

The Book of Acts

“You Shall Be My Witnesses”

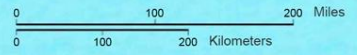
**The Establishment and Growth
of the Lord’s Church**

Approximate Chronology of Acts

Date	Chapter in Acts	Event	NT Books Written
A.D. 45-49	13-14	Paul's 1st preaching trip from Antioch	Galatians (?)
A.D. 50	15	Jerusalem meeting	
A.D. 50-54	15:36 – 18:22	Paul's 2nd preaching trip from Antioch	1 Thessalonians 2 Thessalonians (from Corinth)
A.D. 54-58	18:23 – 21:17	Paul's 3rd preaching trip from Antioch	1 Corinthians (from Ephesus) 2 Corinthians (from Macedonia) Romans (from Corinth)



c. A.D. 54-58



PAUL'S THIRD MISSIONARY JOURNEY
 Acts 19:1 - 21:14

- City
- One of the "Seven Churches of Asia" - Rev. 2-3
- Paul's Route

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Paul restores life to young Eutychus

John's disciples believe in Jesus
 Jewish exorcists fail to reproduce Paul's miracles
 Magic books burnt
 Demetrius & craftsmen of Diana cause uproar against the Way

Paul exhorts Ephesian elders & says tribulations & chains await him in Jerusalem
 Elders weep because they won't see Paul anymore

Disciples warn Paul on the Journey to Jerusalem
 Paul determined to do the will of the Lord and go to Jerusalem

Paul arrested in the Temple
 Paul defends himself & witnesses to the Jews in Jerusalem

Three Receptions of the Holy Spirit

Baptized (filled) in the HS	Gift of the HS	Laying on of Hands
<p><u>Promised</u> to the Apostles (Acts 1:5,8; 2:4, 33)</p> <p>Offered to Cornelius (Acts 10:44-45, 47; 11:15)</p> <p>Evidence: Tongues, miracles, etc.</p>	<p><u>Promised</u> to all after repentance/baptism (Acts 2:38-39)</p> <p>Evidence: Salvation</p>	<p><u>Offered</u> on a case-by-case basis as the apostles desired (Acts 8:15-19; 19:2,6)</p> <p>Evidence: Tongues, prophecy, etc.</p>

Luke's Summaries of Church Growth

And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem exceedingly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith – **Acts 6:7**

So the church throughout all Judaea and Galilee and Samaria had peace, being edified; and, walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, was multiplied – **Acts 9:31**

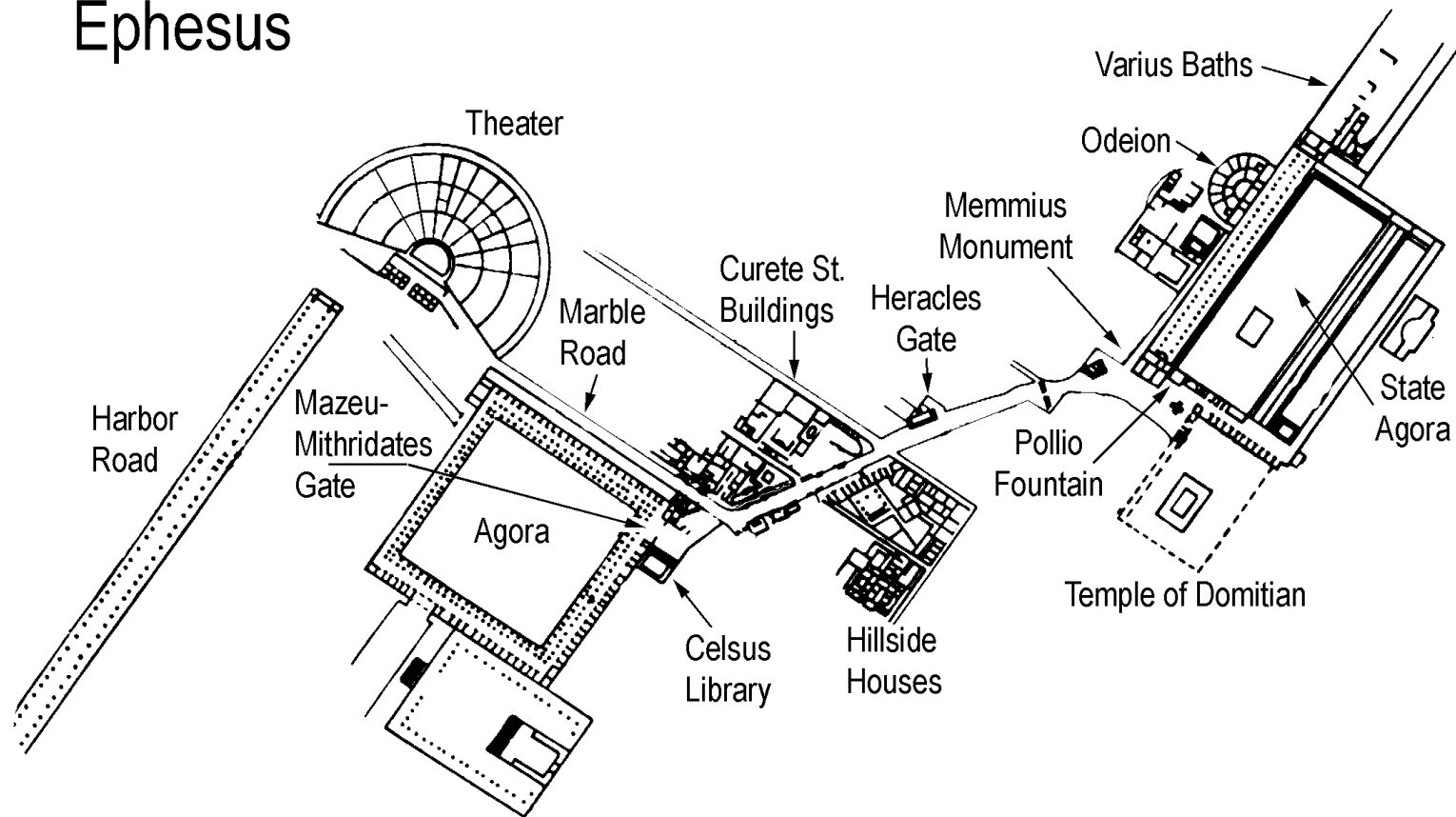
But the word of God grew and multiplied – **Acts 12:24**

