

# Round the World in 80 days

*Studies in Acts 17-20*

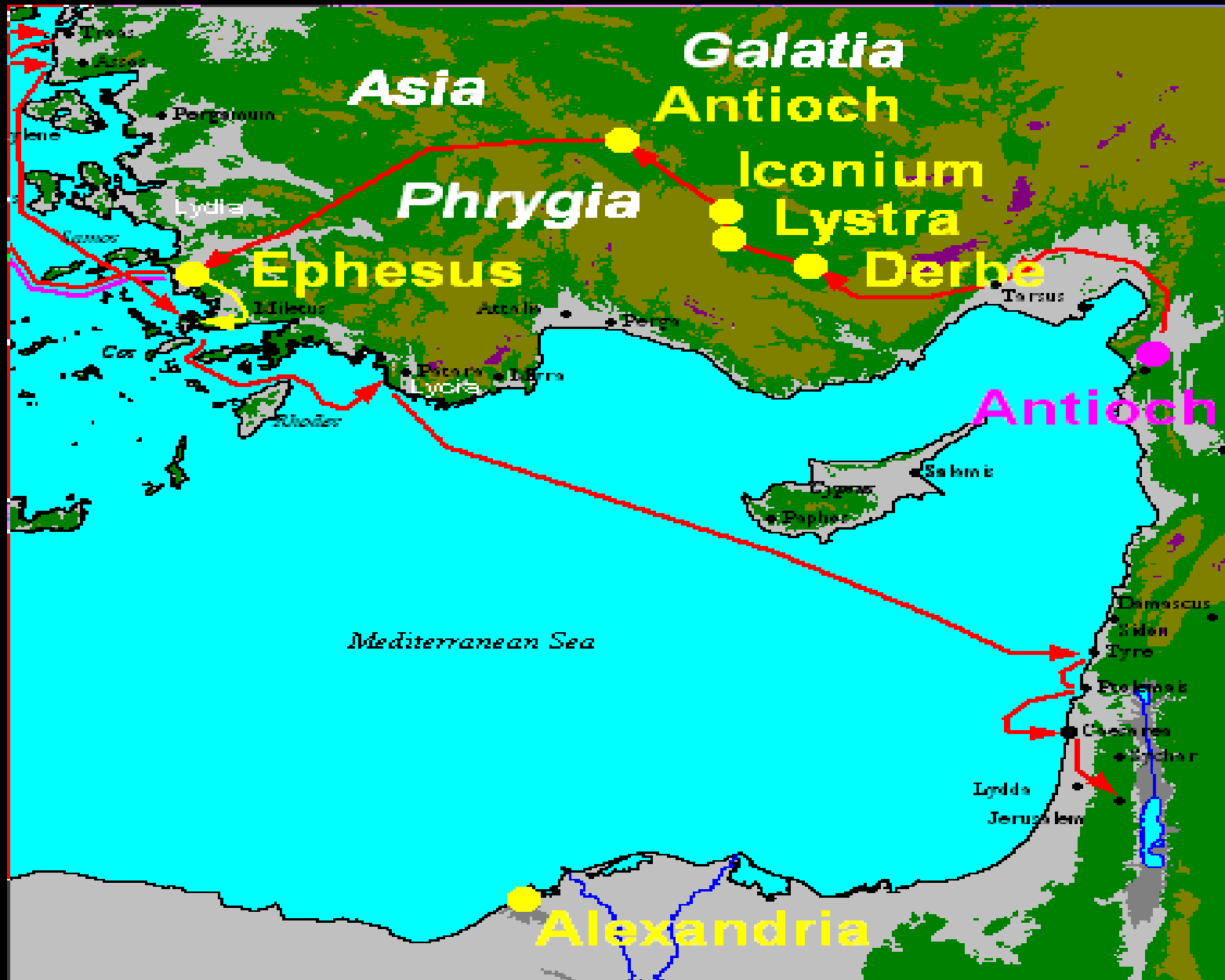
*Ephesus:*

*Honouring the name of Jesus*

*Acts 19.1-22*



Paul's second missionary journey



**Paul's Third Missionary Journey**



**The Library of Celsus at Ephesus**



**The Amphitheatre at Ephesus**

## **1. An Anomalous Situation, vs1-7**

- ***disciples without God's Spirit? vs1-4***  
***John's baptism was only for repentance***
  - ***he predicted that Jesus would plunge us into the life of God's Spirit Mat 3.11***
- ***God's Holy Spirit – a vital part of the package for all who believe Acts 2.38-39***
  - forgiveness for past failings***
  - a power for the present Acts 1.8***
  - a guarantee for the future Eph 1.13-14***
  - our two problems: sinfulness, weakness***
  - we need a new nature Ezek 36.25-27***
  - as well as being pardoned***
  - God's Spirit is essential John 3.3,6; Rom 8.9***

## 1. An Anomalous Situation, vs1-7

- *their deficient experience stemmed from their lack of knowledge*  
*they needed to be taught well*  
*what matters is what we believe,*  
*not just how we feel*  
*Christian discipleship cannot be built on our feelings*  
*we need a proper foundation of understanding*

## **1. An Anomalous Situation, vs1-7**

- *repentance, faith, water baptism and the gift of God's Spirit belong together*

*Christian baptism is about us belonging to Jesus Mat 28.18-20*

*- it's for everyone whom God calls 2.38-39*

*laying on of hands, tongues, prophecy*

*- markers for each new category of disciple 2.2-4; 8.17; 10.44-48*

*we receive the Spirit through believing, not baptism Gal 3.2; Eph 1.13*

*baptism is a sign of our commitment*

*So, what are you waiting for? 22.16*

## 2. A Familiar Pattern, vs8-10

- *synagogue preaching v8*
- *powerful persuading, v8*
- *strong opposition, v9; John 14.6*
- *determined perseverance, v9*
- *expansive mission, v10; Col 1.7*

### 3. Some Unusual Responses, vs11-22

- **extraordinary miracles vs11-12**  
*exceptional, not the norm*  
*God is the miracle worker v11*  
*he chooses the means v12; Mk 5.25-34*  
*stronger than any superstitions*
- **a public bonfire, vs13-19**  
*imitation: the highest form of flattery v13-16*  
*having nothing to do with Satan's works*  
*- destroy everything to do with him*
- **dynamic expansion of the Gospel v20**  
*when people get real with God!*