

You will be baptized in the Holy Spirit; he was lifted up, and a cloud took him up from their eyes; in prayer

CHAPTER 1

1 Truly I made the first word, Oh Theophilus, about all things which Jesus began both to do and to teach, Luk 1:1-4

2 Until that day he was taken up, having commanded through the Holy Spirit the apostles whom he chose,

3 And beside whom he himself stood alive after his suffering in many infallible proofs, being gazed at by them through forty days, and speaking the things about the kingdom of God;

4 And being assembled together with them, he ordered them not to be separated from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which you have heard of me,

5 Because John indeed baptized with water, but you will be baptized in the Holy Spirit absolutely not many days after.

6 Therefore truly having come together, they questioned him, saying, Lord, is it likely you will at this time restore the former state of the kingdom to Israel?

7 And he said to them, It is absolutely not for you to know the times or the seasons which the Father has placed in his own authority.

8 But you will take power, the Holy Spirit coming upon you, and you shall be witnesses to me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and Samaria, and until the last *place* on earth.

9 And having said these things, they watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him up from their eyes.

10 And while they were gazing intently into heaven as he was going up, also behold, two men stood beside them in white clothing;

11 Who also said, Men, Galileans, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This Jesus, the one being taken up from you into heaven, will so come in the same manner you have looked with special interest at him going into heaven.

12 Then they returned into Jerusalem from the Mount called Of Olives, which is near Jerusalem having a Sabbath's distance.

13 And when they entered, they went up into an upper room, where both Peter, and James, and John, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James, *the son* of Alphaeus, and Simon, the Zealot, and Judas, *the brother* of James, were staying.

14 These all were in constant readiness in one passion in prayer and in asking, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.¹⁴

15 And in those days Peter standing up in the midst of the disciples, said (the multitude of names together were about a

¹⁴ **1:14 brothers**, the brothers of Jesus, James, Joseph, Simon, and Judah, Mtt 13:55.

ACTS 2 Judas, Field of Blood; Matthias; the day of Pentecost; they were all filled with the Holy Spirit hundred and twenty),

16 Men, brothers, it was necessary that this Scripture be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit said beforehand through the mouth of David about Judas, the one who became guide to them who together took Jesus,

17 Because he was accounted with us, and was allotted a part of this ministry.¹⁷

18 This one, indeed therefore, acquired for himself a field with the reward of unrighteousness, and being fallen head first, he burst open in the middle, and all his insides poured out.

19 And it was known to all those permanently housed at Jerusalem, inasmuch as that field is called in their proper tongue, Aceldama, that is to say, The Field of Blood,

20 Because it has been written in the scroll of Psalms, Let his habitation be a wasteland, and let no one be permanently housed in it, and let another take his overseership²⁰. Psa 69:25; 109:8

21 It is necessary therefore *that* of these men who have convened with us in all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out over us,

¹⁷ **1:17 ministry**, *diakonia*, deacon, corresponding to the God called Levites. The word ministry is *diakonia* in verse 25 also. If you follow the consistent use of the word *diakonia* throughout the New Covenant you find that the office is not lay leadership, but God called full time ministers.

²⁰ **1:20 overseership**, *episcopate*, episcopate, overseer. *Episcopate* is composed of *epi* = over, and *skopos* = to watch as a guard. It refers to the pastor or overseer of a church.

22 Beginning from the baptism of John until the day that he was taken up from us, one must become a witness with us of his resurrection.

23 And they stood two, Joseph called Barsabas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias.

24 And praying, they said, You, Lord, knower of all hearts, appoint which of these two you chose,

25 To take part of this ministry and apostleship, which Judas violated to go into his own place.

26 And they gave their lots, and the lot fell upon Matthias, and he was accounted with the eleven apostles.

CHAPTER 2

1 And when the day of Pentecost was completely fulfilled, they were all with one passion in the same place

2 And suddenly there was a roar out of heaven exactly like a lifting violent breathing, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

3 And they gazed upon tongues being distributed like fire, and it sat upon each one of them. *Ezk 1:27*

4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them clearly pronounced speech.

5 And there were Jews permanently housed in Jerusalem, devout men, from every race under heaven.

Everyone heard them speak in his own dialect; this is that spoken through the prophet Joel **ACTS 2**

6 And when this sound was, the multitude came together and were confounded, because everyone heard them speak in his own dialect.

7 And they were all astounded and marveled, saying one to another, Behold, are absolutely not all these who speak Galilaeans?

8 And how do we hear everyone in our own dialect in which we were born?

9 Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and those permanently housed in Mesopotamia, both Judaea, and Cappadocia, Pontus, and Asia,

10 Both Phrygia, and Pamphylia, Egypt, and the parts of Libya against Cyrene, and residents from Rome, both Jews and proselytes,

11 Cretans, and Arabians, we hear them speaking in our tongues the great works of God.

12 And they were all astounded and were totally perplexed, saying one to another, What do you determine this to be?

13 And others mocking said that, They are full of new wine.¹³

14 And Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice and spoke out plainly to them, Men, Jews, and all those permanently housed at Jerusalem, be this known to you, and take my words into your ears,

¹³ **2:13 new wine**, *gleukos*, (glucose) sweet wine, must, highly intoxicating.

