

## **“God’s Spirit Speaks Through A Pagan Official To Hush An Evil Plot Against The Faith!”**

**Acts 19:28-41**

... Now when **They** (People of Ephesus, Temple Priests of Diana, & **Silversmith Craftsmen of Idols**) heard this, **They** were full of wrath and cried out, saying, **“Great is Diana of the Ephesians!”** So, the **Whole City** (of Ephesus) was filled with confusion, and rushed into the theater with one accord, having seized **Gaius** and **Aristarchus**, **Macedonians**, **Paul’s Travel Companions**. And when **Paul** wanted to go into the **People**, the **Disciples** (Church of Ephesus) would not allow **Him**. Then some of the **Officials of Asia**, Who were **His** (Paul’s) **Friends**, Sent to **Him** pleading that **He** would not venture into the theater. Some therefore cried one thing and some another, for the **Assembly** was confused, and most of them did not know why they had come together. And they drew **Alexander** out of the multitude, the **Jews** putting **Him** forward. And **Alexander** motioned with his hand, and wanted to make **His Defense** to the **People**. But when they found out that **He** was a **Jew**, **All** with one voice cried out for about two hours, **“Great is Diana of the Ephesians!”** And when the **City Clerk** had quieted the crowd, **He** said: **“Men of Ephesus, What Man** is there who does not know that the **City of the Ephesians** is **Temple Guardian** of the **Great Goddess Diana**, and of the **Image which fell down from Zeus? Therefore, since these things cannot be denied, you ought to be quiet and do nothing rashly. For you have brought these men here who are neither robbers of temples nor blasphemers of Your Goddess. Therefore, if Demetrius and His Fellow Craftsmen** have a case against anyone, the **Courts** are open and there are **Proconsuls**. Let **Them** bring charges against one another. But if **You** have any other inquiry to make, it shall be determined in the **Lawful Assembly**. For **We** are in danger of being called in question for today’s uproar, there being no reason which **We** may give to account for this disorderly gathering.” And when **He** (**City Clerk**) had said these things, **He** dismissed the **Assembly**. **Acts 19:28-41 (NKJV)**

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**“In The Past, Has God Ever Spoken Through Those Who  
Do Not Worship Him As God, Against Their Knowledge Or Will?”**

**A – Yes!**

**A1 – Balaam (Numbers Chapters 22-25)**

Balaam Is One Of The Old Testament Foreign Prophets Who Prophecies By God’s Spirit;  
& Who Knows of Israel’s One God, But Who Does Not Have Faith Or Worships Him As God!

**A2 – Pilate’s Wife (Matthew 27:19)**

Pilate’s Wife Is One Of The New Testament Pagans Who Do Not Known Or Worship God;  
But Was Given A Divine Dream / Vision By God’s Spirit About Who Jesus Christ Truly Was!

**Q**

**“In The Past, Has God Ever Spoken Through Those Who Supposedly  
Worship Him As God, But Without Their Knowledge Or Will?”**

**A – Yes!**

**A1 – Caiaphas, The High Priest (John 11:49-53 & John 18:14)**

Caiaphas Is A New Testament Supposed Believer & Worshipper Of God,  
Who Is The Chief High Priest Of God’s People,  
Who Ends Up Propheying By God’s Spirit - But Unknowingly & Unwillingly!

**A2 – King Herod Agrippa II (Acts 26:32)**

**King Herod Agrippa II** Is A New Testament Supposed Believer & Worshipper Of God,  
Who Is The Appointed Earthly King Over God’s People,  
Who Ends Up Judging & Declaring By God’s Spirit - But Unknowingly!

Let's Now Revisit The Chaotic Commotion Confronting Paul & The Fellow Believers In Ephesus! Now when **They** (People of Ephesus, Temple Priests of Diana, & **Silversmith Craftsmen of Idols**) heard this, **They** were full of wrath and cried out, saying, "**Great is Diana of the Ephesians!**" So, the **Whole City** (of **Ephesus**) was filled with confusion, and rushed into the theater with one accord, having seized **Gaius** and **Aristarchus**, **Macedonians**, **Paul's Travel Companions**. Acts 19:28-29

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*"What Is Our Context In This Current Story Concerning God's Spirit, Working Through Fellow Believers To Plead Or Speak Through Them, For God's Kingdom, His Will, & For His People's Protection?"*

... And when **Paul** wanted to go into the **People**, the **Disciples** (**Church of Ephesus**) would not allow **Him** ... Acts 19:30

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*"What Is Our Context In This Current Story Concerning God's Spirit, Working Through Unbelievers To Plead Or Speak Through Them, For God's Kingdom, His Will, & For His People's Protection?"*

**A – Pleading For Patience & Lawful Action**

... Then some of the **Officials of Asia**, Who were **His** (**Paul's**) **Friends**, Sent to **Him** pleading that **He** would not venture into the theater ... Acts 19:31

**Let's Dive Deeper Into The Chaotic Commotion Confronting Paul & The Fellow Believers**

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*"What Do The People Of Ephesus Do Next In The Chaotic Commotion?"*

A

They Reject Any Response Or Understanding From The Jewish People Or Their Faith!

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**NOTICE**

**Now Another Unbeliever In The One & Only True God,**

**Speaks Up & Makes An Official Decision Unknowingly – Under The Direction Of God's Spirit, & Ends Up Defending God's People, & Furthering God's Kingdom & Will On Earth!**

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Acts 35-41

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**REMEMBER & BE ENCOURAGED**

God The Father's Will Shall Come To Pass,  
In The Lives Of Those Who Do Not Know Or Worship Him:  
For The Furtherance Of His Kingdom, His Will, & His People's Benefit!

**REMEMBER**

God The Father's Will May Only Come To Pass  
In The Lives Of Those Who Know & Worship Him,  
If They Are Surrendered & Obedient  
To His Only Son, Jesus Christ Our Lord,  
& His Holy Spirit's Words & Direction Alone!

**REMEMBER & BE ENCOURAGED**

God Has You, God Has Me, God Has His People, The Church Right Where He Wants Us!  
God Has A Plan For You, God Has A Plan For Me, & God Has A Plan For His Church!  
God Will Protect Each Of Us By His Spirit & Angels,  
Until It Is Our Time To Pass From This Life!

*“Let Us His True Followers, Rededicate Our Lives To Him,  
To His Mission, To His Kingdom, & To His Will,  
Today, Tomorrow, & Forevermore! Amen!”*