

EPHESIANS	60 AD
<p><i>"To make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery . . . " 3:9</i> <i>"This is a profound mystery – but I am talking about Christ and the church." 5:32</i></p>	
<p>Author: Paul Written From: Rome in prison Sent To: Church in Ephesus</p>	
<p>Purpose: To provide doctrine that brings understanding into the mysteries of Christ and the church. This understanding enhances continued maturing of the believers and prevents the development of false doctrine in higher levels of theology.</p>	
<p>Theme: The glorious mysteries of the church, which is the body of Christ</p>	
<p>Basic Outline:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doctrinal Chapters 1-3 – What is true? What should we know? As the church, who are we? • Practical Chapters 4-6 – What should we do? What is expected? What is the church capable of? 	
<p>Memorable Verses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "He chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight." 1:4 • "In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will." 1:11 • "I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better." 1:17 • "God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus." 2:6 • "It is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast." 2:8 • "In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ." 3:4 • "His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms." 3:10 • "Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine...." 3:20 • "I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received." 4:1 • "It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service so that the body of Christ may be built up." 4:11-12 • "Put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires . . . and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness." 4:22-24 • "Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love." 5:1 • "For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light." 5:8 • "Husbands should love your wives just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her." 5:25 • "Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes." 6:11 	

Greek Words:

- μυστηριον - *musterion* – mystery, the secret knowledge obtained by initiation into a fraternity or religion, 1:9; 3:3,4,9; 5:32; 6:19
- προθεσις - *prothesis* – purpose or will, 1: 11; 3:11
- βουλη - *boulee* – a purpose or will; refers to God's plan, 1:11
- θελημα - *theleema* – that which is willed or the gracious design of God rather than the determined plan, 1:1, 5,9,11; 2:3; 5:17; 6:6
- προορίζω - *proorizo* – to determine before. From προ *pro* – a preposition that means “before, before hand” and ὀρίζο *horidzo* that means “determine, appoint, designate, mark out, set limit”, 1:5,11

Healthy Doctrine:

- The Church
- In Christ
- Spiritual warfare
- Holiness

***In Christ* or *With Christ* Appears 35 Times in Ephesians**

1:1	“the faithful in Christ”
1:3	“every spiritual blessing in Christ”
1:4	“chosen in Christ”
1:5	“adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ”
1:6	“freely given us in the One he loves”
1:7	“in him we have redemption”
1:9	“purposed in Christ”
1:11	“in him we were made heirs”
1:12	“hope in Christ”
1:13	“included in Christ when you heard the word of truth”
1:13	“marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit”
2:5	“made us alive with Christ”
2:6	“raised us up with Christ”
2:6	“seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus”
2:10	“created in Christ Jesus to do good works”
2:21	“in him the whole building is joined together”
3:6	“partakers of the promise in Christ”
3:12	“in him and through faith in him we may approach God”

Chapter one describes the vast spiritual blessing that is ours in Christ. Paul offers a prayer of thanksgiving for the Ephesian believers and also prays for them that “the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you.”