15 Because these are absolutely not drunk as you take them *to be*, because it is *only* the third hour of the day.

16 But this is that which was spoken through the prophet Joel,

17 And it will be in the last days, says God, I will pour out from my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters will prophesy, and your youth will gaze upon visions, and your elders¹⁷ will dream dreams;

18 And upon my menservants and upon my maidservants I will pour out in those days from my Spirit, and they will prophesy;

19 And I will give wonders in heaven above, and signs upon the earth beneath, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;

20 The sun will be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord comes;

21 And it shall be, whoever will call upon the name of the Lord will be saved. Isa 44:3 Joel 2:28-29 Zech 12:10

22 Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus, the Nazarene, a man approved from God among you by works of power, and wonders, and signs, which God did

¹⁷ **2:17 elders**, *presbuteros*, those older. Used of one who is older than another, Luk 15:25; Joh 8:9; used of seniors in age and leaders of Israel, Mtt 15:2; 16:21, Heb 11:2; etc., leaders in the church, Acts 2:17; Acts 14:23; 15:2, 4, 6, 22, 23; 20:17, 28; of elders, men and women, 1 Tim 5:1-2; called overseers; Phil 1:1; Tit 1:5, also called officers (bishops, *episkopos*) Tit 1:7; Jam 5:14; 1 Pet 5:1, 5; 2 Joh 1:1; 3 Joh 1:1; Rev 4:4, 10, etc. According to Joel 2:28 refers to both male and female elders.

ACTS 2 *David spoke about the resurrection of Christ; Jesus poured out this, which you now see and hear*
through him in your midst, as you yourselves see,

23 Him, being given up by the determined will and foreknowledge of God, you having taken through lawless hands, having crucified, you violently took away,

24 Whom God has raised up, having loosed the birthpains of death, because it was absolutely not having the power to hold him under it,

25 Because David speaks to him, I foresaw the Lord always before my face, because he is out from my right hand that I should not be shaken; Psa 16:8

26 Therefore my heart was in a good frame of mind, and my tongue jumped for joy, and still also my flesh will settle down in hope,

27 Because you will absolutely not leave my soul to hell,^{2 7a} and you will absolutely not leave your Holy One^{2 7b} to see corruption.

28 You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of joy with your countenance.

29 Men, brothers, it is right that I speak frankly to you about the patriarch David, that he has both expired, and is buried, and his tomb is among us until this day.

30 Therefore being a prophet, and seeing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of

his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit upon his throne,

31 He foreseeing *this*, spoke about the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was absolutely not left in hell, and his flesh absolutely did not see corruption.

32 This Jesus God has raised up, of whom we all are witnesses.

33 Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having taken alongside of the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he poured out this, which you now see and hear,

34 Because David has absolutely not ascended into the heavens, but he says himself, The Lord said to my Lord, Sit out from my right hand, Psa 110:1

35 Until I place those hating you as the footstool of your feet.

36 Assuredly therefore, let all the house of Israel know, that God has made that Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.

37 And having heard *this*, they were pierced in the heart, and said to Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brothers, what shall we do?

38 And Peter said to them, Repent, and be baptized, every one of you, upon the name of Jesus Christ into the forgiveness of sins, and you will take the gift of the Holy Spirit,

39 Because the promise is to you, and to your children, and to all who are afar off, to as many as the Lord our God will call.

^{27a} 2:27 hell, *haidēs*.

^{27b} 2:27 Holy One, *hōsion*, The One Who Is Right.

The promise is ...to all; the Lord added to the church daily; the lame man healed at the Temple **ACTS 3**

40 Also with many other words he solemnly witnessed and comforted, saying, Be saved from this crooked generation.

41 Therefore those gladly receiving his word were baptized, and that day there were added about three thousand souls.

42 And they were *in* constant readiness in the teachings of the apostles, and in partnership, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

43 And fear came to every soul; also many wonders and signs were caused to be through the apostles.

44 And all who believed were together, and had all things common,

45 And sold their acquisitions and properties, and distributed them to all, as everyone had need.

46 And from day to day they *were* in constant readiness with united passion in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they took nourishment with exultation and simplicity of heart,

47 Praising God, and having grace with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those being saved.

CHAPTER 3

1 And upon the same *day* Peter and John were going up into the temple upon the hour of prayer, the ninth *hour*;

2 And a certain man being lame out of his mother's womb was being lifted, whom they

placed from day to day at the door of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask deeds of mercy alongside of them who went into the temple,

3 Who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked deeds of mercy.

4 And Peter, gazing upon him with John, said, Look upon us.

5 And he gave heed to them, watching for something to take from them.

6 And Peter said, There exists to me absolutely no silver and gold, but what I have, this I give to you: In the name of Jesus Christ, the Nazarene, rise up and walk.

7 And taking him by the right hand, he raised *him* up, and instantly his feet and ankle bones were strengthened.

8 And leaping up he stood, and walked, and went with them into the temple, walking, and jumping, and praising God.

9 And all the people saw him walking and praising God,

10 And they recognized that it was he who sat for deeds of mercy at the Beautiful Gate of the temple, and they were filled with amazement and astonishment at that which had happened to him.

11 And while the healed lame one was holding Peter and John, all the people rushed together to them upon the porch called Solomon's, greatly astonished.

