

## PAULINE EPISTLE

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## PAUL IN EPHESUS

- Paul preached in Ephesus for three years, the longest recorded stay of Paul in any city.
- He went into the Synagogue of the Jew. **Acts 19 : 8**
- Paul was allowed to preach in the Synagogue for three Months **Acts 19 : 8**
- Remember during his first visit, they begged him not to leave, so they were earnestly expecting him **Acts 18:19-20**
- The hardened Jews spoke evil of Paul and divided the multitude **Acts 19 : 9**
- Paul began to use the School hall of Tyrannous to teach his disciples for two years **Acts 19 : 9**
- In Ephesus, God wrought SPECIAL MIRACLES by the hand of Paul **Acts 19 : 11**

# SPECIAL MIRACLES IN EPEHSUS

- Paul gospel began to change lives and God has to back it up with extraordinary miracles **Acts 19 : 11**
- Many who practice sorcery brought their scrolls together and burned them publicly **Acts 19 : 18 – 19**
- The sick received Paul's handkerchiefs and became well **Acts 19 : 12**
- Diseases were healed through Paul's aprons **Acts 19 : 12**
- Evil spirit went out through Paul's handkerchiefs and aprons **Acts 19:12**

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# SPECIAL MIRACLES IN EPEHSUS

- Above all the miracle of Regeneration in Ephesus and in all Asia. **Acts 19 : 26 - 28** , **Acts 19 : 20**
- The Seven sons of Sceva tried to impersonate this power **Acts 19 : 13**
- Sceva is a known man and the head of Ephesian native doctors **Acts 19 : 14**

## NOTE:

- With the above miracles, the stage was set for confrontation with the forces of darkness.
- Satan used Demetrius as an agent.

## THE COUNCIL OF DEMETRIUS

- He called a meeting to discuss the decline in the sales of the image of Diana **Acts 19 : 23 - 25**
- Demetrius and his fellow image makers didn't have problem with Paul's doctrine, but their anger is that Paul's preaching wants to put them out of business **Acts 19:26-27**
- Less people were ordering the image of Diana from them
- The temple in Ephesus was a popular tourist attraction
- The image of Diana made by Demetrius and Co. was sold to visiting tourist and local worshipers.
- Worshippers could carry the image anywhere in the world.
- They stirred the people against Paul and the way **Acts 19:23**

# THE RIOT IN EPHESUS AGAINST PAUL

## PROTEST PLACARD

- Paul said there is no god made with hands Acts 19:26
- We are out of business Acts 19:27
- The magnificence and worship of the great goddess Diana has reduced
- They cried out “ Great is Diana of the Ephesians” Acts 19:28
- The whole city of Ephesus was full of confusion Acts 19:29
- The rioters caught Gaius and Aristarchus Paul’s companion in travel Acts 19:29
- They rushed into the city theatre shouting” Great is Diana of the Ephesians Acts 19:29
- Paul was advised to hide from the rioters Acts 19:30-31

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## CONFUSED ASSEMBLY OF RIOTERS

- Some didn't know the reason for the riot, but just joined the rioters Acts 19 : 32
- Remember Demetrius and his group are behind this upheaval
- The enemy Jews who drove out Paul from the Synagogue presented Alexander as their spoke person to defend the Jews before the rioters **Acts 19:33-34**
- The town clerk appeased the rioters and calmed the burning fire with sweet words in praise of Diana **Acts 19:35-41**
- He dismissed the angry rioters with his wisdom and choice of words.

WHO IS DIANA, THE WORSHIPPED GODDESS OF EPHESUS?

# DIANA THE GODDESS OF EPHESUS

➤ They worshipped Diana, the goddess of fertility

**Acts 19 : 34 - 35**

➤ She was represented by a large carved female figure of many breast

➤ Ephesians believed that the image of Diana fell from Jupiter **Acts 19 : 35**

➤ History holds that Ephesus was the center for superstitious religious practices **Acts 19:18-19**





# DIANA THE GODDESS OF EPHEBUS

- Ephesus was the home for the temple of one of the Seven wonders of the ancient world, Artemis or Diana **Acts 19:23-24**
- History holds that Archaeological excavations have uncovered the remains of the ancient temple which is twenty-five feet underground
- This temple measured 425 feet long and 200 feet wide
- This temple housed the multi-breasted image of Artemis or Diana



# THE REMAINS OF THE ANCIENT TEMPLE OF DIANA OF EPHESUS AS OF 2017

This temple was constructed three times

The earliest version of the temple was destroyed by flood

It was reconstructed by Chersiphron and his son Metagenes for almost 10 years and was also destroyed in an act of arson

The third temple was reconstructed by the Ephesians themselves and was added to the list of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World.



# AFTER THE UPROAR PAUL LEFT EPHESUS

- Before the riot Paul had proposed in his spirit to leave Ephesus but delayed **Acts 19:21**
- The riot showed Paul that it was time to move on with his missionary journey
- Ephesus then was the strongest idolatrous region in Asia
- The intervention of the local officials shows that the law still provided some protection for Christian Community
- After the uproar, Paul called the disciples and embraced them **Acts 20:1**
- Those who believed congregated and became a church

EPHESUS            MACEDONIA

THIRD MISSIONARY JOURNRY



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