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Acts 19:21-30

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Acts 19:21-30 (NKJV)

**Paul Served In Ephesus For Over 2 Years
(Fall of 53 A.D. – Winter of 55 A.D.)**

Near The **End of 55 A.D.** Paul **Planned A New Journey - His 5th Journey To Jerusalem**
To Deliver New Reports On His Ministry & New Funds Raised For The Church There.

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Acts 19:21

Purposed 5th Journey To Jerusalem

1st Journey (37 A.D.) Acts 9:20-25, 2nd Journey (47 A.D.) Acts 11:29-30,

3rd Journey (49 A.D.) Acts 15:1-29, 4th Journey (53 A.D.) Acts 18:18-22,

5th Journey (Purposed Spring 56 A.D. - Postponed Spring 57 A.D.), Acts 21:15 – 23:25

Evidence of the Purposed 5th Journey to Jerusalem

Paul Writes to the Corinthian Church, “Now concerning the **Collection for the Saints**, as I have given Orders to the **Churches of Galatia**, so **You** must do also (**Corinthian Church**): **On the first day of the week let each one of you lay something aside, storing up as he may prosper, that there be no collections when I come. And when I come, whomever you approve by your letters I will send to bear your Gift to Jerusalem. But if it is fitting that I (Paul) go also, they will go with Me.**”

1st Corinthians 16:1-4

SELF-STUDY

A Purposed Journey Of Blessing & Gifting Others In The Faith

Paul Writes to the Corinthian Church A 2nd Time, “Moreover, brethren, we make known to you the **Grace of God bestowed on the Churches of Macedonia: that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded in the riches of their liberality. For I bear witness that according to their ability, yes, and beyond their ability, they were freely willing,**”...

... “imploping us with much urgency that we would receive **the gift and the fellowship of the ministering to the saints**. And not only as we had hoped, but they first gave themselves to the Lord, and then to us by the Will of God. So we urged Titus, that as he had begun, so he would also complete this grace in you as well. But as you abound in everything: in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all diligence, and in your love for us, **see that you abound in this grace also. I speak not by commandment, but I am testing the sincerity of your love by the diligence of others.** For you know the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich. **And in this I give advice: It is to your advantage not only to be doing what you began and were desiring to do a year ago (Late 55 & Early 56 A.D.); but now you also must complete the doing of it; that as there was a readiness to desire it, so there also may be a completion out of what you have.** For if there is first a willing mind, it is accepted according to what one has, and not according to what he does not have. For I do not mean that others should be eased, and you burdened; but by an equality, **that now at this time your abundance may supply their lack, that their abundance also may supply your lack, that there may be equality.** As it is written (**Exodus 16:18**), ‘He Who Gathered Much Had Nothing Left Over, And He Who Gathered Little Had No Lack!’”

2nd Corinthians 8:1-15

SELF-STUDY

A Prayer To God ¹ Asking For: Protection, ^a Blessing, ^b Will, ^c & Renewal ^d

Paul Writes to the Roman Church, “For this reason I also have been much hindered from coming to you. But now no longer having a place in these parts, and having a great desire these many years to come to you, whenever I journey to **Spain** (Paul’s Purposed 4th Missionary Journey), I shall come to you. For I hope to see you on **My** (Purposed Next) Journey, and to be helped on my way there by you, if first I may enjoy your company for a while. But now I am going to **Jerusalem to minister to the saints** (5th Journey to Jerusalem). For it pleased those from **Macedonia** and **Achaia to make a certain contribution for the poor among the saints who are in Jerusalem**. It pleased them indeed, and they are their debtors. For if the Gentiles have been partakers of their spiritual things, their duty is also to minister to them in material things. Therefore, when I have performed this and have sealed to them this fruit, I shall go by way of you to **Spain** (Paul’s Purposed 4th Missionary Journey). But I know that when I come to you, I shall come in the Fullness of the Blessing of the Gospel of Christ. Now I beg you, brethren, through the Lord Jesus Christ, and through the Love of the Spirit, that you strive together with me in **Prayers to God** ¹ for me, that I may be delivered from those in Judea who do not believe, ^a and that My Service for Jerusalem may be acceptable to the saints, ^b that I may come to you with Joy by the Will of God, ^c and may be refreshed together with you. ^d Now the God of Peace be with you all. Amen.”