ACTS 4 *Peter's message that the lame man was healed through faith in the name of Jesus*

12 And Peter seeing *it*, responded to the people, Men, Israelites, why do you marvel at this, or why do you gaze so earnestly on us as though by our own power or godliness we had made him to walk?

13 The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his child Jesus, whom you gave over, and denied him before the countenance of Pilate, he having judged to set him free.

14 And you denied the Holy One and the Righteous, and asked a murderer to be granted to you,

15 And killed the Chief Leader of life, whom God has raised out of the dead, of which we are witnesses.

16 And upon the faith of his name, he, whom you look at with special interest and see, is made strong by his name, and the faith which *is* through him has given him this perfect soundness in front of all of you.

17 And now, brothers, I see that through ignorance you habitually do *this*, as also your rulers.

18 And those things, which God had preached beforehand through the mouth of all his prophets, that Christ should suffer, he has in this way fulfilled.

19 Therefore repent, and be converted into the wiping out of your sins, so that the times of refreshing will come from the face of the Lord;

20 And he will set apart and send Christ Jesus, who was preached beforehand to you,

21 Whom it is necessary for heaven to receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God spoke through the mouth of all his holy prophets from ages,

22 Because Moses truly said to the fathers that, A prophet the Lord your God will raise up to you out of your brothers like me; him you will hear according to all things whatever he will say to you. *Deu 18:15*

23 And it will be, every soul who will not hear that prophet will be destroyed from among the people.

24 And also all the prophets from Samuel and those thereafter, as many as have spoken, have also preached these days.

25 You are the children of the prophets, and of the covenant which God appointed to our fathers, saying to Abraham, And in your seed all the families of the earth will be blessed. *Gen 12:3*

26 To you first God, having raised up his child Jesus, set him apart and sent him to bless you in turning away everyone *of you* from his depravity.

CHAPTER 4

1 And as they were speaking to the people, the priests, and the commander of the temple, and the Sadducees came upon them,

The priests imprison Peter and John, who testify to them the next morning; they are ordered not to preach Jesus **ACTS 4**

2 Being distressed because of their teaching the people, and preaching in Jesus the resurrection out of the dead.

3 And they threw hands on them, and placed *them* to be guarded until the next day because it was now evening.

4 And many of those hearing the word believed, and the number of the men became about five thousand.

5 And it was on the next day, their rulers, and elders, and scribes were gathered to Jerusalem,

6 And Annas the head priest, and Caiaphas, and John, and Alexander, and as many as were of the kin of the head priest.

7 And standing them in the midst, they asked, In what power, or in what name, have you done this?

8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, Rulers of the people, and elders of Israel,

9 If we today are examined on the good work to the weak man, in what means he has been saved,

10 Be it known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that in the name of Jesus Christ, the Nazarene, whom you crucified, whom God raised out of the dead, in him he stands before your face healthy.

11 This is the stone which was made of you builders absolutely nothing, which has become the head of the corner. Psa 118:22

12 Also there is absolutely no salvation in any other, because there is absolutely no other name under

heaven given among men in which we must be saved.

13 And looking with special interest upon the out-spokenness of Peter and John, and seizing *it* that they are unlearned and common¹³ men, they marveled, and they recognized them that they were with Jesus.

14 And looking at the man standing with them who had been healed, they had absolutely nothing to refute it.

15 And calling out for them to go outside of the sanhedrin, they conferred with one another,

16 Saying, What shall we do to these men? Because that indeed a well-known sign has come to be through them is manifest to all those permanently housed at Jerusalem, and we absolutely do not have power to deny it!

17 But that it spread no further to the people, let us threaten them with a threat that they speak no further to any man on this name.

18 And calling them, they ordered them not to speak at all nor teach on the name of Jesus.

19 But Peter and John answering them said, Whether it is right before the face of God to hear you more than God, you judge,

20 Because we absolutely do not have power not to speak what we saw and heard.

21 And threatening *them* further, they set them free, finding nothing how they might punish them,

¹³ **4:13 common**, *idiototes*, a private person, that is, not a ruler or upper class, English, idiot which has taken on a more extreme meaning.

ACTS 4 *The prayer of Peter and others to speak boldly, and do signs and wonders in the name of Jesus; their giving*

because of the people, because everyone glorified God over what had happened,

22 Because the man was more than forty years *old*, on whom was this sign of healing.

23 And being set free, they went to their own *fellow believers*, and announced all *that* the head priests and elders said to them.

24 And having heard, they lifted up *their* voice to God with one passion, and said, Master, you *are* God, who made the heaven, and the earth, and the sea, and all things in them,

25 Who through the mouth of David your child said, Why did the races rage, and the people revolve in their mind vain things?

Psa 2:1

26 The kings of the earth stood up, and the rulers were gathered together upon the same *day*, against the Lord and against his Christ, Psa 2:2

27 Because of a truth upon your holy child Jesus, whom you anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the races and the people of Israel, were gathered together,

28 To do whatever your hand and your will pre-determined to be.

29 And now, Lord, look upon their threatenings, and give to your servants to speak your word with out-spokenness,

30 In stretching out your hand to heal, and causing signs and wonders to be through the name of your holy child Jesus.

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31 And they having bound themselves in prayer, the place where they were assembled together was shaken, and they were all filled by the Holy Spirit, and spoke the word of God with boldness.

