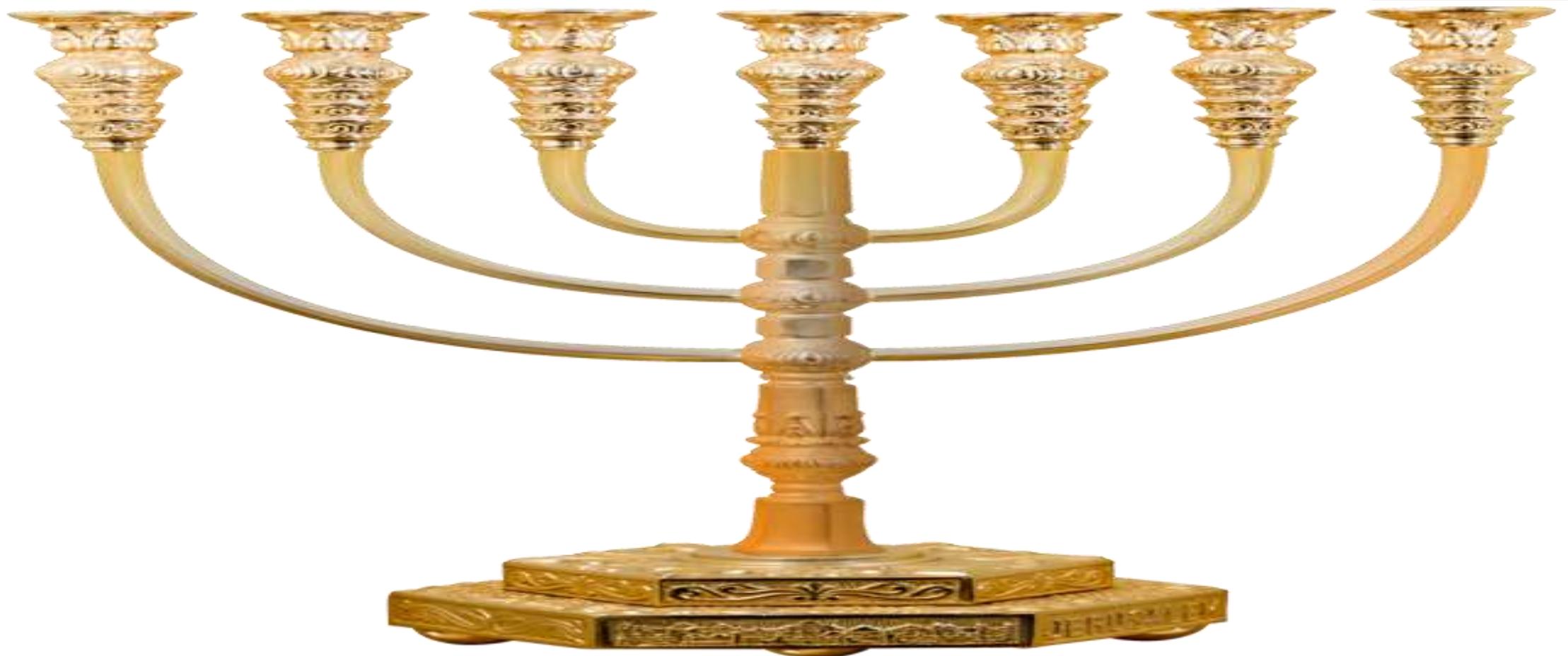
- 81AD Domitian

- 250AD Decius

- 303AD Diocletian

- *Attempted to eradicate Christian's from entire empire*
- *Attempt to restore Roman state religion*

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Peasants in grass huts?



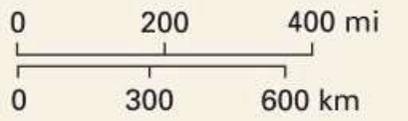
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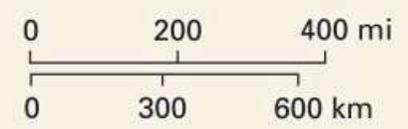
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Flavian Dynasty

Vespasian (father)

- Besieged Jerusalem in 68AD

Titus (brother)

- Destroyed Jerusalem in 70AD
- Jewish - Roman War

Domitian

- Scotland
- Persecution of John the Revelator / Oil & Patmos
- Emperor as God / Imperial Cult / Clash with Christians!
- Ephesus => Temple to Domitian



60-1205 The Ephesian Church Age

Now, the church age begin as I said, around 53, to 170. And (a) the city of Ephesus, one of the three great cities of Asia; often called the third city of Christian faith (first was Jerusalem; second, Antioch; and third, Ephesus ...



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... c) a city of great commerce and

trade...(e) the government was

Roman...(f) the language was Greek.

Historians believe John, Mary, Peter,

Andrew, and Philip were all buried there.

And Ephesus was known for its beauty.



