

PAUL'S LETTER TO THE COLOSSIANS

With people, places, definitions, map

Writer: The apostle Paul

Date: c AD62; sent with the Letters to the Ephesians, and to Philemon

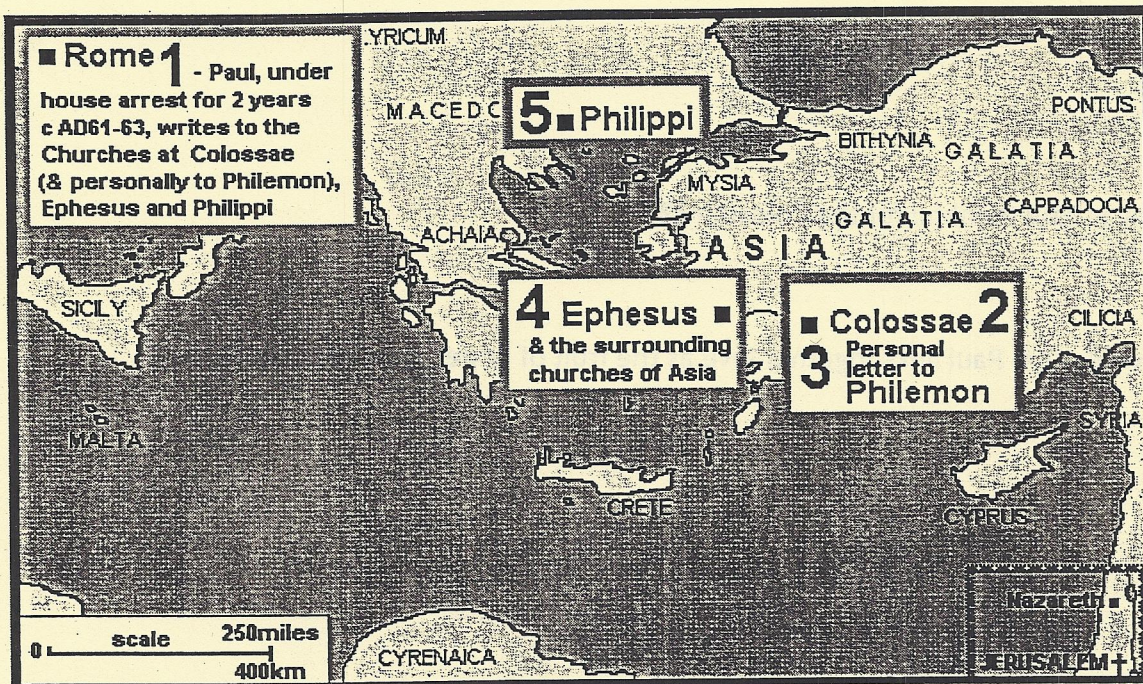
Where written: Under house arrest in Rome

Reader: The church at Colossae in Asia Minor, probably established by Christian workers from Ephesus. Colossae does not appear to have been visited by Paul

Why: Colossians is a general message of love and friendship to a church Paul has not visited. In it, he warns them against false prophets who teach a mixture of Jewish tradition and Greek philosophy and mysticism which belittles Christ's coming. In doing so he makes clear exactly who Jesus is, and his part (Paul's) in teaching the true Gospel as an apostle to the Gentiles.

Map - Paul Writes from Prison in Rome

Map Key: Letter for Colossae sent from 1 to 2 .



Colossians

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- I. Introduction
 - A. Colossae:

 - B. Paul:

 - C. Epaphras:
- II. What are the two sections or divisions in Colossians and what is each section addressing?
 - A. Section 1:

 - B. Section 2:
- III. Describe the heresy found in Colossae. Who were the Essenes and Gnostics?

- IV. Why is Paul thankful for the Colossians?

- V. In verses 3-8 Paul links together love as the fruit of hope. How does he do this?

- VI. Examples of love as the fruit of hope: Heb. 10:34, Heb. 11:24-26, Luke 14:12-14.