32 And the multitude of those believing were one heart and soul, and not one said anything of his possessions being his own, but all things were common to them.

33 And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all,

34 Because there absolutely did not exist one needy among them, because as many as were owners of lands or houses, having sold *them*, brought the value from the transactions,

35 And placed *it* alongside of the feet of the apostles, and distribution was made to every man according as any had need.

36 And Joseph, who was surnamed Barnabas by the apostles (which is, being translated, Son of Comfort) a Levite, a Cypriot by kin,

37 A field existing to him, having sold *it*, brought the riches, and placed it alongside of the feet of the apostles.

CHAPTER 5

1 And a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira, his wife, sold an acquisition,

2 And hid for themselves from the value, and his wife was aware of it with him, and bringing a certain part, placed *it* alongside of the feet of the apostles.

3 And Peter said, Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit, and to hide for yourself part of the value from the land?

4 Remaining, did it absolutely not remain yours, and *when* sold, was it not in your own authority? Why have you placed this matter in your heart? You have absolutely not lied to men, but to God.

5 And Ananias hearing these words, falling down, expired, and great fear was upon all them who heard these things.

6 And the young men rose up, wrapped him, and carried him out, and buried him.

7 And it was about an interval of three hours, and his wife, not seeing what happened, came in.

8 And Peter answered to her, Tell me if you sold the land for this much? And she said, Yes, for this much.

9 And Peter said to her, How *is it* that you have agreed together to tempt the Spirit of the Lord? Behold, the feet of them who have buried your husband *are* at the door, and will carry you out.

10 And she fell down instantly at his feet, and expired, and the young men coming in, found her dead, and carrying her out, buried her next to her husband.

11 And great fear was upon all the church, and upon as many as heard these things.

12 And through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders came to be among the people, and they were all with one passion in Solomon's porch.

13 And of the rest absolutely no one dared to join them, but the people magnified them.

14 And more believers were added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women.

15 And therefore they brought out the weak into the streets, and placed them on cots and mattresses, that at least the shadow of Peter coming might overshadow some of them.

16 And also the multitude from the surrounding cities came together at Jerusalem, carrying weak ones, and those mobbed by unclean spirits who were all healed.

17 And the head priest standing up, and all them with him, who is the party of the Sadducees, were filled with zeal,

18 And threw their hands on the apostles, and placed them in the public prison.

19 And through *the* night a *heavenly* messenger of the Lord opened the prison doors, and led them out, and said,

ACTS 5 *The apostles led out of prison by a heavenly messenger; they preach, brought before the sanhedrin; Gamaliel*

20 Go, and standing, speak in the temple to the people all the spoken words of this life.

21 And having heard *this*, they entered into the temple at dawn, and taught. And the head priest came near, and those with him, and called the sanhedrin together and all the elders of the children of Israel, and set *some* apart and sent *them* to the dungeon to bring them.

22 And the subordinates having come near, absolutely did not find them in the prison, and having conducted themselves back, they announced,

23 Saying, Indeed we found the dungeon closed in all security, and the guards standing at the doors, and having opened *the dungeon*, we found absolutely no one inside.

24 And when both the priests, and the commander of the temple, and the head priests heard these things, they were totally perplexed about what this would become.

25 And one came near, and announced to them that, Behold, the men whom you placed in prison are in the temple standing and teaching the people.

26 Then the commander going with the subordinates, brought them with absolutely no force, because they feared the people lest they be stoned.

27 And bringing them, they stood them in the sanhedrin, and the head priest asked them,

28 Saying, By an order, did we absolutely not order you not to teach on this name? And behold, you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and are determined to bring this man's blood upon us.

29 And Peter and the apostles answering, said, We must obey God more than men.

30 The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom handling violently, you hanged upon a tree.

31 God has exalted him with his right hand to be Chief Leader and Savior to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins.

32 And we are his witnesses of these spoken words, and the Holy Spirit, whom God gave to those obeying him.

33 And those hearing were cut, and counseled together to take them out.

34 And one standing up in the sanhedrin, a Pharisee, named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law, being highly valued by all the people, called out to make the apostles *go* outside a little interval,

35 Also said to them, Men of Israel, hold yourselves in mind what you are about to practice upon these men,

36 Because before these days Theudas stood up, saying he himself was somebody, to whom were joined a number of men, about four hundred, who was taken out, and all, as many as were convinced by him, were scattered, and became into absolutely nothing.

Gamaliel's appeal, the apostles released; assistant ministers enlisted to distribute to those in need **ACTS 6**

37 After this one, Judas of Galilee stood up in the days of the registration *for taxing*, and removed many people after him, and he was destroyed, and all, as many as were convinced by him, were scattered.

38 And now I say to you, Remove yourselves from these men, and let them alone, because if this will or this work is of men, it will be loosened down;

39 And if it is of God, you absolutely do not have power to loose it down, lest you are found fighters against God.

40 And they were convinced by him, and having called the apostles, scourging *them*, they ordered *them* not to speak upon the name of Jesus, and set them free.

41 Therefore they went from the face of the sanhedrin, rejoicing that they were deemed worthy to be rendered infamous for his name.

