

## Acts 18-19

And so to continue the tour!

Lyconia: the bumpkins

Philippi: The Romans in Macedonia

(Imprisonment)

Thessalonica Beroea Two different receptions by the Jews

Athens: the intellectuals

Corinth: the affluent and merchants

At Corinth

vv. 5-11 Paul is discouraged and tries to quit: God reverses this  
we note the great value of encouragement & he does gain converts

Claudius expels the Jews from Rome in AD 49

vv. 12-17 Gallio (Lucius Junius Gallia) elder brother of philosopher Seneca

\*Dismissing what was probably the biggest thing ever...

Ephesus: a city of fundamentalists

Travelling through older territory now moving east

ff. by two similar stories of correcting people in error:

Apollos: knew only of John's baptism 18:25-28

Believers in Ephesus and the Holy Spirit (19:1-7)

\*there is always more to learn, you are never done

\*Is Apollos the author of Hebrews?

\*they took him aside: correcting in private

\*they fled naked and wounded

\*v. 19 the burning of the magic books

Fifty thousand silver pieces (compare with Judas reward)

Lit. "five myriads"

\*further arguments with the Jews

Vv 11-12 note the use of relics

\*the Jewish exorcists: moral - you had better know what you are doing

Uninformed rites are dangerous

\*the riot of the silversmiths

Bottom line is about money not doctrine

\*Temple of Artemis ("Great is Diana of the Ephesians")

Sacred rock with a hundred breasts

Artemis (Diana) goddess of virginity, youth, vegetation and the hunt. Widely invoked as a Lesbian goddess. Twin of Apollo.

In dramatists: spoiled teen - stopped the Greek fleet from sailing until a human sacrifice was offered

We note our own NASA program Project Artemis

Scene ends with an appeal to law and order

Ch. 20: final adventures before arrest and sufferings

\*visitations with words of encouragement

\*note: v 6 -another "We"

\*Feast of the unleavened bread is Passover: Paul is still an observant Jew

Customs outlive the practitioners;

v. 16 Pentecost observed in Jerusalem

\*back to Miletus (the home of philosophy ie the Milesian School)

\*Milesian school: Thales (water) Anaximander (infinite being) and the world is round Anaximenes (air) evolution

- The quest for Prime Matter culminating with the four elements
- V. the elders
- The pastor's farewell
  - V. 21 compelled to Jerusalem 19:21 looking to Rome
  - V. 27 the whole counsel of God
  - V. 29 wolves will spring up counsel of God
  - V 35 lost saying of Jesus