Romans 15:22-33

In Order To Prepare For His **Purposed 5th Journey To Jerusalem**,

Paul Wanted To Visit On The Way The **Churches Of Achaia & Macedonia!**

5th Journey Plan

He Himself Was Heading For **Achaia – Corinth** & Maybe **Athens**,

While **Timothy & Erastus** Went On Ahead To Await Him In **Macedonia – Berea & Thessalonica**,

Then On **Together** To **Philippi**, To Set Sail For **Jerusalem**.

So, He Sent into **Macedonia** Two of Those Who ministered to Him, **Timothy** and **Erastus**, but He (Paul) Himself stayed in **Asia (Minor)** for a time.

Acts 19:22

NEW EVENTS UNFOLD IN EPHESUS!

And about that time there arose a ‘Great Commotion’ about the ‘Way’ (**Christian Faith**) ... Acts 19:23

This ‘Great Commotion’ Upsets **2# Ways Of Life** In The Community!

1) GREAT COMMOTION UPSETS LOCAL & GOVERNMENT COMMERCE & TRADE

For a certain man named **Demetrius**, a silversmith, who made **silver shrines** (**grottos & Idols**) of **Diana** (**Mother Earth & Queen of Heaven**), brought no small profit to the craftsmen. He (**Demetrius**) called **Them** Together (**People of Ephesus & Temple Priests of Diana**) with the **Workers of similar occupation** (**Silversmith Craftsmen of Idols**), and said: “Men, you know that we have our prosperity by this **Trade** (**Silversmith Craftsmen of Idols**), Moreover you see and hear that not only at **Ephesus**, but throughout almost all **Asia**, this **Paul** has persuaded and turned away many people, saying that **They** (**Goddesses & Gods**) are not (true) gods, (but merely) which are made with (human) hands.” Acts 19:24-26

2) GREAT COMMOTION UPSETS THE WORLDWIDE WORSHIP OF ARTEMIS – DIANA

“So, not only is this **Trade** (**Silversmith Craftsmen of Idols**) of **Ours** in danger of falling into disrepute, but also the **Temple of the Great Goddess Diana** (& the **Trade of the Temple Priests**) may be despised, and ‘**Her Magnificence**’ (**Superiority**) destroyed, **Whom all Asia** and the (**Whole**) **World Worship**.” Acts 19:27

BACKGROUND TO THESE NEW EVENTS

Q

“Who Is The Goddess Artemis – Diana Of The Ephesians?”

A

She Is The **Nature Goddess** – ‘**Mother Earth**’

Q

“Why Then Entitle This Message, ‘**Diana Mother Earth - Queen of Heaven Goddess Defended As Superior To God As The Father - Creator & King Of All!**’”

A

Artemis – Diana (**Mother Earth Goddess**) Is Often Worshipped Side By Side As A **Triumvirate Of 3# Goddesses** (**Unholy Trinity**) With **Hera – Juno** (**Queen of Heaven**) & **Aphrodite – Venus** (**Sexual Love & Fertility**)

Q

“Why Is Ephesus So Important In This False Worship Practice Highlighted Here By Luke, The Author Of The Book – ‘**The Acts of the Apostles?**’”

A1

Because This **Temple of Artemis – Diana** Was **1#** Of The **7# Wonders** of the **Ancient World!**

A2

From This Temple **Artemis – Diana** Worship Was Universal Over The Whole World & The **3# Triumvirate Goddesses** Were Worshipped As A ‘**3 in 1 Goddess Over All Creation!**’ Thus She Was Elevated To The Title, “**Queen of Heaven, Queen of Earth, Queen of All!**”

CQ

“So, After Over 2 Years Of Paul & His Presence In The City; Did The Ephesians Suddenly Create Such A ‘**Great Commotion?**’”

CA

It’s Not The **1st COMMOTION** Paul Has Caused Among The **Ephesians**, But It Surely Is The Flint That Sets Off The Powder Keg!

Paul Has Actually Caused **5# Consecutive Commotions** In **Ephesus!**

LET’S REVIEW TOGETHER!

1st Commotion: Paul Forms A New Faith That Revivals All Belief Systems By Calling, Teaching, Mentoring, & Ordaining A New Set Of 12 Apostles / Disciples To Go To The Gentiles In Ephesus!

