

Spiritual Blessings Of Saints

Ephesians 1:1-6

The Position And Privileges Of Christ's Saints



MACEDONIA THRACE

BLACK SEA

Paul preaches the Gospel for 2 yrs under house arrest as he awaits for his appeal to Caesar

Lydia & her household believe Paul & Silas beaten & thrown in jail Jailer and his household believe

Paul restores life to young Eutychus

ITALY
 Rome
 Three Tavers
 Appii Forum
 Puteoli
 Pompeii
 Tarentum
 Brundisium

MACEDONIA
 Philippi
 Amphipolis
 Berea
 Thessalonica
 Apollonia
 Neapolis
 Byzantium

BITHYNIA & PONTUS

GALATIA

ADRIATIC SEA
TYRRHENIAN SEA
 Messina
 Rhegium
 Syracuse

Paul speaks at the Areopagus

Paul & Barnabas mistaken for gods Paul stoned

Timothy joins Paul & Silas

ACHAIA
 Corinth
 Olympia
 Cenchreae
 Sparta

MYSIA ASIA
 Troas
 Assos
 Mytilene
 Pergamum

CAPPADOCIA

CILICIA

SICILY
 Syrtis Minor
 MALTA

Ship lost in storm Paul swims safely to shore

ACHAIA
 Delphi
 Athens
 Delphi

CYCLADES ISLANDS

MYSIA ASIA
 Ephesus
 Smyrna
 Philadelphia
 Miletus

PHRYGIA

CILICIA
 Lystra
 Iconium
 Tarsus

MEDITERRANEAN SEA

CRETE
 Phoenix
 Salmone
 Lasea

Proconsul Sergius Paulus converted

Paul sent to Rome to appeal to Caesar

Jerusalem Conference c. 49-50 AD

CILICIA
 PAMPHYLIA
 Lystra
 Iconium
 Tarsus

CILICIA
 Antioch in Pisidia
 Derbe

CYPRUS
 Paphos

SYRIA

Syrtis Major

CYRENAICA

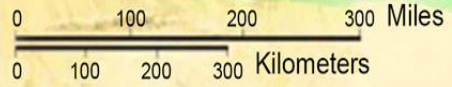
EGYPT

JUDEA

NABATEA

MAP OF PAUL'S MISSIONARY JOURNEYS

- ← Paul's first journey
- ← Paul's second journey
- ← Paul's third journey
- ← Paul's voyage to Rome
- City
- One of the "Seven Churches"



Introduction

A. First visit recorded in Acts 18 on Paul's second missionary journey

1. Returning to Jerusalem from Macedonia (vv 18-21)

2. Leaves Priscilla and Aquila there (v 19)

3. Apollos visits Ephesus (vv 24-26)

Priscilla and Aquila explain the way of God through Jesus (v 26)

Introduction

B. Second visit recorded in Acts 19 on Paul's third missionary journey

1. Stays there 2 years and three months (vv 8-10)

2. Significant events

a. Baptizes 12 in the name of Jesus (vv 1-7)

b. Performs miracles (vv 11-12)

c. Sceva's seven sons fail to exorcize a demon (vv 13-16)

d. People turn to God and forsake witchcraft (vv 17-19)

Introduction

B. Second visit recorded in Acts 19 on Paul's third missionary journey

1. Stays there 2 years and three months (vv 8-10)

2. Significant events (continued)

e. Paul sends advance team of Timothy and Erastus to Macedonia (vv 20-21)

f. Riot caused by Demetrius over loss of revenue in the Diana idol business (vv 22-41)

Introduction

EPHESUS


Ephesus was a wealthy Greek city on the west coast of Asia Minor, inland with a fine harbor and the rich hinterland of Lydia. Throughout history, the sanctuary and the great temple of Artemis made Ephesus a place of pilgrimage.

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Excavations at Ephesus have revealed traces of an early shrine dating back to the seventh century BC. The Heraion, as it has been called, was later incorporated into the Greek temple complex, which was built during the sixth century BC. However, the Lydians long remained for the great temple, constructed generally to the east of the new building, which was among the most richly ornamented of all Aegean Greek temples. It was on a grand scale too, about 110m long and 50m wide, with a double row of columns all round.

The sixth-century temple was destroyed by fire in 356 BC. According to tradition, this was on the night that Alexander the Great was born in Macedonia. A new temple was built on the same site and it became one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World.

Archaeological fragments and coin sculptures from Ephesus can be seen in Rooms 75, 91 and 92.



