ACTS CHAPTER 19 – 2026 Paul at Ephesus; Miracles Glorify Christ; The Riot at Ephesus!

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ACTS 19:1-41 **– Paul at Ephesus -***[1] And it happened, while Apollos was at Corinth, that Paul, having passed through the upper regions, **came to Ephesus**. And **finding some disciples** [2] he said to them, "Did you **receive the Holy Spirit** (the dynamic, the power) **when** (since) **you believed?" So they said to him, "We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit." [3] And he said to them, "Into what then were you baptized?" So they said, "Into John's baptism." [4] Then Paul said, "John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on Him who would come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus." [5] When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. [6] And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied. [7] Now the men were about twelve in all. [8] And he went into the synagogue and spoke boldly for three months, reasoning and persuading concerning the things of the kingdom of God. [9] But when some were hardened and did not believe, but spoke evil of the Way before the multitude, he departed from them and withdrew the disciples, reasoning daily in the school of Tyrannus. [10] And this continued for two years, so that all who dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks.*

The Sons of Sceva - *[11] Now **God** (not Paul)! **worked unusual miracles by the hands of Paul** (God wants to work through you!) [12] so that even handkerchiefs (sweatbands) or aprons were brought from his body to the sick, and the **diseases left them** (There is a value in points of contact to release faith; He is going to do it now! God honors active faith. There is much potential when there is active faith.) and the **evil spirits went out** of them. [13] Then some of the itinerant Jewish exorcists took it upon themselves to **call the name of the Lord Jesus over those** who had evil spirits, saying, "We exorcise you by the Jesus whom Paul reaches." [14] Also there were seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, who did so. [15] And the evil spirit answered and said, "**Jesus I know**, and **Paul I know; but who are you** (second-hand relationships do not work)?" [16] Then **the man** in whom the evil spirit was **leaped on them**, overpowered them, and prevailed against them, so that **they fled out** of that house **naked** and **wounded**. [17] This became known both to all Jews and Greeks dwelling in Ephesus; and **fear fell** on them all, and the **name** of the **Lord Jesus was magnified**. [18] And **many** who **had believed** came confessing and **telling their deeds**. [19] Also, many of those who had **practiced magic brought their books** together and **burned them** in the sight of all. And they counted up the value of them, and it totaled **fifty thousand pieces** (denarii) **of silver** (great amount - $3m). [20] So the **word of the Lord** grew **mightily** and **prevailed**.*

A Riot at Ephesus - *[21] When these things were accomplished, Paul purposed in the Spirit, when he had passed through Macedonia and Achaia, **to go to Jerusalem**, saying, "After I have been there, I must **also see Rome** (Paul had a desire to see Rome!)" [22] So he sent into Macedonia two of those who ministered to him, **Timothy** and Erastus, but he **himself stayed in Asia** for a time (about three years). [23] And about that time there **arose a great commotion** about the Way (Christians known by this term). [24] For a certain man named Demetrius, a silversmith, who made silver shrines of Diana, (Artimus, female goddess of sex, they believed to have come down from Zues) **brought no small profit** to the craftsmen (making small silver images of Diana). [25] He called them together with the workers of similar occupation, and said: "Men, you know that we have our prosperity by this trade. [26] Moreover you see and hear that not only at Ephesus, but throughout **almost all Asia**, this **Paul has persuaded** and **turned away many people**, saying that **they are not***

gods which are made with hands (God is the Creator of all things). ***[27] So not only is this trade of ours in danger of falling into disrepute, but also the temple of the great goddess Diana may be despised and her magnificence destroyed, whom all Asia and the world worship." [28] Now when they heard this, they were full of wrath and cried out, saying, "Great is Diana of the Ephesians!" [29] So the whole city was filled with confusion, and rushed into the theater*** (still standing today, holding 20,000) ***with one accord, having seized Gaius and Aristarchus, Macedonians, Paul's travel companions. [30] And when Paul wanted to go in to the people, the disciples would not allow him. [31] Then some of the officials of Asia, who were his friends, sent to him pleading that he would not venture into the theater. [32] Some therefore cried one thing and some another, for the assembly was confused, and most of them did not know why they had come together. [33] And they drew Alexander out of the multitude, the Jews putting him forward. And Alexander motioned with his hand, and wanted to make his defense to the people. [34] But when they found out that he was a Jew, all with one voice cried out for about two hours, "Great is Diana of the Ephesians!" [35] And when the city clerk had quieted the crowd, he said: "Men of Ephesus, what man is there who does not know that the city of the Ephesians is temple guardian of the great goddess Diana, and of the image which fell down from Zeus? [36] Therefore, since these things cannot be denied, you ought to be quiet and do nothing rashly. [37] For you have brought these men here who are neither robbers of temples nor blasphemers of your goddess*** (They were proclaimers, not criticizers, not blasphemers; we need to turn on the light to drive out darkness!) ***[38] Therefore, if Demetrius and his fellow craftsmen have a case against anyone, the courts are open and there are proconsuls. Let them bring charges against one another. [39] But if you have any other inquiry to make, it shall be determined in the lawful assembly. [40] For we are in danger of being called in question for today's uproar*** (Rome would not tolerate riots), ***there being no reason which we may give to account for this disorderly gathering." [41] And when he had said these things, he dismissed the assembly.*** (Was the greatest danger to the church, Demetrius the silversmith or from the protection by the officials? Wherever the church is persecuted it grows!)

SUMMARY: - ***Chapter 18 & 19*** **– Luke's underlying theme involve the spreading of the gospel in three major cities of the Graeco-Roman world, all of them in being centers of learning, trade and religion. Luke understands their significance for the spreading of the gospel. Having portrayed the apostle Paul among the philosophers in Athens, he now describes his visits to Corinth and to Ephesus. These visits followed a similar pattern, namely the evangelization of Jaws, their opposition to the gospel, Paul's deliberate turn to the Gentiles, and the multiple vindication of his dramatic decision.**

PRAY FOR ALL PEOPLE – ***(1Ti 2:1-3) Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, [2] for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. [3] For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior.***

THE LORD'S PRAYER - *Andrea Bocelli (3:31)*
Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.