

What Revival Looks Like
How Revival Acts
Acts 19:23--20:1



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25 Whom he called together with the workmen of like occupation, and said, Sirs, ye know that by this craft we have our wealth.

26 Moreover ye see and hear, that not alone at Ephesus, but almost throughout all Asia, this Paul hath persuaded and turned away much people, saying that they be no gods, which are made with hands:

27 So that not only this our craft is in danger to be set at nought; but also that the temple of the great goddess Diana should be despised, and her magnificence should be destroyed, whom all Asia and the world worshippeth.

28 And when they heard *these sayings*, they were full of wrath, and cried out, saying, Great *is* Diana of the Ephesians.

29 And the whole city was filled with confusion: and having caught Gaius and Aristarchus, men of Macedonia, Paul's companions in travel, they rushed with one accord into the theatre.

30 And when Paul would have entered in unto the people, the disciples suffered him not.

31 And certain of the chief of Asia, which were his friends, sent unto him, desiring *him* that he would not adventure himself into the theatre.

32 Some therefore cried one thing, and some another: for the assembly was confused; and the more part knew not wherefore they were come together.

33 And they drew Alexander out of the multitude, the Jews putting him forward. And Alexander beckoned with the hand, and would have made his defence unto the people.

34 But when they knew that he was a Jew, all with one voice about the space of two hours cried out, Great *is* Diana of the Ephesians.

35 And when the townclerk had appeased the people, he said, Ye men of Ephesus, what man is there that knoweth not how that the city of the Ephesians is a worshipper of the great goddess Diana, and of the *image* which fell down from Jupiter?

36 Seeing then that these things cannot be spoken against, ye ought to be quiet, and to do nothing rashly.

37 For ye have brought hither these men, which are neither robbers of churches, nor yet blasphemers of your goddess.

38 Wherefore if Demetrius, and the craftsmen which are with him, have a matter against any man, the law is open, and there are deputies: let them implead one another.

39 But if ye enquire any thing concerning other matters, it shall be determined in a lawful assembly.

40 For we are in danger to be called in question for this day's uproar, there being no cause whereby we may give an account of this concourse.

41 And when he had thus spoken, he dismissed the assembly.

20:1 And after the uproar was ceased, Paul called unto *him* the disciples, and embraced *them*, and departed for to go into Macedonia.

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(a) The Consternation of the Craftsmen, 19:23-27

i. Their Wealth Threatened, 19:23-25

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Acts 20:4 And there accompanied him into Asia Sopater of Berea; and of the Thessalonians, Aristarchus and Secundus; and Gaius of Derbe, and Timotheus; and of Asia, Tychicus and Trophimus.

Original Word: Ἀσιάρχης

Transliteration: Asiarchés

Definition: an Asiarch, an official of Asian cities

Usage: an Asiarch, an official connected with the worship of Rome and the Emperor in the Roman province Asia.

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- The Stupidity of Paul's Foes, 19:32-34
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Acts 19:32 Some therefore cried one thing, and some another: for the assembly was confused; and **the more part knew not wherefore they were come together.**

- Their Mechanical Chant, 19:33-34

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34 But when they knew that **he was a Jew, all with one voice about the space of two hours** cried out, *Great is Diana of the Ephesians.*

1 Tim. 1:18 This charge I commit unto thee, son Timothy, according to the prophecies which went before on thee, that thou by them mightest war a good warfare;

19 Holding faith, and a good conscience; which **some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck:**

20 Of whom is Hymenaeus and **Alexander**; whom I have delivered unto Satan, that they may learn not to blaspheme.

2 Tim. 4:14 **Alexander the coppersmith** did me much evil: the Lord reward him according to his works:

(2) The Collapse of the Riot, 19:35-41

(a) A Word of Wisdom, 19:35-39

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i. The Town Clerk Praised
Diana, 19:35-36

Acts 19:35 And when the townclerk had appeased the people, he said, *Ye* men of Ephesus, what man is there that knoweth not how that the city of the Ephesians is a worshipper of the great goddess Diana, and of the *image* which fell down from Jupiter?
36 Seeing then that these things cannot be spoken against, ye ought to be quiet, and to do nothing rashly.

He made four points in his address to the assembly during the next several verses:

- First, there was no danger whatsoever that people would conclude Diana was a goddess made with hands;
 - Everyone assumed to know that the image of her in her famous temple had fallen from heaven – “...the image fell down from Jupiter...”
 - Think logically – “Seeing then that these things cannot be spoken against...”
 - Simmer down – “...ye ought to be quiet, and to do nothing rashly.”

ii. The Town Clerk Pinpointed
Demetrius, 19:37-39

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- Second, Gaius and Aristarchus had done nothing worthy of punishment.
- Third, "if Demetrius" and his fellow silversmiths ("craftsmen") had "a complaint" against the Christians, they should handle it in the legally authorized way, and take their adversaries to court.

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verb (used with object), **im·plead·ed, im·plead·ing.**

to sue in a court of law.

to bring (a new party) into an action because he or she is or may be liable to the impleading party for all or part of the claim against that party.

to accuse; impeach.

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Dan. 8:25 And through his policy also **he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand**; and he shall magnify *himself* in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many: he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand.

Rev. 18:22 And the voice of harpers, and musicians, and of pipers, and trumpeters, shall be heard no more at all in thee; **and no craftsman, of whatsoever craft *he be*, shall be found any more in thee**; and the sound of a millstone shall be heard no more at all in thee;

(b) A Word of Warning, 19:40-41

Acts 19:40 For we are in danger to be called in question for this day's uproar, there being no cause whereby we may give an account of this concourse.

41 And when he had thus spoken, he dismissed the assembly.

20:1 And after the uproar was ceased, Paul called unto *him* the disciples, and embraced *them*, and departed for to go into Macedonia.

- Fourth, the mayor reminded the citizens that, if the provincial authorities concluded that there was no good reason for their rioting, they could impose penalties on the city.

(3) The Consequences of the Riot, 20:1

Acts 20:1 And after the uproar was ceased, Paul called unto *him* the disciples, and embraced *them*, and departed for to go into Macedonia.



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2 Cor. 2:12 Furthermore, when I came to Troas to *preach* Christ's gospel, and a door was opened unto me of the Lord,
13 I had no rest in my spirit, because I found not Titus my brother: but taking my leave of them, I went from thence into Macedonia.

2 Cor. 7:5 For, when we were come into Macedonia, our flesh had no rest, but we were troubled on every side; without *were* fightings, within *were* fears.

6 Nevertheless God, that comforteth those that are cast down, comforted us by the coming of Titus; ...

13 Therefore we were comforted in your comfort: yea, and exceedingly the more joyed we for the joy of Titus, because his spirit was refreshed by you all.

14 For if I have boasted any thing to him of you, I am not ashamed; but as we spake all things to you in truth, even so our boasting, which *I made* before Titus, is found a truth.

2 Cor. 8:6 Insomuch that we desired Titus, that as he had begun, so he would also finish in you the same grace also. ...

16 But thanks *be* to God, which put the same earnest care into the heart of Titus for you. .

23 Whether *any do enquire* of Titus, *he is* my partner and fellowhelper concerning you: or our brethren *be enquired of*, *they are* the messengers of the churches, *and* the glory of Christ.



Conclusion

Rom. 8:28 And we know that **all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose.**

1 Cor. 15:57 But thanks *be* to **God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, **be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.**