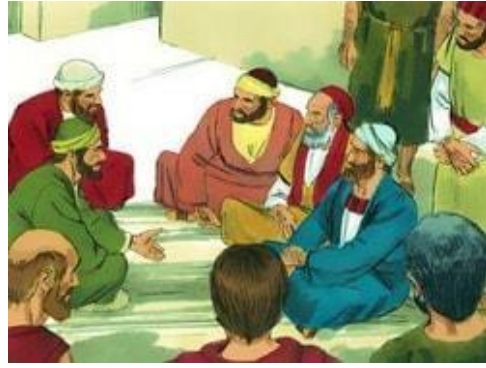




Introduction

Paul encourages believers in their faith (v 2).

He talks to the elders from Ephesus for the last time.



Questions

1. Why had the disciples at Troas gathered together on the first day of the week?
2. What did Paul warn the Ephesian elders at Miletus would happen after his departure?
3. How did Paul encourage them with what God could do for them?



Summary Points

- **v 1 to 6** After leaving Ephesus, Paul goes to Macedonia and then Greece (see map) where he becomes aware of a Jewish plot. He then retraces his steps and comes to Troas
- **v 7 to 12** During a long evening talk at Troas, a young man falls asleep and falls from a third-floor window, but is healed by Paul
- **v 13 to 24** Paul wants to be in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost and starts his journey. He stops at Miletus and sends for the elders from Ephesus and tells them what he has done and the opposition he has had
- **v 25 to 38** As Paul says goodbye to the elders from Ephesus, he reminds them of their responsibility to care for the believers and warns them against false teachers (see theme), some of whom will come from within the church. He reminds them of the importance of God's message which can build them up and give them an inheritance

Timeline AD 60 (see below)



Theme / Information

God's message will be corrupted

A selection of verses showing that the apostles warn that people will turn away from the true Bible message.

The apostle Paul tells the believers at Ephesus and Colossae to resist deceptive ideas:

Ephesians 5 verse 6

Colossians 2 verses 4 and 8

The apostle Paul gives several warnings that believers will encounter wrong ideas:

1 Timothy 4 verses 1 and 2

2 Timothy 4 verses 3 and 4

The apostle John tells the believers to test the spirits (ideas) they come across:

1 John 4 verse 1



Paul's travels - third journey

Map showing Paul's third major recorded journey (Acts 18 to 20).



? Answers to questions

Verses which answer the questions:

Q 1: v 7, Q 2: v 29 and 30, Q 3: v 32



Bible timeline

