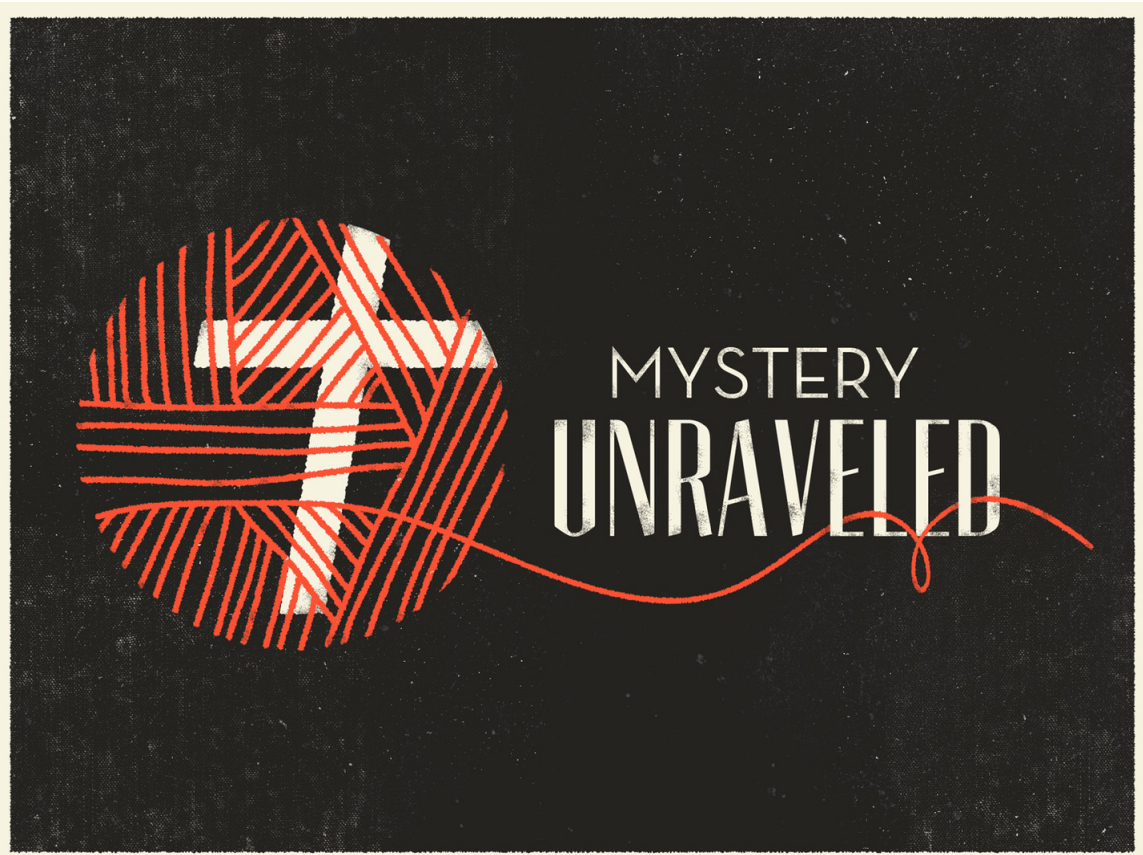


## Ephesians 3:1-13

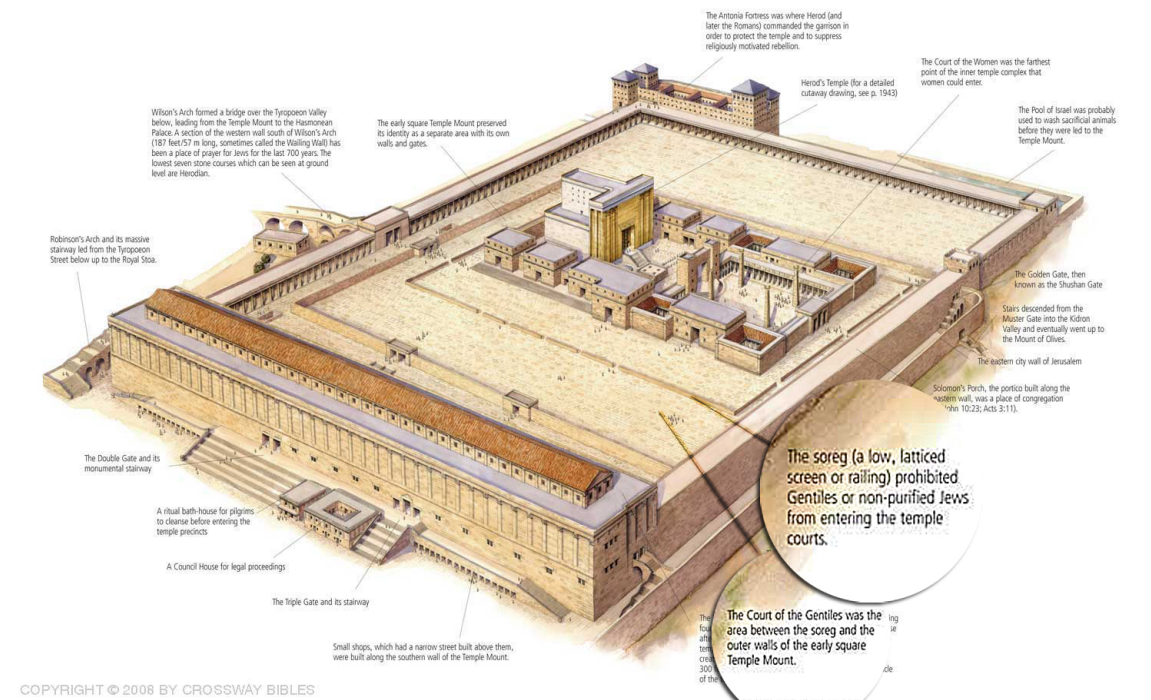




# The What

Ephesians 3:1-7









## The LIFE of the APOSTLE PAUL Time Line

AD 5 Dates are approximate		AD 30		AD 35		AD 40	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Born an Israelite, from the tribe of Benjamin, a Roman citizen in Tarsus of Cilicia, given the Hebrew name of Saul (Acts 7:58; 22:25-29). AD 5</li> <li>Receives the best of Roman education in Tarsus; studies under the Jewish scholar Gamaliel. AD 10-30</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Persecution of Christians. AD 30-35</li> <li>Watches with approval the stoning of Stephen (Acts 7:57-60). AD 32 or 33</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Paul's conversion (Acts 9:1-19). AD 37</li> <li>Begins to preach about Christ in the synagogues (Acts 9:20-25). AD 37</li> <li>Goes to Jerusalem, but the Christian leaders are suspicious of him. (Acts 9:26-29; Galatians 1:18-19). AD 37</li> <li>When the Christians hear about a plot to kill him, they send him to Syria and Cilicia (Acts 9:30; Galatians 1:21). AD 37-46</li> <li>Spends three years in Arabia, then returns to Damascus (Galatians 1:17; Acts 9:23). AD 37-40</li> </ul>			