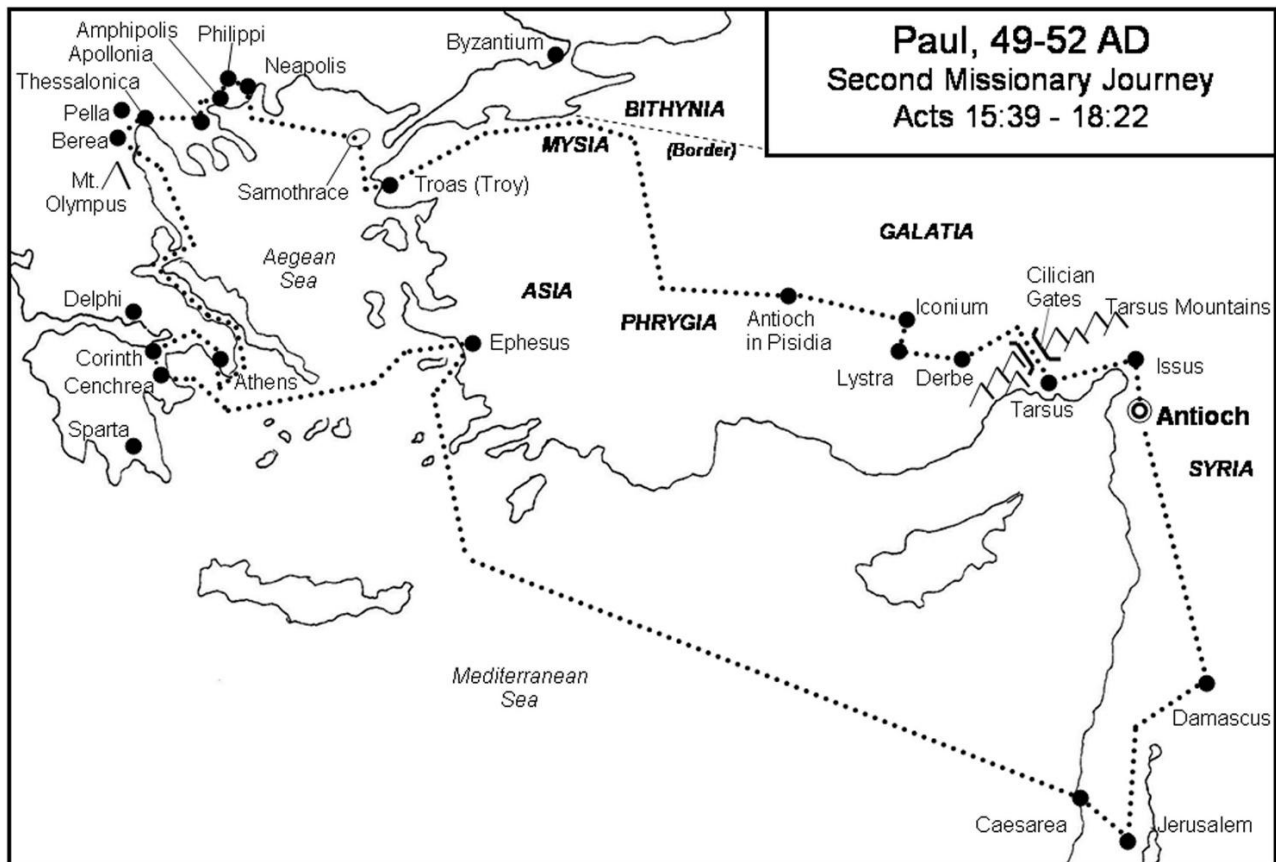
Chapter two recounts their previous condition of being dead in sin but now they have been made “alive with Christ”, and also how God has “seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus”. The Gentiles have been joined with the Jews in God's eternal plan.

In chapter three Paul explains the mystery of the church age. Paul's service in his ministry is to reveal and "make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery." Paul then prays again for the Ephesians "to know this love that surpasses knowledge."

In chapter four Paul leaves the topic of what God has done through his glorious act of salvation in Jesus Christ and begins to discuss how we should "live a life worthy of the calling you have received." Paul describes Christian character and the unity of the church. To help the believer become all that he has been called to be, God has placed gifts in the church to help the believer and the church mature. The believer is to stop living as a Gentile and begin living in light and truth.

Chapter five continues the discussion of walking in the light, making the point that since we are children of God we should be imitators of God. Believers who are still living like the world are called "sleepers" among the "dead". They are told to "wake up!" The chapter concludes by describing the husband and wife's attitude toward each other and then compares it to Christ and the church.

Chapter six continues to talk about believers and their roles in society including the family, children, fathers, masters, and slaves. Spiritual warfare is described in detail when the armor of God is identified and detailed. We are told to put this armor on because we will be forced to defend ourselves against Satan's schemes and are called to advance the kingdom of God in this dark age.

