

EPHESUS

Extensive ruins not surrounded by a modern city make Ephesus outstanding. Yet probably only 25% of the city has been excavated. Relics from the 14th century B.C. have been found. In 51 Paul stopped briefly on the return leg of his 2nd journey (Acts 18:18-21) Population ²⁵⁰300,000). On his 3rd trip he spent 2 1/2 years in Ephesus (56-58). During that time the gospel went out all over Asia Minor where there were 500 urban towns (Acts 19:10). Paul wrote Ephesians in 61 from his house arrest in Rome. Timothy was in charge of the work in Ephesus in 60 (1 Tim. 1:3) followed by John in the 90s (Rev. 2:1-7) who was buried th. (1)ere.

Ephesus was a center of power. (1) The power of Rome as the capital of Asia Minor. (2) The power of the people who could meet in lawful assembly (Acts 19:23-41) in the theater which held ^{16 rows} 25,000.

(3) The power of commerce because Ephesus was located on the Cayster River that flowed into the Aegean and provided a sheltered harbor. (4) The power of Satan in the great temple of Artemis (=Diana). Another one of the 7 wonders of the ancient world (remember Rhodes?), It had 117 columns 60 ft. high on a platform 418x239ft. (twice as large as the platform for the Parthenon). The temple itself was 377x180ft. The image (v. 35) was likely a meteor stone that was enshrined along with the statue of Artemis. The temple was burned in 356 B.C., rebuilt with funds from Alexander the Great, and destroyed in A.D. 263. Its location was not

determined until 1897 and only one column can be seen today. (5) The power of the Word of God. In relation to John the Baptist's disciples (Acts 19:1-7), to Jews (v. 8), to Gentiles, (vv. 8-10), over diseases (vv. 11-12), over exorcists (vv. 13-16), over carnal believers (vv. 17-20), and over idols (vv. 21-41).

I do not know what individual sites we will see, but surely we will walk on Marble St., see the library of Celsus (a pagan philosopher, early 2nd century), the theater, and perhaps Hadrian's temple, baths, gymnasium, latrine, brothel. Both Marble St and the theater date back to the 1st c. A.D. making it easy to visualize Paul and his activities in the city.

On June 22, 431 the 3rd ecumenical council was held at Ephesus with 200 bishops in attendance. It supported the Virgin Mary as the Theokotos (the one who gave birth to God). The opposition was led by Nestorius who proposed Christokotos (one who birthed Christ). But the decision of the council was the basis for the dogma that Mary was the Mother of God. After this the city began to decline and was nothing more than a little village by the 11th c.

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Location - mouth of Cayster R. Harbor for Trade.
Deforestation, silt choked harbor. Trade declined before 100 P
Commercial trade replaced by tourist Trade. 300,000
Founded 1044 BC. Part of Rome in 133 BC.

Temple of Artemis (Jade) = Diana (Lupine) Begun 350 BC.
Destroyed 263 AD. Temple 100 x 340. 108 columns 55' high
1 1/2 mi NE in marsh. 4 x sign of Parthenon. 260 long x 120 wide
Stone temp - masonry? Arts 19:35 temple sweeps 19:27 all Asia
Theater Stadium - built from Sweden to harbor. Road 70' wide
25' broad, 495' diameter. 160 15' 32
66 rows

P. Brief stop on 2nd journey 18:18-19. ^{left Apr Crisis then} Returned on 3rd 54 AD.
& stayed 3 yrs. ^{18:19} on 60 Greece. In Rom
on return almost eldred
Free city The under Rome. Many Jews.

Circular letter 3 Col 4:16. 61 from Roman house
arrest.

Tim there 1:3 63 66
Rev 2 90s

Arms v 29 - nel - pd. 4 months official
Diana - virgin + fertility; Many breasts or breasts
Shate. Andee, Whary, apna Celous library

The secular state since 1920s 99 Y Madon Protestant, Oct 10, 2
Grec 5 Soc 06 S.D.C.C
Council Eph 431 Approval Theotokos (one who give birth to god)
for Mary (7 months of god). Pelagianism & chiliasm condemned.

POWER OF THE WORD Acts 19:
Text; Heb 4:12. Eph 300,000 knew power. 1-20
Power of commerce. Cayster River.
Warehouses lined banks. Trade E-W.
Of Rome. Capital of Asia. 1/3 W.A Minor
Proconsul there. Of people 19:32.
Of Satan. Diana=Artemis. 425 x 220 x 60
127 columns. Cedar roof over part.
19:35 temple-sweeper, warden. Honor.
Bow-leg, near-sighted, bald nearly 60,
no advance team, tent, arena, Radio TV
spots. Just Word.
I. To Save 19:1-10

A. Rel, bap people. Not saved, Rom 8:9.
Rec person. Explanatn in v 4. Rebaptism.
B. To Save Jewish people, 8-9.
P worked daybreak to 11. In Tyrannus
11-4. More people asleep in Eph at
1p.m. than 1 a.m. Part 1.
C. Greeks. No rel background, 10b.
Asia. 500 urban comm. Several million.
How? P (20:25). Other evang. Ordinary
people. Laodicea, Hierapolis, Col,
Troas, Smyrna, Perg, Thy, Sar, Phila.
But opposition. 20:19, 1 Cor 15:30-2;
2 Cor 1:8-10. Rom 16:4.

II. To Sanctify 11-20 ~~secret banks or belts~~
A. Occasion. P's power, 11-12. Usurped
power, 13-16. Self, Epap, Tim, Trophimus.
adjure, 13=exorcize.
B. Outcome. 1. Unsaved feared, 17
Name magnified. 2. Saved. Confessed
50000 drachmas=denarius=140yrs work=
50000sheep. Rationalizatn-part of
culture; need to know what unsaved
think. Continuous, publicly, completely.
Rom 13:4. Purity, not pop, programs
brings power. 3 ques. Tract,
anything out of house and life.
Are you saved? 1:4-4:13

Grew - Acts 6:7 (Lazarus); 1 Cor 3:6
perished. by 150 (strong) with out Acts 19:16 & strong Jews (16; Rom 1:28