MEMORIES OF THE PAST AND FUTURE

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In the first volume of Lord Of The Rings the characters discuss the way in which it takes many years before a country will forget that elves once lived there. Even the stones and earth remember them.

The same is not true of a country that was once Christian. Turkey, the land of the seven churches of Revelation, was a centre of world Christianity for centuries. Today, tourists flock to see ruined frescoes.

There are, of course, Christian believers here, but things are not what they once were.

At one time it would have been unthinkable that Turkey would stop being a major Christian centre; but it did.

Is there a lesson or warning here for believers in Western Europe and North America? How safe is our candlestick and what should we be doing?