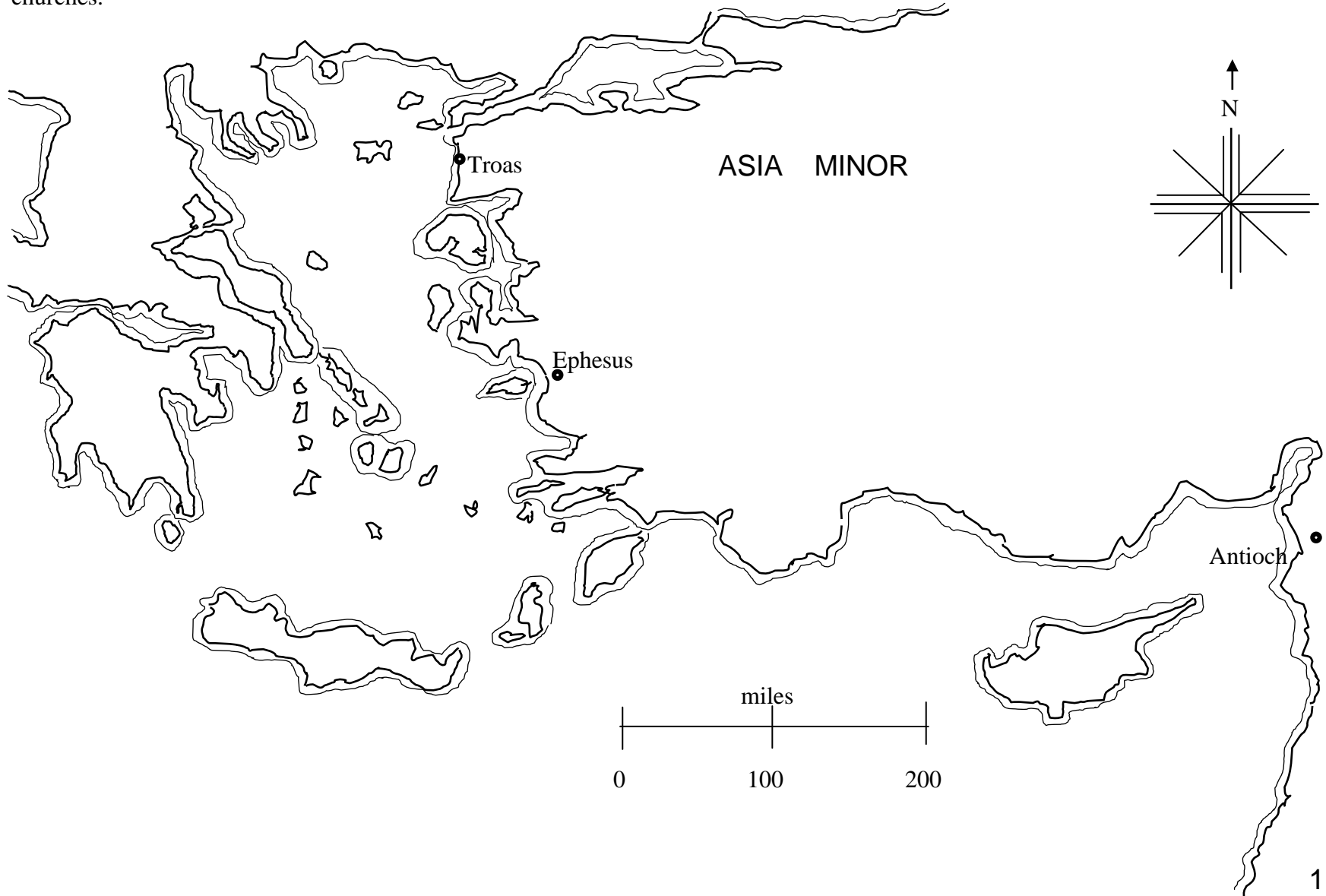


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He was saying good by again! The first time it was with Barnabas. Then because of the disagreement, he journeyed the second time with Silas. That was many years ago. Now, leaving the brethren at Antioch, he went again into Asia Minor to visit the churches.



