

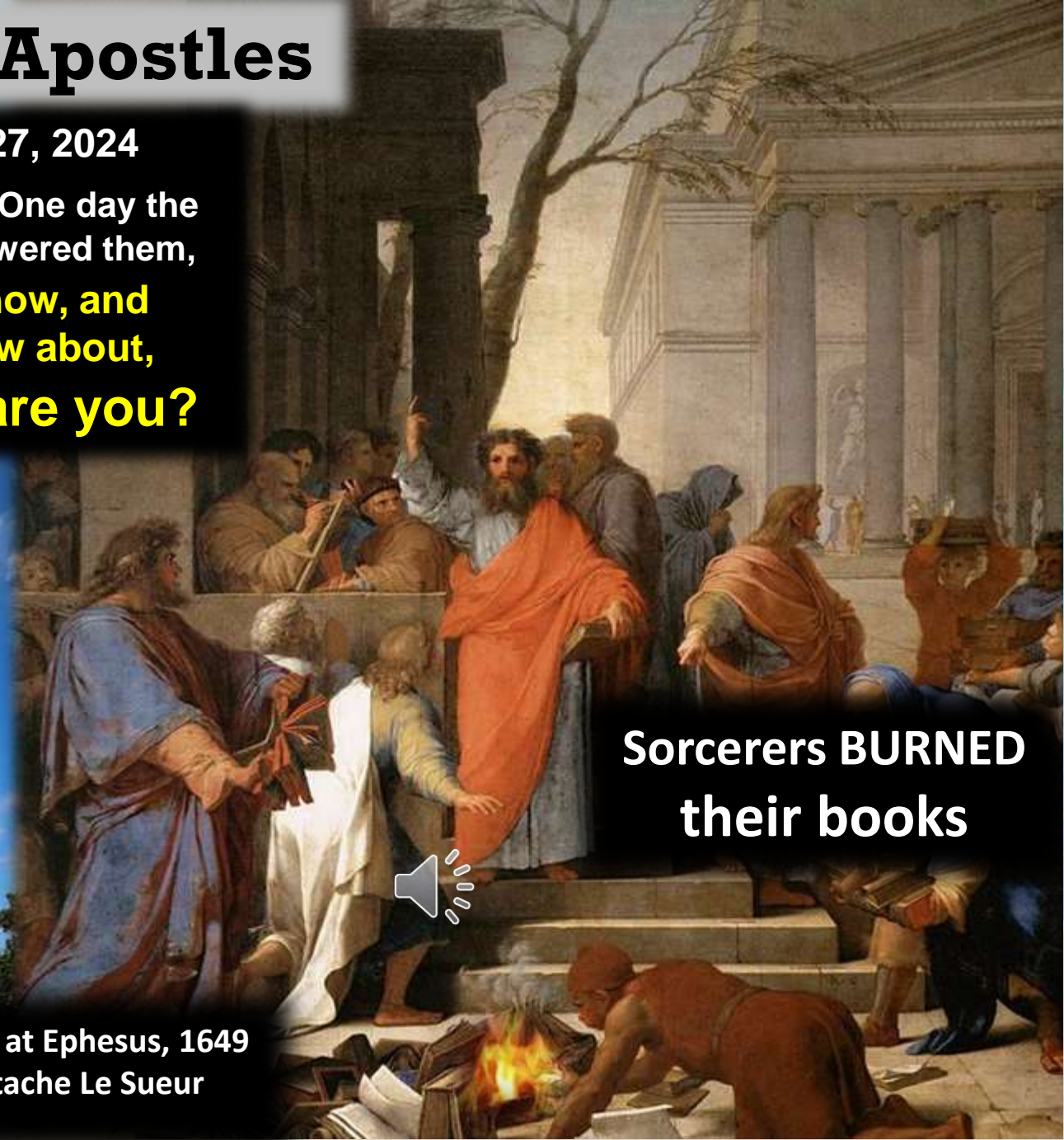
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- 18 *Down on the Corner*
- 19 *Never Enough*
- 20-21 *Commit*
- 22 *Witness*
- 26 *Respond*
- 27 *Trust*

# Acts of the Apostles

October 27, 2024

**Acts 19:15** – One day the evil spirit answered them, **Jesus I know, and Paul I know about, but who are you?**



**Sorcerers BURNED their books**

Saint Paul at Ephesus, 1649  
by Eustache Le Sueur



**Loren Allred** appeared on BGT

Judges were **SHOCKED** when they discovered **SHE** was the voice behind the **ACTOR**

who sang **“Never Enough”** in *The Greatest Showman* (2017).

actually sung by **Loren Allred**

**“Never Enough”** written by Benj Pasek & Justin Paul for *The Greatest Showman* (2017) a musical about

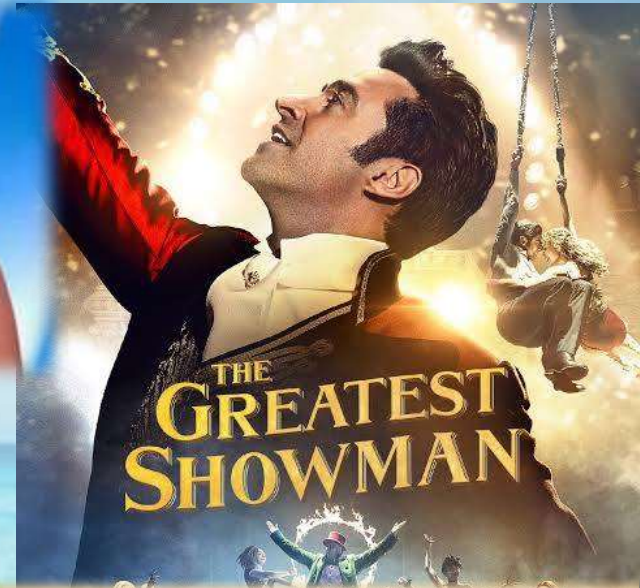
P.T. Barnum's creation of the Barnum & Bailey Circus

Actress played opera legend **Jenny Lind** – Swedish Nightingale

P. T. Barnum recruited to help him make money for his circus

Actress **LIP-SYNCE**d as Allred sang – hardest songs

Movie one of most successful musical of all time, grossing over \$430 million ...



**Jenny Lind**  
Considered one  
of the **GREATEST**  
sopranos in the **WORLD**



Loren Allred sang “Never Enough” in  
*The Greatest Showman* (2017).

