

Ephesians Introduction

INTRODUCTION

I. EPHESUS.

1. Greek city in Asia minor.
2. Roman capital of Asia.
3. Due east of Athens.
4. Commercial city on a plain at the edge of the sea.
5. Temple of Diana (**Acts 19:27**), one of the 7 ancient wonders.
6. Great theater (**Acts 19:29**).

II. THE CHURCH IN EPHESUS.

1. Started by Paul (**Acts 18:19-21**).
2. Third journey, stayed 3 years (**Acts 19; 20:31**)
3. Heathen reaction (**Acts 19:17-20; 23-41**).
4. No return. Met with elders in Miletus (**20:17-39**).

III. THE LETTER TO THE EPHESIANS.

1. Paul in prison at Rome (**Eph. 6:20**).
2. Sent by the hand of Tychicus along with Colossians (**Col. 4:7**).
3. **Purpose:** to extol the church in God's plan.
4. **Method:** Discusses their past, contrasting it to the better present state.

OUTLINE

I. CHRIST IN GOD'S ETERNAL PURPOSE (Chapter 1).

II. THE CHURCH IN GOD'S PURPOSE (Chapters 2-4a).

- A. ALIVE IN CHRIST.
- B. MADE HIGH IN CHRIST.
- C. GOD'S BUILDING.
- D. THE CHURCH'S PLACE IN THE REVELATION OF GOD'S PLAN.
- E. GOD GLORIFIED IN THE CHURCH.
- F. UNITY OF THE BODY.

III. OUR BEHAVIOR IN THE CHURCH.

- A. MORAL LIVES.
- B. LIGHT AND DARK.
- C. RELATIONSHIPS.

IV. THE WHOLE ARMOR.