

“Evil Spirits Are Vanquished Only In The Name Of Jesus Christ!”

Acts 19:11-20

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“What Is Meant By ‘Unusual Miracles’ Performed By Paul?”

A1

Like Jesus’ Cloak

Now when Jesus had crossed over again by boat to the other side, a great multitude gathered to Him; and He was by the sea. And behold, one of the rulers of the synagogue came, Jairus by name. And when he saw Him, he fell at His feet and begged Him earnestly, saying, *“My little daughter lies at the point of death come and lay Your hands on her, that she may be healed, and she will live.”* So, Jesus went with him, and a great multitude followed Him and thronged Him. Now a certain woman had a flow of blood for twelve years, and had suffered many things from many physicians. She had spent all that she had and was no better, but rather grew worse. When she heard about Jesus, **she came behind Him in the crowd and touched His garment**. For she said, *“If only I may touch His clothes, I shall be made well.”* Immediately the fountain of her blood was dried up, and she felt in *her* body that she was healed of the affliction. **And Jesus, immediately knowing in Himself that power had gone out of Him, turned around in the crowd and said, “Who touched My clothes?”** But His disciples said to Him, *“You see the multitude thronging You, and You say, ‘Who touched Me?’”* And He looked around to see her who had done this thing. But the woman, fearing and trembling, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell down before Him and told Him the whole truth. And He said to her, *“Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace, and be healed of your affliction.”* **Mark 5:21-34**

When they had crossed over, they came to the land of Gennesaret and anchored there. And when they came out of the boat, **immediately the people recognized Him, ran through that whole surrounding region, and began to carry about on beds those who were sick to wherever they heard He was**. Wherever He entered, into villages, cities, or the country, **they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged Him that they might just touch the hem of His garment**. **And as many as touched Him were made well**. **Mark 6:53-56**

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A2

Like Peter's Shadow

And through the Hands of the Apostles Many Signs and Wonders were done among the people. And they were all with one accord in Solomon's Porch. Yet none of the rest dared join them, but the people esteemed them highly. And believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, so that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid them on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them. Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all healed. Acts 5:12-16

A3

Like Paul's Garments

Now **God Worked 'Unusual Miracles'** by the **Hands of Paul**, so that even **handkerchiefs** or **aprons** (from Paul's Tentmaking Business) were brought from **His Body** to the **Sick**, and the **Diseases Left Them**, and the **Evil Spirits Went Out of Them**. Acts 19:11-12

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"What Is The Difference When These Jewish Holy Men Invoke The Name Of Jesus To Heal & Set Others Free From The Grip Of The Demons?"

Then some of the **Itinerant Jewish Exorcists** took it upon **Themselves** to Call the Name of the Lord Jesus over **Those Who had Evil Spirits**, ¹ saying, "We exorcise you by the Jesus Whom Paul Preaches." Also, there were **Seven Sons of Sceva**, a **Jewish Chief Priest**, Who did so. And the **Evil Spirit** answered and said, "**Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are You?**"

Acts 19:13-15

A1

No True Faith In Jesus As The Christ / Messiah
Or As The Lord God Himself – Therefore, No True Power!

A2

Misuse Of The Name – Used For Income, Influence, Position, & Power!

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"What Is The Outcome Of Their Feeble Attempts To Save Someone In Any Other Name Or For Any Impure Intention?"

A1

Called Out By Evil Spiritual Powers For Whom They Really Are!
And the **Evil Spirit** answered and said, "**Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are You?**"

Acts 19:15

A2

3# Immediate Spiritual Deficiencies Exposed!

Then the **Man in Whom the Evil Spirit** was Leaped on Them, ^{1a}
Overpowered Them, ^{1b} and Prevailed Against Them, ^{1c}

Acts 19:16a

3# Spiritual Deficiencies

- 1a) No Spiritual Discernment** – No Alertness
- 1b) No Spiritual Strength** – No Power For Living
- 1c) No Spiritual Protection** – No Fight Against Evil

A3

3# Immediate Negative Spiritual Effects

They Are Left Both Physically & Spiritually Fleeing, Exposed, & Wounded!
... so that **They Fled Out** ^{1a} of that House **Naked** ^{1b} and **Wounded**. ^{1c} ... Acts 19:16b

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CQ1?

*“Where Do People Find Themselves Without Faith
In Jesus Christ & The Presence Of The Holy Spirit Living Within?”*

CA1

**They Stand Before The Forces Of Hell & Those People Who Serve Evil
Utterly Broken, Defenseless, & Destroyed – Physically, Mentally, & Spiritually!**

CQ2?

*“What Effect Did This Have On All Who Lived
In The Great City of Ephesus & The Surrounding Area?”*

... This became known both to all **Jews** and **Greeks** dwelling in **Ephesus**;
and **Fear Fell on Them All,** ² and the **Name of the Lord Jesus was Magnified** ²... **Acts 19:17**

CA1

A Great Awe / Fear Of God

Of God’s Power & Coming Judgement Fell On Everyone

CA2

A Great Reverence / Magnification

Of The Name Of Jesus The Christ Arose On High

CQ3?

“What Is The Effect On The True Believers / Disciples Of The Lord Jesus Christ?”