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Christianity at Ephesus was where the Jews lived, at Ephesus. And it was founded about a.d. 53 or 55. Christianity was planted there by Saint Paul. Later, Saint Paul spent three years at Ephesus. ...

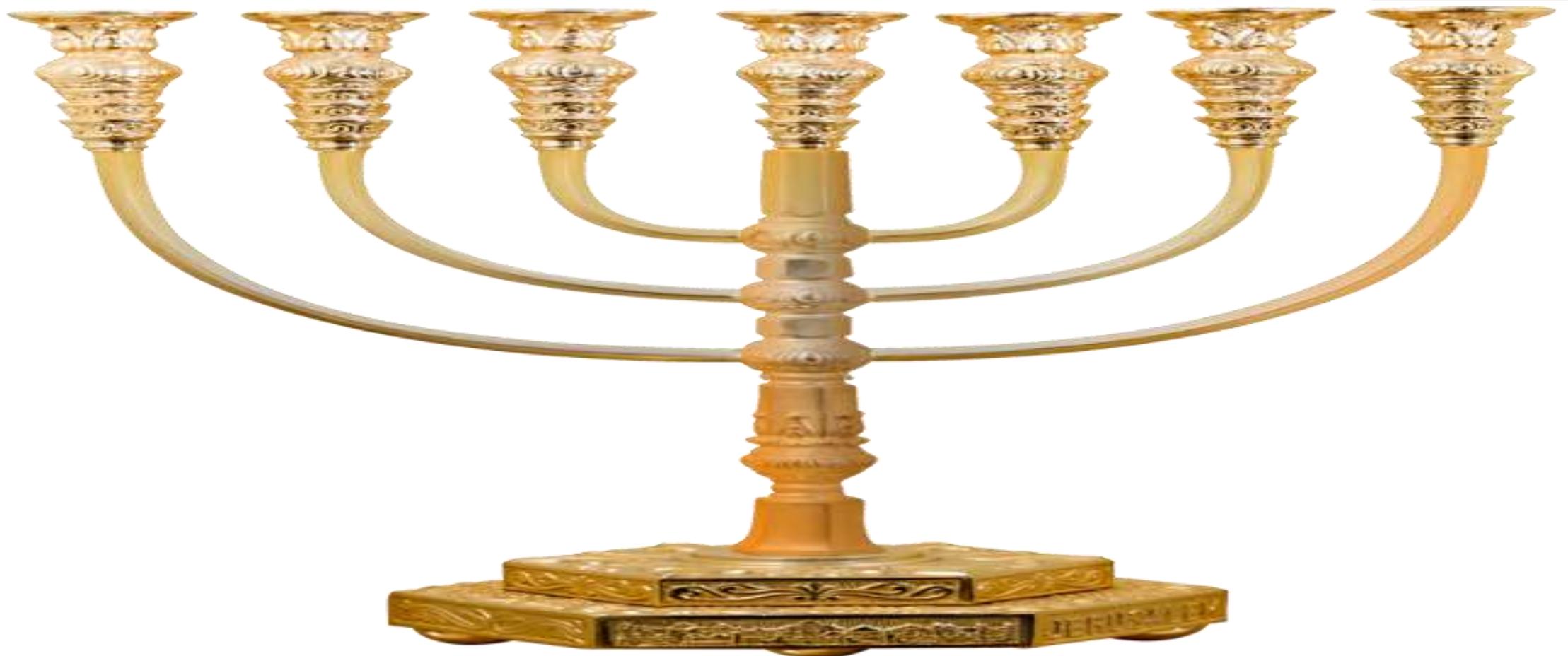


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... Paul's teaching bore great influence to the believers at Ephesus. Next, Timothy was the first bishop of the church at Ephesus. Paul wrote to the church at Ephesus. In Paul's time it was a great church.



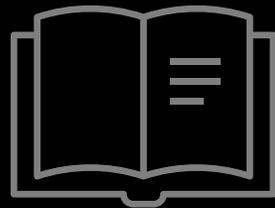
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2. Nature of Ephesus

REVELATION 2 : 1 - 7

... to the angel of Ephesus ...







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God rebuked their living, leaving their first love, for backsliding, and for no longer bearing Light. Ephesus was not a deceived church, it failed itself by not continuing in perfect love.



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Summary of Ephesus:

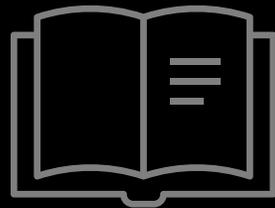
Fruits, without love, led
to apostasy.



3. Message to Ephesus

REVELATION 6 : 1 - 2

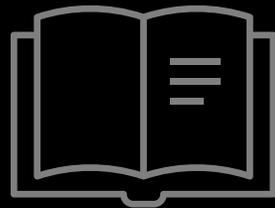
... the First Seal is opened ...



4. First Seal

REVELATION 1 : 1

... intro to The Book ...



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