

LESSON 1
A LETTER TO EPHESUS
EPHESIANS 1:1-2; ACTS 18; 19; 20; REVELATION 2:1-7

I. The Greeting (1:1)

A. The author (1:1)

1. The author's identity

- The writer of the letter is Paul, who founded _____.

2. The nature of his identity

a. Apostle

- He identifies himself as an _____.

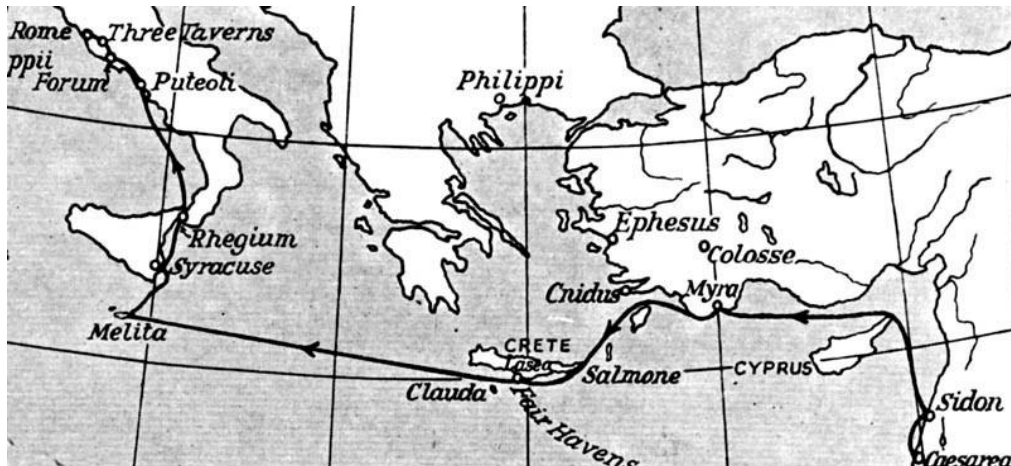
b. God's choice

- He states that he was _____.

B. The recipients (1:1b)

1. The location

- Paul addresses this letter to _____.



In Paul's day, Ephesus was the leading city in the province of Asia. The temple of Artemis (Diana) was regarded as one of the "Seven Wonders of the World."

Ephesus at one time was a major trading port, but by the time of Paul the harbor has silted up. The economy was in decline and dependent on the tourist-worshiper who made a pilgrimage to the Temple. The souvenir trade flourished, hence the prosperous guild of silversmiths whose livelihood was tied to the worship at the temple.

a. Paul's First Contact with the Ephesians

Scripture Reading: Acts 18:19-21

b. Paul's second contact with the Ephesians

Scripture Reading: Acts 19:1-10

c. Paul's commission to the Ephesians

Scripture Reading: Acts 20:17, 28-36

Scripture Reading: Revelation 2:1-7

2. Paul's description of the Church

- He refers to them as _____.
- Saint means _____.
- Faithful refers to _____.

II. Paul's Salutation (1:2)

- Paul bestows the _____ from the Father and Jesus.