

EPHESIANS

Ephesians was written to the church in the capitol city of the Roman province of Asia which is modern day _____. Paul wrote the letter from a Roman _____ (Acts 28:16-31). Biblical historians believe that the gospel was possibly first brought to Ephesus by Priscilla and Aquila. Paul met them in Corinth (Acts 18:1-2) and they sailed with him to Ephesus where he must have left them.

Act 18:24 And a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man, *and* mighty in the scriptures, **came to Ephesus**.

Act 18:25 This man was instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in the spirit, he spake and taught diligently the things of the Lord, knowing only the baptism of John.

Act 18:26 And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue: **whom when Aquila and Priscilla had heard, they took him unto *them*, and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly.**

Ephesus was a very large, culturally diverse city. Part of the diversity was visible in the multiplicity of _____ to pagan gods. It also was a major player in the region politically, educationally and commercially, comparative to Alexandria in Egypt and Antioch of Pisidia. Paul's initial campaign in Ephesus is documented in Acts 19. Here are the highlights:

(v1-7) Helps a group of John the Baptist disciples with the _____ of the Spirit.
(v8-9) Spent _____ months preaching in the synagogue, only to be rejected
(v10) Moves his ministry to the school of Tyrannus for _____ years
(v11-16) Paul's encounter with the sons of Sceva
(v17-20) Which resulted in the _____ of many and a book burning.
(v21-41) A city wide _____ breaks out over Paul's work in Ephesus because as people got saved, they turned from their idol worship and this lead to idol _____ suffering financially, so they lead an uprising against Paul.

The book of Ephesians breaks down in a very seamless manner. In the first 3 chapters Paul does a deep dive into the subject of _____. Then the last three chapters he deals with how salvation should translate into the different tentacles of our _____ living.

Chapter 1

In (v1-14) after opening the letter with a salutation, he starts explaining the _____ truths of salvation. He teaches them that their entrance into the family of God was predestined which means _____ part of the plan.

Chapter 2

Paul turns the conversation about salvation _____ as he explains how it happens (v 1-10). In (v11-22) he explains how that Gods great salvation has brought the once distance gentiles into the _____ family of God.

Chapter 3

Paul now opens up to the church of Ephesus about what he refers to as the _____. The mystery concerns how _____ through salvation would become fellow heirs in the family of God with believing Jews. This is Paul's ministry.

Chapter 4

The book now makes a change and turns from _____ to _____. Paul spends the rest of the book, instructing the church on what God _____ for them and _____ they can achieve that.

Chapter 5

Paul continues his thought from the last chapter on _____ that should change in the life of the Christian (v1-21). Then in (v22-33) he moves the instruction from outward behaviors to interpersonal _____.

Chapter 6

Paul continues his exhortation on godliness as he deals with more _____ (v1-9). The in (v10-20) Paul gives them the secret to living the Christian life which is arming themselves for spiritual warfare with the armor that God _____. He ends the letter (v21-24) by wishing them _____ and promising to send Tychicus, one of his companions to them, who will report more of what's happening in the ministry.

