

Acts 19

King James Version (KJV)

19 And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples,

² He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost.

³ And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism. (They met John the Baptist, but hadn't heard of Jesus. They were still waiting for His arrival. They knew about repentance; but not the salvation that Jesus gave us)

⁴ Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.

⁵ When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. (They became Christians)

⁶ And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied. (This is the cloven tongue that all people understand as if it was in their native language. It needs no translators because it comes from God's Holy Spirit. Man cannot do that) See Joel-2, Acts-2:6-7

NOTES: (This is the verse that ignorant Christian churches pervert. They coerce people into speak gibberish; and the preacher "translates". They scare people by telling them that they cannot enter Heaven without "receiving the Holy Spirit". People self-hypnotize or just pretend by speaking this gibberish because they are scared, and want to be saved)

(This is a great example of how preachers change the Word of God and replace it with traditions of men in organized religion. The cloven tongue was done then, by God, to propagate Christianity throughout the region)

(It doesn't happen today because we are all in well established Christian nations. It will happen again in the end days of this Age, when antichrist is here, deceiving the world. It will be needed again at

that time in order to end Satan's one world system. God will speak this language again through the Elect) see Mark-13, Matthew-24

⁷ And all the men were about twelve.

⁸ And he went into the synagogue, and spake boldly for the space of three months, disputing and persuading the things concerning the kingdom of God. (Teaching the Word of God; not preaching sermons)

⁹ But when divers were hardened, and believed not, but spake evil of that way before the multitude, he departed from them, and separated the disciples, disputing daily in the school of one Tyrannus. (Some people did not want to depart from the Jewish Mosaic teachings of the Old Testament)

(Paul and the disciples went into in the Jewish school and taught how Jesus had opened the door to salvation through Christianity. Christianity includes both the Old and New Testaments)

¹⁰ And this continued by the space of two years; so that all they which dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks. (God wants all people to hear His message of salvation. Whether or not they will believe and join is up to the individual)

NOTE: (By contrast, the Muslim message is – join us or die. They teach Muslims to persecute and kill Christians and Jews. Islam is the religion of the devil himself. Suicide bombers are not martyrs; they are murderers)

¹¹ And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul: (God did that to prove that Jesus was God with us, to the people that had not seen Him. Paul acted as a type for Jesus in this case)

¹² So that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them. (God did these miracles, not Paul)

NOTE: (False preachers <conmen> do this today. They mail out handkerchiefs or prayer cloths and charge money for them. This is an insult to God. Salvation is given freely by God to all people who ask Him for it)

¹³ Then certain of the vagabond Jews, exorcists, took upon them to call over them which had evil spirits the name of the LORD Jesus, saying,

We adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preacheth. (These are Kenites – the descendants of Cain) (Exorcists = soothsayers, occultists, fortune tellers, sorcerers – nothing good)

(God told Cain that his descendants would be vagabonds on the earth. The earth would not produce for them. Over the centuries, they became bankers, merchants and builders of cities, because could not farm) see Genesis-4:12-14

¹⁴ And there were seven sons of one Sceva, a Jew, and chief of the priests, which did so. (This Sceva is a Kenite. The Kenites had worked their way into taking over the synagogues. They turned them into money making systems. They taught traditions of men, instead of teaching the Word of God)

NOTES: (Sceva = left handed. This has nothing to do with left handed people. It's just a metaphor. Jesus sits at the right hand of the Father, not the left. It means – those who are opposed to Jesus)

(Historically, the left is communist, socialist, atheist, agnostic in governments and nations. The first thing they do when they get into positions of power is to try to drive God out of their country. We see that today in all of the Christian nations – from the “liberal” left. Jesus said to fish out of the right side of the boat, not the left)

¹⁵ And the evil spirit answered and said, Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are ye? (These guys were not Christians. They had neither credibility nor any power from God)

¹⁶ And the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, and overcame them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded. (They were powerless against evil spirits. The power that Paul and the disciples used to cure people was not their own. It came from God)

¹⁷ And this was known to all the Jews and Greeks also dwelling at Ephesus; and fear fell on them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified. (God uses whoever He will, in order to get His message to the people)

(Sceva didn't know it, but God let him try his con game, in order to show the people that there is a God in heaven. Sceva was not sent by God. Paul wasn't performing any miracles. God was performing them. Don't play church or God will judge you for it)

¹⁸ And many that believed came, and confessed, and shewed their deeds.

¹⁹ Many of them also which used curious arts brought their books together, and burned them before all men: and they counted the price of them, and found it fifty thousand pieces of silver. (These are the mystics and soothsayers. These phonies learned their lesson, thanks to Sceva's failure)

²⁰ So mightily grew the word of God and prevailed. (The truth will always prevail. It may take some time, but in the end, people want to learn the truth. God's Word is the truth. It brings joy, peace of mind and comfort to people)

Amos-8:11 (The famine of the end times is not for bread, but for hearing the true Word of God)

²¹ After these things were ended, Paul purposed in the spirit, when he had passed through Macedonia and Achaia, to go to Jerusalem, saying, After I have been there, I must also see Rome. (Paul was going to Jerusalem for Pentecost - per his vow of the Nazarite)

²² So he sent into Macedonia two of them that ministered unto him, Timotheus and Erastus; but he himself stayed in Asia for a season.