42 Also every day in the temple, and house to house, they absolutely did not stop teaching and announcing the good news of Jesus, the Christ.

CHAPTER 6

1 And in those days, the disciples multiplying, there was a grumbling of the Greeks¹ against the Hebrews because their widows were overlooked in the daily ministry.

2 And the twelve having called the multitude of the disciples to them, said, It is abso-

¹ 6:1 Greeks, *Hellenists*, (Greek Jews).

lutely not appropriate for us to leave behind the word of God to serve tables.

3 Therefore, brothers, look for seven men of you, witnesses full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may place over this need.

4 And we will be in constant readiness in prayer and the ministry of the word.

5 And the word pleased all the multitude, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas, a proselyte of Antioch,

6 Whom they stood before the face of the apostles, and praying, they laid their hands on them.

7 And the word of God grew, and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem exceedingly, and a large crowd of the priests were attentively hearing the faith.

8 And Stephen, full of faith and miracle working power, did great wonders and signs among the people.

9 And some of the synagogue stood up, called the Libertines, and Cyrenians, and Alexandrians, and those from Cilicia and Asia, jointly investigating with Stephen.

10 And they absolutely did not have strength to stand against the wisdom and the Spirit by which he spoke.

ACTS 7 *Stephen arrested for his preaching Jesus; Stephen's message on Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph*

11 Then they suborned¹ men, saying that, We have heard him speaking words of blasphemy against Moses, and against God.

12 And they stirred up the people, and the elders, and the scribes, and coming upon him, they seized him, and led *him* into the Sanhedrin,

13 And they stood false witnesses, saying, This man absolutely does not stop speaking words of blasphemy against this holy place and the law,

14 Because we have heard him saying that he – Jesus, the Nazarene - will loosen down this place, and will change the customs which Moses gave over to us.

15 And all sitting in the sanhedrin, gazing steadfastly on him, saw his face as it had been the face of a *heavenly* messenger.

CHAPTER 7

1 And the head priest said, Are these things so?

2 And he said, Men, brothers, and fathers, hear: The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham, being in Mesopotamia, before he was permanently housed in Haran,

3 And said to him, Go out from your country, and out from your kindred, and come into the land which I shall show you. Gen 12:1

¹ **6:11 suborned**, *hupoballo*, to throw in by stealth, introduce by collusion.

4 Then going out of the land of the Chaldaeans, he was permanently housed in Haran, and from there, after the death of his father, he⁴ transferred him into this land, into which you now are permanently housed.

5 And he gave him absolutely no inheritance in it, not even a footbreadth, and promised to give it to him for a possession, and to his seed after him, there being absolutely no child to him.

6 And God spoke in this way, that his seed would be a foreign resident in a land not his own, and bring them into servitude, and treat them evil four hundred years.

7 And the race whom they serve I will judge, God said, and after these things they will come out, and officially minister to me in this place.

8 And he gave him *the* covenant of circumcision, and thus Abraham fathered Isaac, and circumcised him the eighth day, and Isaac, Jacob, and Jacob, the twelve patriarchs.

9 And the patriarchs, being jealous, gave Joseph into Egypt, and God was with him,

10 And delivered him out of all his tribulations, and gave him grace and wisdom in the presence of Pharaoh, king of Egypt, and he made him governor over Egypt and all his house.

11 And there came a famine over all the land of Egypt and Canaan, and great tribulation, and

⁴ **7:4 he**, God.

our fathers absolutely did not find food.

12 And Jacob having heard there was grain in Egypt, sent out our fathers first.

13 And in the second *time* Joseph was made known to his brothers, and Joseph's kin were manifested to Pharaoh.

14 And Joseph setting *some* apart and sending *them*, summoned his father Jacob to him, and all the kindred, seventy-five souls.

15 And Jacob went down into Egypt, and expired, he and our fathers,

16 And were transferred into Sychem, and placed in the burial place that Abraham bought for a certain value of silver alongside of the sons of Emmor of Sychem.

17 And as the time of the promise drew near, which God swore to Abraham, the people grew and were multiplied in Egypt,

18 Until another king stood up who absolutely did not know Joseph.

19 This one was crafty against our kin, and treated our fathers evil to make them put out their infants, not to be kept alive.

20 In which time Moses was born, and was handsome to God, who was reared three months in his father's house;

21 And he being exposed, Pharaoh's daughter took him up, and reared him to herself for a son.

22 And Moses was trained as a child in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was powerful in words and in deeds.

23 And as was fulfilled forty years of time, it came up into his heart to visit his brothers, the children of Israel.

24 And seeing one being treated unjustly, he protected him, and made vindication for the one being worked down, striking the Egyptian;

25 And he supposed that his brothers would put it together how that God through his hand would give them salvation, but they absolutely did not put it together.

26 Also the following day he gazed at them fighting, and would have pushed them into peace together, saying, Men, you are brothers; why do you treat one another unjustly?

27 And the one treating his neighbor unjustly pushed him off, saying, Who placed you a ruler and a judge over us?

28 Are you determined to take me out, in the manner you took out the Egyptian yesterday?

29 And Moses ran away in this word, and became a foreign resident in the land of Median where he fathered two sons.

30 And forty years being fulfilled, *the heavenly* Messenger of the Lord appeared to him in the wasteland of Mount Sinai in a flame of fire of a bush.

