

# *Studies in Ephesians*

## Chapter 1

### **Introductory Material:**

- Ephesians is similar to Colossians.
  - 55 verses are identical
- Ephesians was written from prison. (3:1/6:20)
- Was written to Gentiles
- Most impersonal of Paul's letters
- Paul did not know the recipients personally (1:15/3:2)







## Ephesians 1:1-2

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, To the saints who are at Ephesus and *who are* faithful in Christ Jesus: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

# Defining Terms:

## Apostle

(αποστολος / שליח) = “a sent out one”  
(*apostolos*) (*shaliach*)

**AMBASSADOR**

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## Christ

(χριστος / משיח) = “anointed one”  
(*Christos*) (*Mashiach*)

**MESSIAH / KING**

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## Saints

(‘αγιοις / קדושים) = “set apart ones”  
(*hag:ois*) (*kedoshim*)

↳ **Holy** (‘αγιος / קדוש) = “saint” or  
(*hag:os*) (*kadash*)



“sanctified one” (from Latin *sanctus*)

## SET– APART ONES / BETROTHED

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### Lord

(κυριος / אֲדֹנָי) = “master”  
(*kurios*)      (*adon*)

**MASTER**

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### Mystery

(μυστηριον / סוֹד) = “secret”  
(*masteirion*)      (*sod*)

**SECRET**

*(which has now been  
revealed to the initiated)*

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## Ephesians 1:1-2

Paul, an ambassador of King Yeshua by the will of God, to the betrothed who are at Ephesus and *who are* faithful in King Yeshua: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Master Yeshua the King.

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## Two Misunderstood Words:

**CROSS** ≠ “T” – shaped symbol on a wall

**BLOOD** ≠ a magic liquid

### **CROSS:**

Laying down one's life and desires for the sake of God's will and the good of others.



## **BLOOD:**

The life that is surrendered according to the principal of the cross. (See above.)

### **Colossians 1:20**

...and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the **blood** of His **cross**; through Him, I say, whether things on earth or things in heaven.

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### **Zechariah 14:9**

And Adonai will be king over all the earth; in that day Adonai will be one, and His name one.

## 1 Corinthians 15:28

When all things are subjected to Him, then the Son Himself also will be subjected to the One who subjected all things to Him, so that God may be all in all.

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## Genesis 12:1-3

Now Adonai said to Abram, “Go forth from your country, and from your relatives and from your father’s house, to the land which I will show you and **I will make you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, and so you shall be a blessing, and I will bless those who bless you, and the one who belittles you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed.**”



## Genesis 18:17-19

Adonai said, “Shall I conceal from Abraham what I am about to do, since Abraham will surely become a great and mighty nation, and in him all the nations of the earth will be blessed? **For I have known him, because he will command his children and his household after him to keep the way of Adonai by doing righteousness and justice, so that Adonai may bring upon Abraham that which He has spoken of him.”**

**God's Intention  
is ALWAYS  
accomplished!**

*... eventually*

### Job 42:1-2

Then Job answered Adonai and said, “I know that You can do all things, and that **no purpose of Yours can be thwarted.**”

### Isaiah 46:10

Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things which have not been done, Saying, “**My purpose will be established, and I will accomplish all My good pleasure.**”

### Romans 9:19

You will say to me then, “Why does He still find fault? **For who can resist His intention?**”



## 2 Peter 3:9

The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not **intending** for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.

## Hebrews 6:17-18

In the same way God, **intending** even more to show to the heirs of the promise the unchangeableness of His **intent**, interposed with an oath, so that by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have taken refuge would have strong encouragement to take hold of the hope set before us.

## James 1:18

In the exercise of His **intent** He brought us forth by the word of truth, so that we would be a kind of first fruits among His creatures.