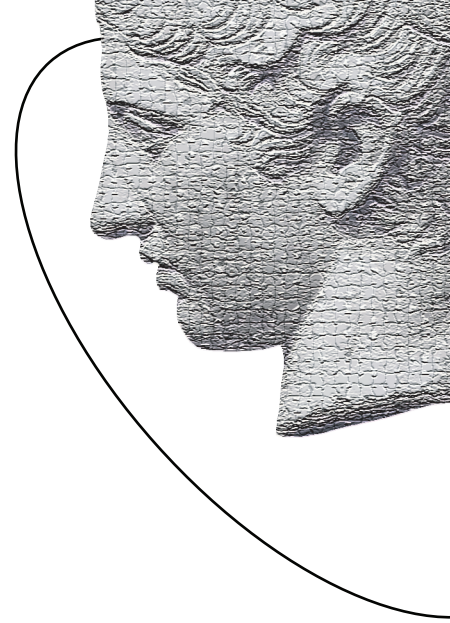


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when.

- Paul's 3rd mission trip likely occurred between 53-57 A.D.

characters.

- Paul (Saul) – An Apostle who was working in the Mediterranean area planting churches.
- 12 Disciples – Paul taught these men about the baptism of Jesus and the Holy Spirit.
- Sons of Sceva – 7 brothers who tried to cast out demons in the name of Jesus.
- Timothy – A disciple from Lystra or Derbe, Paul sent him ahead to Macedonia while he remained in Ephesus.
- Erastus – One of Paul's helpers. He accompanied Timothy to Macedonia (verse 22).
- Demetrius – An Ephesian silversmith who caused trouble for Paul.

where.

- All the major events of chapter 19 occurred in the city of Ephesus.



outline.

- PAUL TRAVELS TO EPHESUS (19:1-7):
 - + After travelling through Galatia and Phrygia, Paul arrived in Ephesus.
 - + He met 12 disciples who knew about John the Baptist but not about Jesus.
 - + They were baptized in the name of Jesus and the Holy Spirit was given to them.
- TEACHING THE CITIZENS OF EPHESUS (19:8-10):
 - + Paul spent 3 months teaching in the synagogue at Ephesus.
 - + When the Jews became stubborn, He changed locations to the hall of Tyrannus.
 - + He taught for 2 years in the hall of Tyrannus and “all the residents of Asia heard the word of the Lord.”
- PAUL’S MIRACLES AND SCEVA’S SEVEN SONS (19:11-17):
 - + God was performing many miracles through Paul, including healings and the casting out of evil spirits.
 - + Some of the Jewish exorcists decided to try to use the name of Jesus to cast out spirits like Paul.
 - + Seven sons of a Jewish priest named Sceva attempted this on one occasion, but they failed to cast the evil spirit out of its host.
 - + The man with the spirit leaped on Sceva’s 7 sons, beat them up, and sent them running from the house “naked and wounded.”
- BOOK BURNING AND A REJECTION OF PAGAN MAGIC (19:18-20):
 - + Many of the believers who had once practiced the magic arts brought their books together and burned them.
 - + The value of the books was approximately 50,000 pieces of silver.
- A CONTENTIOUS SILVERSMITH CAUSES A RIOT IN EPHESUS (19:21-41):
 - + There was a magnificent temple in Ephesus dedicated to the god Artemis.
 - + A silversmith named Demetrius who made “silver shrines” of Artemis (Diana), gathered his fellow silversmiths and warned them about Paul’s message.
 - + Paul was encouraging people to give up devotion to other gods, including Artemis.
 - + If devotion to Artemis decreased, their profits were destined to decline.
 - + The silversmiths caused a riot in the city.
 - + Paul wanted to address the mob, but the believers prohibited him.
 - + More than 2 hours later, the town clerk was finally able to dismiss the crowd after warning them they were in danger or angering the authorities.

application.

- God will guide those with good intentions.
- Apollos (Acts 18) and the 12 disciples at the beginning of this chapter, both had honest and pure intentions, but they were missing something important.
- Paul had good intentions, even when he was persecuting the Church.
- God knew these men wanted to do what was right and He provided a way for each of them to learn what they needed to know.
- If our hearts are pure, we can trust God to guide us out of our mistakes and ignorance, and to lead us into alignment with His will.