²³ And the same time there arose no small stir about that way.

²⁴ For a certain man named Demetrius, a silversmith, which made silver shrines for Diana, brought no small gain unto the craftsmen; (He was getting rich, making idols to the Greek goddess Diana)

²⁵ Whom he called together with the workmen of like occupation, and said, Sirs, ye know that by this craft we have our wealth. (All these craftsmen made money making these silver idols)

²⁶ Moreover ye see and hear, that not alone at Ephesus, but almost throughout all Asia, this Paul hath persuaded and turned away much people, saying that they be no gods, which are made with hands: (Paul was teaching people that Diana is no goddess. He was teaching the Word of the one true God, Yahoveh. He was proving it by the miracles that God performed through him)

(These silver smiths were losing their livelihood. They are going to act against the apostles)

²⁷ So that not only this our craft is in danger to be set at nought; but also that the temple of the great goddess Diana should be despised, and her magnificence should be destroyed, whom all Asia and the world worshippeth. (Their wealth is in jeopardy if people stop buying their Diana statues)

(Demetrius is admitting that Diana can't even defend herself. She is an inanimate idol – just an idea in the imagination of people. That should have been enough to convince people that Diana doesn't exist)

²⁸ And when they heard these sayings, they were full of wrath, and cried out, saying, Great is Diana of the Ephesians. (People tend to hold on to their religions. Many people have been killed in the name of religions)

²⁹ And the whole city was filled with confusion: and having caught Gaius and Aristarchus, men of Macedonia, Paul's companions in travel, they rushed with one accord into the theatre. (Babel = confusion)

(The people became a mob. They were ready to lynch the disciples in the temple of Diana. Kenites always resort to murder, when their lies are discovered. They are excellent at stirring up trouble and inciting riot in a crowd of people)

NOTE: (We saw this in the US, recently. The "Black lives matter" and the "Antifa" gangs reeked havoc for a few years in the big left wing liberal cities. They burned buildings, defaced statues, and hurt many people. The left wing morons in congress even took a knee to those criminals. How pathetic is that?)

³⁰ And when Paul would have entered in unto the people, the disciples suffered him not. (They wouldn't let him go in)

³¹ And certain of the chief of Asia, which were his friends, sent unto him, desiring him that he would not adventure himself into the theatre.

³² Some therefore cried one thing, and some another: for the assembly was confused: and the more part knew not wherefore they were come together. (A typical mob; some of them don't even know why they are there)

³³ And they drew Alexander out of the multitude, the Jews putting him forward. And Alexander beckoned with the hand, and would have made his defence unto the people.

³⁴ But when they knew that he was a Jew, all with one voice about the space of two hours cried out, Great is Diana of the Ephesians. (They were trying to convince each other with slogans. They were yelling slogans to keep Alexander from speaking)

NOTE: (We still see this today with the left, when they try to drown out the truth with their slogans. They chant and chant, raising themselves into a frenzy. The ignorant "liberal" people fall for these cheap tactics every time. Hence the expression – the blind leading the blind)

³⁵ And when the townclerk had appeased the people, he said, Ye men of Ephesus, what man is there that knoweth not how that the city of the Ephesians is a worshipper of the great goddess Diana, and of the image which fell down from Jupiter? (He was trying to calm the mob, before the Roman soldiers come to see what the ruckus is all about. There was a Roman garrison right there in that town. Their job was to keep the peace)

³⁶ Seeing then that these things cannot be spoken against, ye ought to be quiet, and to do nothing rashly. (He is saying - don't provoke the Romans to come in and fix things)

(The Romans would not have tolerated a lynching. They could hold the local governor responsible for not controlling the people)

³⁷ For ye have brought hither these men, which are neither robbers of churches, nor yet blasphemers of your goddess. (What will you tell the Romans if they come? The Romans don't care about the Christians. They would know that the Christians haven't committed any crimes against Roman law)

³⁸ Wherefore if Demetrius, and the craftsmen which are with him, have a matter against any man, the law is open, and there are deputies: let them implead one another. (God led these men to calm the crowd down in order to help His disciples – divine intervention)

³⁹ But if ye enquire any thing concerning other matters, it shall be determined in a lawful assembly. (If you have something legal against

these men, take it to the Roman court. Don't commit a lynching in the temple of Diana)

⁴⁰For we are in danger to be called in question for this day's uproar, there being no cause whereby we may give an account of this concourse. (If the Romans come over, they would be in trouble; because of the mob that was making a ruckus and trying to lynch the disciples. That was against Roman law)

⁴¹And when he had thus spoken, he dismissed the assembly. (The mob dissolved and they all went home quietly)