Book Allred for an event @ \$75,000 - \$150,000

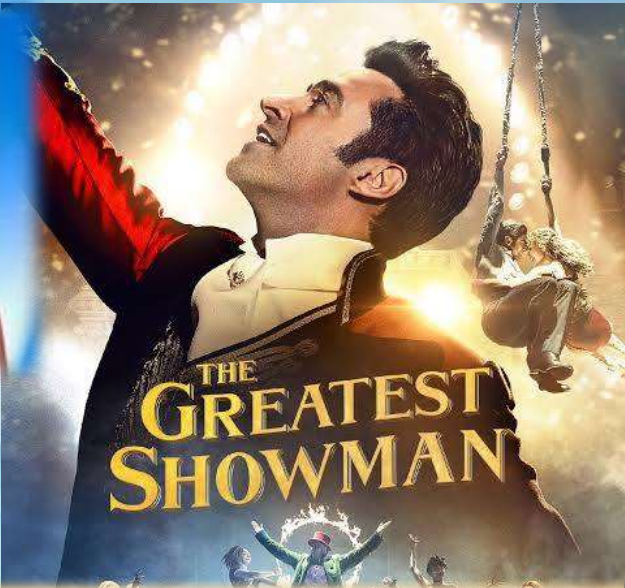
“Never Enough” is about a **PRICELESS** time

Sharing an event, experience, moment

Sharing a dream that **No Money can buy**

“Never Enough” is the hardest song to sing  
so hard the actress, a singer too, chose to lip-synch it

Actress was, after all,  
trying to play the **GREATEST** singer



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# Paul's Missionary Journeys

	<i>Chapter</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Summary</i>
Sept 1	13a	<i>I've Been Everywhere</i>	Paul to Paphos on Cyprus & Sorcerer Elymus
Sept 8	13b	<i>The Old Rugged Cross</i>	Paul Gains Ear of Whole City of Pisidian Antioch
Sept 15	14	<i>Eye of the Tiger</i>	Paul Beaten in Lystra, Flee to Derbe then <i>RETURN</i>
Sept 22	15a	<i>Amazing Grace</i>	Paul & Barnabas to Jerusalem for 1st Church Council
Sept 29	15-16	<i>The Wanderer</i>	Paul, Silas, & Timothy Thru Macedonia to Philippi
Oct 6	16	<i>Free at Last</i>	Paul & Crew to Phrygia, Troas, Philippi, Convert Lydia, Paul Frees Slave Girl, Beaten, Jailed, Free to Lydia's Home
Oct 13	17	<i>How Great Thou Art</i>	Paul & Silas Thessalonica, Berea, Athens' Areopagus
Oct 20	18	<i>Down on the Corner</i>	Paul to Corinth, Meets Aquila & Priscilla, to Ephesus
Oct 27	19	<i>Never Enough</i>	Paul in Ephesus w Big Miracles – Riot x “The Way”
Nov 3	20-21	Commit	Paul Hunted Thru Greece, Ephesus, to Jerusalem
Nov 10	22-24	Witness	Paul—Roman Citizen, Sanhedrin, to Governor Felix
Nov 17	25-26	Respond	Paul to Festus, Then Paul's Words Impress Agrippa
Nov 24	27-28	Trust	Paul's Storm-Rocking Trip to Rome

**Paul comes to Ephesus for over 2 years ...**

- ✓ Read Ephesians, a letter scholars say is meant to be cyclical
- ✓ Earliest manuscripts of Ephesians do NOT have words “in Ephesus” in 1:1



# Book of Acts – the Early Church

1 Intro – Theophilus, Appearances, Ascension

2-12 Peter – Church from Jerusalem to Antioch

2-7 Jerusalem – Peter, John, Ananias & Sapphira, Stephen

8 Samaria – Paul persecutes, Philip, Simon

9 Conversion of Paul

10-12 Conversion of Cornelius, Peter vision of sheets



**13-28 Paul – Church from Antioch to Rome**

13 – 14 1st Missionary Journey – Saul/Paul & Barnabas

15:1-35 1st Church Council in Jerusalem

15:36 – 18:22 2nd Missionary Journey of Paul

**18:23 – 21:16 3rd Missionary Journey of Paul**

21:17 – 23 Paul to Jerusalem

24 – 26 Paul to Caesarea ... 27-28 Paul to Rome

You are **HERE**

<b>13:1 – 14:28</b>	<b>Paul's <i>FIRST</i> Missionary Journey</b>
13:1-12	Cyprus
13:13-52	Pisidia Antioch
14:1-7	Iconium
14:8-28	Lystra, Derbe, to Antioch
<b>15:1-35</b>	<b>Jerusalem &amp; First Church Council</b>
<b>15:36 – 18:22</b>	<b>Paul's <i>SECOND</i> Missionary Journey</b>
15:36 – 16:10	Antioch to Troas
16:11-40	Troas to Philippi
17:1-34	Philippi to Thessalonica to Athens
18:1-22	Athens to Corinth – then Home to Antioch
<b>18:23 – 21:16</b>	<b>Paul's <i>THIRD</i> Missionary Journey</b>
18:23 – 19:41	Ephesian Pentecost & Miraculous Healing
20:1 – 21:16	Macedonia to Troas, Athens, Corinth, return
<b>21:17 – 28:31</b>	<b>Paul in Route to &amp; in Rome</b>
21:17 – 23:35	In Jerusalem
24:1 – 26:32	In Caesarea
27:1 – 28:15	Voyage to Rome
28:16-31	Ministry in Rome

