

# THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

## III THE ACTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH Acts 13-28

### LESSON 18 - The Third Missionary Journey - Acts 18:24 - 19

#### KEY VERSE

*So the Word of the Lord grew mightily and prevailed (Acts 19:20).*

#### PONDER<sup>1</sup>

READ Acts 18:24-19.

WRITE the word, phrase, or verse that spoke to you the most. Explain. \_\_\_\_\_

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#### APOLLOS' MINISTRY

READ Acts 18:24-28

1. Who was Apollos (vv. 24, 25)? \_\_\_\_\_<sup>2</sup>

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What had he been instructed in and what did he teach? \_\_\_\_\_

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What was the limit of his knowledge? \_\_\_\_\_

2. When Aquila and Priscilla heard Apollos speak boldly in the synagogue at Ephesus, what did they explain to him (v. 26)?

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#### PERSONAL

Who has explained more thoroughly the Gospel of Jesus Christ to you? \_\_\_\_\_

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<sup>1</sup> PONDER: think about and consider carefully God's spiritual truths as revealed in the Word of God.

<sup>2</sup> Alexandria: capital of Egypt during the Greek and Roman period; situated at the western edge of the Nile delta.

<sup>3</sup> fervent in spirit - Greek *zeo*: to be hot, boiling, glowing.

3. How did the brethren help Apollos as he went to Achaia<sup>4</sup> (vv. 27, 28)? \_\_\_\_\_

What was Apollos' ministry in Achaia? \_\_\_\_\_

### PAUL RETURNS TO EPHESUS<sup>5</sup>

READ Acts 19:1-10.

1. Who had the disciples in Ephesus never heard of (vv. 1, 2)? \_\_\_\_\_ 6

2. How did Paul explain John's baptism to these disciples (vv. 3, 4)? \_\_\_\_\_

3. What did the disciples do after Paul explained to them the full Gospel of Christ (vv. 5-7)? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. The Apostle Paul then went to the synagogue<sup>9</sup>. What did he do there for three months (v. 8)? \_\_\_\_\_

5. When some were hardened and did not believe but spoke evil of the Way, what did Paul do (vv. 9, 10)? \_\_\_\_\_

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<sup>4</sup> Achaia: name for the whole of Greece in Roman times.

<sup>5</sup> EPHESUS: a large and important city on the west coast of Asia Minor; once a commercial, political, and religious center of western Asia where the Apostle Paul founded a church. It was prominent for its false religions having a temple to Artemis (Diana) the goddess of fertility, also temples and sanctuaries of Hestia, Serapis (an Egyptian deity), Zeus, and the Phrygian mother goddess. The city had an amphitheater where games, gladiatorial combats, and contests with wild animals were held, it had a library containing up to 15,000 rolls, and there were also six bath houses, many fountains, wells, and aqueducts; the best of achievements and the worst of debauchery. Home of one of the seven churches addressed in the Revelations to John (Revelation 2:1-7).

<sup>6</sup> Holy Spirit: the Holy Spirit is with - Greek *para* - the unbeliever for conviction, comes in - Greek *en* - the believer at conversion, comes upon - Greek *epi* - the believer to empower him for service (see John 14:16, 17).

<sup>7</sup> spoke with tongues: tongues that could be understood.

<sup>8</sup> prophesied: to foretell events, divine, speak under inspiration; exercise the prophetic office.

<sup>9</sup> synagogue - Greek *sunagoge*: an assemblage of persons; the meeting; the place; a congregation of Jews for worship and religious study.

<sup>10</sup> school of Tyrannus: named after a philosopher; attended by Jews and Greeks.

What was the result? \_\_\_\_\_  
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### MIRACLES GLORIFY CHRIST

READ Acts 19:11-20.

1. How did God work by the hands of Paul (vv. 11, 12)? \_\_\_\_\_ 11

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2. How did the itinerant Jewish exorcists seek to imitate Paul (vv. 13, 14)? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Who did the evil spirit know (v. 15)? \_\_\_\_\_ 12

\_\_\_\_\_ 13

Who did they not know? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. What did the evil spirit do to the Jewish exorcists (v. 16)? \_\_\_\_\_

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5. When this became known to all the Jews and Greeks dwelling in Ephesus, how did God use this event (vv. 17-19)?

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6. How did God's Word grow through these miracles (v. 20)? \_\_\_\_\_

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<sup>11</sup> unusual miracles - Greek *dunamis*: acts of power.

<sup>12</sup> Jesus I *know* - Greek *ginosko*: know by experience or by knowledge, acquaintance.

<sup>13</sup> Paul I *know* - Greek *epistamai*: by reason of proximity or prolonged attention.

## THE RIOT IN EPHESUS

READ Acts 19:21-41.

1. After these things, what did Paul purpose in the Spirit (v. 21)? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ 14
2. Who did Paul send to Macedonia (v. 22)? \_\_\_\_\_ 15  
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3. What was the great commotion about the Way<sup>17</sup> (vv. 23-27)? \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. How did the mob react to Demetrius' speech against Paul and his missionary work in the area (vv. 28, 29)? \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_ 21
5. What did Paul want to do (vv. 30, 31)? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Who detained him? Why? \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. What was the mental state of the mob (v. 32)? \_\_\_\_\_  
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7. What was the mob's response to Alexander<sup>22</sup> (vv. 33, 34)? \_\_\_\_\_  
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<sup>14</sup> Macedonia: a region on the Aegean Sea; Europe; major cities such as: Thessalonica, Philippi, and Berea are located there.

<sup>15</sup> Timothy: I Timothy 1:2.

<sup>16</sup> Erastus: may have been the treasurer of Corinth (see Romans 10:23).

<sup>17</sup> the Way: the first title for the new believers in Christ (see John 14:6).

<sup>18</sup> Diana: the goddess Artemis; ancient many breasted mother goddess of Asia Minor; her temple was one of the seven wonders of the ancient world.

<sup>19</sup> Gaius: Paul's helper from Derbe

<sup>20</sup> Aristarchus: Paul's helper from Thessalonica (Acts 20:4).

<sup>21</sup> theater: open air stadium seating 25,000 people.

<sup>22</sup> Alexander: prominent member of the Jewish community.

8. How did the town clerk quiet the crowd (vv. 35-41)? \_\_\_\_\_

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WRITE out the KEY VERSE. \_\_\_\_\_

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*And they continued steadfastly  
in the Apostles Doctrine and fellowship,  
in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.*  
Acts 2:42





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