AD 45		AD 50		AD 55			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Barnabas takes Paul to Syrian Antioch, where they minister for a year (Acts 11:25, 26). AD 46</li> <li>When a prophet predicts a famine will hit Jerusalem, the Christians collect contributions and send them to Jerusalem with Barnabas and Paul (Acts 11:27-30; 12:25). AD 47</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>First Missionary Journey AD 47-49</li> <li>Second Missionary Journey AD 49-51</li> <li>Jerusalem Council (Acts 15:1-35) AD 49</li> <li>Galatians letter written AD 49</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Third Missionary Journey AD 52-57</li> <li>In Ephesus AD 53-55</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 &amp; 2 Corinthians letters written AD 56</li> </ul>	
AD 60		AD 65		AD 70			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Journey to Rome AD 57-62</li> <li>Arrested in Jerusalem AD 57</li> <li>Romans letter written AD 57</li> <li>In prison in Caesarea AD 57-59</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Philippians letter written AD 62</li> <li>Titus letter written AD 63</li> <li>1 Timothy letter written AD 62-63</li> <li>Released from prison AD 62-63</li> <li>Ephesians letter written AD 60-61</li> <li>Colossians letter written AD 60-61</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 Timothy letter written AD 67</li> <li>Imprisoned again in Rome AD 67</li> <li>Paul's death AD 64 or 68?</li> </ul>			