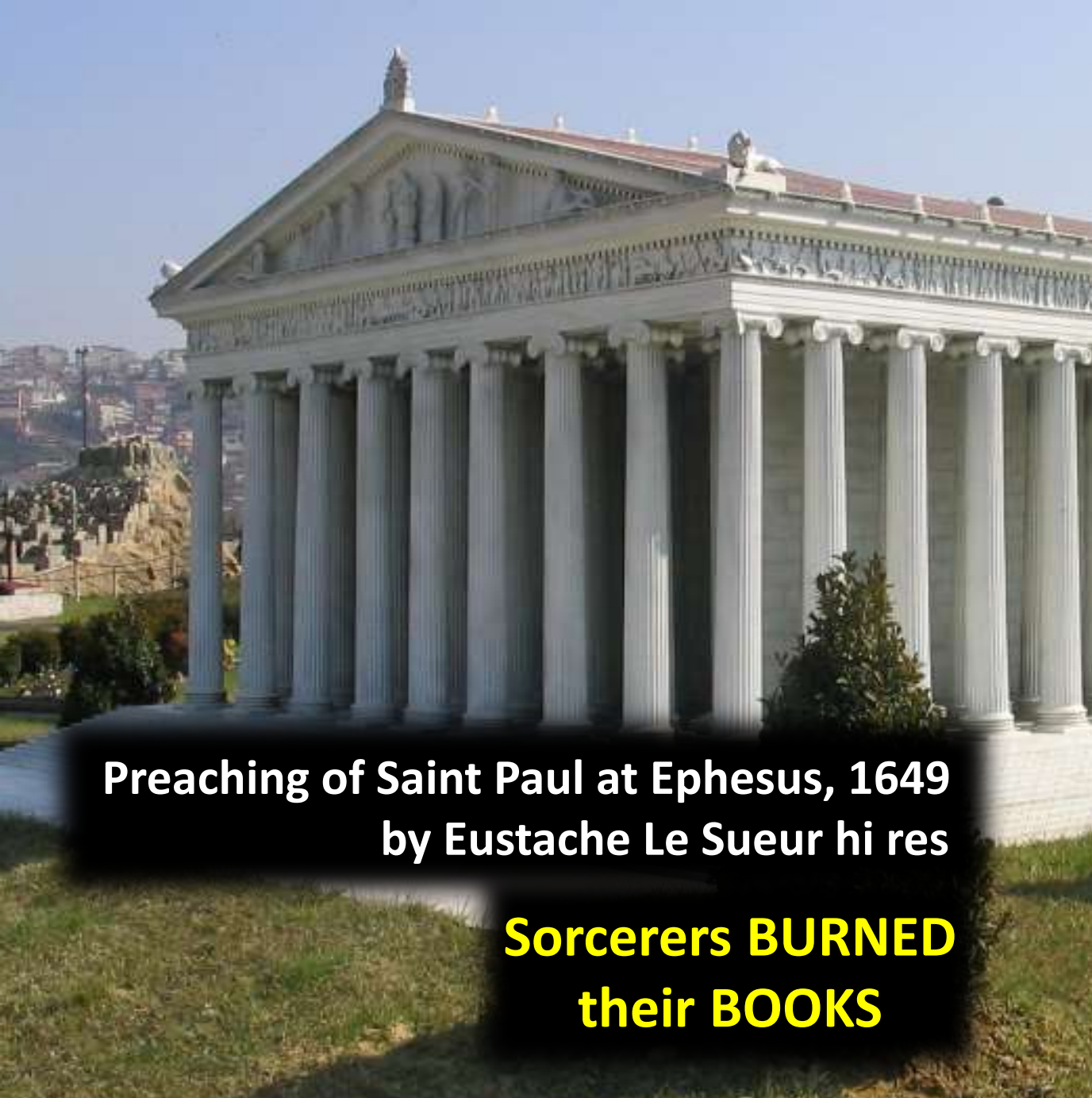


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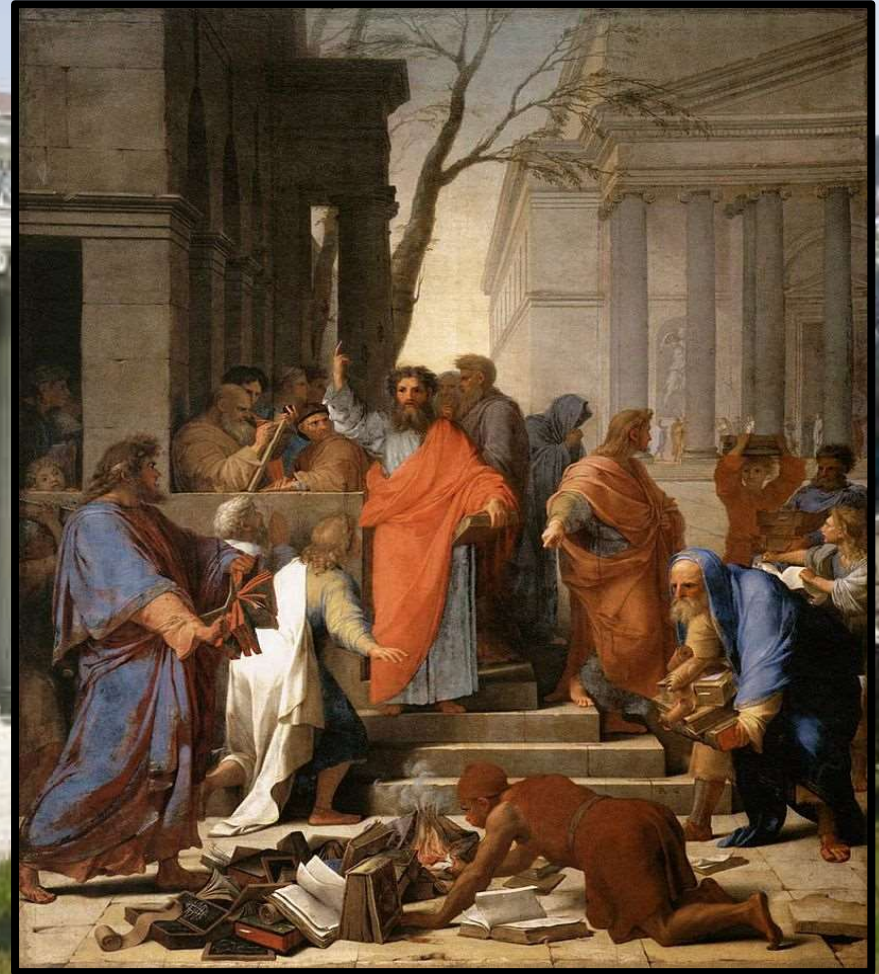
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Preaching of Saint Paul at Ephesus, 1649  
by Eustache Le Sueur hi res

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## **Acts 18-20 Paul's 3rd Missionary Journey: Antioch to Ephesus**

**18:1-22 Paul *Finishes* 2nd Missionary Journey – last week**

**18:23 Paul Leaves Antioch for 3rd Missionary Journey  
overland Galatia & Phrygia to Ephesus**

**18:24-26 Aquila & Priscilla teach Apollos in Ephesus**

**18:27-28 Apollos from Ephesus to Achaia (or Greece)**

**19:1-7 Paul in Ephesus – Ephesian Pentecost – Baptizes 12 Men**

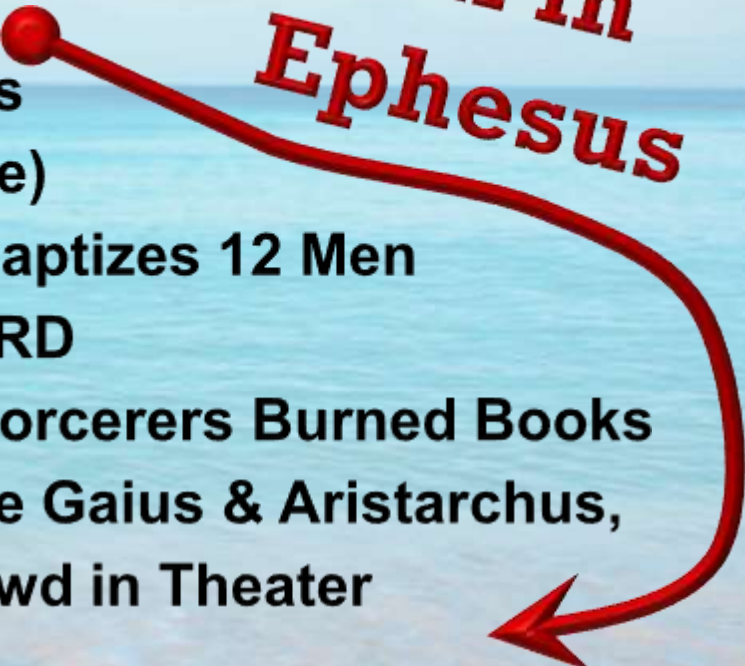
**19:8-10 Paul Teaching in for Two Years – ALL HEARD**

**19:11-22 Paul's GREAT Miracles – Handkerchief – Sorcerers Burned Books**

**19:23-31 Silversmith Demetrius Causes Riot—Cease Gaius & Aristarchus,**

**19:32-41 “Artemis of Ephesians”—Clerk Calms Crowd in Theater**

**All in  
Ephesus**





Bizarro comic  
always offers a twisted  
view of our world

Here is some rather  
“heavenly”  
Counseling

Oh yeah, I know a few  
who need a dose of

**No-Loft**





## **Key Verse Acts – 19:15**

**One day the evil spirit answered them,  
Jesus I know,  
and Paul I know about,  
but who are you?**





# Acts 18 - 19 Third Journey ... 1st Leg so mysterious ...

Acts 18:23  
Single Verse

From Antioch *through* Cilician Gates  
To Regions of Galatia & Phrygia ...  
To Ephesus, Capitol of the Province



**800+ Miles – No News**





**18:23, Paul off on his 3rd Missionary Journey**

**Single verse 23 Paul leaves Antioch ....**

**<sup>23</sup> After spending some time in Antioch,  
Paul set out from there & traveled ...  
throughout ... Galatia and Phrygia,  
strengthening all the disciples.**

**Travels overland ... how FAR?**

**18:24-28, a short, SHORT story of Apollos**

**Aquila & Priscilla tutor Apollos in Ephesus**

**Then Apollos heads to Corinth in POWER**



**Paul, c. 1657  
by Rembrandt (1606-69)**



18:23, Paul leaves ....