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Acts 18:23 And having spent some time there, he left and passed successively through the Galatian region and Phrygia, strengthening all the disciples.

24 Now a Jew named Apollos, an Alexandrian by birth, an eloquent man, came to Ephesus; and he was mighty in the Scriptures. 25 This man had been instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in spirit, he was speaking and teaching accurately the things concerning Jesus, being acquainted only with the baptism of John;

26 and he began to speak out boldly in the synagogue. But when Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately.

27 And when he wanted to go across to Achaia, the brethren encouraged him and wrote to the disciples to welcome him; and when he had arrived, he greatly helped those who had believed through grace, 28 for he powerfully refuted the Jews in public, demonstrating by the Scriptures that Jesus was the Christ.

[1.] v:23, having spent some time there, **If you were Paul, what would you be doing during this time?**

[2.] v:23 again, the Galatian region and Phrygia, **On your map (pg1) circle these two areas and identify them?**

[3.] v:23 again, strengthening all the disciples. **Why would Paul feel he had to do this?**

[4.] v:24-25, a Jew named Apollos,
a) **List some of Apollos' strong points.**

b) **Write down the one weakness in Apollos' teaching.**

[5.] v:26, they took him aside, **How was Apollos' weakness corrected?**

[6.] v:27-28, across to Achaia, **List two ways Apollos' ministry was profitable?**

[7.] v:28, demonstrating by the Scriptures, **When you minister to others by using just scripture, why or why wouldn't God bless your ministry?**

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Acts 19:1, It happened that while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul passed through the upper country and came to Ephesus, and found some disciples. 2 He said to them, " Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" And they said to him, "No, we have not even heard whether there is a Holy Spirit." 3 And he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" And they said, " Into John's baptism." 4 Paul said, " John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in Him who was coming after him, that is, in Jesus." 5 When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 6 And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they began speaking with tongues and prophesying. 7 There were in all about twelve men. 8 And he entered the synagogue and continued speaking out boldly for three months, reasoning and persuading them about the kingdom of God. 9 But when some were becoming hardened and disobedient, speaking evil of the Way before the people, he withdrew from them and took away the disciples, reasoning daily in the school of Tyrannus. 10 This took place for two years, so that all who lived in Asia heard the word of the Lord, both Jews and Greeks.

11 God was performing extraordinary miracles by the hands of Paul, 12 so that handkerchiefs or aprons were even carried from his body to the sick, and the diseases left them and the evil spirits went out.

13 But also some of the Jewish exorcists, who went from place to place, attempted to name over those who had the evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, "I adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preaches."

[8.] Acts 19:1-3, and found some disciples. How were these disciples similar to Apollos?

[9.] v:4-7, How was Paul's ministry to these disciples similar to the ministry of Priscilla and Aquila to Apollos?

[10.] v:8-10, some were becoming hardened, How might this hardening have been manifested?

[11.] question [10.] again, In your ministry how can you tell when your hearers become "hardened"?

[12.] v:11-12, extraordinary miracles, Who performed the miracles and what were the miracles?

[13.] v:13, the Jewish exorcists, These guys wanted to be recognized as doing the same things that God was doing through Paul. What was in it for them?

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14 Seven sons of one Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, were doing this. 15 And the evil spirit answered and said to them, "I recognize Jesus, and I know about Paul, but who are you?" 16 And the man, in whom was the evil spirit, leaped on them and subdued all of them and overpowered them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.

17 This became known to all, both Jews and Greeks, who lived in Ephesus; and fear fell upon them all and the name of the Lord Jesus was being magnified. 18 Many also of those who had believed kept coming, confessing and disclosing their practices. 19 And many of those who practiced magic brought their books together and began burning them in the sight of everyone; and they counted up the price of them and found it fifty thousand pieces of silver. 20 So the word of the Lord was growing mightily and prevailing. 21 Now after these things were finished, Paul purposed in the Spirit to go to Jerusalem after he had passed through Macedonia and Achaia, saying, "After I have been there, I must also see Rome." 22 And having sent into Macedonia two of those who ministered to him, Timothy and Erastus, he himself stayed in Asia for a while.

