

DUNAMIS

Power Hour

for the love of the Word

----- journey through the Bible -----



The Bigger Picture

Acts 19-28

Points Tonight.....

- **Summary of Paul's Third Mission Journey**
- **Some events during Paul's lengthy stay in Ephesus**
- **Some other events on the Journey**
- **Paul's Mission strategy**
- **Final Summary of the book of Acts**



SUMMARY OF PAUL'S 3RD MISSIONARY JOURNEY

Paul began his third missionary journey at Antioch and traveled all around the region of Galatia and Phrygia to *strengthen, teach the Christian believers*.

This third missionary journey had taken *four years*. This journey most likely took place between 52-57 A.D.

2 million people heard God's Word in 2 years

Three of those years had been spent at Ephesus. Longest period Paul Stayed at during his journeys.

He traveled around *4300 km* during this third missionary journey

Wrote three NT letters, *1 and 2 Corinthians, and Romans*



TIME SPENT IN EPHEBUS

- **Acts 19:1-7** There were *disciples in the area who knew about John the Baptist* and his ministry, but not of Jesus Christ, a man named Apollos had taught them, but Apollos himself did not know about Jesus until instructed by Priscilla and Aquila.
- **Acts 19:8-10** Paul also *taught in the synagogue* for three months. He was able to teach and proclaim the word of God boldly, there were some who were stuck in unbelief of what Paul said and then spoke evil about the message. Paul decided to no longer preach in the synagogue but instead went to the *hall (School) of Tyrannus* and there he spoke daily about God and his word.
- **Acts 19: 11-20 Sons of Sceva** There were others who were not followers of Jesus but thought they could *profit from the work Paul was doing*. This did not happen, as these men tried to use God's name without faith the evil spirit ran out the men instead of the men running out the evil spirit. *This caused many to fear the name of the Lord, and all those who were believers gave up their practices of magic arts.*
- **Acts 19:21-41** Before Paul left Ephesus to travel to Macedonia a man by the name of **Demetrius a silversmith** who made idols for the people, and since Paul taught against idolatry this did not help Demetrius financially. Demetrius decided to take this out on Paul by starting a riot against Paul. Paul left for Macedonia.



THE JOURNEY CONTINUES

PAUL PREACHED IN TROAS

Acts 20: 7-12 Paul preached on the Sunday until midnight . A young man, Eutychus, was sitting in the window. He was overcome by sleep and fell from the third-floor window. Eutychus was taken up dead. Paul went down and “fell on him” and was made alive. Paul broke bread and continued talking with them until daybreak.



MEETING WITH THE EPHESIAN ELDERS

Acts 20:17-21 Paul reviewed his history with the Ephesian elders
Acts 20:22-27 Paul spoke of his future



PAUL'S MISSIONARY STRATEGY cont.....

- Father figure to all the Churches he planted - Teaching and building the churches
- Many of the *cities where Paul planted churches were strategic centers* that when evangelized, they served as *focal points* from which the gospel radiated out to the surrounding areas. Other cities are Thessalonica, Athens, Corinth & Antioch.
- Demonstration of Kingdom
Acts 19:11 God was performing *extraordinary miracles by the hands of Paul*
- *Paul's Message* - Acts 20: 24 & 25testifying solemnly of the gospel of the grace of God.....preaching the Kingdom
- Preach the Gospel Message in a very busy place
- Leave someone competent in charge



PAUL'S STRATEGY

Acts 19:8-10

'Paul entered the synagogue and spoke boldly there for three months, arguing [reasoning] persuasively about the kingdom of God. 'But some of them became obstinate; they refused to believe and publicly maligned the Way. 'So Paul left them. **He took the disciples with him and had discussions daily in the lecture hall of Tyrannus.** 'This went on for two years, so all the Jews and Greeks who lived in the province of Asia heard the word of the Lord.'

Paul's mission had not changed. Given to him by Jesus. But Paul knew he had to change his strategy.

MISSION: Bring the gospel to the Gentiles (non-Jews)

STRATEGY: Hall of Tyrannus

TACTICS:

1. KNOW the audience
2. CREATE a desirable setting
3. SIMPLIFY the message
4. TEACH by Socratic method
5. GENERATE buzz

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ACTS ENDS ABRUPTLY

Acts ends abruptly with Paul imprisoned in Rome, waiting to bring his appeal before Caesar. It is worth noting that in this history of the early Christian church, Luke mentioned neither Paul's death (AD 64–68) nor the persecution of Christians that broke out under Nero (AD 64). More than likely, Luke completed the book before either of these events occurred, sometime between AD 60 and AD 62, while Paul sat in prison, awaiting the resolution of his appeal.



FINAL SUMMARY OF THE BOOK OF ACTS

PURPOSE OF THE BOOK

- To record the establishment and early growth of the church
- The involvement of the Holy Spirit

MAIN THEME OF THE BOOK

1. We see how the Apostles ministered with great power and authority as they carried out the Great Commission (Mt 28:18-20; Mk 16:15-16).
2. We learn how local churches were established, and much of their work, worship and organization.
3. But mostly we see the faith and efforts of those charged to be witnesses of the Lord and of His resurrection from the dead. Eg Peter, Paul, Steven etc.

An appropriate theme of this book might therefore be: *“WITNESSES FOR THE LORD JESUS CHRIST”*

KEY VERSE: Acts 1:8 “But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the age’



QUESTIONS



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