31 And Moses seeing *it*, wondered at the vision, and he drawing near to fully exercise his

ACTS 7 *Stephen's message on Moses, Israel's idolatry in the desert, and Joshua*

mind upon it, the voice of the Lord was to him:

32 I *am* the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, and Moses was trembling, and absolutely did not dare to fully exercise his mind.

33 And the Lord said to him, Loose your shoes from your feet, because the place where you stand is holy ground.

34 Seeing, I have seen the evil treatment of my people, those in Egypt, and I have heard their sighs, and have come down to take them out to myself. And now, come here; I will set you apart and send you into Egypt.

35 This Moses whom they rejected, saying, Who placed you a ruler and a judge? This one God set apart and sent *to be* ruler and redeemer in union with the hand of the *heavenly* Messenger who appeared to him in the bush.

36 He led them out, doing wonders and signs in the land of Egypt, and in the Red sea, and in the wasteland forty years.

37 He is the Moses who said to the children of Israel, The Lord your God will cause a prophet to stand up for you of your brothers, like me; you will hear him.

Deu 18:15

38 This is the one, having been in the church in the wasteland with the *heavenly* Messenger who spoke to him in Mount Sinai, and with our fathers, who received the living oracles to give to us,

39 To whom our fathers willed absolutely not to obey, but pushed him off, and in their hearts turned completely around into Egypt,

40 Saying to Aaron, Make us gods to go before us, because this Moses, who led us out of the land of Egypt, we absolutely do not see what has become of him.

41 And they made an image of a calf in those days, and offered up sacrifice to the idol,^{4 1a} and put themselves in a good frame of mind^{4 1b} in the works of their own hands. Exo 32:1

42 Then God turned completely around, and gave them over to officially minister to the host of heaven, as it is written in the scroll of the prophets, Have you not offered up to me butchered animals and sacrifices forty years in the wasteland, house of Israel? Deu 4:19

43 And you took up the tent of Moloch, and the star of your god Remphan, forms which you made to prostrate yourselves to them, and I will carry you away beyond Babylon. Amo 5:25-26

44 Our fathers had the tent of witness in the wasteland, as the one speaking to Moses had ordered to make it according to the form that he had seen. Exo 25:40

45 Who also led our fathers in with Joshua to receive the possession of the races, whom God

^{41a} **7:41 idol**, *eidolon*, brought over into English, meaning an image that is worshipped.

^{41b} **7:41 put themselves in a good frame of mind**, *euphraino*; *eu* = good; *phren* = the emotions of your mind; euphoria, a feeling of well being.

Stephen's message on David, Solomon, Israel resisting the Spirit; they stoned Stephen; Saul **ACTS 8**
drove out from the face of our fathers, to the days of David,

46 Who found grace before the face of God, and asked to find a tabernacle for the God of Jacob.

47 And Solomon built him a house.

48 But the Most High absolutely does not permanently reside in temples made with hands, just as the prophet says,

49 Heaven is to me a throne, and earth is the footstool of my feet; what sort of house will you build for me, says the Lord, or what *is* the place of my rest? *Isa 66:1*

50 Has my hand absolutely not made all these things? *Isa 14:22*

51 You stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always come down opposed to the Holy Spirit; as your fathers, so also you.

52 Which of the prophets have your fathers absolutely not pursued, and they have killed them who announced beforehand the coming of the Just One, of whom you have become now the betrayers and murderers,

53 Who took the law by the disposition of *heavenly* messengers, and have absolutely not kept it.

54 And hearing these things, they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed upon him with *their* teeth.

55 And he, being full of the Holy Spirit, gazed up intently into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing out from the right hand of God,

56 And said, Behold, I am looking with special interest at the heavens completely opened, and the Son of man standing out from the right hand of God.

57 And crying out with a loud voice, they pressed their ears, and rushed violently upon him with one passion,

58 And throwing him outside of the city, they stoned him, and the witnesses put away their clothes alongside the feet of a young man called Saul.

59 And they stoned Stephen, calling upon, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.

60 And placing *himself* on *his* knees, he cried with a loud voice, Lord, do not cause this sin to stand against them. And having said this, he fell asleep.

CHAPTER 8

1 And Saul was thinking well of himself at killing him. And in that day a great persecution was caused to be upon the church in Jerusalem, and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judaea and Samaria, except the apostles.

2 And devout men together carried Stephen *to his burial*, and made a great mourning over him.

3 And Saul ravaged the church, entering house by house, dragging both men and women, he gave them over to prison.

4 Therefore indeed, being scattered they came through announcing the good news of the word.

ACTS 8 *Multitudes believe Philip in Samaria; they take the Holy Spirit; Simon the magician*

5 And Philip going down to the city of Samaria, preached the Christ to them.

6 And the multitudes held their mind with one passion to what was being said by Philip, in hearing and seeing the signs he was doing,

7 Because those having unclean spirits, shouting with a loud voice, came out, and many having been paralyzed and lame were healed.

8 And there was great joy in that city.

9 And a certain man named Simon was for a long time in the city practicing magic,⁹ and astounding the race of Samaria, saying he himself was some great one,

10 To whom they all held their mind, from the least to the greatest, saying, This one is the power of the great God.

11 And they were holding their mind to him, because for enough time he had astounded them with magic.

12 And when they believed Philip announcing the good news about the things of the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.

