

LIFE IN SARDIS

TRADE • PEOPLE • FAITH • CULTURE

A WEALTHY, COSMOPOLITAN
ROMAN CITY
AT THE CROSSROADS
OF THE ANCIENT WORLD

A CITY OF OPPORTUNITY

ACROPOLIS
(CITADEL)

THEATER
(20,000 SEATS)

GYMNASIUM
AND BATHS

ARTEMIS

GOODS
IDEAS
PEOPLES
FAITHS
A BRIGHTER
TOMORROW

TO EPHESUS →
TO THE AEGEAN →
TO ANATOLIA →
TO ROME →



TEXTILES & DYE WORKS

Famed for its crimson wool and fine textiles, traded throughout the region.



TRADE HUB

At the crossroads between the Aegean coast and inland Anatolia.



GRAND PUBLIC BUILDINGS

Theater, stadium, gymnasium-baths, aqueducts, and temples, including the Temple of Artemis.



A DIVERSE POPULATION

Pagan, Jewish, and Christian communities lived side by side in a cosmopolitan city.



REBUILT AFTER AD 17

A devastating earthquake damaged the city, but it was rebuilt with imperial support.



DAILY LIFE

Homes, workshops, and markets bustling with residents, merchants, travelers, and officials.