

## **PAUL'S THIRD MISSIONARY JOURNEY: CHRIST'S POWERFUL MINISTRY THROUGH PAUL AT EPHESUS (Acts 19:8-41)**

### **I. THE CHURCH'S WITNESS FOR CHRIST IN JERUSALEM (1-7)**

### **II. THE CHURCH'S WITNESS FOR CHRIST IN JUDEA, SAMARIA, & SYRIA (8-12)**

### **III. THE CHURCH'S WITNESS FOR CHRIST TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH (13-28)**

#### **A. The FIRST MISSIONARY JOURNEY of Paul & Barnabas (13-14)**

#### **B. The FIRST CHURCH COUNCIL in Jerusalem (15)**

#### **C. The SECOND MISSIONARY JOURNEY of Paul (15:36-18:22)**

#### **D. The THIRD MISSIONARY JOURNEY of Paul (18:23-21:16)**

##### **1. The Birth of the Church in Ephesus (18:23-19:10)**

##### **2. Christ's Powerful Ministry through Paul at Ephesus (19:8-41)**

- *What power is available to us as believers against the foes of the flesh, the world, and the devil? (Zech. 4:6; 2 Cor. 1:8-10; 4:7, 10-11; Eph. 1:19-21; 3:16; 5:18; 6:10-12; 1 John 4:4)*

#### **a. God's Word Resounds from Ephesus (19:8-10)**

1) After Paul spoke boldly to the Jews in the Ephesian synagogue for three months, the hearts of the unbelievers were \_\_\_\_\_ (Exod. 3:19; 4:21; 8:15), and the disciples withdrew to the School of Tyrannus for \_\_\_\_\_ years out of Paul's \_\_\_\_\_ ministry (Acts 20:31) in Ephesus. (vv. 8-9)

2) God used the Ephesian church to become a spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ (Phil. 2:15-16) to all of Asia Minor. (vv. 9-10; 1 Tim. 1:3; Rev. 2:1-7)

- *What do "the Way" (John 14:6) & "the word of the Lord Jesus" refer to? (Eph. 1:13; 2:1-10)*

#### **b. Christ's Power through Paul Over Evil Spirits (19:11-20)**

1) The power behind Paul's \_\_\_\_\_ miracles was \_\_\_\_\_. (vv. 11-12)

- *Does this passage support the use of prayer cloths by modern-day "faith healers"?*

2) The Lord used the example of the seven sons of Sceva to provide a \_\_\_\_\_ with Jewish tradition and to \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus Christ to all the Jews and Greeks of Ephesus. (vv. 13-17; Eph. 2:11-16; 3:6-9)

3) The effect of these supernatural events among the Ephesian believers was \_\_\_\_\_ from occultic practices and greater \_\_\_\_\_. (vv. 17-19; 2 Cor. 6:14-7:1; Eph. 5:11)

- *What effect did this have regarding God's Word?* (v. 20; Mark 16:20; 2 Cor. 12:12; Heb. 2:4)

#### **c. Christ's Plans for Paul's Future Ministry (19:21-22)**

1) After his ministry in Ephesus, Paul intended to circle back to Macedonia (Philippi, Thessalonica, Berea), Achaia/Greece (Corinth), and Jerusalem, but he deemed it \_\_\_\_\_ (*dei*) to go to Rome. (v. 21; Acts 9:15; 23:11; Rom. 1:13; 15:22-32)

2) While Paul stayed in Ephesus for a short time, he sent Timothy and Erastus ahead to Macedonia to take up a \_\_\_\_\_ on behalf of Gentile believers that Paul would deliver to the Jewish saints in Jerusalem. (v. 22; Rom. 15:25-27)

- *Would Paul get to Rome and Spain?*
- *What does this imply about God's will (Jas. 4:13-15)?*

#### **d. Christ's Power to Protect Paul from a Mob (19:23-41)**

1) The city of Ephesus:

- had a population of about \_\_\_\_\_ in the first century,
- was the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Roman Province of Asia,
- was a \_\_\_\_\_ city in the eyes of Rome,
- was the \_\_\_\_\_ hub of Asia along strategic trade routes to East,
- was the center of \_\_\_\_\_ in Asia Minor with the Temple of Diana (Lat.) / Artemis (Gr.).

2) Paul's preaching of the gospel of Christ \_\_\_\_\_ idolatry (v. 26; Eph. 5:11) and became a threat to the polytheistic \_\_\_\_\_ of the Ephesian Gentiles. (vv. 23-27)

- *Who is behind all religion and idolatry (1 Cor. 10:20-21; 2 Cor. 4:3-4) and what should we remember about spiritual strength (Eph. 6:10-12)?*
- *How would this account of the Ephesian riot have helped Paul's defense before Caesar?*
- *What can we learn from Paul's ministry in Ephesus about God's power to deliver?*