After a few words on Apollos – Acts 18:23-28  
in verse 19:1 ... we pick Paul again

18:23 & 19:1 ... *just two small verses*

Paul travels overland thru the interior from  
Antioch to Ephesus ...

**800+ Miles!**

Through Galatia & Phrygia ... doing what?

**Acts 18:23 “... strengthening all the disciples”**

**Apostle Paul—alone?—SO MUCH MISSING**



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19:2 ... Paul finds some disciples, he asks,

<sup>2</sup> “Did you receive the Holy Spirit  
when you believed?”

They answered, “No, we have not  
even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.”

**WHATEVER** the above means ... we should

- ✓ NOT allow it to define doctrine by **ITSELF**
- ✓ NOT take it to be a test of salvation **ITSELF**
- ✓ They **WERE** Disciples ... **WERE** Believers

Some of the most extraordinary events surround

**Acts 19:1-7**



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Among a LOT of interpretations TODAY

Know this ... No One TODAY is the

**Apostle Paul**

There is No One like the Apostle Paul **TODAY**

There is No One **TODAY** doing what Paul did

If they did ... they would NOT do it in a tent

They would do it **DOWNTOWN** for 2 years in

New York ... Los Angeles ... Dallas

**EVERYONE WOULD SEE**

**What then does the passage mean?**



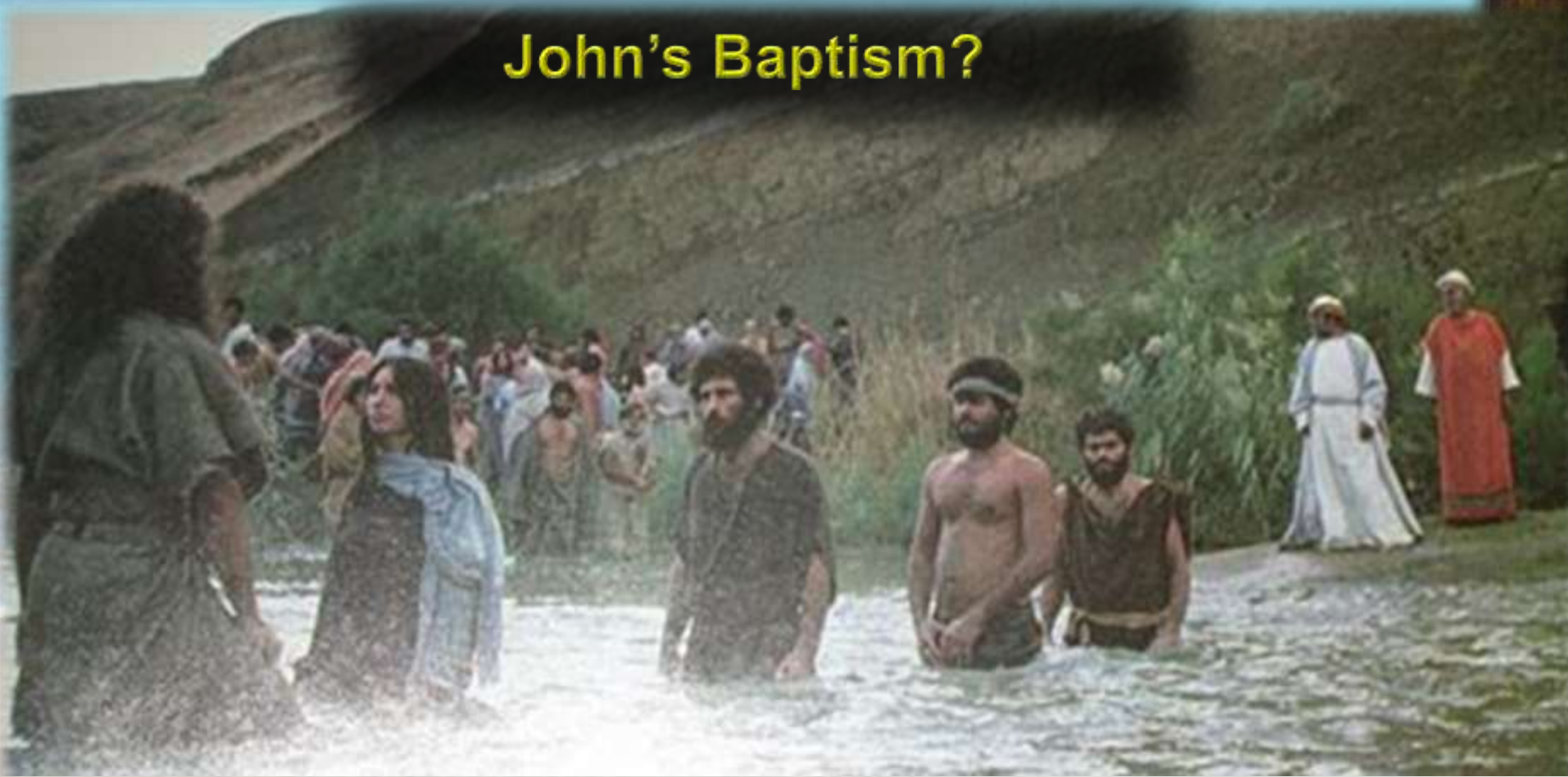


Paul tells us what he, himself, meant

<sup>3</sup> So Paul asked, “Then what baptism did you receive?”

“John’s baptism,” they replied.

John’s Baptism?



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## Paul explains John's vs. Jesus' Baptism:

<sup>4</sup> Paul said, "John's baptism was a baptism of repentance. He told the people to believe in the one coming after John, that is, in Jesus."

<sup>5</sup> On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

John's baptism *pointed* to Jesus ...

Jesus' baptism was for **BELIEVERS** in Jesus



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# **Baptist Faith and Message (1963)**

[www.PreciousHeart.net/Baptist Faith.htm](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/Baptist_Faith.htm)

## **Article VII. Baptism & the Lord's Supper**

**Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. It is an act of obedience symbolizing the believer's faith in a crucified, buried, and risen Saviour, the believer's death to sin, the burial of the old life, and the resurrection to walk in newness of life in Christ Jesus. It is a testimony to his faith in the final resurrection of the dead. Being a church ordinance, it is prerequisite to the privileges of church membership and to the Lord's Supper.**

**Matthew 3:13-17; 26:26-30; 28:19-20; Mark 1:9-11; 14:22-26;  
Luke 3:21-22; 22:19-20; John 3:23; Acts 2:41-42; 8:35-39; 16:30-33; 20:7;  
Romans 6:3-5; 1 Corinthians 10:16,21; 11:23-29; Colossians 2:12**



**Baptist Faith and Message** (1963) - [www.PreciousHeart.net/Baptist\\_Faith.htm](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/Baptist_Faith.htm)