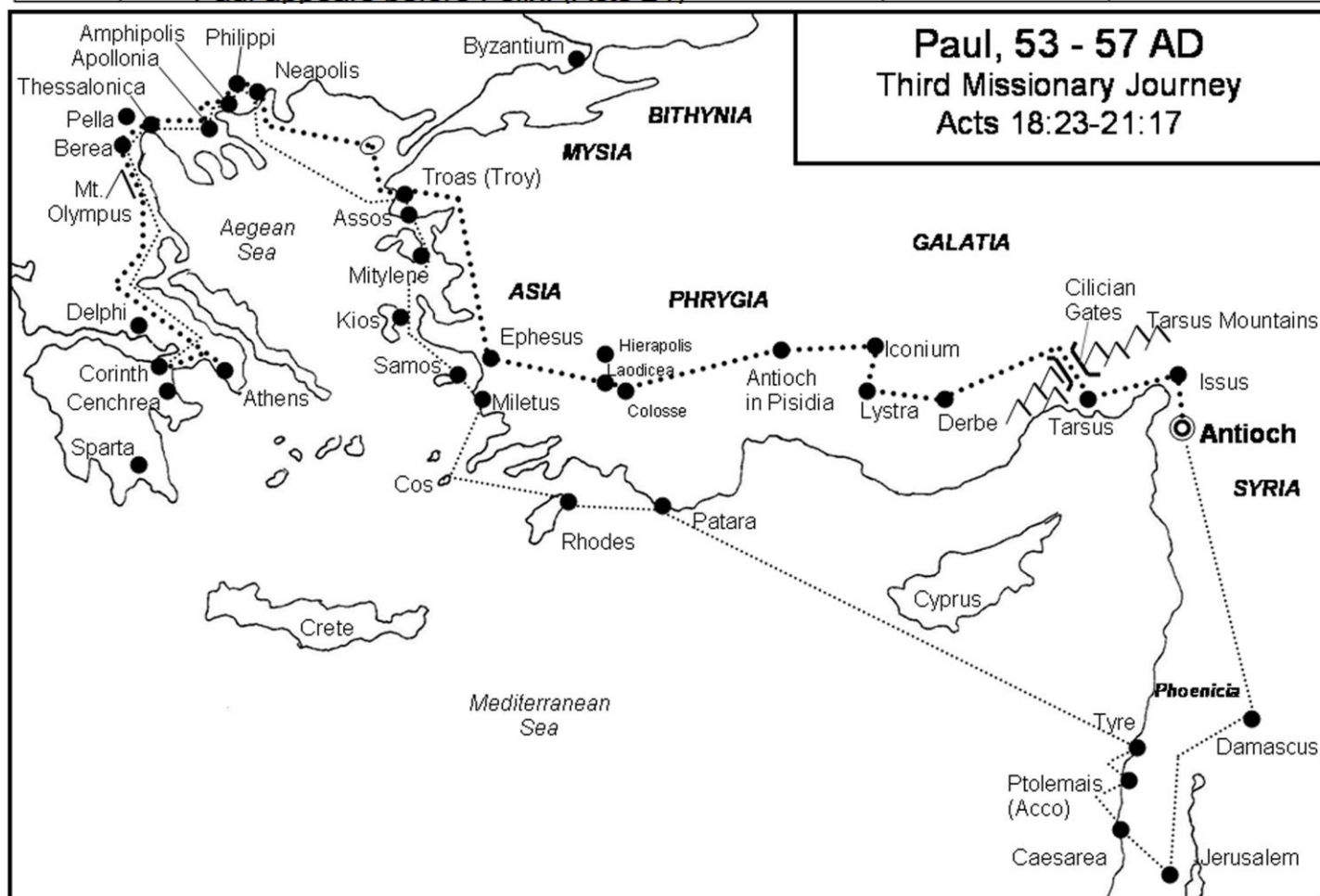


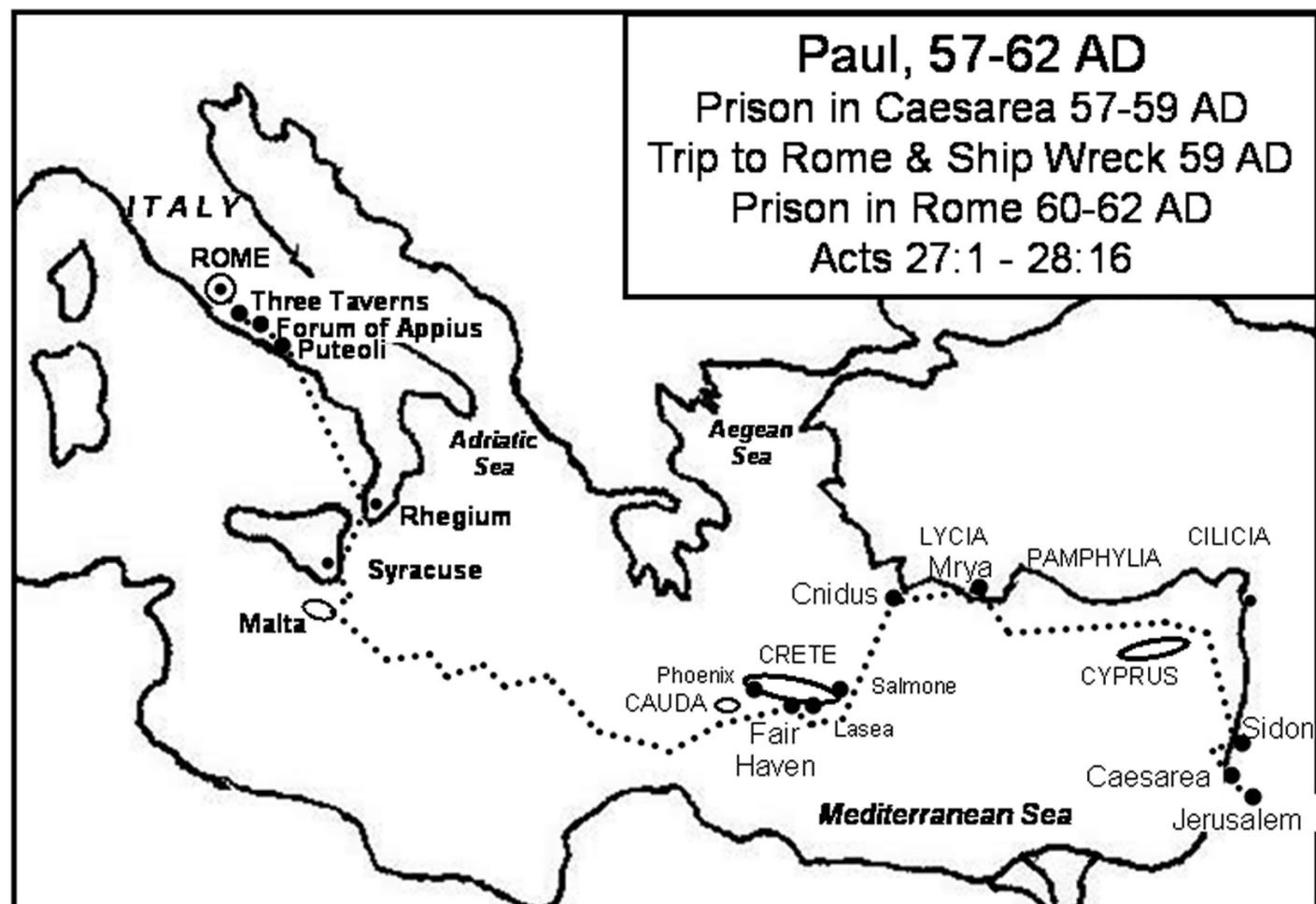
53	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paul spends time in Antioch. • Paul begins third missionary journey traveling through Galatia and Phrygia. • In Ephesus, Aquila and Priscilla explain the gospel to Apollos. (Acts 18:24-26) • Apollos goes to Corinth. (Acts 18:27) • Paul arrives in Ephesus. • Paul stays in Ephesus for three years. • Paul teaches daily in the lecture hall of Tyrannus for two years. (Acts 19:9) 		
54	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paul is in Ephesus all year. • Paul sends Timothy into Macedonia. (Acts 19:22) 		Nero, age 16, is emperor
55	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paul writes his first of four letters to the Corinthians (not <i>1 Corinthians</i>) mentioned in 1 Co.5:9. In this letter Paul instructs them to collect money for the Jerusalem saints (1 Cor.16:1). An offering for the Jerusalem believers begins to be collected. In a year, Paul will refer to this offering in his letter <i>Second Corinthians</i>. (2 Co.8:10) • A delegation from the Corinthian church arrives in Ephesus with problems and questions. • Paul writes <i>First Corinthians</i> in Ephesus and sends it to Corinth. (This is his second of four letters to Corinth) • Paul follows this letter with a quick visit directly across the Aegean Sea from Ephesus to Corinth and back. (2 Cor. 2:1) This would have been his second visit to Corinth. (2 Cor.12:14; 13:1,2) • Paul writes a third letter to Corinth from Ephesus (which we do not have) (2 Cor.2:3,4; 7:8,9,12). Titus carries this letter and stays to fix the church. (2 Cor.7:15,13,14) 	Paul writes First Corinthians from Ephesus	
56	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the fall Paul leaves Ephesus for Corinth and goes through Troas and into Macedonia. • While Paul is traveling through Macedonia he meets Titus who has left Corinth to return to Ephesus. (2 Cor.7:5,6) • In Macedonia Paul writes his fourth letter to the Corinthians known as <i>Second Corinthians</i>. (2 Co.2:13;7:5) • Titus and Luke are sent back to Corinth with the letter <i>Second Corinthians</i>. (2 Cor.8:17,18) • Paul follows them into Corinth to spend the winter in Corinth. 	Paul writes Second Corinthians from Macedonia	

