

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Creation in Christ:

Ephesians 2:10-11 → Before Ordained

### 2:11 Past Gentiles in the Flesh

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### Structural Historical Approach to Studying the Church at Ephesus

Acts 18: After the Volatile Struggle at Corinth

18:17-19 Aquila and Priscilla; Paul in synagogue departed for Antioch (feast Jerusalem) **\*\* Arrives at Ephesus Acts 18:19 \*\***

20-21 **Return again if God Will**

18:24 **Apollos → mighty in the scripture → Law, Prophets, Psalms**

25-26 **Taught more Perfectly → Went to Achaia/Greece**

19:1 **Paul came through the upper coast/Ephesus**

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History of the Mission Journeys to Ephesus:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Instance: Acts 18:19 → End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Missionary Journey
  - 18:1-18 Paul's volatile ministry @ Corinth
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    - Paul leaves Corinth sailing to/towards Syria (Antioch)
      - Took Priscilla and Aquila with him
      - Saved his head and took a vow @ Cenchrea
  - 18:19 Paul comes to Ephesus [on his way to Palestine/Antioch, Syria
    - **Leaves Aquila and Priscilla in Ephesus**
    - Paul enters synagogue at Ephesus and reasons with the Jews
      - No written/documented/Holy Spirit revealed conversions in synagogue @ Ephesus
  - 18:20-21 Asked by synagogue worshipers to stay longer:
    - Paul refuses and sails away from Ephesus
      - End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Missionary Journey

- 18:22 Arrives in Palestine via sailing @ Caesarea by the Sea
  - Salutes the church at Ceasarea and travels to Antioch in Syria
    - End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Missionary Journey
- 18:23 Begins 3<sup>rd</sup> Missionary Journey
  - Departs Antioch, Syria
  - Goes through regions of Galatia Phrygia
- 18:24-28 Apollos came to Ephesus
  - Born @ Alexandria; mighty and eloquent in the scriptures (Law, Prophets, Psalms)
  - Spoke boldly to Jews in the synagogue @ Ephesus
  - Knowing and preaching teaching only “The Baptism of John”
  - Aquila and Priscilla took him aside and taught him the gospel message more completely/perfect
  - Apollos convinced Ephesus synagogue worshipers/Jews that Jesus was Christ/Messiah/Anointed One (that was prophesied in scripture)
- 19:1-6 Paul arrives in upper coasts of Ephesus: 3<sup>rd</sup> Missionary Journey
  - Found Baptism of John disciples who were unaware of Jesus’ ministry
  - Paul 1) taught them 2) baptized them 3) then laid hands on them and they received the miraculous measure of the Holy Ghost
- The Uproar @ Ephesus: Gentile Context Acts 19:8-41
  - 19:8-12
    - Jewish Synagogue Rejection
    - 2 Years teaching in the school of Tyrannus
      - All in Asia Minor (Jews and Greeks) heard the word
  - 19:13-17 Jewish opposition
    - Vagabond Jews/7 sons of Sceva
  - 19:18-41
    - Effectual teaching in Ephesus
    - Demetrius the silversmith
    - The Ephesian goddess Diana