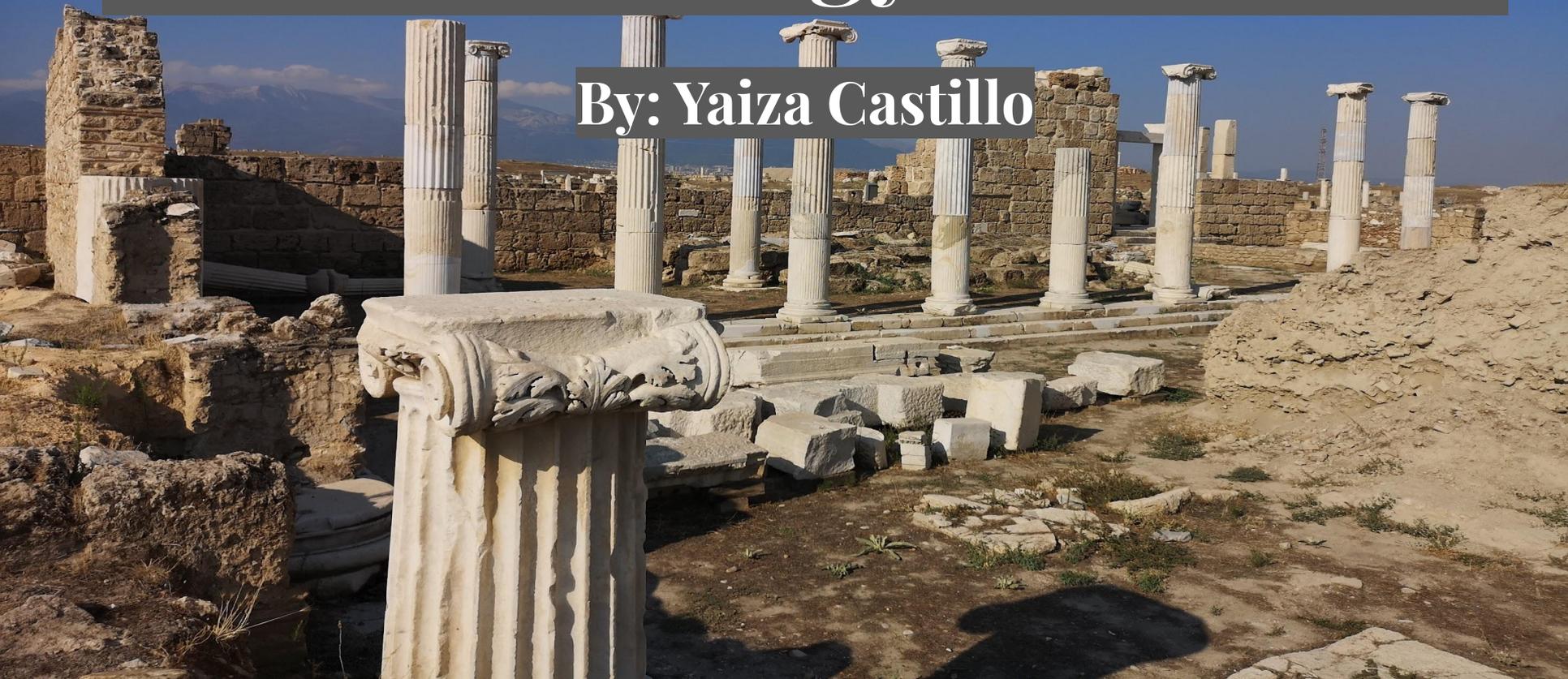


The Archaeology of Laodicea

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Background Information

-Laodicea is an ancient city which is also known as Laodicea on the Lycus “Laodicea ad Lyceum”, “Laodiceia” or “Laodikeia.”

-This city was considered to be one of the wealthiest cities of the ancient world.

-Due to the place where the city was located in a region that would often experience earthquakes, so the buildings within that city were in a constant cycle of being rebuilt and being destroyed.



Development of Structure

-It was founded as a city in the Hellenistic Period.

-During that time period, the city was designed on the Hippodamian grid plan where the streets cross at right angles or run parallel to each other.

-Most of the structures and the city itself have been developed during this period.



-It is one of the significant archaeological remains of the region along with Hierapolis and Tripolis.

-Laodicea was the first city in Anatolia importing textile products made of quality knitting wool to the Roman Empire.



-It was founded on 260 B.C.

-It is located along the Lykos River and it is said to be near or at a distance from Denizli city center in Turkey.



-Laodicea is considered to have the biggest stadium in Anatolia

-To be the only ancient city with two theatres.

-Within the buildings, there was an existence of large bath complexes, in which cleansing and pedagogy took place.



-It is said that the infrastructure meaning the canalization system of the city was excellent.

-The structures were very organized. Everything that was built within the structure had its place, in other words it demonstrated the way the city was living.



-Furthermore, we can see how the structure was organized due to the areas that were built within the city.

-For example, the stadium was located at the southern side of the city. The west and east theatres were located at the city's northern side.

-This demonstrates the importance the city placed on communal living, sports, arts, and what is considered to be civic space.



Fun Facts

- The city was originally called “Diospolis”, which means “City of Zeus“.
- Later on was known as “Rhodas.”
- It was founded by Antiochus II Theos. He was the king of Syria and he named the city of Laodicea in honor of his wife, Laodice (Laodike).
- Laodicea is very well known for its medicine, it is known as a healing center.
- Laodicea is considered to be apart of one of the seven churches.



Conclusion

In conclusion, Laodicea is a city that is very known today. Throughout history we can see how significant Laodicea was and how it impacted the specific time periods. In the biblical aspect, we can see that the city of Laodicea, the church of Laodicea was viewed as lukewarm and useless. The way Laodicea is shown in the bible teaches the people as to how the church should live their daily walk with the Lord. The way everything was designed within the structure of the city of Laodicea allows us understand how and where the active commercial life originates from and how it goes all the way back to thousands of years.