

# The Acts of the Apostles

The Growth and Expansion of the Church to the Ends of the Earth

## Acts 13:1-28:31 (30)

Paul's Third Missionary Journey (18:23-21:16) (1)

### IV. The Growth and Expansion of the Church to the Ends of the Earth (13:1-28:31)

A. Paul and Barnabas' First Missionary Journey (13:1-14:28)

B. The Jerusalem Council: Gentile Salvation (15:1-35)

C. Paul's Second Missionary Journey (15:36-18:22)

D. Paul's Third Missionary Journey (18:23-21:16)

Ephesus

capital of Asia Minor

both a free city and an assize city

rich economic background

location of the Pan-Ionian Games

the temple of Artemis (one of the seven wonders of the world)

1. The Commencement of the Journey (18:23)

a. The Team (18:23a-b<sub>2</sub>)

b. The Route (18:23b<sub>3-11</sub>)

c. The Purpose (18:23c)

● strengthening to make firm

2. Parenthesis: Apollos in Ephesus (18:24-28)

a. The Man (18:24)

1) His Identity (18:24a<sub>1-10, 14-16</sub>)

2) His Giftedness (18:24a<sub>11-13</sub>, b)

● eloquent skilled in speech or skilled in  
knowledge (educated)

● mighty powerful or strong

b. His Ministry (18:25-26a)

1) Its Foundation (18:25a)

● instructed heard or taught

2) Its Dynamic (18:25b)

3) Its Extent (18:25c)

4) Its Place (18:26a)

c. His Limitations (18:26b-c)

1) Exposed (18:26b)

2) Corrected (18:26c)

● more accurately strict conformity to a norm or  
standard

d. His Plans (18:27-28)

1) Identified (18:27a)

- 2) Supported (18:27b-c)
- 3) Implemented (18:27d-28)
  - powerfully to a great extent
  - refuted to thoroughly disarm