



Book of Acts
Chapter 19:8 – 41
Lesson 18

Early in the second missionary journey what happens in Acts 16:6?

- ▶ Acts 16:6, “And they went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia.”
- ▶ Ephesus is the major city in Asia.

As Paul is getting ready to end his second missionary journey and return to Antioch, what happens in Acts 18:19-21

- ▶ “And they came to Ephesus, and he left them there, but he himself went into the synagogue and reasoned with the Jews. When they asked him to stay for a longer period, he declined. But on taking leave of them he said, “I will return to you if God wills,” and he set sail from Ephesus.

Paul's Second Journey





PAUL'S THIRD MISSIONARY JOURNEY



As Paul finds himself back in Ephesus in Chapter 19, what events take place in verses 8-10?

- ▶ Paul went to the synagogue for three months.
- ▶ The Jews spoke evil of the “WAY”.
- ▶ Paul withdrew from them.
 - ▶ Paul changes his location to the school or hall of Tyrannus.
 - ▶ Paul teaches here for two years.

What meant by, “all the residents of Asia heard the word of the Lord, both Jews and Greeks” in verse 10?

- ▶ The two years plus in Ephesus greatly impacted for the gospel the entire inhabited region of Asia Minor.
- ▶ It's believed that from Paul's teaching ministry his students in Tyrannus started most every Church we know of in Asia Minor.

What meant by, “all the residents of Asia heard the word of the Lord, both Jews and Greeks” in verse 10?

➤ This list includes:

➤ Ephesus

➤ Thyatira

➤ Hierapolis

➤ Laodicea

➤ Pergamum

➤ Magnesia

➤ Philadelphia

➤ Smyrna

➤ Tralles

➤ Sardis

➤ Colossae



MACEDONIA

THRACE

BLACK SEA

BITHYNIA AND PONTUS

MARMARA SEA

AEGEAN SEA

MYSIA

ASIA

ACHAIA

CARIA

LYCIA

PAMPHYLIA

RHODES

SANTORINI

PATMOS

SAMOS

CHIOS

Mitylene

LESBOS

Assos

LEMNOS

SAMOTHRACE

THASOS

Philippi

Neapolis

Amphipolis

Apollonia

Thessalonica

Berea

EUBOEA

Athens

Corinth

Cenchreae

Sparta

Paul restores life to young Eutychus

John's disciples believe in Jesus
Jewish exorcists fail to reproduce Paul's miracles
Magic books burnt
Demetrius & craftsmen of Diana cause uproar against the Way

Paul exhorts Ephesian elders & saves tribulations & chains

Antioch in Pisidia

Iconium
Lystra

Attalia
Perga

Patara

Smyrna

Hierapolis

Laodicea
Colossae

Ephesus

Miletus

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Ephesus

- ▶ In addition to Paul; Apollos, Timothy and the Apostle John ministered in Ephesus.
- ▶ All 3 letters to believers in Corinth (one has not been preserved) were written in Ephesus.
- ▶ Ephesus became the largest gathering of Christians in Paul's day.

Ephesus

- ▶ Ephesus was a center of Pagan worship, black magic and sorcery with the Temple of Artemis which dominated the cities culture and commerce.
- ▶ Ephesus eventually dies out as recorded in the Book of Revelation, when God removed their lampstand because they lost their first love.

19:8-20

Extraordinary miracles of God were accomplished through Paul in Ephesus. What were they?

- ▶ Items that touched Paul's skin were carried away to the sick, and their diseases left them and the evil spirits came out of them.

What is the parallel here event in Acts 5:14-16 concerning Peter with question #5?

- ▶ People were healed by being in Peter's shadow.
- ▶ These events clearly show that Paul and Peter had the power of the Holy Spirit.
- ▶ Also, that these event were extraordinary.
- ▶ Think back to the women healed by touching Jesus' robe.

Who were the Jewish exorcists and what were they trying to do?

- ▶ Traveling Jewish exorcists attempted to invoke Jesus' name over demon-possessed individuals.
 - ▶ But the evil spirit answered them, "Jesus I know, and Paul I recognize, but who are you?"
- ▶ However, the demon-possessed man overpowered them, and they fled naked and wounded.

What was the result of the Jewish exorcists being overpowered?

- ▶ The name of the lord was praised / magnified and held in high honor.
- ▶ Many new believers confessed their practices.
- ▶ Those practicing magic arts burned their books.

What was the result of the Jewish exorcists being overpowered?

- ▶ God did extraordinary miracles by Paul in this city of exorcists, evil spirits, and magic.
- ▶ His word of the Lord continued to increase and prevail mightily.

How does the example of the Jewish exorcists attempting to invoke the name of Jesus reflect on our understanding of faith and the power of belief?

- ▶ Using to “Name of Jesus” isn’t some magical incantation.
- ▶ The forces of evil knew the difference between one who truly ministered in the name of Jesus and pretenders.

What were Paul's future plans? How does this relate to 1 Corinthians?

- To go to Macedonia and Achaia (Corinth), then Jerusalem and Rome He sent Timothy and Erastus to Macedonia while he stayed in Asia.
- Paul wrote to the Corinthians from Ephesus that he would go through Macedonia before coming to them.

What were Paul's future plans? How does this relate to 1 Corinthians 16?

- He intended to stay in Ephesus until Pentecost and then winter in Corinth.
- He said Timothy might also go to Corinth, but Apollos would not be going at that time.
- Paul wanted the Corinthians to collect a gift to be sent to the Jerusalem church.

What happens next in Ephesus?

- ▶ Paul's teaches that "gods" made with men's hands are not gods.
- ▶ Demetrius, a silversmith is disturbed because His business making silver shrines of the goddess Artemis is suffering.
- ▶ He also is concerned about the temple of Artemis being regarded as worthless.

What happens next in Ephesus?

- ▶ For two hours the crowd shouted, “Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!” in the theater.
- ▶ The town clerk quieted them because they were in danger of being accused of causing a riot.

On what basis did Demetrius make a case against those of the Way? (19:25–27)

- ▶ They were hurting the idol making business.
- ▶ Their trade was in danger of being brought into disrepute (hurting their good reputation).
- ▶ Their god was being counted a nothing.

As the riot breaks out, why was Paul kept from appearing before the crowd? (19:29–31)

- ▶ Paul's friends prevented him from entering, for it is likely that the apostle would have been arrested by the authorities or even killed by the mob.

On what basis did the town clerk bring an end to the riot? (19:35-41)

- ▶ The official plays to the crowd and reinforces the confidence of the Ephesians in their city and its god.
- ▶ He declares the riot to be unjustified.
- ▶ He naively assumes that the Christian criticism of idolatry has no great significance.
- ▶ He suggests that they bring charges against one another before the proconsul.

19:23-41

Conclusion

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