



Introduction

Paul preaches in Ephesus. Books on magical arts are burnt when their owners become believers (v 19).

Paul then causes a riot when his preaching upsets the local silversmiths.



Questions

1. What did Paul preach for three months in the Ephesian synagogue?
2. What did they call the Christians' beliefs in Ephesus at that time?
3. What had Paul persuaded people throughout Asia that so upset the Ephesian metalworkers?



Summary Points

- **v 1 to 10** Paul arrives at Ephesus (see map) and meets disciples who have only been baptised into John's baptism. They are instructed by Paul, who re-baptises them in the name of Jesus. Paul tells his hearers about God's Kingdom (see theme). When opposition increases, Paul moves to the school of Tyrannus and preaches to all who will listen
- **v 11 to 20** Jewish exorcists trying to cure a man by using the name of Jesus fraudulently are overpowered by him, causing many to believe. Many of those who practise magical arts burn their books
- **v 21 to 41** The whole of Ephesus is in uproar as pagan craftsmen see their livelihood threatened by the gospel message. The town clerk then calms the multitude and dismisses the assembly

Timeline AD 60 (see below)



Theme / Information

The Kingdom of God in the New Testament (2)

A selection of verses showing that the kingdom of God is a consistent theme of the New Testament.

Mary the mother of Jesus Christ is told that he is the one who will eventually sit for ever on David's throne in Israel:

Luke 1 verses 32 and 33

Jesus says that those who work iniquity will be excluded when the Kingdom of God comes:

Luke 13 verses 27 and 28

After his resurrection, the disciples ask if Jesus will start this Kingdom at this time.

Jesus says that God will decide when that happens:

Acts 1 verses 6 and 7



Paul speaks of Jesus' role in the kingdom of God as foretold in the Old Testament:

Acts 28 verse 23

The apostle Paul summarises the future hope of the Kingdom:

1 Corinthians 15 verses 22 to 26

Peter tells his readers that they will be in the Kingdom if they are diligent in making their calling and election sure:

2 Peter 1 verses 10 and 11

Paul's travels - third journey

Map showing Paul's third major recorded journey (Acts 18 to 20).



? Answers to questions

Verses which answer the questions:

Q 1: v 8, Q 2: v 9 and v 23, Q 3: v 26



Bible timeline