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- In the spring, Paul writes to the Roman Church from Corinth. and sends the letter of *Romans* with a delegation of people led by Phoebe to Rome. (Rom.16:1)
- Paul plans to sail to Syria from Cenchea but the Jews planned to kill him so he went by land up through Macedonia and down past Ephesus. (Acts 20:3-6)
- Paul arrives in Jerusalem. (Acts 21:17)
- Paul is arrested at the temple. (Acts 21:27)
- Paul is placed in prison in Jerusalem at Fort Antonia (21:37;22:24) and appears before the Sanhedrin. (22:30)
- Jews plan to kill Paul so Paul is transferred to Caesarea. (Acts 23:23)
- Paul is in prison in Caesarea for two years. (Acts 24:27)
- Paul appears before Felix. (Acts 24)

Paul writes
Romans
from Corinth





58	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paul in prison in Caesarea 		
59	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paul in prison in Caesarea Paul appears before Festus and King Herod Agrippa II. (Acts 25,26) Paul appeals to Caesar in Rome (25:11) so Paul is sent to Rome by Festus (25:12) and Agrippa. (26:32) In an attempt to beat the coming winter a ship of prisoners leaves for Rome. (Acts 27) Paul advises the commanding centurion, Julius, to harbor at Fair Havens on Crete but they decided to go onto Phoenix. The ship is blown off course out into the Mediterranean Sea and wrecks near Malta. (Acts 27:9-28:10) 		
60	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paul arrives in Rome and is allowed to live by himself with a Roman soldier to guard him. (Acts 28:16) 	Paul writes Ephesians from Roman imprisonment	
61	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paul continues in Rome under house arrest. 	Paul writes Philippians from Roman imprisonment	

62	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paul continues in Rome under house arrest. • Peter comes to Rome and writes <i>First Peter</i>. • Paul is released from Roman imprisonment. • Paul either leaves for Spain or first visits Philippi and Corinth along with other churches in Achaia and Macedonia. • Paul writes Timothy a letter. Timothy is in Ephesus and Paul may have written it from Macedonia. • Paul leaves for Spain. 	Paul writes Colossians and Philemon from Roman imprisonment Peter writes First Peter from Rome Paul writes First Timothy from Macedonia	
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TYCHICUS, the Ephesian –