23 About that time there occurred no small disturbance concerning the Way (Acts 9:2). 24 For a man named Demetrius, a silversmith, who made silver shrines of Artemis, was bringing no little business to the craftsmen; 25 these he gathered together with the workmen of similar trades, and said, "Men, you know that our prosperity depends upon this business. 26 "You see and hear that not only in Ephesus, but in almost all of Asia, this Paul has persuaded and turned away a considerable number of people, saying that gods made with hands are no gods at all. 27 "Not only is there danger that this trade of ours fall into disrepute, but also that the temple of the great goddess Artemis be regarded as worthless and that she whom all of Asia and the world worship will even be dethroned from her magnificence."

[14.] v:14-16, Seven sons of one Sceva, **Here is an example of the carnies that followed Paul. How did God put them out of business?**

[15.] v:17-20, This became known to all, **How do these verses show that God doesn't allow evil workers to go on indefinitely?**

[16.] v:21-22, to go to Jerusalem, **It has been assumed by good commentaries that Acts 18:22, When he had landed at Caesarea, he went up and greeted the church, implied that the church mentioned was the church at Jerusalem. What do you think? Was it the church at Caesarea or Jerusalem?**

[17.] v:23-27, a man named Demetrius, **From these verses write down why Paul was a threat.**

[18.] v:23-27again, **What did Demetrius proclaim in order to build up his gang?**

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28 When they heard this and were filled with rage, they began crying out, saying, "Great is Artemis (Diana) of the Ephesians!" 29 The city was filled with the confusion, and they rushed with one accord into the theater, dragging along Gaius and Aristarchus, Paul's traveling companions from Macedonia. 30 And when Paul wanted to go into the assembly, the disciples would not let him. 31 Also some of the Asiarchs who were friends of his sent to him and repeatedly urged him not to venture into the theater. 32 So then, some were shouting one thing and some another, for the assembly was in confusion and the majority did not know for what reason they had come together.

33 Some of the crowd concluded it was Alexander, since the Jews had put him forward; and having motioned with his hand, Alexander was intending to make a defense to the assembly. 34 But when they recognized that he was a Jew, a single outcry arose from them all as they shouted for about two hours, "Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!"

35 After quieting the crowd, the town clerk said, "Men of Ephesus, what man is there after all who does not know that the city of the Ephesians is guardian of the temple of the great Artemis and of the image which fell down from heaven? 36 "So, since these are undeniable facts, you ought to keep calm and to do nothing rash.

37 "For you have brought these men here who are neither robbers of temples nor blasphemers of our goddess.

38 "So then, if Demetrius and the craftsmen who are with him have a complaint against any man, the courts are in session and proconsuls are available; let them bring charges against one another. 39 "But if you want anything beyond this, it shall be settled in the lawful assembly. 40 "For indeed we are in danger of being accused of a riot in connection with today's events, since there is no real cause for it, and in this connection we will be unable to account for this disorderly gathering." 41 After saying this he dismissed the assembly.

[19.] v:28-32, the majority did not know for what reason they had come together. **This is so astounding! So why would the people have come together?**

(Asiarches, president of the public festivities in a city of Asia Minor)

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[20.] v:33-34, they shouted for about two hours, **Activists hold that, "He who shouts the loudest and longest, must be right". This is how Demetrius controlled the people. What's changed in your time?**

[21.] v:35-36, these are undeniable facts, **How did the town clerk manipulate the mob?**

[22.] v:37, neither robbers of temples nor blasphemers, **Reviewing v:23-25, what was the real purpose for starting the riot?**

[23.] v:38-41, settled in the lawful assembly. **What might come out in a "lawful assembly" that Demetrius and the boys would not want to made public?**

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