

Paul's Third Missionary Journey—Return to Ephesus (Summer 52)

Acts 19:1–9

- 1 It happened that while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul passed through the upper country and came to Ephesus, and found some disciples.
- 2 He said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?” And they *said* to him, “No, we have not even heard whether there is a Holy Spirit.”
- 3 And he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” And they said, “Into John’s baptism.”
- 4 Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in Him who was coming after him, that is, in Jesus.”
- 5 When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.
- 6 And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they *began* speaking with tongues and prophesying.
- 7 There were in all about twelve men.
- 8 And he entered the synagogue and continued speaking out boldly for three months, reasoning and persuading *them* about the kingdom of God.
- 9 But when some were becoming hardened and disobedient, speaking evil of the Way before the people, he withdrew from them and took away the disciples, reasoning daily in the school of Tyrannus.

Paul's Third Missionary Journey—Extended Ministry in Ephesus (Summer 52 to Summer 54)

Acts 19:10–20

Paul's Miracles

- 10 This took place for two years, so that all who lived in Asia heard the word of the Lord, both Jews and Greeks.
- 11 God was performing extraordinary miracles by the hands of Paul,
- 12 so that handkerchiefs or aprons were even carried from his body to the sick, and the diseases left them and the evil spirits went out.

The Seven Sons of Sceva

- 13 But also some of the Jewish exorcists, who went from place to place, attempted to name over those who had the evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, “I adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preaches.”
- 14 Seven sons of one Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, were doing this.
- 15 And the evil spirit answered and said to them, “I recognize Jesus, and I know about Paul, but who are you?”
- 16 And the man, in whom was the evil spirit, leaped on them and subdued all of them and overpowered them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.
- 17 This became known to all, both Jews and Greeks, who lived in Ephesus; and fear fell upon them all and the name of the Lord Jesus was being magnified.

Destruction of Magic and Sorcery Books

- 18 Many also of those who had believed kept coming, confessing and disclosing their practices.
- 19 And many of those who practiced magic brought their books together and *began* burning them in the sight of everyone; and they counted up the price of them and found it fifty thousand pieces of silver.
- 20 So the word of the Lord was growing mightily and prevailing.

Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians (now lost) (c. 52 or 53)

1 Corinthians 5:9–11

- 9 I wrote you in my letter not to associate with immoral people;

10 I *did* not at all *mean* with the immoral people of this world, or with the covetous and swindlers, or with idolaters, for then you would have to go out of the world.

11 But actually, I wrote to you not to associate with any so-called brother if he is an immoral person, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or a swindler—not even to eat with such a one.

Paul's Third Missionary Journey—Timothy and Erastus Sent to Macedonia (early 54)

Acts 19:21–22

1 Corinthians 4:17; 16:8–9

21 Now after these things were finished, Paul purposed in the spirit to go to Jerusalem after he had passed through Macedonia and Achaia, saying, "After I have been there, I must also see Rome."

22 And having sent into Macedonia two of those who ministered to him, Timothy and Erastus,

he himself stayed in Asia for a while.

4:17 For this reason I have sent to you Timothy,

who is my beloved and faithful child in the Lord, and he will remind you of my ways which are in Christ, just as I teach everywhere in every church.

16:8 But I will remain in Ephesus until Pentecost; 9 for a wide door for effective *service* has opened to me, and there are many adversaries.

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