Acts 19:1-8

2nd Commotion: Paul Stops His Lectures In The Local Synagogue & Forms A Private Seminary In The Hall of Tyrannus ... **Acts 19:9-10**

3rd Commotion: Paul Performs Many Healing Miracles & Casts Out Demons
Only In The Name Of Jesus Christ The Lord

& Shows The Weakness Of Judaism & All Other False Religions ... [Acts 19:11-18](#)

4th Commotion: Paul Converts Many Of The Magicians & Sorcerers

& They Voluntarily Destroy Their Evils Hexes & Spells ... [Acts 19:19-20](#)

5th Commotion (Great Commotion): Paul Destroys The Worship Of Artemis – Diana
& Overturns The Commerce & Trade Associated With Pilgrimages Made To Her Temple!

[Acts 19:23-41](#)

THE REACTION OF THE PEOPLE OF EPHEBUS
TO THIS '**GREAT COMMOTION**' IS TWO-FOLD!

1) Wrathful & Zealous Fervor

Now when They (People of Ephesus, Temple Priests of Diana, & **Silversmith Craftsmen of Idols**)
heard this, They were full of wrath and cried out, saying, "**Great is Diana of the Ephesians!**" [Acts 19:28](#)

2) Confusion & Chaotic Fervor

So, the **Whole City** (of Ephesus) was filled with confusion, and rushed into the theater with one accord, having seized **Gaius** and **Aristarchus**, **Macedonians**, **Paul's Travel Companions**. [Acts 19:29](#)

SOMETHING FAR MORE DISTURBING IS UNCOVERED

HIDDEN BENEATH THE LOCAL SECULAR & ROMAN RULE IN THIS CITY

"ASIARCHS"

Asiarchs Are A Weird Cross Between The **Roman & Ephesian Governing Council**
Of **Asia Minor & Ephesus** Complete With A Dual Membership In The **Worship Of Artemis – Diana**,
Including A High Priest, Priests, & Priestesses In The **Cult of Kybele** (**Kybêlê / Κυβηλη / Cybele**)

Later A **Great Heresy of Montanism** In The **Churches** of **Asia Minor** Would Arise
In The Partner **Church** of **Ephesus** In The **Church** of **Thyatira** ... [Revelation 2:18-29](#)

SELF-STUDY

Montanism Heresy

Montanus had been a **Priest** in the **Cult of Kybele** (**Kybêlê / Κυβηλη / Cybele**). **Kybêlê** was the Great Phrygian Mother of the gods, and goddess of motherhood, fertility, and the wild frontier lands. Her orgiastic sexual cult dominated the central and north-western regions of Anatolia and was introduced to Greece via the island of Samothrake and the Boiotian Province with its large capital City of Thebes. **Kybêlê** was identified with a number of Greek goddesses including **Rheia** (in mainland Greece), **Demeter** (in Samothrake), **Aphrodite** (on Mt Ida), and **Artemis** (in Karia & Especially in Ephesus). She is also Known as **Ishtar** in Egypt, and **Asherah** in Canaan – Israel. But Her Mention in Many of these Lands Throughout the Centuries is the '**Queen of Heaven**'. '**Queen of Heaven**' was openly worshipped as a chief goddess by **Queen Jezebel**, who also taught the **Children of Israel** to worship this '**false goddess**' in the days of **Elijah the Prophet**. Later, the worship of the '**Queen of Heaven**' is the main reason God allowed the destruction of Judah in the days of the Captivity in Babylon and the main reason, none of the Children of Judah / Tribe of Judah was allowed to escape their destruction by hiding out in rebellion against God in Egypt. See: [Jeremiah's Prophetic Warning Below](#):

The **Word** that came to **Jeremiah** concerning all the **Jews** who dwell in the Land of Egypt, who dwell at Migdol, at Tahpanhes, at Memphis (Noph), and in the country of Pathros, saying, "**Thus Says (Rhema) the Lord of Hosts, the God of Israel**: 'You have seen all the calamity that I have brought on Jerusalem and on all the cities of Judah; and behold, this day they are a desolation, and no one dwells in them, because of their wickedness which they have committed to provoke Me to anger, in that they went to burn incense and to serve other gods whom they did not know, they nor you nor your fathers. However, I have sent to you all My Servants the Prophets,' ...

