The Book of Ephesians

Author: Apostle Paul

Date letter was written: 60-63 A.D.

People letter was written to: The church at Ephesus. It may have been written for the purpose of being read by other churches in Asia Minor as well.

Ephesus was a main city in the Roman Empire. It was the capital of the Roman province in Asia Minor and an important political, educational, and commercial center. Paul had a brief stay in Ephesus on his 2nd missionary journey, at which time Priscilla and Aquila may have helped start the church there (Acts 18:18-22). Paul returned to the city on his 3rd missionary journey, at which time he stayed and ministered for three years (Acts 20:31).

Place of writing: Rome

Paul wrote this letter while he was imprisoned at Rome under house arrest (Acts 28:30). This book, along with Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon are often referred to as the “Prison Epistles.”

Reason for writing: This letter was written in order to:

> Explain what blessings we have as believers (chapt. 1-3)
  - God’s purpose and plan in our salvation (1:3-14)
  - Our new life in Christ (2:1-10)
  - Being part of the church, the body of Christ (3:1-7)
> Explain how we should live as believers (chapt. 1-4)
  - Walking in love (5:1-7)
  - Living out our roles in the home (6:1-4)
  - Being prepared for spiritual battle (6:10-17)