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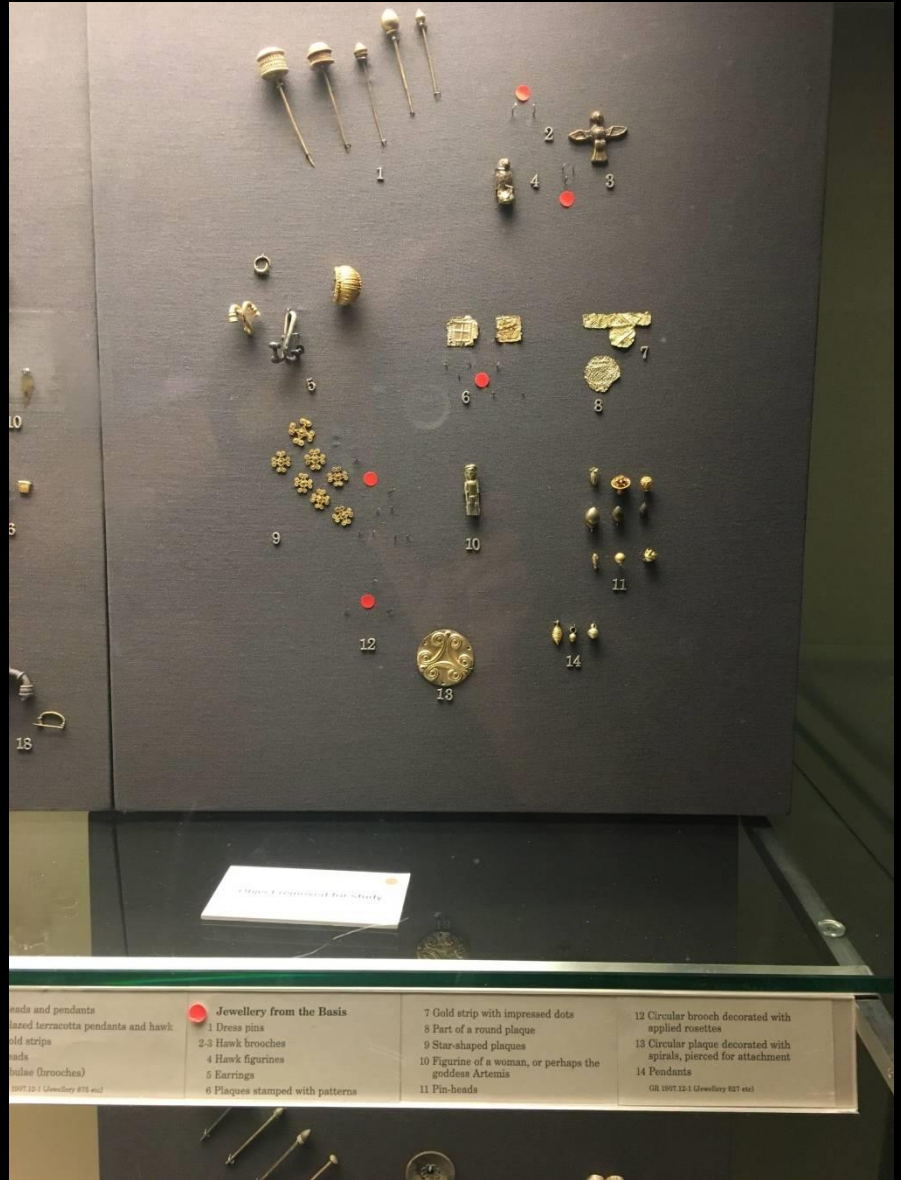
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Excavations at Ephesus have revealed traces of an early shrine dating back to the seventh century BC. The Basis, as it has been called, was later incorporated into the first large-scale temple, which was built during the sixth century BC. Croesus, the Lydian king renowned for his great wealth, contributed generously to the cost of the new building, which was among the most richly-ornamented of all Archaic Greek temples. It was on a grand scale too, about 115m long and 55m wide, with a double row of columns all round.

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Architectural fragments and more sculpture from Ephesus may be seen in Rooms 77, 81 and 82.



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| <p>ends and pendants
hand terracotta pendants and hawk
aid strips
rings
rings (brooches)</p> <p>2007.12.1 Jewellery 87B and C</p> | <p>Jewellery from the Basis</p> <p>1 Dress pins
2-3 Hawk brooches
4 Hawk figurines
5 Earrings
6 Plaques stamped with patterns</p> | <p>7 Gold strip with impressed dots
8 Part of a round plaque
9 Star-shaped plaques
10 Figurine of a woman, or perhaps the goddess Artemis
11 Pin-heads</p> | <p>12 Circular brooch decorated with applied rosettes
13 Circular plaque decorated with spirals, pierced for attachment
14 Pendants</p> <p>QR 2007.12.1 Jewellery 82F and G</p> |
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Introduction

C. Two major themes of Ephesians

1. Our position in Christ

Ephesians 1:3

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:

Ephesians 2:6

And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:

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C. Two major themes of Ephesians

2. Our practice on earth

Ephesians 4:1

I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,

Ephesians 5:2

And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.

I. We Are Called Saints (1:1-2)

Ephesians 1:1-2

1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, to the saints which are at Ephesus, and to the faithful in Christ Jesus:

2 Grace be to you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

I. We Are Called Saints (1:1-2)

A. The will of God working (1:1a)

1. His purpose

Matthew 7:21

Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

2. His perspective

Romans 12:2

And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

I. We Are Called Saints (1:1-2)

B. The way of God working (1:1)

1. Set apart by God

1 Corinthians 1:2

Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both their's and our's:

2. Set apart by us

1 Timothy 1:12

And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry;

I. We Are Called Saints (1:1-2)

C. The working of God working

2 Timothy 1:9

Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,

II. We Are Chosen Saints (1:3-4)

Ephesians 1:3-4

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:

4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

II. We Are Chosen Saints (1:3-4)

A. To praise God's blessing (1:3)

1 Peter 1:3

**Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us
again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus
Christ from the dead,**

II. We Are Chosen Saints (1:3-4)

B. To possess God's *spiritual* blessing (1:3)

2 Peter 1:3

According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

II. We Are Chosen Saints (1:3-4)

C. To profess God's blessing (1:4)

1 Peter 2:9

But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light;

Psalm 107:2

Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy;

III. We Are Conforming Saints (1:5-6)

Ephesians 1:5-6

5 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,

6 To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.

III. We Are Conforming Saints (1:5-6)

A. The choice through Christ (1:5)

Predestinated = *eklegomai* =so that the ground of the choice lies in Christ and his merits,

Romans 8:29-30

29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

Matthew 12:50

For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.

III. We Are Conforming Saints (1:5-6)

B. The consequences through Christ (1:6)

1. Praise to God

Philippians 1:10-11

10 That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ.

11 Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.

2. Promotion by God

1 Corinthians 15:10

But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.

Are You A Saint?