

1 **NT History****Part 27**

Acts 20:17-38 Paul's Goodbye to the Elders of Ephesus

2 **Review of Paul's Ministry**

9. Achaia Act 17:16-18:28 50-51

Athens

Corinth

10. Asia Acts 19:1-41 52-55

Ephesus

Troas Acts 20:1; 2 Cor. 12:12 55

Macedonia

11. Illyricum Rom. 15:19 56

11b. Corinth Acts 20:2-16 57

Philippi

Troas, Miletus

3 **Illyricum**

- 1 Rom. 15:18 For I will not dare to speak of any of those things which Christ has not accomplished through me, in word and deed, to make the Gentiles obedient — 19 in mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God, so that from Jerusalem and round about to Illyricum I have fully preached the gospel of Christ

4 5 **Review of Paul in Ephesus**

- Paul first visited in Ephesus after his ministry in Corinth. (Acts 18:18-21)
- Paul returned to Ephesus on his '3rd' Missionary Journey where he spent approximately 3 years., A.D. 52-55 (Acts 19)

6 **Review of Acts 19 – Paul in Ephesus**

- Acts 19:1-7 – Disciples who knew only of John's baptism.
- Acts 19:8-10 – Ministry in the synagogue (3 months) and in the school of Tyrannus (2 years).
- Acts 19:11-13 – Extraordinary miracles of Paul
- Acts 19:14-16 – Failure of the Jewish exorcists and sons of Sceva
- Acts 19:17-20 – Mighty effect of the gospel; burning of very valuable books of magic
- Acts 19:21-41 – Uproar in Ephesus led by Demetrius the silversmith

7  **Paul's Journey to Jerusalem**

Acts 20:4 And Sopater of Berea accompanied him to Asia—also Aristarchus and Secundus of the Thessalonians, and Gaius of Derbe, and Timothy, and Tychicus and Trophimus of Asia.

8  **Acts 20:13-17**

¹³ Then we went ahead to the ship and sailed to Assos, there intending to take Paul on board; for so he had given orders, intending himself to go on foot. ¹⁴ And when he met us at Assos, we took him on board and came to Mitylene. ¹⁵ We sailed from there, and the next day came opposite Chios. The following day we arrived at Samos and stayed at Trogyllium. The next day we came to Miletus. ¹⁶ For Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he would not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hurrying to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the Day of Pentecost. ¹⁷ From Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called for the elders of the church.

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10  **Paul's Farewell Speech**

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11  **Samuel's Farewell Speech**

1Sam. 12:1 Now Samuel said to all Israel: "Indeed I have heeded your voice in all that you said to me, and have made a king over you. ² And now here is the king, walking before you; and I am old and grayheaded, and look, my sons are with you. I have walked before you from my childhood to this day. ³ Here I am. Witness against me before the LORD and before His anointed: Whose ox have I taken, or whose donkey have I taken, or whom have I cheated? Whom have I oppressed, or from whose hand have I received any bribe with which to blind my eyes? I will restore it to you."

1Sam. 12:4 And they said, "You have not cheated us or oppressed us, nor have you taken anything from any man's hand." ⁵ Then he said to them, "The LORD *is* witness against you, and His anointed *is* witness this day, that you have not found anything in my hand." And

they answered, “*He is witness.*”

12  **Acts 20:17-21 – Example of his own ministry**

¹⁷ From Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called for the elders of the church. ¹⁸ And when they had come to him, he said to them: “You know, from the first day that I came to Asia, in what manner I always lived among you, ¹⁹ serving the Lord with all humility, with many tears and trials which happened to me by the plotting of the Jews; ²⁰ how I kept back nothing that was helpful, but proclaimed it to you, and taught you publicly and from house to house, ²¹ testifying to Jews, and also to Greeks, repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.

13  **Why Does Paul Talk about His Own Example?**

- John Calvin – “Surely not that he may purchase commendation at the hands of his auditory, but that his holy exhortation may pierce more deeply, and may stick fast in their minds. He did also shoot at another mark, that his integrity and uprightness in dealing might serve afterward to commend his doctrine.”

14  **Acts 20:22-27 – Future prospects**

²² And see, now I go bound in the spirit to Jerusalem, not knowing the things that will happen to me there, ²³ except that the Holy Spirit testifies in every city, saying that chains and tribulations await me. ²⁴ But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. ²⁵ “And indeed, now I know that you all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, will see my face no more. ²⁶ Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all men. ²⁷ For I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God.

15  **Ezekiel**

Ezek. 3:17 “Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; therefore hear a word from My mouth, and give them warning from Me: ¹⁸ When I say to the wicked, “You shall surely die,’ and you give him no warning, nor speak to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life, that same wicked man shall die

in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at your hand. 19 Yet, if you warn the wicked, and he does not turn from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but you have delivered your soul.

16  **Acts 20:28-31 – Warning of coming heresies**

²⁸ Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. ²⁹ For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. ³⁰ Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves. ³¹ Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears.

17  **Acts 20:32-35 – Proper attitude concerning material goods**

³² “So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified. ³³ I have coveted no one’s silver or gold or apparel. ³⁴ Yes, you yourselves know that these hands have provided for my necessities, and for those who were with me. ³⁵ I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, “It is more blessed to give than to receive.”

18  **Acts 20:36-38 – Tearful farewell**

³⁶ And when he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all. ³⁷ Then they all wept freely, and fell on Paul’s neck and kissed him, ³⁸ sorrowing most of all for the words which he spoke, that they would see his face no more. And they accompanied him to the ship.

19  **Conclusion**