

Acts Part 42

“Paul’s Return to Ephesus”



Opening Scripture

18 Now Paul, when he had remained many days longer, took leave of the brothers *and sisters* and sailed away to Syria, and Priscilla and Aquila were with him. Paul *first* had his hair cut at Cenchrea, for he was keeping a vow.

Acts 18:18-21 (NASB)



Opening Scripture

19 They came to Ephesus, and he left them there. Now he himself entered the synagogue and reasoned with the Jews.

Acts 18:18-21 (NASB)



Opening Scripture

20 When they asked him to stay for a longer time, he did not consent, **21** but took leave of them and said, "I will return to you again if God wills," and he set sail from Ephesus.

Acts 18:18-21 (NASB)



Opening Scripture

24 Now a Jew named Apollos, an Alexandrian by birth, an eloquent man, came to Ephesus; and he was proficient in the Scriptures.

Acts 18:24-26 (NASB)



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25 This man had been instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in spirit, he was accurately speaking and teaching things about Jesus, being acquainted only with the baptism of John; 26 and he began speaking boldly in the synagogue.

Acts 18:24-26 (NASB)



1 Now it happened that while Apollos was in 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, "On the contrary, we have not even heard if there is a Holy Spirit."

Acts 19:1-20 (NASB)



3 And he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" And they said, "Into John's baptism." 4 Paul said, "John baptized with a baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in Him who was coming after him, that is, in Jesus."

Acts 19:1-20 (NASB)



5 When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 6 And when Paul had laid hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came on them and they *began* speaking with tongues and prophesying. 7 There were about twelve men in all.

Acts 19:1-20 (NASB)



Cross-Reference

19 Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and *that* you are not your own?

1 Corinthians 6:19 (NASB)



Cross-Reference

9 However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him.

Romans 8:9 (NASB)



Cross-Reference

11 "As for me, I baptize you with water for repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, and I am not fit to remove His sandals; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

-John the Baptist

Matthew 3:11 (NASB)



8 And he entered the synagogue and continued speaking out boldly for three months, having discussions and persuading *them* about the kingdom of God.

Acts 19:1-20 (NASB)



9 But when some were becoming hardened and disobedient, speaking evil of the Way before the people, he withdrew from them and took the disciples away *with him*, and had discussions daily in the school of Tyrannus.

Acts 19:1-20 (NASB)



10 This took place for two years, so that all who lived in Asia heard the word of the Lord, both Jews and Greeks.

Acts 19:1-20 (NASB)



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.

Acts 19:1-20 (NASB)



13 But also some of the Jewish exorcists, who went from place to place, attempted to use the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had the evil spirits, saying, "I order you in the name of Jesus whom Paul preaches!" 14 Now there were seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, doing this.

Acts 19:1-20 (NASB)



15 But the evil spirit responded and said to them, "I recognize Jesus, and I know of Paul, but who are you?" 16 And the man in whom was the evil spirit, pounced on them and subdued all of them and overpowered them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.

Acts 19:1-20 (NASB)



17 This became known to all who lived in Ephesus, both Jews and Greeks; and fear fell upon them all and the name of the Lord Jesus was being magnified. 18 Also many of those who had believed kept coming, confessing and disclosing their practices.

Acts 19:1-20 (NASB)



19 And many of those who practiced magic brought their books together and *began* burning *them* in the sight of everyone; and they added up the prices of the books and found *it to be* fifty thousand *pieces* of silver.

Acts 19:1-20 (NASB)



Historical Background

- **Many in Ephesus practiced black magic and other occultic practices which God specifically forbade in Deuteronomy 18:9-13.**



20 So the word of the Lord was growing and prevailing mightily.

Acts 19:1-20 (NASB)



Cross-Reference

These are in accordance with the working of the strength of His might 20 which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places,

Ephesians 1:19b-23 (NASB)



Cross-Reference

21 far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come.

Ephesians 1:19b-23 (NASB)



Cross-Reference

22 And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and made Him head over all things to the church, 23 which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

Ephesians 1:19b-23 (NASB)



