

GOD'S SUPERNATURAL POWER AT WORK IN EPHESUS

(Acts 19:11-22)

I. THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH IN JERUSALEM (chapters 1-2)

II. THE GROWTH OF THE CHURCH IN JERUSALEM (chapters 3-7)

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A. Paul Ministers in the City of Ephesus (19:1-10)

B. The Apostle Paul with God-given Supernatural Power (19:11-12)

1. With the city of Ephesus full of sorcery, incantations, and occultic impostors, God _____ His apostle with the ability to perform "_____"
_____. (v. 11)
2. Christ demonstrated His supernatural power through Paul where he didn't even need to be _____, but he was able to send handkerchiefs to the afflicted and they were _____. (v. 12, cf. Luke 8:43-48)

C. The Seven Sons of Sceva with Inadequate Power (19:13-20)

1. When some amateur exorcists saw what Paul did, they were impressed and tried to duplicate it; they were calling on the _____ of Jesus without _____ Him
_____. (v. 13)
2. Luke described these men who engaged in _____ and occultic _____ for _____ as the "seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish chief priest." (v. 14)
3. After trying to rebuke the demon, the evil spirit said, "Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are you?" (v. 15, cf. Luke 4:34, 41; 8:28)
 - a. Their plan backfired, the demon-possessed man attacked them with _____ strength and _____ them all. (v. 16a, cf., Mark 5:2-4; 9:20-25)

b. All seven men ran from the house _____, _____ and with their clothes _____ off their bodies. (v. 16b)

* How do we reconcile this with the story of what Jesus said about other people casting out demons in the Gospel accounts? (Luke 9:49-50; Mark 9:38-40; cf. Matt. 12:30)

4. The story of this incident became _____ among the Jews and Greeks not just locally, but throughout all of Ephesus; consequently, the Lord used it to magnify His _____ and His _____. (v. 17)

5. Many Christians who had also been involved in sorcery and spiritism now _____ their evil deeds; this may have involved revealing their magical spells in the process. (v. 18)

6. Making a clean break from their occultic past, these new converts brought their books of demonic incantations and _____ them at a _____ bonfire, the value could have reached hundreds of thousands... however, the Word of God _____. (vv. 19-20)

D. Paul's Future Plans for A Trip to Macedonia and Achaia (19:21-22)

1. Under the guidance of the Spirit, Paul wanted to revisit the churches in Macedonia and Achaia, but he also began to _____ his attention on taking the _____ to Rome, the center of the _____ world. (v. 21, cf. Rom. 1:15; 15:22-24)

2. While he remained in Asia, Paul sent Timothy and Erastus ahead to do _____ in Macedonia; possibly taking up a _____ for the poor church in Jerusalem. (v. 22, cf. 1 Cor. 16:1-4)

* What personal application can you make from this passage?