

# **“THE CHURCH AT EPHESUS FROM ACTS TO REVELATION”**

**Acts 19-20**

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## **I. INTRODUCTION**

- a. Look at the Church in Ephesus.

## **II. HISTORY**

- a. **AD 52** Acts 18:19 2<sup>nd</sup> Missionary Journey Paul founds Ephesian church leaving Priscilla and Aquilla there.
- b. **AD 54-56** Acts 19 Paul spent 3 Years teaching and preaching in Ephesus.
  - i. Filling of the Holy Spirit
  - ii. Unusual Miracles
  - iii. Repentance and Turning from works of Satan to God (Burning of Books)
  - iv. Church begin to impact society. (Riot ensued because of loss of business to Silversmiths)
- c. **AD 57** Acts 20 Paul meets with the Elders of the Ephesian church in Miletus on his way to Jerusalem to give them a final farewell and instructions.
  - i. A Consistent Testimony (18)***
    - 1. You know
    - 2. I always lived among you
  - ii. Witness of Suffering (19)***
    - 1. Serving the Lord with all Humility
    - 2. Many Tears and Trails
  - iii. Preaching the Full Gospel (20)***
    - 1. Kept back nothing that was helpful
    - 2. From house to house (There were no church buildings until around the 3<sup>rd</sup> Century)
  - iv. Preaching to Everybody (21)***

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1. Jews and Greeks

**v. Simple Message (21)**

1. Repentance toward God, Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ

**vi. Obedience to the Spirit, Denial of Self (22-24)**

**vii. This too will pass (25)**

1. No ministry lasts forever.

**viii. Responsibility to God for what we tell others or don't tell others (26-28)**

1. Innocent of the Blood of all men

2. Not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God

*a. Ezekiel 33 Again the word of the Lord came to me, saying, 2 “Son of man, speak to the children of your people, and say to them: ‘When I bring the sword upon a land, and the people of the land take a man from their territory and make him their watchman, 3 when he sees the sword coming upon the land, if he blows the trumpet and warns the people, 4 then whoever hears the sound of the trumpet and does not take warning, if the sword comes and takes him away, his blood shall be on his own head. 5 He heard the sound of the trumpet, but did not take warning; his blood shall be upon himself. But he who takes warning will [a]save his life. 6 But if the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet, and the people are not warned, and the sword comes and takes any person from among them, he is*

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*taken away in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at the watchman's hand.' 7 "So you, son of man: I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; therefore you shall hear a word from My mouth and warn them for Me. 8 When I say to the wicked, 'O wicked man, you shall surely die!' and you do not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at your hand. 9 Nevertheless if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but you have [b]delivered your soul.*

**ix. The Church we serve is not our own (28)**

1. Church of God, purchased with His Own Blood

**x. Be on Guard against the Wolf! (29-31)**

1. Savage Wolves
2. Speaking Perverse Things

**xi. Give our charge to God (32)**

1. Commend our charge to God, He is able.

**xii. Not Greed, but a willingness to work (33-35)**

1. Example to be a giving and caring church, ministering financially to the needs of others.

**xiii. Prayed together (36-38)**

- d. **AD 60-62** Letter of Ephesians written from prison in Rome. (1<sup>st</sup> Imprisonment, would be released around AD 62) This is where the Book of Acts ends, with Paul in prison in Rome, under House Arrest.
- i. Paul's Prayer for them

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1. 1:15-2:10
2. 3:14-21
- ii. Plea for Unity
  1. 4:1-6
- iii. Plea for Purity
  1. 5:15-21
- iv. Home and the Workplace in Chapters 5-6
- v. Call to Arms
  1. 6:10-20
- e. **AD 62-64** Letter to Timothy was pastoring the church in Ephesus at that time.
  - i. 1:3-4
  - ii. Gives instructions on qualifications for leaders in the church, the role of men and women in the church, How to treat members of the church.
- f. **AD 96** John on island of Patmos receives letter from the Lord to the Church at Ephesus.
  - i. Revelation 2:1-8