... *“rising early and sending them, saying, “Oh, do not do this abominable thing that I hate!” But they did not listen or incline their ear to turn from their wickedness, to burn no incense to other gods. So My Fury and My Anger were poured out and kindled in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem; and they are wasted and desolate, as it is this day.’* Now therefore, thus says the Lord, the God of Hosts, the God of Israel: *‘Why do you commit this great evil against yourselves, to cut off from you man and woman, child and infant, out of Judah, leaving none to remain, in that you provoke Me to wrath with the works of your hands, burning incense to other gods in the land of Egypt where you have gone to dwell, that you may cut yourselves off and be a curse and a reproach among all the nations of the earth? Have you forgotten the wickedness of your fathers, the wickedness of the kings of Judah, the wickedness of their wives, your own wickedness, and the wickedness of your wives, which they committed in the land of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem? They have not been humbled, to this day, nor have they feared; they have not walked in My law or in My statutes that I set before you and your fathers.’* Therefore, *“Thus Says (Rhema) the Lord of Hosts, the God of Israel: ‘Behold, I will set My face against you for catastrophe and for cutting off all Judah. And I will take the remnant of Judah who have set their faces to go into the land of Egypt to dwell there, and they shall all be consumed and fall in the land of Egypt. They shall be consumed by the sword and by famine. They shall die, from the least to the greatest, by the sword and by famine; and they shall be an oath, an astonishment, a curse and a reproach! For I will punish those who dwell in the land of Egypt, as I have punished Jerusalem, by the sword, by famine, and by pestilence, so that none of the remnant of Judah who have gone into the land of Egypt to dwell there shall escape or survive, lest they return to the land of Judah, to which they desire to return and dwell. For none shall return except those who escape.’”* Then all the men who knew that their wives had burned incense to other gods, with all the women who stood by, a great multitude, and all the people who dwelt in the land of Egypt, in Pathros, answered Jeremiah, saying: *“As for the Word that you have spoken to us in the Name of the Lord, We will not listen to you! But we will certainly do whatever has gone out of our own mouth, to burn incense to the ‘queen of heaven’ and pour out drink offerings to her, as we have done, we and our fathers, our kings and our princes, in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem. For then we had plenty of food, were well-off, and saw no trouble. But since we stopped burning incense to the ‘queen of heaven’ and pouring out drink offerings to her, we have lacked everything and have been consumed by the sword and by famine.”* The women also said, *“And when we burned incense to the queen of heaven and poured out drink offerings to her, did we make cakes for her, to worship her, and pour out drink offerings to her without our husbands' permission?”* Then Jeremiah spoke to all the people, the men, the women, and all the people, who had given him that answer, saying: *“The incense that you burned in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem, you and your fathers, your kings and your princes, and the people of the land, did not the Lord remember them, and did it not come into His mind? So, the Lord could no longer bear it, because of the evil of your doings and because of the abominations which you committed. Therefore, your land is a desolation, an astonishment, a curse, and without an inhabitant, as it is this day. Because you have burned incense and because you have sinned against the Lord, and have not obeyed the voice of the Lord or walked in His law, in His statutes or in His testimonies, therefore this calamity has happened to you, as at this day.”* Moreover Jeremiah Said *to all the people, and to all the women, Hear the Word of the Lord, all Judah who are in the land of Egypt! “Thus Says (Rhema) the Lord of Hosts, the God of Israel, Saying: ‘You and your wives have spoken with your mouths and fulfilled with your hands, saying, “We will surely keep our vows that we have made, to burn incense to the queen of heaven and pour out drink offerings to her.” You will surely keep your vows and perform your vows!’”*...

... “Therefore, Hear the **Word of the Lord**, all Judah who dwell in the land of Egypt: “Behold, I have sworn by My Great Name,’ **Says (Rhema)** the Lord, ‘that My Name shall no more be Named in the mouth of any man of Judah in all the land of Egypt,’ saying, “The Lord GOD lives!” “Behold, I will watch over them for adversity and not for good. And all the men of Judah who are in the land of Egypt shall be consumed by the sword and by famine, until there is an end to them. Yet a small number who escape the sword shall return from the land of Egypt to the land of Judah; and all the remnant of Judah, who have gone to the land of Egypt to dwell there, shall know whose words will stand, Mine or theirs. ‘And this shall be a sign to you,’” **Says (Rhema)** the Lord, “that I will punish you in this place, that you may know that My words will surely stand against you for adversity.’ Thus **Says (Rhema)** the Lord: ‘Behold, I will give Pharaoh Hophra king of Egypt into the hand of his enemies and into the hand of those who seek his life, as I gave Zedekiah king of Judah into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, his enemy who sought his life.’” **Jeremiah 44:1-30**