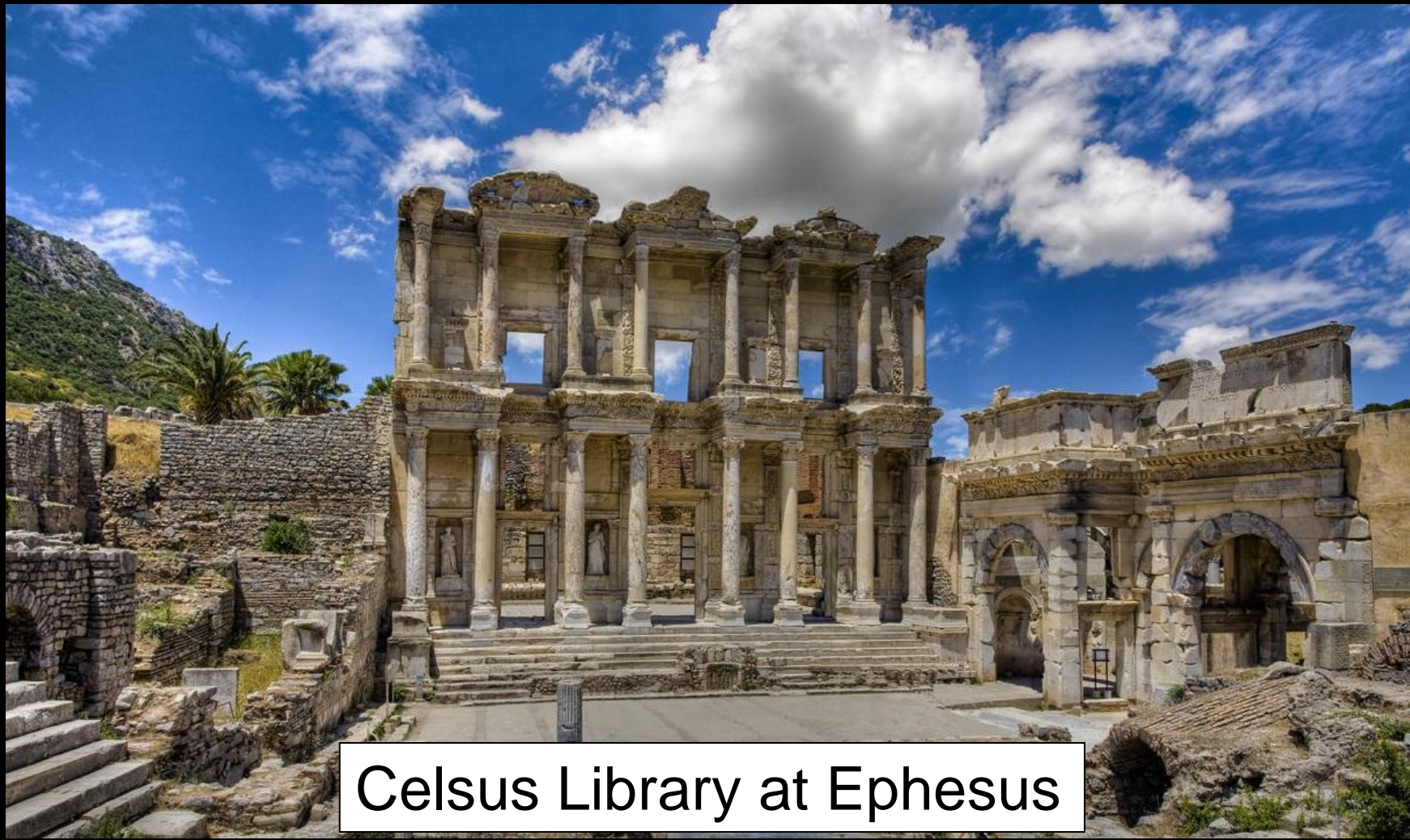
So the churches were strengthened in the faith, and increased in number daily – **Acts 16:5**

So mightily grew the word of the Lord and prevailed – **Acts 19:20**

preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching the things concerning the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness, none forbidding him – **Acts 28:31**

Central Ephesus





Celsus Library at Ephesus



Theater in Ephesus

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Temple of Artemis



Reconstruction of the Temple of Artemis



Statue of Diana

Acts 19

Lessons for Today

1. A good way to do personal evangelism is start with a question about one's religion (19:2; Acts 8:30).
2. Baptism places one "into the name of the Lord Jesus" (19:5; Acts 8:16; 1 Cor. 1:13).
3. Don't be hardened and disobedient to the truth (19:9; Rom. 10:21)?

Acts 19

Lessons for Today

4. Put away for good your old manner of life in this world and don't go back to it (19:19; Lk. 14:33).
5. For some people, the love of money and popularity keep them from accepting the truth of God's word and being saved (19:24-27; 1 Tim. 6:9-10).

Acts 19

Lessons for Today

6. Some people allow themselves to get stirred up into a frenzy and go along with a crowd, but they really don't know why they are there. They are ruled by emotion rather than by reason (19:32; Acts 21:34).