## **Baptism ... in sum**

Symbolizes 3 - **THREE** events in the lives of **BELIVERS**

Faith in **PAST – PRESENT – FUTURE Resurrection**

Faith in **PAST** Christ's Death, Burial, &  
**Resurrection**

Faith in **PRESENT** Believer's Death, Burial of sin, &  
**Resurrection in New Life this side of Heaven**

Faith in **FUTURE** Believer's death, burial, &  
**Resurrection of the Dead**

Gustave Doré, illustrated for  
Dante Alighieri's Divine Comedy





**19:6 When Paul placed his hands on them,  
the Holy Spirit came on them, &  
they spoke in tongues & prophesied.**

**First thoughts that a LOT of people think**

**Kind of reminds me of an ol' song  
*from way back ...***



**I known & have known several **good people** who  
***BELIEVE*** tongues is still a valid gift today ...**

**Regardless ... if ... if**

**IF like the Pentecost in Jerusalem & the Pentecost in Antioch ...**

**We believe they were gifted with speaking languages**

**Hearing & Understanding different languages**



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Loren Allred sang “Never Enough” in  
*The Greatest Showman* (2017).

Paul in Ephesus cherishes this precious TIME,  
*a Priceless Moment*

Paul is at his HEIGHT of healing & preaching POWER  
Though persecuted all the way – Paul is matchless

“Never Enough” – song Paul could sing

Paul could sing of God’s work in Acts 19

I'm trying to hold my breath  
Let it stay this way –

Can't let this moment end

Paul baptizes 12 men ...



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To grapple with the significance of this ...

We look closer at Ephesus ...

Ephesus was **LARGER** than Athens  
at its height, perhaps 250,000 people

Home to the **Temple of Artemis** ...

*4x larger than the Parthenon in Athens*

**One of Seven Wonders of the Ancient World**

First in 560 B.C. ... Fire destroyed 356 B.C.

*Allegedly* the day Alexander the Great was born

**Alexander financed rebuild - stood for 600 years**

Destroyed by Goths in A.D. 263



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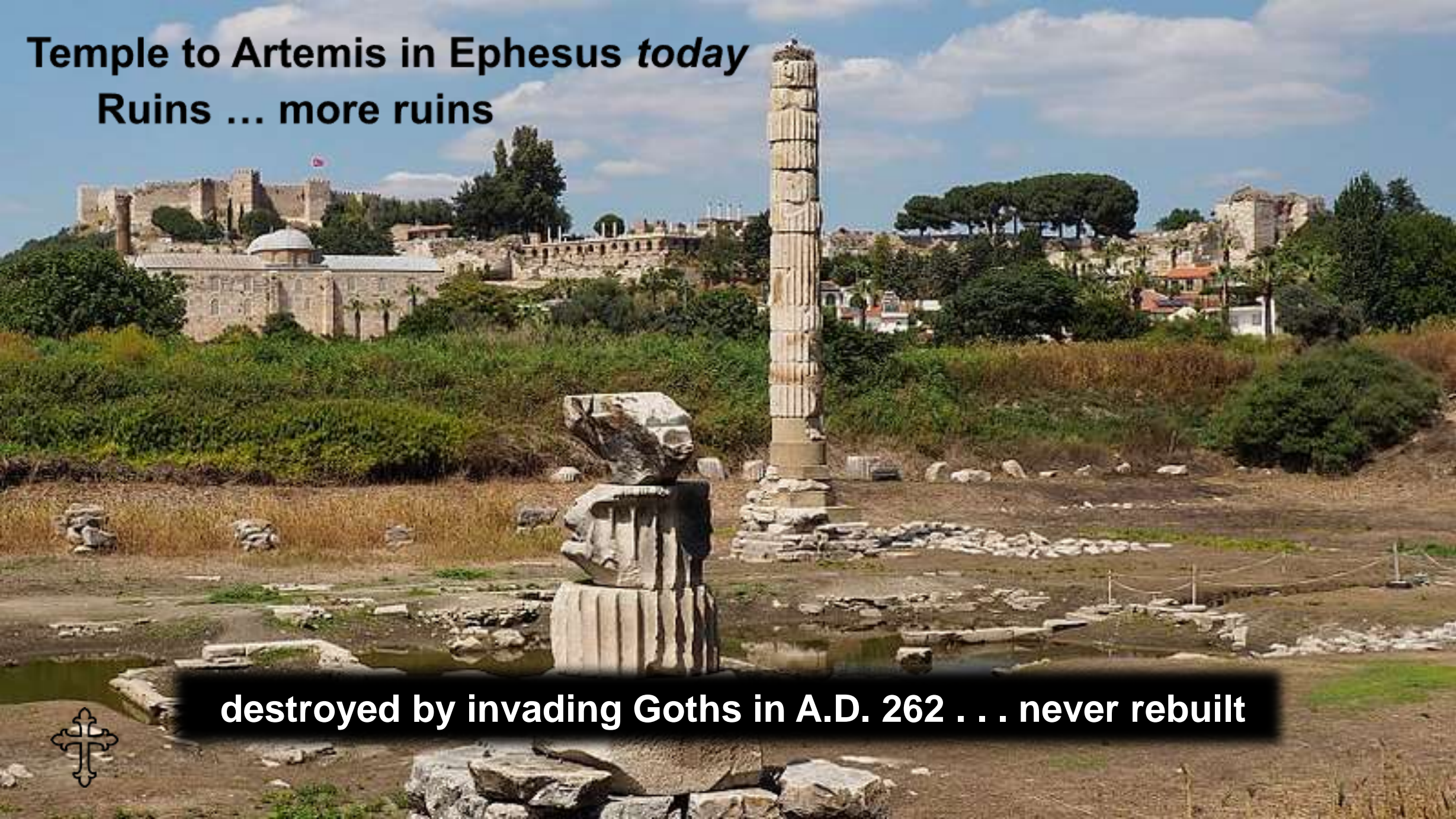
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Roman Author Pliny the Elder (A.D. 23-79) – 377' x 180'



# Temple to Artemis in Ephesus *today* Ruins ... more ruins



**destroyed by invading Goths in A.D. 262 . . . never rebuilt**





# Seven Wonders of Ancient World\*

Name	Date	Builders	Date Destroyed
1. Great Pyramid of Giza	2584–2561 BC	Egyptians	majority of façade gone
2. Hanging Gardens of Babylon	c. 600 BC	Babylonians	1st c. AD
3. <b>Temple of Artemis at Ephesus</b>	c. 550 BC; again 323 BC	Greeks, Lydians	356 BC, Herostratus AD 262, Goths
4. Statue of Zeus at Olympia	466–456 BC, temple 435 BC, statue	Greeks	5th–6th c. AD
5. Mausoleum at Halicarnassus	351 BC	Greeks, Persians	12th–15th c. AD
6. Colossus of Rhodes	292–280 BC	Greeks	226 BC
7. Lighthouse of Alexandria	c. 280 BC	Greeks, Ptolemaic Egyptians	AD 1303–1480

5 from Classical Greece Culture

\* Seven settled c. 100 B.C.

A topographical map of the Mediterranean region, showing the Greek peninsula, Asia Minor, and Egypt. Seven circular icons are placed on the map to represent the Seven Wonders of the World: a red lighthouse on the Greek coast, a yellow temple in Asia Minor, a pink pyramid in Egypt, a purple hanging garden in Babylon, a blue obelisk in Egypt, a green bridge in Asia Minor, and an orange pyramid in Egypt. A black text box is overlaid on the map, and a white text box is in the bottom right corner.