# The What

Ephesians 3:1-7



1<sup>in</sup> Christ



**"I, the Lord, have called You in righteousness,  
And will hold Your hand;  
I will keep You and give You as a covenant  
to the people,  
As a light to the Gentiles,  
To open blind eyes,  
To bring out prisoners from the prison,  
Those who sit in darkness from the prison house."**

**Isaiah 42:6-8a**





**To them God willed to make known  
what are the riches of the glory of this mystery  
among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you,  
the hope of glory.**

**Colossians 1:27**

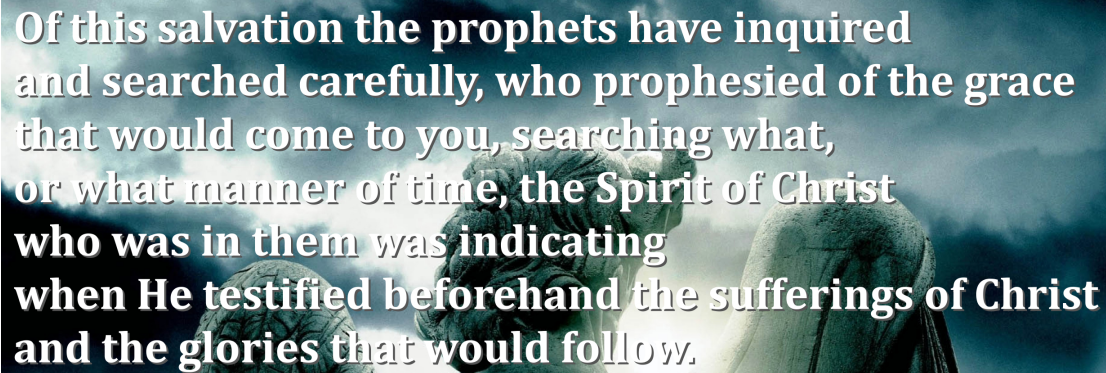


# The Why

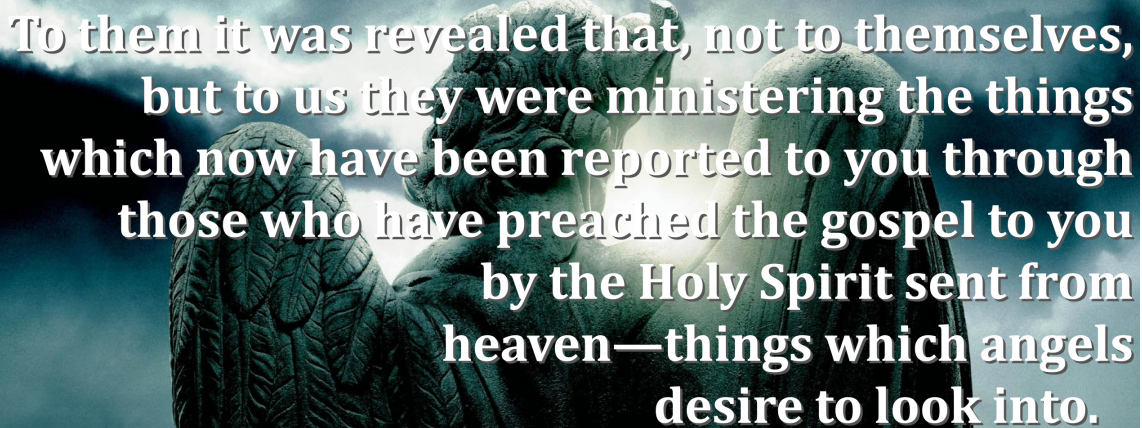
Ephesians 3:8-13







Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched carefully, who prophesied of the grace that would come to you, searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ who was in them was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow.



To them it was revealed that, not to themselves, but to us they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you through those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things which angels desire to look into.

1 Peter 1:10-12



# The Why

Ephesians 3:8-13



**But we have this treasure  
in earthen vessels,  
that the excellence of  
the power may be of God  
and not of us. We are hard-pressed  
on every side, yet not crushed;  
we are perplexed, but not in despair;  
persecuted, but not forsaken;  
struck down, but not destroyed—  
always carrying about in the body  
the dying of the Lord Jesus,  
that the life of Jesus also  
may be manifested in our body.**



MYSTERY  
UNRAVELED

**2 Corinthians 4:7-10**



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