Montanus had been a **Priest** in the **Cult of Kybele** (**Kybêlê / Κυβηλη / Cybele**). He later joined the Christian **Church in Thyatira** Claiming the **Gift of Prophecy**. **Eusebius**, a 3rd Century Church Historian, wrote the following of **Montanus**: “In his lust for leadership, he became obsessed and would suddenly fall into frenzy and convulsions. He began to be ecstatic and speak and talk strangely, and prophesied contrary to that which was the custom, doctrine, & tradition, from the beginning of the Church. Those who heard him were convinced that he was possessed. They rebuked him and forbade him to speak, remembering the warning of the Lord Jesus to be watchful because false prophets would come” (**Ecclesiastical History**, 5.16.1).

Montanus was joined by two women in the ministry, **Priscilla** and **Maximilla**, who both also **prophesied** in trance-like or ecstatic states. **Montanus** insisted that the **Holy Spirit** was speaking through him in his ecstatic utterances. In fact, he also, claimed to be the **Embodiment of the Spirit of Truth Sent By Jesus** in fulfillment of **John’s Gospel**: “These things I have spoken to you while Abiding with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, Whom the Father Will Send in My Name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I Said to you.” **John 14:25-26**

Followers of Montanism also claimed inspiration for themselves, saying that their **Words of Revelation** were as authoritative as anything in **Scripture**. Often, they could not even be understood. They were known for **speaking in tongues**, prattling, and chanting nonsense. ‘**Montanists**’ differentiated themselves from ‘**Ordinary Christians**’ in that they were ‘**Spirit-filled**,’ and ‘**Ordinary Christians**’ were not filled. ‘**Montanists**’ saw themselves as possessing a more **Advanced Form of Christianity**, having received a **Special Baptism of the Spirit** that enabled them to live **A Life of Holiness**, no one else could.

Montanus and **His Two Prophetesses**, together called themselves “**The Three**”, taught a strict moral code. Lengthy fasts were required. Marriage was discouraged, and second marriages were prohibited outright. ‘**Montanists**’ refused any compromise with Roman Authority, and many of them died as martyrs. **Montanus** himself urged his followers to “seek ... to die the martyr’s death, that He may Be Glorified Who has suffered for you” (Tertullian, **De Fuga in Persecutione**, 9).

Montanism taught that the **Holy Spirit** had come in the **Form of Montanus** to purify the **Church** in preparation for the soon return of **Jesus Christ**. ‘**Montanists**’ looked for the **New Jerusalem** to descend from heaven to a plain in **Phrygia** near **Pepuza**, the **Montanist Headquarters** in **Asia Minor**. To better prepare for the coming kingdom, many **Montanists** migrated to that area.

Starting about **177 A.D.** about twenty years after **Montanus** began promoting **His Charismatic Gifts**, the **Church** rejected him and his two prophetesses. A notable exception was **Tertullian**, who defended the movement and became a **Leader of the Montanists in Carthage**.

Various local **Synods (Dioceses)** began to condemn **Montanism** for its divisive nature and its teaching of new revelation. **"The Three"** maintained the genuineness of their prophecies. When **Maximilla** was excommunicated, she said, *"I am driven off from among the sheep like a wolf; I am not a wolf, but I am speech, and spirit, and power!"*

The Early Church did not reject all prophecy, but it expected **New Testament Prophets** to follow the pattern of earlier **Prophets of God**. The **Prophets of the Old Testament** were rational in their thinking and actions. They spoke an understandable message; they were always in control; they spoke with reason and understanding, and everything they said had to be in alignment and in harmony with all of Sacred Scripture, just like all **New Testament Writers of Scripture** or **Those with the Gift of True Prophecy** in the Church.

