

Acts 18:23-19:41

“The Third Missionary Journey - Part I”

Summary

- Paul begins his Third Missionary Journey in about 53 A.D.
- Paul visits Ephesus

Outline

- I. The trip begins, visits in Galatia and Phrygia - 18:23
- II. Apollos - vs. 24-28
 - A. Was a very intelligent and gifted man - vs. 25
 - B. Knew only the teachings of John the Baptist - vs. 25
 - C. Aquila and Priscilla disciple him - vs. 26
 - D. His ministry - vs. 27-28
- III. Paul At Ephesus
 - A. The twelve disciples of John the Baptist - 19:1-7
 1. Knew only the teachings of John the Baptist - vs. 3
 2. Paul gives them the complete Gospel - vs. 4
 3. They are saved, baptized, and receive the Holy Ghost - vs. 5-6
 - B. Two year's ministry at Ephesus - vs. 8-10
 - C. Miracles performed by Paul - vs. 11-12
 - D. The case of the sons of Sceva - vs. 13-16
 1. Tried to cast out a demon - vs. 13-14
 2. Didn't work - vs. 15-16
 - E. The spread of the Gospel - vs. 17-20
 - F. Paul's travel plan - vs. 21-22
 - G. The riot at Ephesus - vs. 23-41
 1. The work of Demetrius - vs. 24-27
 2. The riot - vs. 28-34
 3. The town clerk quells the riot - vs. 35-40
 4. The anti-climatic ending - vs. 41

Baptism of John and the Gospel of Christ

- Apollos (18:25) and some disciples at Ephesus (19:3) knew only John’s Baptism
- These events are 20+ years after the death of John the Baptist
- John’s Baptism
 - The teachings of John the Baptist
 - Looked forward to a Messiah
- The Gospel of Christ
 - The teachings of Christ and the message of Apostles
 - Looked back to finished work of *the* Messiah
- Why did they only know John’s Baptism?
 - They had not heard of Christ or Pentecost - knew only part of the story
 - They had been influenced by disciples of John that were also ignorant of Christ

Notes on Artemis/Diana

- The goddess
 - Twin sister of Apollo
 - Goddess of the hunt, wild animals, wilderness, childbirth, virginity, and young girls
 - Often depicted as a hunter with bow and arrows
 - The version at Ephesus was a different, more Eastern in appearance
- The Temple at Ephesus
 - Considered one of the Seven Wonders of the World
 - First constructed in 323 B.C.
 - 450' long by 225' wide and 60 feet high
 - 127 columns
 - Had a statue of the goddess that supposedly had fallen from the sky
 - Month-long festival in May
 - Large trade in souvenir idols and “Ephesian Letters” (used as amulets)

Classic Artemis/Diana	Ephesian Artemis/Diana
	

