

Bible Passages

- Acts chapters 19-20
- Ephesians
- 1 & 2 Timothy

City of Ephesus

THE MISSIONARY JOURNEYS OF THE APOSTLE PAUL

MAP 13



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1. Building the Church at Ephesus

- Acts 19: 1 → Found Jewish disciples (following John the Baptists)
- Acts 19: 5-7 → **12 Jews** signs of salvation
- Acts 19:8 → controversy in the synagogue
- Acts 19:9-10 → moved to a school building and taught for 2 more years (**3 year** total).
- Acts 19:11, 17-20 → the name of Jesus was **magnified**.

2. Paul later sent a letter: Ephesians

- Chpt 1. Believers are chosen by God and blessed in over thirty ways (Eph 1:3).
- Chpt 2. God has united the Jews and gentiles into one body (Eph 2:16, 19)
- Chpt 3. The Holy Spirit indwells and strengthens the inner man (Eph 3:16)
- Chpt 4. God gives each member of the body special gifts (4:11-12, 16)
- Chpt 5. God gives us examples of how to live (Eph 5:1-2; cf 1 Cor 4:16-17)
- Chpt 6. God provides everything for us so that **in evil days**, we will be able to stand (Eph 6:13).
Believers must be strong (vs 10)

Problems Facing a Great Church

- If Paul stayed in Ephesus, how did everyone in Asia (minor) hear the word of the Lord?
– (Acts 19:10)
- The word of the Lord was growing mightily and prevailing (Acts 19:20). Why might this cause a problem?
- **Wherever God is working, Satan is working!**

Satan attacks: Plan A

Cause a riot and physically attack believers

Acts 19:23-27: Demetrius opposes Paul because of money

Acts 19:28-29: People riot because the Truth challenges their lifestyles

Acts 19:34-36: God protects the church through the government

Romans 13:1-7

Satan Attacks Again: Plan B

Destroy the Church from the *inside out* using false teaching, lies, deception.

Acts 20:28-30 Destructive forces are coming from among the leaders

2 Peter 2:1-2 There ***will*** be false teachers

Jude 3-4 certain persons crept in unnoticed

Next week: Paul sends Timothy.

Timothy?!!!