**Zeus in Greece ...**

**Temple to Artemis, Mausoleum,  
Colossus of Rhodes in Asia Minor**

**Lighthouse & Pyramids Egypt**

**Hanging Gardens in Babylon**

**All 7 Wonders were famous as  
Paul walked through Ephesus  
All 7 Legendary in A.D. 58**



Temple to Artemis ... in Ephesus  
one of *several* Wonders of Ancient World

**Artemis** – **PAGAN** to the core

Can't put a loin cloth on her  
*Yes, nearly 2 dozen breasts!*

Artemis is Apollo's **TWIN** (?)

Named **Diana** by Romans

BTW – rendition by Romans  
much better than this

Statue of Artemis



**Rendition by Romans much better**

**Herein & again ... see  
Greek art and culture**

**These splendors in their  
mighty glory were**

**ALL OVER**

**Ephesus & the Province**

**Artemis with a hind, better known  
as Diana of Versailles  
marble Roman artwork  
Imperial Era 1st century A.D.**



**1657  
(1606-69)**



**Center most was the Wonder of the World**  
**Great Temple of Artemis in Ephesus**

**Apostle Paul worked TIRELESSLY**

**Ephesus, home to Aquila & Priscilla**

**Home to Artemis ... goddess of the HUNT,**

- ✓ **Goddess of Wild Animals**
- ✓ **Goddess of Wilderness**
- ✓ **Goddess of Childbirth**
- ✓ **Goddess of Virginity, *and***
- ✓ **Protector of Young Girls**

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# Terraced House, Ephesus, 100 B.C.



**Exquisite Art & Architecture**

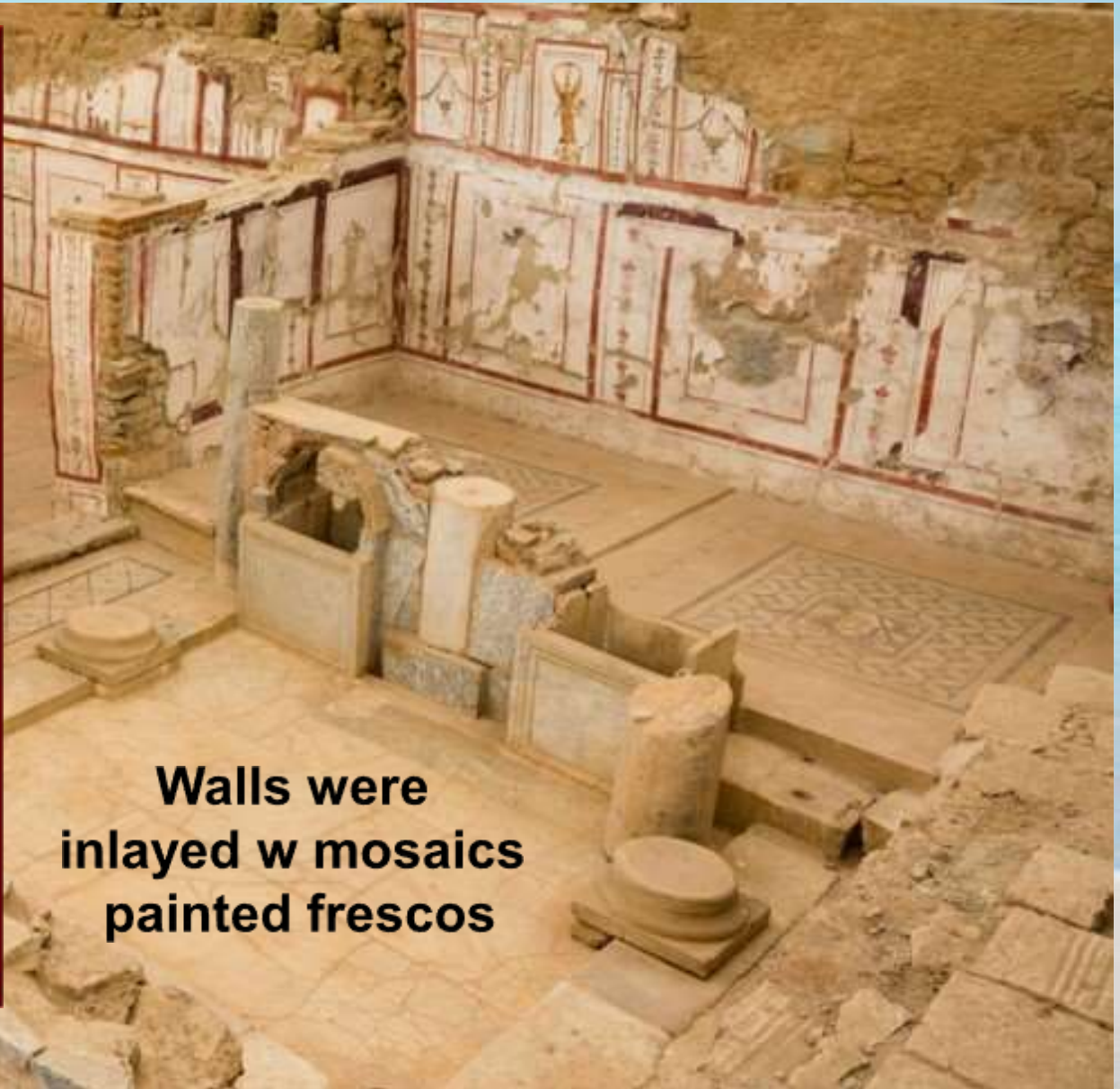
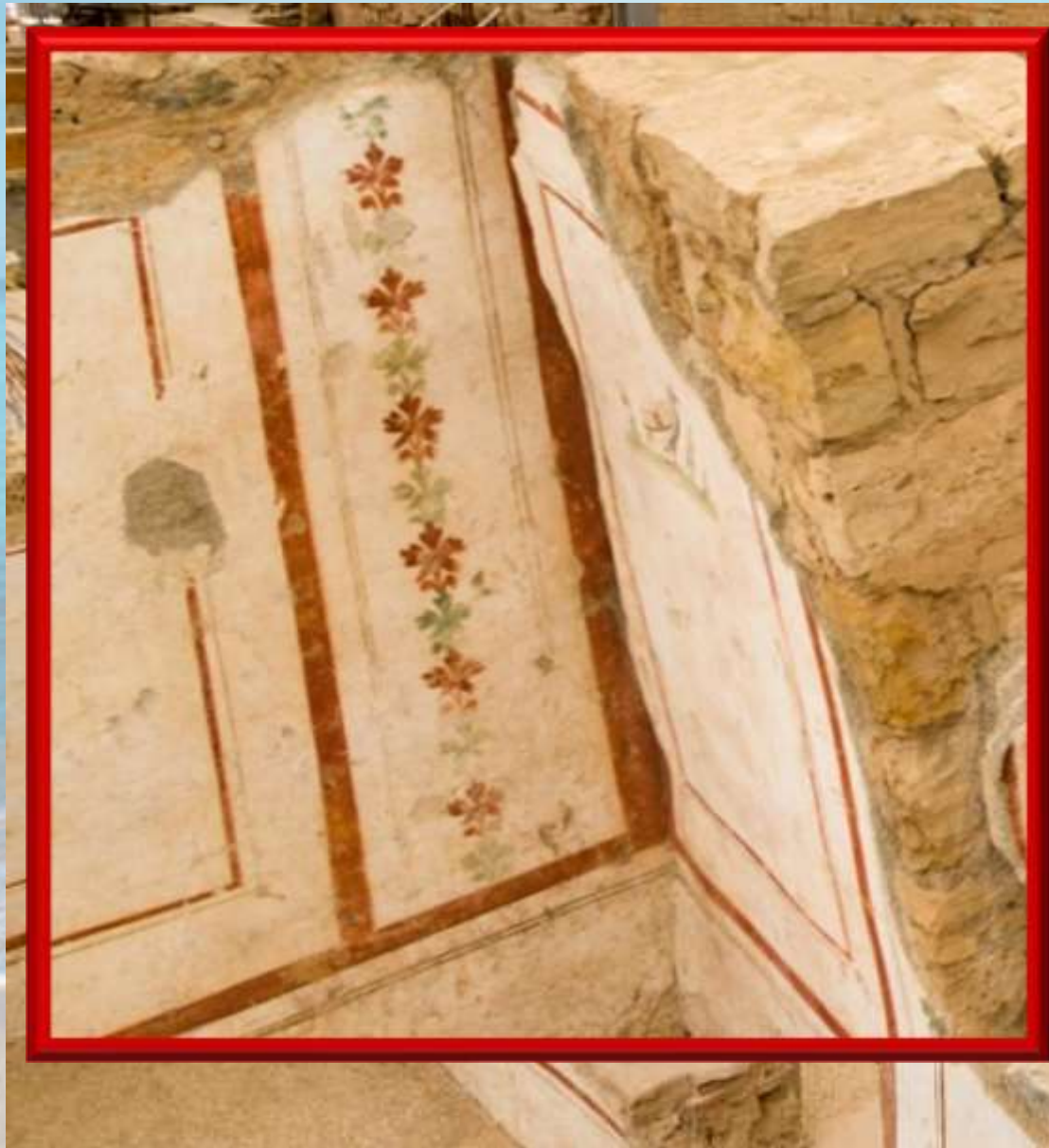
**Some 4,000+ sq ft**