13 And Simon himself believed, and being baptized, he was in constant readiness with Philip, and looking with special interest at the works of power and signs which were caused to be, he was astounded.

⁹ 8:9 The Greek word for magic has been brought over into English; *magea* is magic, and practice magic is *mageuo*.

14 And the apostles in Jerusalem hearing that Samaria had received the word of God, set apart and sent to them Peter and John,

15 Who going down, prayed for them how to take the Holy Spirit,

16 Because he had absolutely not yet seized upon them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

17 Then they laid hands upon them, and they took the Holy Spirit.

18 And Simon watching with special interest that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Spirit was given, he offered them riches,

19 Saying, Give me also this authority, that on whom I lay hands, he may take the Holy Spirit.

20 And Peter said to him, Your silver be into destruction with you, because you supposed the gift of God to be acquired to yourself with riches.

21 There is absolutely no part nor lot to you in this word, because your heart is absolutely not well placed before the face of God.

22 Repent therefore of this your wickedness, and bind yourself to God in prayer that the purpose of your heart may be forgiven you,

23 Because I discern your being in the gall of bitterness, and bound jointly with unrighteousness.

24 And Simon answering, said, You bind yourself to the Lord in prayer for me, so that none of what you have spoken comes upon me.

25 Therefore they indeed, solemnly witnessing and speaking the word of the Lord, returned into Jerusalem, and announced the good news in many villages of the Samaritans.

26 And a heavenly messenger of the Lord spoke to Philip, saying, Stand up, and go along at mid-day upon the way going down from Jerusalem into Gaza; this is desert.

27 And standing up he went, and behold, an Ethiopian man, a eunuch, a power of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was over all her treasure, who had come to Jerusalem to prostrate himself,

28 And was returning, and sitting upon his chariot he read the prophet Isaiah.

29 And the Spirit said to Philip, Go near, and join yourself to this chariot.

30 And Philip running toward him, heard him reading the prophet Isaiah, and said, Then do you know what you are reading?

31 And he said, Because how do I have power to, unless someone will guide me? And he called Philip to come to sit alongside with him.

32 And the passage of the Scripture which he read was this: He was led as a sheep upon the slaughter, and like a lamb in the

presence of his shearer is voiceless, so he absolutely does not open his mouth; Isa 53:7

33 In his lowly condition his judgment was taken away, and who will declare his generation, because his life is taken away from the earth. Isa 53:8

34 And the eunuch answering Philip, said, I ask you, about whom does the prophet say this? About himself, or about some other?

35 And Philip opening his mouth, and beginning from this Scripture, announced to him the good news of Jesus.

36 And as they were going along the way, they came upon some water, and the eunuch said, Behold, water! What stops me from being baptized?

37 And Philip said, If you believe from out of your whole heart it is right. And answering, he said, I believe Jesus Christ to be the Son of God.

38 And he called out for the chariot to stand still, and they both went down into the water, both Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him.

39 And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord took Philip to himself, and the eunuch absolutely did not see him any more, because he went on his way rejoicing.

40 And Philip was found at Azotus, and going through he announced the good news to all the cities, until coming to Caesarea.

CHAPTER 9

1 And Saul, still breathing out threats and murder upon the disciples of the Lord, having come near the head priest,

2 Asked from him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any being of this way, binding both men and women, he may lead them to Jerusalem.

3 And in traveling, he was coming near to Damascus, and suddenly there flashed around him a light out of heaven;

4 And falling upon the earth, he heard a voice saying to him, Saul, Saul, why do you pursue me?

5 And he said, Who are you, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom you pursue; *it is* hard for you to kick against the sting.

6 And both trembling and astonished he said, Lord, what do you will me to do? And the Lord *said* to him, Stand up, and go into the city, and it will be told you what you must do.

7 And the men who traveled with him stood speechless, hearing indeed a voice, and seeing no one.

8 And Saul was raised up from the earth; his eyes having been opened, he saw absolutely no one, and leading him by the hand, they brought him into Damascus.

9 And he was three days not seeing, and ate and drank absolutely nothing.

10 And there was a certain disciple in Damascus, by the name of Ananias, and to him the Lord said in a vision, Ananias. And he said, Behold, I *am here*, Lord.

11 And the Lord *said* to him, Standing up, go on to the street, the one called Straight, and seek in the house of Judas for Saul by name, a Tarsian, because, behold, he is praying,

12 And has seen a man in a vision named Ananias, coming in and laying a hand on him so he may look up.

13 And Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem;

14 And here he has authority from the head priests to bind all who call upon your name.

15 And the Lord said to him, Go, because he is a chosen vessel to me, to lift my name before the face of the races, and kings, *and* the children of Israel,

16 Because I will show him how great things he must suffer under my name.

17 And Ananias went out, and entered into the house, and laying his hands upon him said, Brother Saul, the Lord has set me apart and sent me - Jesus, the one who appeared to you in the way that you came - that you may look up, and be filled with the Holy Spirit.

18 And immediately there fell off from his eyes something like scales, and he looked up in-

Saul (Paul) baptized, preaches Christ in the synagogues, leaves Damascus for Jerusalem, then to Tarsus **ACTS 9**
stantly, and standing up, was baptized.

