

19[1] And it was, when the Apollos was in the Corinth, Paul passing through the upper part to go into Ephesus, and finding some disciples, [2] he said to them, “Did you receive holy spirit when you believed?” And they said to him, “But, we have not even heard if there is a holy spirit.” [3] And he said to them, “Into what then were you immersed?” And they said, “Into John's immersion.” [4] And Paul said, “John indeed immersed an immersion of repentance to the people saying that they should believe in the one who comes after him, that is, in the Christ Joshua.” [5] And hearing, they were immersed in the name of the Lord Joshua. [6] And the Paul, laying the hands upon them, the holy spirit came upon them, and they were speaking in tongues and prophesying. [7] And there were about twelve men in all.

[8] And coming into the synagogue, he spoke boldly for three months reasoning and persuading about the things of the kingdom of the God. [9] And as some were being hardened and disobedient, speaking evil of the way before the multitude, departing from them, he separated the disciples, reasoning daily in the school of a certain Tyrannus.¹ [10] And this was for two years, so that all who dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Joshua, both Jews and Greeks.

[11] And the God performed unusual power through the hands of Paul, [12] so that even handkerchiefs or aprons were brought from his skin² upon the sick and delivered them from the disease and the evil spirits went out from them. [13] And some from the itinerant³ Jewish exorcists⁴ endeavored to call upon those having the evil spirits the name of the Lord Joshua, saying, “We charge⁵ you by the Joshua whom the Paul preaches.” [14] And there were some seven sons of Sceva,⁶ a Jewish chief priest, who were doing this.⁷ [15] And the evil spirit answering, said, “The Joshua I know,⁸ and the Paul I know about.⁹ But, who are you?” [16] And the man in whom the evil spirit was, leaping upon them and subduing them, overpowered them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded. [17] And this became known to all Jews and Greeks who were dwelling in the Ephesus. And fear fell upon all of them, and the name of the Lord Joshua was magnified.

[18] And many who had believed were coming, confessing, and announcing their deeds. [19] And many of those who practiced the magic arts,¹⁰ bringing together the books, burned them up before all. And they counted up the value of them, and found it fifty thousand of silver. [20] Thus, with might the word of the Lord was growing and strengthening.

1 Τυράννου (Turannou) “Tyrannus” - only here.

2 χρωτὸς (chrôtos) “skin” Green, CSB, CEB, DLNT, etc.; “body” NKJV, KJV, NAS, YLT, etc. - only here. Word for “body” is σῶμα (sôma) e.g. Acts 9:40.

3 περιερχομένων (periepchomenôn) “itinerant” NKJV; “vagabond” KJV; “who went from place to place” NAS - “itinerant” = “traveling from place to place” MW – this word is also found in Acts 28:13 (“circled round”); 1 Timothy 5:13 (“wandering about”); Hebrews 11:37 (“wandered about”).

4 ἐξορκιστῶν (exorkistôn) “exorcists” NKJV, etc. - only here.

5 ὀρκίζομεν (Horkizomen) “charge” TLV; “exorcise” NKJV; “adjure” NAS, KJV – see footnote for Mark 5:7.

6 Σκευᾶ (Skeua) “Sceva” - only here.

7 ποιοῦντες (poiountes) “were doing this” NAS; “who did so” NKJV – present active participle w/imperfect copula.

8 γινώσκω (ginôskô) “I know”

9 ἐπίσταμαι (epistamai) “I know about” NAS, DLNT; “I know” NKJV, KJV; “I am acquainted with” YLT, DARBY, EHV, NOG, NET, etc..

10 περίεργα (perierga) plural noun - “magic arts” EHV, ESV; “magical arts” WEB, ASV; “magic” NKJV, NAS, LEB, ICB, EXB, CSB, ERV; “sorcery” CEB; “curious arts” KJV, RGT, YLT, Green, BRG, DARBY, DRA, GNV; “occult arts” KJ21, ISV; “occult practices” CJB; “witchcraft” CEV; “sorceries” DLNT – found also in 1 Timothy 5:13 (“busybodies”). Compound word, preposition περί (peri) “about” + ἐργα (erga) “works” or “deeds.”