- 53 AD – Paul arrives in Ephesus for a three-year stay. – Acts 19
- Fall of 56 AD – After the riot or chaotic assembly by the Ephesian silversmiths in theater in Ephesus concerning Artemis,
*“After the uproar ceased Paul sent for the disciples, and after encouraging them, he said farewell and departed for Macedonia (Philippi, Thessalonica). When he had gone through those regions and had given them much encouragement, he came to Greece (Corinth, 57 AD). There he spent three months, and when a plot was made against him by the Jews as he was about to set sail for Syria, he decided to return through Macedonia.
Sopater the Berean, son of Pyrrhus, accompanied him;
and of the Thessalonians, Aristarchus and Secundus;
and Gaius of Derbe, and Timothy;
and the Asians (context and Western text “Ephesians” here), **Tychicus** and Trophimus.
These went on ahead and were waiting for us at Troas, but we sailed away from Philippi after the days of Unleavened Bread, and in five days we came to them at Troas, where we stayed for seven days.” - Acts 20:4 (20:1-6)*
- 57 AD – To Romans from Corinth:
“I hope to see you in passing as I go to Spain, and to be helped on my journey there by you, once I have enjoyed your company for a while. At present, however, I am going to Jerusalem bringing aid to the saints. For Macedonia and Achaia have been pleased to make some contribution for the poor among the saints at Jerusalem. For they were pleased to do it, and indeed they owe it to them. For if the Gentiles have come to share in their spiritual blessings, they ought also to be of service to them in material blessings. When therefore I have completed this and have delivered to them what has been collected, I will leave for Spain by way of you.” - Romans 15:24-28

- 57 AD – Events on the Temple Mount concerning Paul and Gentiles (Greeks) from Ephesus including Trophimus the Ephesian and, most likely, Tychicus (not mentioned by name):
“When the seven days were almost completed, the Jews from Asia, seeing him in the temple, stirred up the whole crowd and laid hands on him, crying out, “Men of Israel, help! This is the man who is teaching everyone everywhere against the people and the law and this place. Moreover, he even brought Greeks into the temple and has defiled this holy place.” For they had previously seen Trophimus the Ephesian with him in the city, and they supposed that Paul had brought him into the temple. Then all the city was stirred up, and the people ran together. They seized Paul and dragged him out of the temple, and at once the gates were shut. And as they were seeking to kill him, word came to the tribune of the cohort that all Jerusalem was in confusion. He at once took soldiers and centurions and ran down to them. And when they saw the tribune and the soldiers, they stopped beating Paul.” – Acts 20:27-32
- 60 AD – From prison in Rome:
“So that you also may know how I am and what I am doing, Tychicus the beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord will tell you everything.” – Ephesians 6:21
- 62 AD – From prison in Rome:
“Tychicus will tell you all about my activities. He is a beloved brother and faithful minister and fellow servant in the Lord. I have sent him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are and that he may encourage your hearts, and with him Onesimus, our faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you. They will tell you of everything that has taken place here.” – Colossians 4:7-9
- 64 AD (from Corinth?) – *“When I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing.” – Titus 3:12-13*
- 67 AD – from dungeon in a Roman prison Paul writes to Timothy in Ephesus:
“Do your best to come to me soon. For Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. Luke alone is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is very useful to me for ministry. Tychicus I have sent to Ephesus. When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments. Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will repay him according to his deeds.” – 2 Timothy 4:12 (4:9-14)

TYCHICUS Travels in 14 years to 12+ cities in Italy, Greece, Asia, Israel

53 AD	Paul meets Tychicus in Ephesus 52 or 53	60 AD	Rome to Ephesus (back to Rome)
56 AD	Ephesus to Corinth	62 AD	Rome to Colossae (Colossae to Corinth)
57 AD	Corinth to Jerusalem	64 AD	Corinth to Crete (...then, to Rome)
59 AD	Caesarea to Rome (shipwreck)	67 AD	Rome to Ephesus

Ephesians:

Ch.1 –

- Heavenly places
 - Prince of the power of the air
 - Raised us up, seated in heavenly places
 - Rulers and authorities in heavenly realm
- Believers:
 - Sinners in darkness
 - Born again sinners with Spirit...and...
Sealed with H.S. to guarantee inheritance until we possess it
 - Mature sinners waiting for righteousness

Ch.2 –

- Strangers to **Covenants of Promise**
- Abolish in his flesh the **Law of commandments** expressed in ordinances
- NOW, eyes to see and spirit of revelation to know

Ch. 3 –

- Revelation NOT known in other generations
- Gentiles are partakers of the Promise
- Every family in heaven and on earth is named

Ch. 4 –

- Knowledge **vs.** *Wind of Doctrine by Human Cunning and Craftiness in Deceitful Schemes*
- Speak TRUTH in LOVE
 - Be angry, but sin not
 - Thief not steal, but work with hands and give