

## Lesson VII.

PAUL'S THIRD MISSIONARY JOURNEY  
—EPHESUS

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Acts 19 : 8-20. Commit to memory vs. 19, 20. Study Acts 18 : 23 to 19 : 22.

GOLDEN TEXT—The name of the Lord Jesus was magnified.—Acts 19 : 17.

8 And he <sup>1</sup> went into the synagogue, and spake boldly for the space of three months, <sup>2</sup> disputing and persuading <sup>3</sup> the things concerning the kingdom of God.

9 But when <sup>4</sup> divers were hardened, and <sup>5</sup> believed not, but spake evil of that way before the multitude, he departed from them, and separated the disciples, <sup>6</sup> disputing daily in the school of <sup>7</sup> one Tyrannus.

10 And this continued <sup>8</sup> by the space of two years ; so that all they which dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord <sup>9</sup> Je'sus, both Jews and Greeks.

11 And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul :

12 <sup>10</sup> So that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out <sup>11</sup> of them.

13 <sup>12</sup> Then certain of the <sup>13</sup> vagabond Jews, exorcists, took upon them to <sup>14</sup> call over them which had <sup>15</sup> evil spirits the name of the Lord Je'sus, saying,

**Revised Version**—<sup>1</sup> entered ; <sup>2</sup> reasoning ; <sup>3</sup> as to ; <sup>4</sup> some were ; <sup>5</sup> disobedient, speaking evil of the Way ; <sup>6</sup> Omit one ; <sup>7</sup> for ; <sup>8</sup> Omit Jesus ; <sup>9</sup> inasmuch that unto the sick were carried away from his body handkerchiefs ; <sup>10</sup> Omit of them ; <sup>11</sup> But certain also ; <sup>12</sup> strolling ; <sup>13</sup> name ; <sup>14</sup> the ; <sup>15</sup> I ; <sup>16</sup> a chief priest ; <sup>17</sup> this ; <sup>18</sup> unto them ; <sup>19</sup> mastered both of them ; <sup>20</sup> became known ; <sup>21</sup> all, both ; <sup>22</sup> that dwelt ; <sup>23</sup> upon ; <sup>24</sup> many also of them ; <sup>25</sup> had ; <sup>26</sup> confessing ; <sup>27</sup> declaring ; <sup>28</sup> And not a few of them that practised ; <sup>29</sup> in the sight of all ; and ; <sup>30</sup> the Lord.

## LESSON PLAN

I. Wonders Wrought, 8-12.

II. Pretenders Exposed, 13-16.

III. Magic Given Up, 17-20.

## DAILY READINGS

(By courtesy of I. B. R. Association)

M.—Third Missionary Journey—Ephesus, Acts 18 : 23 to 19 : 7. T.—Third Missionary Journey—Ephesus, Acts 19 : 8-22. W.—Baptism of repentance, Mk. 1 : 1-8. Th.—Fruits of repentance, Luke 3 : 7-18. F.—Evil spirits acknowledge Jesus, Mk. 1 : 21-28. S.—Growth of the kingdom, Mk. 4 : 26-32. S.—Paul's prayer for the Ephesians, Eph. 3 : 13-21.

**Shorter Catechism**—Ques. 26. *How doth Christ execute the office of a king ?* A. Christ executeth the

<sup>15</sup> We adjure you by Je'sus whom Paul preacheth.

<sup>14</sup> And there were seven sons of one Sce'va, a Jew, and chief of the priests, which did <sup>17</sup> so.

<sup>15</sup> And the evil spirit answered and said, <sup>18</sup> Je'sus I know, and Paul I know ; but who are ye ?

<sup>16</sup> And the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, and <sup>19</sup> overcame them, and prevailed against them so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.

<sup>17</sup> And this <sup>20</sup> was known to <sup>21</sup> all the Jews and Greeks ; <sup>22</sup> also dwelling at Ephesus ; and fear fell <sup>23</sup> on them all, and the name of the Lord Je'sus was magnified.

<sup>18</sup> <sup>24</sup> And many that <sup>25</sup> believed came, <sup>26</sup> and confessed, and <sup>27</sup> showed their deeds.

<sup>19</sup> <sup>28</sup> Many of them also which used curious arts brought their books together, and burned them <sup>29</sup> before all men ; and they counted the price of them, and found it fifty thousand *pieces* of silver.

<sup>20</sup> So mightily grew the word of <sup>30</sup> God and prevailed.

office of a king, in subduing us to himself, in ruling, and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all his and our enemies.

**The Question on Missions**—7. What subjects are taught in our Schools ? The Government curriculum embraces all elementary subjects, sewing for girls, agriculture, and nature study, all of which are taught in English. Hindi is taught in all our Schools, and special emphasis is placed on Bible teaching.

**Lesson Hymns**—Book of Praise, 240 (Supplemental Lesson) ; 134 ; 148 ; 71 (Ps. Sel.) ; 221 (from PRIMARY QUARTERLY) ; 152.

**Special Scripture Reading**—Mark 1 : 21-34. (To be read responsively or in concert by the whole School.)

**Lantern Slides**—For Lesson, B. 153, Burning the Books at Ephesus. For Question on Missions, Tr. 7, Mrs. Morton's Home for Girls, Tunapuna.

## EXPOSITION

**Time and Place**—A.D. 52-55 ; at Ephesus.

**Connecting Links**—The Lesson follows immediately on that of a fortnight ago. After Paul had stayed a while at Antioch, he begins his Third Missionary Journey in A.D. 52, and comes to Ephesus. Meanwhile, Apollos, an Alexandrian Jew, coming to Ephesus, after receiving instruction from Aquila and Priscilla, becomes an eloquent preacher of the gospel, first in that city and afterwards in Corinth. Paul, immediately after his arrival at Ephesus, began his work by instructing and baptizing twelve disciples of John the Baptist, chs. 18 : 23 to 19 : 7.

## I. Wonders Wrought, 8-12.

V. 8. *Went into the synagogue* ; at the Sabbath day meetings of the Jews for worship. In doing this, Paul followed his unvarying custom of offering the gospel first to the Jews

(see chs. 13 : 5, 14 ; 14 : 1 ; 17 : 1, 10, 17 ; 18 : 4). During the week he would work at tent-making, ch. 20 : 34 (compare ch. 18 : 3). *Spake boldly*. There was need of courage in bringing home to the Jews their nation's crowning sin of rejecting and crucifying Jesus, and in putting forward His claims to be the Messiah. *Three months*. The long period during which Paul was allowed to use the synagogue, suggests that the Jews here were more open-minded than in other places visited by him. *Reasoning* (Rev. Ver.) ; with "logic on fire", as we may well imagine, supporting the new faith by proof after proof. *Persuading* ; appealing to every motive in order to induce his hearers to accept the gospel offer. *Things concerning the kingdom of God* ; the kingdom which the Jews expected the Messiah to establish, and which Paul