**Clay Pipes in floor &  
walls heated the home**

**See wall here**



# Terraces House, Ephesus, 100 B.C.



**Walls were  
inlayed w mosaics  
painted frescos**



**Paul asks if they received the Holy Spirit  
in the most opulent city of Asia Minor**

**19:8, Paul speaks in the synagogue 3 months**

**19:9-10, speaks 2 years in the Hall of Tyrannus**

**<sup>10</sup> so that ALL the Jews & Greeks who lived  
in the PROVINCE of Asia heard  
the Word of the Lord.**

**<sup>11</sup> God did extraordinary  
MIRACLES thru Paul**



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Miniatürk Park, Istanbul, Turkey**



**Then, 19:12 tells us of few HUGE miracles**  
**Even handkerchiefs & aprons that touched Paul**  
**were taken to the sick, and**  
**their illnesses were cured and**  
**the evil spirits left them.**

**19:13, unnamed Jews were casting out demons**  
**<sup>13</sup> “In the name of the Jesus**  
**whom Paul preaches,**  
**I command you to come out.”**

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**19:14 Seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish chief priest,  
were doing this [casting out demons]**

**15 One day the evil spirit answered them,  
“Jesus I know,  
and Paul I know about,  
but who are you?”**

**16 Then the man who had the evil spirit  
jumped on them & overpowered them all.  
He gave them such a beating that  
they ran out of the house naked & bleeding.**

**Paul KNEW God – and Demons knew Paul  
As we saw in the Gospel of John ...  
peculiar strength of demons**

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As with Gospel of John ... as said before  
These verses betray a spiritual world that was  
in the N.T. era more vivid & obvious & terrifying  
than anything we are allowed to perceive **TODAY**

Yet—be assured, Satan is  
No LESS active today ...

This month's Harper's magazine!

[Letter]

## OPUS DAY SCHOOL

*From a letter sent in August by Rachel Chambliss,  
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Temple, to members of the Osceola County school  
board in Florida.*

**D**ear members





[Letter]

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*From a letter sent in August by Rachel Chambliss, the executive director of operations for the Satanic Temple, to members of the Osceola County school board in Florida.*

**D**ear members,

On behalf of the Satanic Temple, I am writing to acknowledge the critical vote you are taking tonight regarding the authorization of volunteer school chaplains in the Osceola County school district. We are enthusiastic about the opportunity this policy presents for our ministers of Satan.

We have carefully reviewed the proposed guidelines and note with interest that counseling





We have carefully reviewed the proposed guidelines and note with interest that counseling consistent with a chaplain's religious beliefs will not be considered proselytization in the school district. This understanding ensures that the ministers of Satan can offer guidance aligned with our satanic beliefs while remaining fully compliant with the board's rules. Additionally, we acknowledge the board's commitment to providing chaplains with visible and accessible office space on campus, ensuring that all students are aware of our satanic clergy.

The response from Floridians interested in becoming ministers of Satan and satanic chaplains has been overwhelming. With hundreds of members of the Satanic Temple already in Osceola County, we anticipate a significant increase in satanic clergy. We look forward to working with you to introduce the nation's first satanic school chaplaincy.





Then a *marvelous* verse of a PRICELESS time:

<sup>17</sup> When this became known to the Jews & Greeks living in Ephesus, they were ALL seized with fear, & the name of the Lord Jesus was held in

**High Honor**

Oh my ... can it get better than this?



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Loren Allred sang “Never Enough” in  
*The Greatest Showman* (2017).

Paul – in Ephesus and his

*a priceless moment*

Paul could sing of God’s work in Acts 19

You set off a dream in me

Getting louder now –

Can you hear it echoing?

Take my hand –

Will you share this with me?



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**19:18-19, remarkable events  
pass thru the great Ephesus**

