

A dramatic landscape painting of Ephesus ruins at sunset. The scene is dominated by the dark, silhouetted remains of ancient stone structures on the left, with a large, jagged opening in the wall. The sky is filled with soft, glowing clouds in shades of orange, yellow, and blue, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. In the distance, a hazy view of the city of Ephesus is visible, with its characteristic domes and buildings. The overall mood is contemplative and historical.

EPHESIANS

WHO WE ARE IN CHRIST



THE SECOND MISSIONARY JOURNEY OF PAUL
 ACTS 15:36-18:32

Ephesus: the City

- A Roman Port City, greatest of Asia
- Center of trade for most of the area
- Extensively built up by the Romans
- Notorious for its wealth and luxury
- World capital of the slave trade
- Prominent in the city - Temple of Diana/Artemis
 - One of the 7 wonders of the ancient world



Temple of Diana at Ephesus





Paul's Journey

- Apollos had gone before Paul Acts 18:24ff
 - Priscilla and Aquila
- Acts 19:1-20:1; a 2 year period (3rd Journey)
 - Problems:
 - Teachings of John the Baptist (18:24,25)
 - The Occult – Jewish and otherwise (19:19)
 - Temple Prostitution
 - Worldliness
- Becomes a major center for Missions

Other Ephesus Aspects:

- 1 Cor 15:32 - !!!!
- Timothy and Tychius – 1 Ti 1:3; 2 Ti 1:18; 4:12
- Other books cycled thru Ephesus
- Rev 2 –
 - Deeds, toil, perseverance – all known
 - Endured evil men/false apostles [Nicolaitians]
 - Left your first love!!
 - Repent, do your first deeds (read the book!!)
 - He who overcomes...

Ephesus: the Letter

- A book of 2 parts...
- Chs 1-3 – who we are in Christ!
- Chs 4-6 – How we act in Christ!
- Sit, Walk, Stand theme...
- 7 Walks mentioned...
- 'Heavenly'; rule, authority, power, dominion