

EPHESUS – FIRST OF SEVEN CHURCHES

1. The condition of these 7 actually presents the conditions that will characterize churches throughout the Church Age.
2. About every condition you can have in a local church is presented in these 7 Churches.
3. Each Church had a different set of circumstances.
4. There are strengths and weaknesses in each Church.
5. In the ancient world, Ephesus was a large city.
6. Believed to be founded in the 11th century BC, it was one of the oldest cities.
7. The Temple of Diana there was the largest in the world. It had 120 pillars, a beautiful statue of Diana, and a gorgeous curtain. Behind that was a vault, which housed the most famous bank of the Ancient world.

The Church was founded in Ephesus by the Apostle Paul, as recorded in Acts 18:19. He spent 3 years there on his 3rd missionary journey (Acts 20:31).