

You Have a Mission

Kenneth Martinez / Ephesians / Mission; Apostleship; Spiritual Warfare / Ephesians 3:1–13

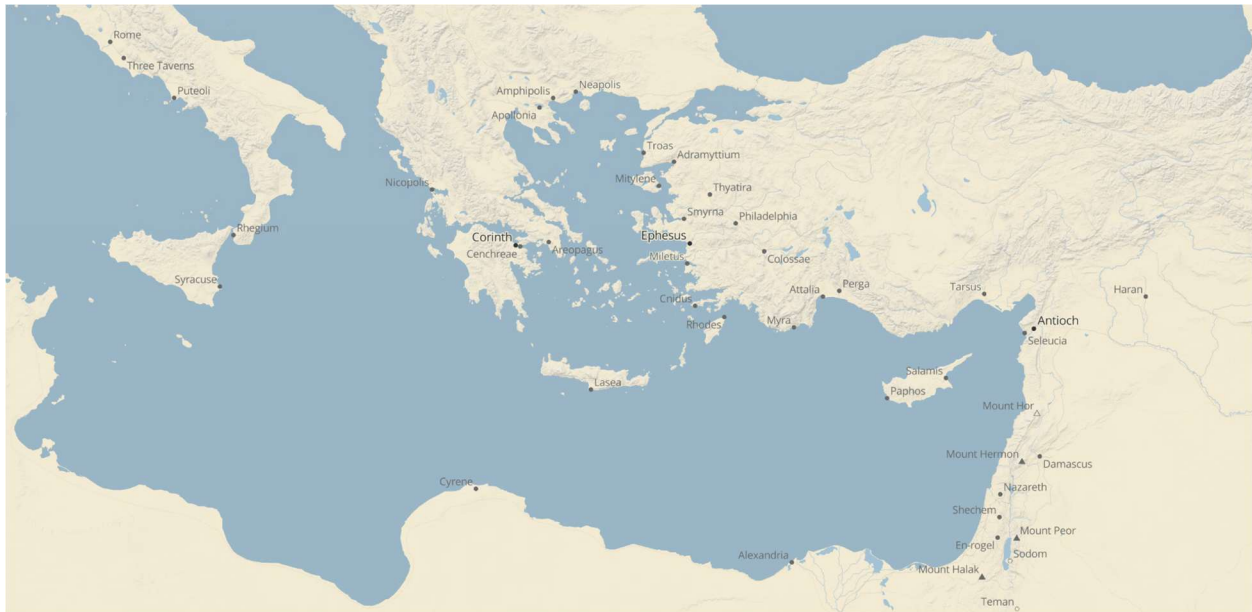
Paul had a mission:

Ephesians 3:1 NIV For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—

Ephesians 3:13 NIV I ask you, therefore, not to be discouraged because of my sufferings for you, which are your glory.

Paul's imprisonment in his letters: [Ephesians 3:1](#), [4:1](#), [6:19-20](#), [Col 4:18](#), [Phil 1:12-14](#), etc.

Draw the advancement of the church in the Roman Empire &
Paul's journey from Ephesus to Rome.



Paul had a mission: _____,

Ephesians 3:6-9 NIV ⁶ This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus. ⁷ I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's

grace given me through the working of his power.⁸ Although I am less than the least of all the Lord's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the boundless riches of Christ,⁹ and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things.

Homework: find all the instances of "mystery" in Ephesians and Colossians.

Romans 15:20 NIV It has always been my ambition to preach the gospel where Christ was not known.

Paul had a mission: _____, _____.

Ephesians 3:10 NIV 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,

The enemy in Ephesians: [1:21](#), [2:2](#), [3:10](#), [4:27](#), [5:11](#), [6:11-17](#).

All created intelligences are in view here.

- F. F. Bruce, NICNT - Ephesians [1984], 321

Paul brings into view the cosmic aspect of God's plan... [because] these rulers likely represent the entire spiritual realm, both good and bad.

- Lynn H. Cohick, NICNT - Ephesians [2020], 219

1 Corinthians 4:9 NIV We have been made a spectacle to the whole universe, to angels as well as to human beings.

Sampler of demonic opposition in Paul's ministry: [Acts 13:9,10](#); [16:16-18](#); [19:11-12](#) [Ephesus]; [1 Cor 12:7](#); [1 Thess 2:18](#); [3:5](#), etc.

Your mission is _____, _____.

Your ____ is at the heart of the cosmic conflict.

Your ____ is at the heart of the cosmic conflict.