

Mat 16:18 gates of hell - not prevail against it

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Confronted: Talk about Jesus Versus idolatry [19 37

10 And this continued by the space of two years; so that all they which dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks.

Miracles by Paul.

11 And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul: 12 So that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them.

13 Then certain of the vagabond Jews, exorcists, took upon them to call over them which had evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, We adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preacheth.

14 And there were seven sons of one Sceva, a Jew, and chief of the priests, which did so.

15 And the evil spirit answered and said, Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are ye?

16 And the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, and overcame them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.

17 And this was known to all the Jews and Greeks also dwelling at Ephesus; and fear fell on them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified.

18 And many that believed came, and confessed, and shewed their deeds.

19 Many of them also which used curious arts brought their books together, and burned them before all men: and they counted the price of them, and found it fifty thousand pieces of silver.

20 So mightily grew the word of God and prevailed.

21 After these things were ended, Paul purposed in the spirit, when he had passed through Macedonia and Achaia, to go to Jerusalem, saying, After I have been there, I must also see Rome.

22 So he sent into Macedonia two of them that ministered unto him, Timotheus and Erastus; but he himself stayed in Asia for a season.

The uproar of the silversmiths at Ephesus.

23 And the same time there arose no small stir about that way.

24 For a certain man named Demetrius, a silversmith, which made

A.D. 56.

a Miracles (N.T.) Acts 28.3-6, 8, 9. (Mt. 8.2, 3; Acts 28.8, 9.)

b Mk. 1.23, 24; Acts 16.16-18; Jas. 2.19.

c The sons of Sceva sought to imitate a power to which they were strangers, only to their own confusion. This striking witness from another side caused fear to fall on all.

d Lk. 11.21, 22; contra,

1 John 4.4. e Lk. 1.65; 7.16; Acts 5.5, 11.

f Mt. 3.6; 1 Cor. 14.24, 25.

g magical. h Acts 6.7; 12.24; 1 Cor. 16.8, 9.

i i.e. in his own mind. Cf. Acts 20.22, note.

j Rom. 1.13; 15.22-29.

k 1 Tim. 1.2. l Rom. 16.23; 2 Tim. 4.20.

m concerning The Way, i.e. Christ. John 14.6.

n Acts 16.16, 19. o Acts 17.29; Rev. 13.14, 15.

p oikoumene = inhabited earth. (Lk. 2.1.)

q Gr. Artemis. Not anciently a pantheon, but an Eastern goddess. Cf. Jud. 2.13, note. But "Diana of the Ephesians" was rather a particular image of Artemis, reputed to have fallen from heaven; v.35.

r Acts 20.4. s Acts 20.4; 27.2; Col. 4.10.

t 1 Tim. 1.20; 2 Tim. 4.14.

u Acts 17.21. v Rom. 2.22; cf. 1 Thes. 1.9 with 1 Cor. 1.23, 24.

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silver shrines for Diana, brought no small gain unto the craftsmen;

25 Whom he called together with the workmen of like occupation, and said, Sirs, ye know that by this craft we have our wealth.

26 Moreover ye see and hear, that not alone at Ephesus, but almost throughout all Asia, this Paul hath persuaded and turned away much people, saying that they be no gods, which are made with hands:

27 So that not only this our craft is in danger to be set at nought; but also that the temple of the great goddess Diana should be despised, and her magnificence should be destroyed, whom all Asia and the world worshippeth.

28 And when they heard these sayings, they were full of wrath, and cried out, saying, Great is Diana of the Ephesians.

29 And the whole city was filled with confusion: and having caught Gaius and Aristarchus, men of Macedonia, Paul's companions in travel, they rushed with one accord into the theatre.

30 And when Paul would have entered in unto the people, the disciples suffered him not.

31 And certain of the chief of Asia, which were his friends, sent unto him, desiring him that he would not adventure himself into the theatre.

32 Some therefore cried one thing, and some another: for the assembly was confused; and the more part knew not wherefore they were come together.

33 And they drew Alexander out of the multitude, the Jews putting him forward. And Alexander beckoned with the hand, and would have made his defence unto the people.

34 But when they knew that he was a Jew, all with one voice about the space of two hours cried out, Great is Diana of the Ephesians.

35 And when the townclerk had appeased the people, he said, Ye men of Ephesus, what man is there that knoweth not how that the city of the Ephesians is a worshipper of the great goddess Diana, and of the image which fell down from Jupiter?

36 Seeing then that these things cannot be spoken against, ye ought to be quiet, and to do nothing rashly.

37 For ye have brought hither these men, which are neither rob-

Col 1:23 preached to every creature Revelation - church of Asia

God not in it - saw power wanted

But did not know Jesus personally

Mat 8:29 torment us before the time

Evil spirits make you naked

1) Fear fell on them 2) magnified Lord 3) Many came 4) Confessed 5) shewed their deeds

26:18 turn them from darkness to light (Paul) Witchcraft rejected rid of false 50,000

This is not a departure from Ephesus

Come together 18:5 20:1-4 joined together

Joh 14:6 Jesus said, I am the way Gen 6:12 Corrupted his way

originally orientated diety - bountyfulness of nature - mother creat

merchant's association (priority)

preached against idola - know but reject. 17:24 Neither worshipped

Joh 11:48 take away place and nation

Result

Phlp 2:25 companion in labour

Fearless but takes advice

PRV 17:17 A friend loveth at all times PRV 18:24 shew himself PRV 27:17 Iron sharpeneth iron (39, 40)

1 Cor 14:33 God - not author of confusion

idols goddess Exo 20:4 graven image

2 hours chanting blat his religion

okay to stop / cease

Testimony Knew they had no moral ground to oppose (issue must be Jesus Christ) - curious arts cannot stop the gospel.

Don't give up in difficult times (vs 1)
 Encourage others - just passing through (vs 1-2) 20:17 M
 Invest yourself in house of God (vs 7)
 Never forget the sacrifice made for you (vs 8)
 Seek to reach the fallen (vs 9)

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- Just preaching
 gospel effects idolatry

Sue at law

bers of churches, nor yet blasphemers of your goddess. vs 24

38 Wherefore if Demetrius, and the craftsmen which are with him, have a matter against any man, the law is open, and there are deputies: let them implead one another.

39 But if ye enquire any thing concerning other matters, it shall be determined in a lawful assembly.

40 For we are in danger to be called in question for this day's uproar, there being no cause whereby we may give an account of this concourse.

41 And when he had thus spoken, he dismissed the assembly.

CHAPTER 20.

Paul's last visit to Jerusalem

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a	Acts 21.31,32.	
b	1 Cor.16.5; 1 Tim.1.3.	
c	Acts 17.15; 18.1.	
d	Or, a plot was formed against him by the Jews.	
e	Acts 9.23; 23.12; 25.3; 2 Cor.11.26.	
f	Rom.16.21.	
g	Acts 19.29.	
h	Rom.16.23; 3 John 1.	
i	Acts 19.22.	
j	Eph.6.21; Col.4.7,8; 2 Tim.4.12; Tit.3.12.	
k	Acts 21.29; 2 Tim.4.20.	
l	From the use	