

Introduction:

Today we're going to begin looking at *Paul's Third Missionary Journey*.

Things we will look at in this lesson:

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01. Whose temple was one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World?

02. What was established in Ephesus?

03. What were Paul and the early church aware of?

04. What was the Holy Spirit's purpose for Paul in Ephesus?

05. What was Ephesus now the center of?

06. What must happen in order for the church at Ephesus to grow?

07. What vital lesson do we learn from Paul?

08. Where did Paul's money come from?

09. What did the seven sons of Sceva experience when they used Jesus' name as an incantation?

10. What two groups of people did the incident involving the seven sons of Sceva affect?

11. What was the purpose of Paul's thorn in the flesh?

12. Regarding Paul's thorn in the flesh, what did he pray?

13. What two threats would the Ephesian elders face?

Article 1)

Savage Wolves Will Come In (Acts 20:29):

Influenced by selfish ambition, pride, money, power or popularity, some people who are in leadership roles will attempt to build their own kingdoms by taking advantage of people in the church (e.g., 1Ti 1:6–7; 2Ti 1:15; 4:3–4; 3Jn 1:9). These pretenders will “twist” the original message of Christ as found in the New Testament.

- (1) By trying to discredit or ignore some of its basic truths.
- (2) By adding to it humanistic ideas and philosophies.
- (3) By mixing its teachings and practices with ideas from other ungodly religions and religious practices.
- (4) By tolerating immoral lifestyles contrary to the standards set in God's Word (see 1Ti 4:1; Rev 2–3).

14. Where can the effectiveness of Paul's battle for Ephesus be seen?
