



History of
Türkiye

THE SEVEN CHURCHES

PHILADELPHIA

Philadelphia: City of the Faithful Church

The city was called Philadelphia, “the city of brotherly love” by King Attalus because of his devotion to his brother Eumenes.

The ancient city of Philadelphia is now known as Alaşehir in western Türkiye.

Philadelphia was located on the main military highway that led from Rome to the east. The road left the coast at Troas, came to Philadelphia via Pergamos, Thyatira, and Sardis and joined the great road to Phrygia.

While there is a limited amount of standing ruins from ancient Philadelphia, some Christian artefacts from Alaşehir's past can still be found.

Philadelphia remained a major Christian centre also after the New Testament period. One of Ignatius of Antioch's epistles in early 2nd century was addressed to the Christians of that city.

No words of condemnation

The Church at Philadelphia is mentioned only in:

- Revelation 1:11
- Revelation 3:7-13

The city's history of earthquakes may lie behind the reference to making her church "a pillar in the temple" (Revelation 3:12)

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