In contrast, **Montanus, Priscilla, and Maximilla**, were irrational when prophesying, heretical, and even blasphemous. Also, the **Montanist Teaching of a Two-Tiered Christianity** (those with the Spirit and those without) was unbiblical. The Most Troubling of all was **Montanus'** own words declaring, *"I AM the Father, I AM the Word, and I AM the Paraclete!"* **Montanus** argued that he was being persecuted just as Jesus said His True Followers were in the Gospel of **Matthew:**

Jesus Warned His Followers, ***"Therefore, behold, I am sending you prophets and wise men and scribes; some of them you will kill and crucify, and some of them you will scourge in your synagogues, and persecute from city to city, so that upon you may fall the guilt of all the righteous blood shed on earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah, the son of Berechiah, whom you murdered between the temple and the altar. Truly I say to you, all these things will come upon this generation!"*** **Matthew 23:34-36**

However, those **Priests & Prophets** in the Church who opposed **Montanus** pointed out that neither he nor his followers (**'Montanists'**) had ever endured any persecution or martyrdom because of the peculiarities of their **'special doctrines'**. Finally, **'Montanists'** who died as martyrs, died for a biblical refusal to bend the knee to Caesar and the Roman gods alone; not for the sake of the Name of Jesus Christ as Lord of All!

***"Let Us As The True People Of God, Preach & Teach This One Great TRUTH:
That God Is Three Persons In One Being: Father, Son, & Holy Spirit;
Who Is King Of Heaven, King Of Earth, Father & Creator Of All!"***

APPENDIX

"The Sanctuary / Temple Of Diana / Artemis in Ephesus"

1 of 7 Ancient Wonders Of The World

It was at **Ephesus** that the **Christian Church** first declared **Mary the Mother of Jesus of Nazareth** to be the **"The God-Bearer"** in 431 A.D. This move was intended to legitimize **Christianity** in the **Eyes of the People of Asia Minor**. Prior to 431 A.D. the **Christian Church** did not recognize **Mary** with any Titles at all.

Many of the ancient great goddess's titles were taken, and reused and declared to be the Titles of **Mary the Mother of Jesus of Nazareth**, including: **"Queen of Heaven"**, **"Divine Virgin"**, **"Mother of All"**, & **"Mother of God"**. **Ephesus** was chosen for **Mary's First Installation** to add legitimacy to the **Church's Claim** that **Mary**, not **Diana (Artemis)**, was **"The Mother of God"**, & the **"Mother of All"**. Thus **Mary** was revered and worshipped as **"Queen of Heaven, Mother of God, Mother of All!"**

Diana / Artemis, prior to 431 A.D. was the **"Patron goddess of Ephesus"**. Worshipped Around The World As **"Queen of Heaven, Queen of Earth, Queen of All!"** Some of the silversmiths, who made silver shrines of the goddess, became angry at the success of Paul's Preaching & Teaching. They feared that the new faith would diminish the widespread reverence for the goddess. They were also concerned that if the New Christian Faith spread, they would lose income from pilgrims to the **Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Diana / Artemis**.

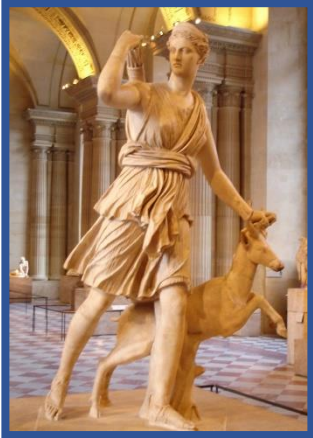
Although *Diana / Artemis* was worshiped at many places, her *Sanctuary / Temple at Ephesus* was *One* of the *7 # Wonders of the Ancient World*. Its huge columns enclosed a sacred space in which a statue of the goddess stood. Pilgrims came from throughout the region to worship at the shrine, contributing to the revenue of the *City of Ephesus* – See *Acts 19:23-35*.

Diana / Artemis and her *Brother god Apollo* were said to be the *“True Children of Zeus”*. *Diana / Artemis* is often described as a *“Virgin Huntress: Fearless in Opposing Her Adversaries / Rivals.”* At *Ephesus*, *She* seems to have been a *“mother goddess”*, a *“provider of fertility”*, and *“overseer of childbirth”*.

APPENDIX – CONTINUED OVER

APPENDIX

***Diana - Artemis Patron Goddess of Ephesus
“Queen of Heaven, Queen of Earth, & Queen of All!”***



***“Virgin Huntress
Fearless in Opposing
Her Adversaries / Rivals.”***



***The Sanctuary / Temple of Diana /Artemis
1# of 7# Wonders of the Ancient World***



***“mother goddess”
“provider of fertility”
“overseer of childbirth”***

“Mary Queen of Heaven, Mother of God, & Mother Of All!”



Handmaiden of the Lord,



***Mary of Nazareth:
Mother of Jesus,***



& Sorrow- Filled Mother

