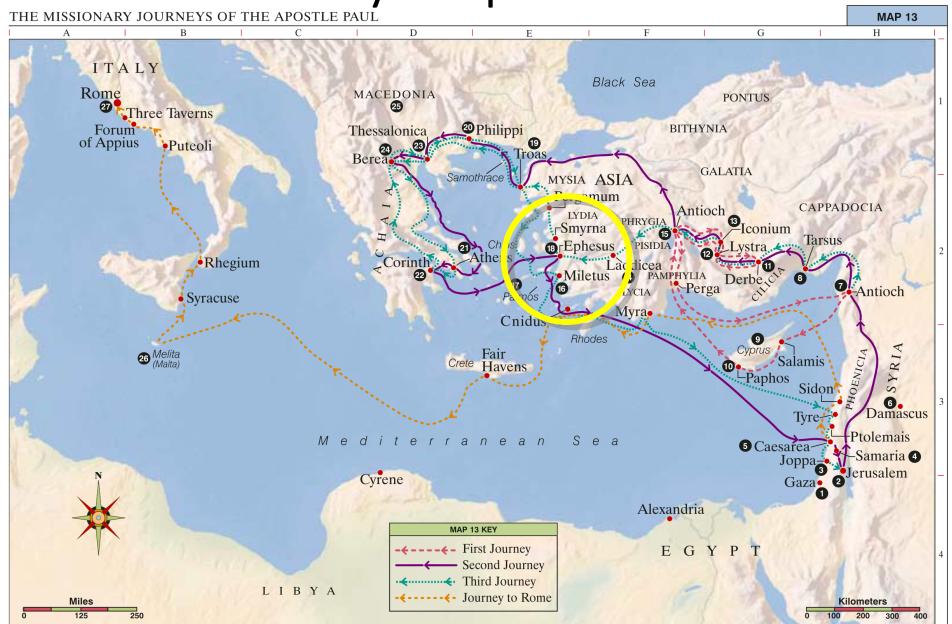
# Bible Passages

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

City of Ephesus



# 1. Building the Church at Ephesus

- Acts 19: 1 → Found Jewish disciples (following John the Baptists)
- Acts 19: 5-7  $\rightarrow$  12 Jews  $\tilde{\alpha}$  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 <u>thirty</u> 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 strengths the <u>inner</u> 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 <u>everything</u> for us so that <u>in evil days</u>, we will be able to <u>stand</u> (Eph 6:13).

  Believers must be <u>strong</u> (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 <u>lifestyles</u>

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 <u>leaders</u>

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

Jude 3-4 certain persons crept in unnoticed H

Next week: Paul sends Timothy.

Timothy?!!!