**Acts 19:19 A number who had  
practiced sorcery brought their  
scrolls together and burned them**

**When they calculated the value of  
the scrolls, the total came to fifty  
thousand drachmas.**

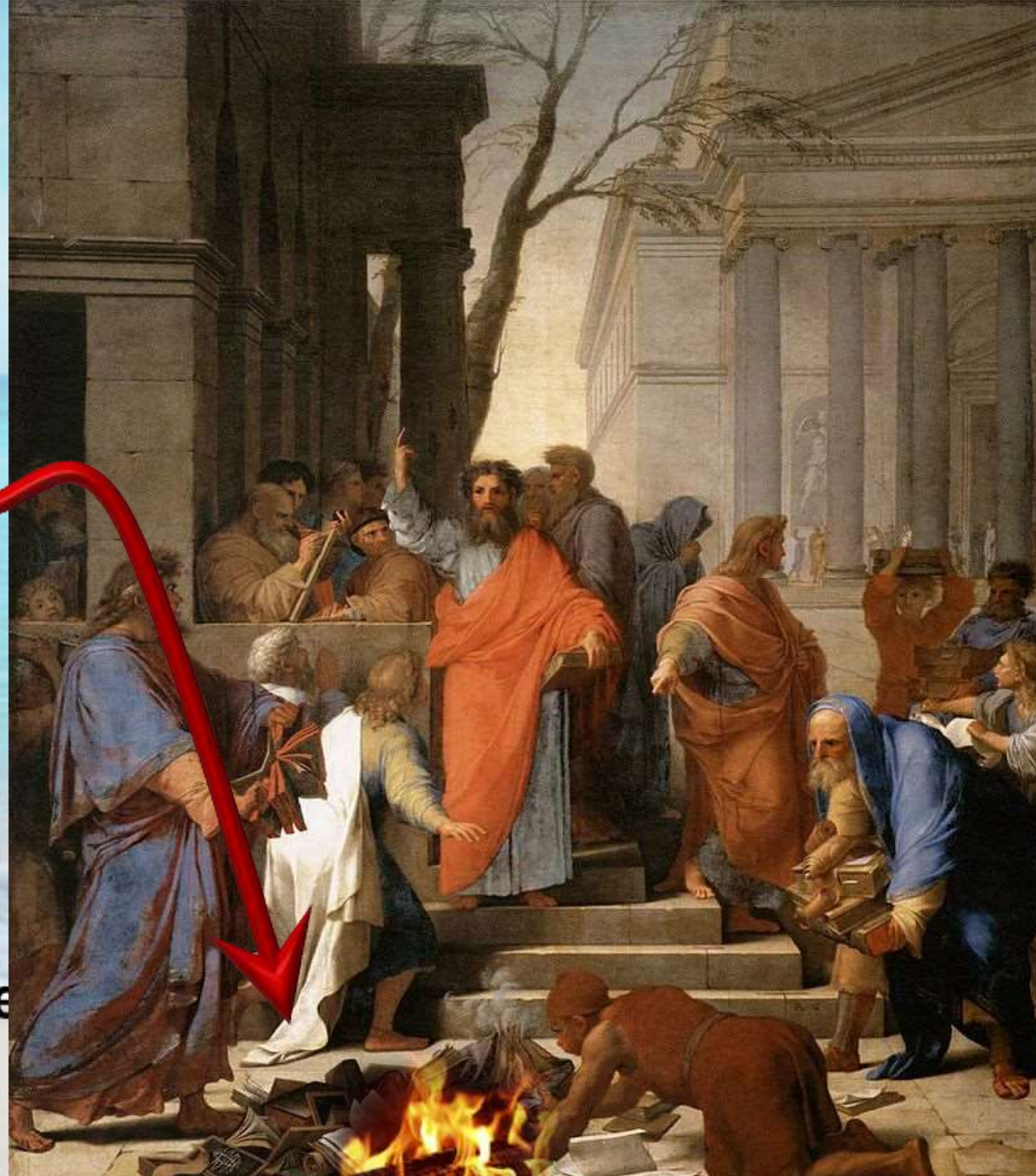
**GREATEST city in Asia Minor**

**Taken Over by the Gospel!**

**Drachma = Denarius = Day's Wage**

**Wealth of Pagan / Satanic Literature**

**Demons Driven Out**





19:18-19 ... something else passes  
through this great city

Sorcerers **BURNED** their scrolls in public!

50,000 Drachmas worth of scrolls

*Drachma = a day's wage!*

19:21-41, silversmith Demetrius

**causes a riot**

Paul's friends taken to great


Theater of Ephesus



**137 YEARS**  
Worth of Labor







**Great Theater of Ephesus**  
strangely, some there did not even  
know what was going on ...

**Seating 24,000**





19:18-19, remarkable events  
THROUGHOUT great Ephesus

Any other place ... *incredible*

Any other place ... *not believed*

Apostle Paul ... for 2 years

- ✓ Ephesus County Booster
- ✓ Daily Ephesus Gazette
- ✓ CNN & FOX *both* AGREED!

**Miracle after Miracle**

Preaching of Saint Paul at Ephesus,  
1649, by Eustache Le Sueur





19:21-41, silversmith Demetrius  
causes a riot ... riles up whole city

Then look who speaks up ... City Clerk!

<sup>35</sup> “Fellow Ephesians, doesn’t all the world  
know that the city of Ephesus is the guardian  
of the temple of the GREAT ARTEMIS & of her  
image, which FELL FROM HEAVEN?”

*Crowd encouraged to follow the law*

### Riot Fizzles Out

Acts 19:41 Clerk dismisses the “assembly”  
“assembly” / “ἐκκλησίαν” 20x w 114x uses  
Exact word used for “church” in Matthew 16:18  
“I will build my *church* & the gates ...”





TOTALLY unlike today ... grab this *tight*

Ephesus ... guardian of Temple of Artemis

Capitol of the Province ... Ephesus

TOTALLY unlike today ...

When Paul Walked the streets ... NO ONE

No ONE doubted his healing

No ONE doubted demons cast out

No One



Paul, 1657





Loren Allred sang "Never Enough" in  
*The Greatest Showman* (2017).

Paul – in Ephesus at the **START**  
of the Church Triumphant ...

God is working mightily ... amidst suffering  
Paul would **NOT** trade this moment ... oh, listen

All the shine of a thousand spotlights

All the stars we steal from the night sky

Will never be enough

Never be enough



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**TOTALLY** unlike today ...

- Holy Spirit LED Paul along ...
- Holy Spirit GIFTED Paul as Church Planter
- Holy Spirit HEALED & moved in unique ways

There is NO Apostle Paul today

THERE is no Prophet today doing  
what Paul did in Ephesus

However, there ARE today

false prophets **CLAIMING**

**Just don't forget**





**TOTALLY** unlike today ...

When Paul walked the streets of Ephesus

**No One** Misunderstood Paul

**No One** Doubted Paul

**No One** Questioned Paul's Authenticity

Paul HEALED ALL

Paul Cast out ALL Demons

**ALL BELIEVED**

**NONE Can Deny**

**TRUE Healing**





Loren Allred sang “Never Enough” in  
*The Greatest Showman* (2017).

God is working mightily ...  
No trading this precious time ... not at all ...  
Paul would NOT trade this moment ...

Towers of gold are still too little  
These hands could hold the world but it'll  
Never be enough  
Never be enough –  
for me - never, never . . . .



**Jenny Lind**  
Considered one  
of the **GREATEST**  
sopranos in the **WORLD**



Now listen to Paul in his peerless letter, just a sliver,  
to Paul's Ephesian brothers & sisters ... vv 1:3-8

- 3 Praise be to the **God & Father** of our **Lord Jesus Christ**,  
who has blessed us in the heavenly realms  
with every spiritual blessing in **Christ**.
- 4 For **He** chose us in **HIM** before the  
creation of the world to be holy & blameless in **HIS** sight.  
In **LOVE** he predestined us for adoption to sonship....
- 7 In **HIM** we have redemption through **HIS** blood,  
the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of  
God's grace that **He** *lavished* on us.

What was **THAT** sermon like the **FIRST** time Paul preached it?





In many ways that time in Ephesus was

How Christ was to His 12 Disciples

How Christ *Came* to Paul

How Christ will *Come Again* ... in

- ✓ Spirit's Almighty Power
- ✓ Absolute Credibility
- ✓ Ubiquitous “every eye see” Belief  
and every knee will bow ... and

***All WILL Believe***



Gustave Doré, illustrated for  
Dante Alighieri's Divine Comedy

