



Anatomy of Revival Part 5

10 “And this continued for two years, so that all who dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks.”

The two-year revival spread throughout the Roman province of Asia. This area included six other cities which later established churches. Together, these cities made up the seven churches of Asia found in Revelation 1-3.

All the churches began from the Ephesian revival. The revival began with the word. This is what Paul spoke. God accompanied and confirmed the word with signs following (Mark 16:20, Hebrews 2:3-4)

11 Now God worked unusual miracles by (through) the hands of Paul,”

These miracles were performed in response to the word of God being preached. This revival began with miracles accompanying the word. Signs and wonders followed the word. And the revival ended with the word increasing (vs. 20).

These miracles, signs, and wonders were not the “usual” miracles. They were exceptional and out of the ordinary. “Special” miracles only happened once in Paul’s ministry. The Holy Spirit has ministered in a different and unique way in every revival.

The idea of a “special anointing” to only do one thing is not true. The anointing will break every yoke of bondage. Jesus declared the Spirit of the Lord was on him (Luke 4:18). The result was the preaching of the gospel to the poor, the recovering of sight to the blind, healing of the broken-hearted, and setting at liberty those who were bruised. One anointing, *the* anointing took care of all these needs. God’s power, as with Jesus, worked through the *hands* of Paul. He laid hands on sick people and special miracles happened and prayer clothes were taken to the sick and demon possessed.

12 “So that even handkerchiefs or aprons were brought from his body to the sick, and the diseases left them, and the evil spirits went out of them.”

The handkerchiefs and aprons carried God’s power to heal and deliver (Mark 5:30, Luke 6:19). Handkerchiefs came from women who attended the meetings during the day. The aprons were work aprons which the men wore from their jobs. Most employment in the city was craftsmen who made statues of Diana (vs. 24). The men came to the meetings in the evening to join their wives. When the Spirit of God moved strongly in the meeting the handkerchiefs and aprons were taken from Paul’s body and delivered to the sick and demon possessed in the city and

great healings and deliverance took place. Also, the same anointing delivered from sickness and demons. It did not take a larger anointing for demons. The handkerchiefs were not just for sickness and aprons were not just for demons. It did not even take a bigger piece of cloth for a demon. *The* anointing breaks *the* yoke.