

PAUL RETURNS TO EPHESUS – ACTS 19

INTRODUCTION: Paul stayed in Ephesus for 3 years (19:8-9; 20:31). He used the city as a _____ for evangelism and church growth. From there he _____ with churches he started. What size was the city? _____

Ephesus was famous for _____. The _____ of seven churches in Revelation. Located _____ miles from the Aegean Sea. The biggest ships could come to Ephesus. Also, a _____ road connected the city with the eastern parts of the Roman kingdom. A great city!

I: PAUL MEETS TWELVE DISCIPLES (1-7)

1. Who were these men? Possibly converts of _____ (18:24-28).
2. Something was _____ in their spiritual lives.
3. Baptized in _____ (5)
4. Baptized in the _____ (6)

II: SEVEN JEWISH PRETENDERS (8-20)

1. Paul's boldness ...
 - a) Spent three years there ... three months in the _____, two years _____ in the school of Tyrannus, and about nine months in _____ places.
 - b) All in _____ heard the Word (10).
 - c) Special _____ were wrought through Paul ... even the healing of bodies through _____ and _____.
2. The danger of pretending ...
 - a) Even the _____ spirits recognized the difference (15).
 - b) They were _____ by the man in whom the spirit was dwelling (16).
3. Five results from this encounter ...
 - a) Fear _____ on them all (17).
 - b) The _____ of the Lord Jesus was _____ (17).
 - c) Many _____ (18).
 - d) They burned their _____ books (19).
 - e) The Word _____ and _____ (20).

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III: THE SILVERSMITHS (21-41)

1. The Gospel had turned many away from _____ worship (26).
2. Their _____ was being threatened and they rose up in _____ (28).
3. The result was great _____ (29). This proves it was of the _____, for God is not the author of confusion (I Corinthians 14:33).
4. Satan was anxious to _____ the establishing of a _____ church at Ephesus. He had a _____ there and did not want to let it go.
5. God wanted a _____ there, however, and established one! It became one of the most _____ churches Paul ever founded (read Ephesians).

CONCLUSION: Riots in towns would bring Rome's wrath and the magistrates responsible would _____ their positions. The town clerk saved Paul and his companions because he was saving his own _____. It never struck Paul not to face that mob, yet they would not let him. Paul was a man without _____.

- a) Silversmiths and the town clerk -- safety _____
- b) Paul --- safety _____