

Acts 18:1

EMC Wednesday Night Bible Study - 8-16-17

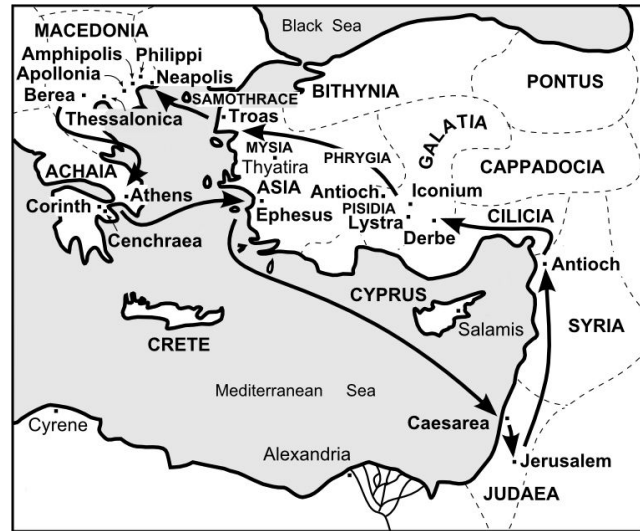
Context

IV. The Apostle to the Gentiles (12:25-21:17)

- A. The first missionary journey (12:25-14:28)
- B. The Council of Jerusalem (15:1-16:5)
- C. Mission in Macedonia (16:6-17:15)
- D. Paul in Athens (17:16-34)
- E. Corinth and Ephesus (18:1-19:41)**
- F. More about Ephesus (20:1-21:17)

Corinth and Ephesus - Introduction

- Urban areas
 - 1st journey: Salamis, Paphos (Cyprus); Antioch, Iconium, Lystra, Derbe (Galatia)
 - 2nd journey: evangelized Philippi, Thessalonica, Berea (Macedonia); Athens, Corinth (Achaia); Ephesus (Asia)
 - 3rd journey: Ephesus
- Athens, Corinth, and Ephesus = _____ locations
 - Population: Athens (10,000), Corinth (750,000), Ephesus (500,000)
 - Location: Situated around the shores of the Aegean Sea
 - Influence:
 - Athens: _____ center of the ancient world
 - Corinth
 - Great _____ center, world-famous emporium
 - Political importance: Capital of Roman province of Achaia
 - Geographical: Commanded the major trade routes in every direction
 - Seafarers and maritime merchants → Poseidon worship
 - Ephesus
 - Famed for its commerce → Barclay: “the _____ of Asia Minor”
 - Political importance: Capital of Roman province of Asia
 - Primarily a _____ center of the Graeco-Roman world
 - Imperial cult worship
 - “The guardian of the temple of Artemis” = Diana (Rom.)
- Paul’s common pattern: Evangelization of the Jews → Jewish opposition to the Gospel → Paul’s deliberate turn to the Gentiles



Paul in Corinth (v. 1)

- V. 1 - "After these things he left Athens and went to Corinth." (cf. I Cor. 2:1-5)
 - Their _____ arrogance
 - Proud of their city (Julius Caesar in 46 BC) → wealth, culture, Isthmian Games
political prestige
 - Cf. I Cor. 1:26ff.
 - Their _____
 - Acrocorinth, the temple of Aphrodite (Venus)
 - Sexual promiscuity of Corinth was proverbial
 - Cf. I Cor. 6:9-11