And **Many Who Had Believed Came Confessing and Telling Their Deeds.** ^{2a} Also, **Many of Those
Who Had Practiced Magic Brought their Books (Scrolls & Tomes) together and Burned Them** ^{2b}
in the Sight of All. And They **counted up the value of them,** and it **totaled fifty thousand pieces
of silver.** So, the **Word of the Lord Grew Mightily and Prevailed.** ^{2c} **Acts 19:18-20**

CA3

3# Immediate Positive Spiritual Effects

- 2a) A Convicting Boldness To Confess, Testify, & Witness
To God’s Work & Presence In Their Lives,
Not Counting The Cost To Their Livelihood Or Life, Itself**
- 2b) Victory Over Evil / Destruction Of Evil Strongholds
Not Counting The Cost Financially In This Life,
But Counting The Cost Spiritually In Eternal Life**
- 2c) An Earnest Fervor For The Preaching & Teaching
Of The Gospel Of Good News,
Not Counting The Cost To Themselves, But Giving All,
For The Broken, Destroyed, & Lost People All Around Them**

NOTICE

3# Direct Blessings Fall On The Church / Family Of God

- 1) New Found Boldness & Strength**
- 2) Victory Over Evil Forces & Influence**
- 3) New Found Fervor & Growth**

*“Let Us Be Found Faithful, Bold, On Fire,
Full Of Fervor, Awe, Power,
Living Sold Out For Jesus Christ,
For The Sake Of His Kingdom, His Name,
& Glorious Salvation For All Around Us:
Who Are Broken, Destroyed, & Lost!”*

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APPENDIX ON EPHEBUS

Ephesus (circa 900 BC)

Center of Asia Minor:

Commerce (Harbor)

Justice

Administration

Home of Six Major Temples

The Sanctuary / Temple of Diana / Artemis - 1 # of 7 # Wonders of the Ancient World

100,000 Square Feet

Old Ionian City (900-555 BC) - Captured by the Greeks in 555 BC

Greek City (555-290 BC)

Captured by Persians – Revolt of the Peloponnesian Wars

Liberated by Alexander the Great from Persians in 334 BC

Hellenistic and Roman City (290 BC-400 AD)

Christian City (50 AD-1000 AD)

Population 225,000 during the Life of John the Apostle, Pastor, & Revelator

1st Century AD City

New Testament References: Acts 18:19-28, 19:1-7, 20:16-38, 1st Corinthians 15:32, 16:8, 1st Timothy 1:3, & 2nd Timothy 1:18, 4:12

Christian Groups & Sects Throughout 1st Century AD

Gentile Christians - Established By Paul

Congregation of Jewish Christians - Pastor Apostle John

Jewish-Christian School Erected in the School of Tyrannus

Heretical Sects: 1) Nicolaitans, 2) Magicians, & 3) Center of the Persecution of Christians

John the Apostle Dies in Ephesus During Reign of Emperor Trajan (98-117 A.D.)

Timothy, Paul's Adopted Son & Apprentice was 1st Bishop of Ephesus (1st Timothy 1:3, & Titus 1:5)

Onesimus (Former Slave of Philemon) was the 2nd Bishop of Ephesus (Extra Biblical Source)

Temple of Artemis – Diana - *“Queen of Heaven, Queen of Earth, Queen of All!”*

1 of the 7 Ancient Wonders of the World

Church of Mary Built 400 AD - *“Queen of Heaven, Mother of God, Mother of All!”*

Turkish Muslim City around 1000 AD - Later Destroyed & Abandoned During The Crusades

APPENDIX II ON EVIL MAGIC

* The Power in These Magical Items, Foci, & Especially Spells Found In Scrolls & Tomes Is In Their Secretive & Special Gnostic Evil Knowledge & Hidden Demonic Powers.

Thus, Willing Destroying These Magic Items, Scrolls, & Tomes In Fire Represents:

1) A Loss Of Evil Spiritual Power In The World Over Individual Minds, Hearts, & Souls.

2) A Loss In Influential Power & Standing In The Secular Community.

3) A Loss Of Financial Value & Accumulated Wealth – 50,000 Silver Drachmas.

a) 1 Drachmae Today In Buying Power Would Be About \$70.00 - \$75.00 US Dollars

i) **Total Value Today:** \$3,500,000 - \$3,750,000 US Dollars

* William Shakespeare Writes of Ephesus as *“A Center Of Evil & Magic”*

In His, **“Comedy Of Error”** Play: Act I - Scene 2

Through the Dialogue of the Man of Syracuse ‘*Antipholus*’,

*“They say this town is full of cozenage, As, nimble jugglers that deceive the eye,
Dark-working sorcerers that change the mind, Soul-killing witches that deform the body,
Disguised cheaters, prating mountebanks, And many such-like liberties of sin!”*

APPENDIX II ON EVIL MAGIC (Continued)

* The Paris *Bibliothèque Nationale Museum* also houses some of the finest examples of Ancient Magical Scrolls & Tomes of the 1st Century A.D.

One Such Scroll begins, *"I adjure you by Jesus, the God of the Hebrews" ...*

* The **Princeton Theological Seminary Collection**

Also houses Rare Magical Scrolls, Tomes, Foci, & Items

Including Papyrus Scrolls & An Amulet entitled, *"St. Paul Against The Magicians of Ephesus"*

See Book: *"Papyri in the Princeton University Collection Volume III"*, pgs. 77-79.

See Bulletin: *Princeton Seminary Bulletin* 38 (1944) pgs. 27-30.

See Online: Princeton University & Museum Collections – Need Call Numbers For Online Search.