

Acts 18:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And he came to Ephesus, and left them there: but he himself entered into the synagogue, and reasoned with the Jews.

Analysis

'He came to Ephesus' - beginning what would become Paul's longest ministry in any city. 'He himself entered into the synagogue, and reasoned with the Jews' - his initial Ephesian contact followed the 'to the Jew first' pattern.

Historical Context

Ephesus was Asia Minor's largest city and home to the Artemis temple, one of the seven wonders. Paul's brief initial visit planted seeds for later three-year ministry.

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. Why did Paul maintain the 'to the Jew first' pattern throughout his ministry?
2. What does this initial Ephesian visit teach about scouting future ministry locations?

Interlinear Text

κατήντησεν δὲ εἰς Ἐφεσον κάκείνους κατέλιπεν

he came And into Ephesus and left
G2658 G1161 G1519 G2181 G2548 G2641

αὐτοῦ αὐτὸς δὲ εἰσελθὼν εἰς τὴν συναγωγὴν

them there he himself And entered into the synagogue
G847 G846 G1161 G1525 G1519 G3588 G4864

διελέχθη τοῖς Ἰουδαίοις

and reasoned with the Jews
G1256 G3588 G2453

Additional Cross-References

Acts 20:16 (Parallel theme): For Paul had determined to sail by Ephesus, because he would not spend the time in Asia: for he hasted, if it were possible for him, to be at Jerusalem the day of Pentecost.

Acts 19:1 (Parallel theme): 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,

Acts 18:4 (Parallel theme): And he reasoned in the synagogue every sabbath, and persuaded the Jews and the Greeks.

Acts 18:24 (Parallel theme): And a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man, and mighty in the scriptures, came to Ephesus.

Ephesians 1:1 (Parallel theme): Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, to the saints which are at Ephesus, and to the faithful in Christ Jesus:

1 Corinthians 16:8 (Parallel theme): But I will tarry at Ephesus until Pentecost.

1 Timothy 1:3 (Parallel theme): As I besought thee to abide still at Ephesus, when I went into Macedonia, that thou mightest charge some that they teach no other doctrine,

2 Timothy 1:18 (Parallel theme): The Lord grant unto him that he may find mercy of the Lord in that day: and in how many things he ministered unto me at Ephesus, thou knowest very well.

Revelation 2:1 (Parallel theme): Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write; These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks;

Revelation 1:11 (Parallel theme): Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea.

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