19 And taking nourishment, he was strengthened. And Saul was with the disciples in Damascus some days.

20 And immediately he preached Christ in the synagogues, that he is the Son of God.

21 And all those hearing *him* were astounded, and said, Is he absolutely not the one ravaging those calling on this name in Jerusalem, and had come here for this, that binding them he may lead *them* to the head priests?

22 And Saul was more empowered, and confounded the Jews who dwelt in Damascus, proving that he is the Christ.

23 And after sufficient days were fulfilled, the Jews counseled together to take him out,

24 But their plot was known by Saul, and they scrupulously watched the gates both day and night to take him out.

25 And the disciples took him by night, and let him down through the wall, letting him down in a hamper.

26 And Saul coming near to Jerusalem, attempted to join himself to the disciples, and they feared him, not believing that he was a disciple.

27 And Barnabas taking hold upon him, led him to the apostles, and related fully to them how he had seen the Lord in the way, and that he had spoken to him, and how he had boldly spoken openly in Damascus in the name of Jesus.

28 And he was with them coming in and going out in Jerusalem.

29 And boldly speaking openly in the name of the Lord Jesus, and he both spoke and jointly investigated with the Greeks, and they put their hands upon him to take him out;

30 And the brothers recognizing *it*, led him down into Caesarea, and sent him out into Tarsus.

31 Therefore indeed the churches had peace throughout the whole of Judaea, and Galilee, and Samaria, being built up, and going on in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, were multiplied.

32 And it was, Peter going through all *areas*, came down also to the saints inhabiting Lydda.

33 And he found there a certain man named Aeneas, who was lying on a mattress eight years, who was paralyzed.

34 And Peter said to him, Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; stand up, and spread *your bed* for yourself. And instantly he stood up.

35 And all those dwelling in Lydda and the *plain of Sharon* saw him, and turned to the Lord.

36 And in Joppa was a certain disciple named Tabitha, which being translated is called Dorcas;³⁶ she was full of inherent good works and deeds of mercy which she did.

³⁶ **9:36** **Tabitha** is Aramaic, and **Dorcas** is Greek, both meaning Gazelle.

ACTS 10 *God raises Tabitha from the dead by the hand of Peter; Cornelius sends for Peter*

37 And it was in those days, that she being weak, died, and having washed her, they placed *her* in an upper room.

38 And Lydda being near to Joppa, the disciples having heard that Peter was in it, they set apart and sent two men to him, calling on *him* not to be slow to come through to them.

39 And Peter standing up went with them, whom arriving, they led him into the upper room, and all the widows stood by him sobbing, and showing tunics and garments which Dorcas made *while* being with them.

40 And putting them all out, Peter placing *himself on his* knees, prayed, and turning to the body said, Tabitha, stand up. And she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up.

41 And giving her his hand, he stood her up, and calling out to the saints and widows, he stood beside her alive.

42 And it became known through all Joppa, and many believed upon the Lord.

43 And it was, that he stayed sufficient days in Joppa with one Simon, a tanner.

CHAPTER 10

1 A certain man was in Caesarea named Cornelius, a centurion of the military division called the Italian,

2 Devout, and fearing God with all his house, who did many deeds of mercy for the people, and bound himself in prayer to God always.

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3 He saw in a vision openly about the ninth hour of the day a *heavenly* messenger of God coming in to him, and saying to him, Cornelius.

4 And he was gazing intently at him, and becoming alarmed, he said, What is it, Lord? And he said to him, Your prayers and your deeds of mercy have come up into a memorial before the face of God.

5 And now send men to Joppa, and call for Simon, who is surnamed Peter;

6 He is the guest with one Simon, a tanner, whose house is alongside of the sea; he will say to you what you must do.

7 And as the *heavenly* messenger speaking to Cornelius departed, he called out to two of his household servants, and a devout soldier of those in constant readiness for him,

8 And having rehearsed to them all these things, he set apart and sent them to Joppa.

9 And on the next day, they going on the road, and drawing near to the city, Peter went up upon the roof to pray about the sixth hour;

10 And he became intensely hungry, and determined to eat, but while they prepared *the meal*, an astonishment fell upon him,

11 And he looked with special interest at heaven opened, and a certain vessel descending upon him, like a great sheet bound by the four beginning *angles*, and let down upon the earth,

Peter's vision before the servants of Cornelius arrive; Peter goes to meet Cornelius **ACTS 10**

12 In which were all the four footed creatures of the earth, and beasts, and reptiles, and birds of the heaven.

13 And there was a voice to him, Stand up, Peter; slaughter, and eat.

14 And Peter said, By no means, Lord, because I have absolutely never eaten anything common or unclean.

15 And the voice *was* to him again the second time, What God has cleansed, you do not make common.

16 And this happened three times, and immediately the vessel was taken up into heaven.

17 And while Peter was thoroughly perplexed in himself what this vision might be which he had seen, behold, the men who were set apart and sent by Cornelius had inquired *for* Simon's house, and stood at the porch,

18 And calling out, asked if Simon, who was surnamed Peter, were a guest here.

19 And Peter passionately deliberating about the vision, the Spirit said to him, Behold, three men are seeking you.

20 But standing up, go down, and go with them, not judging through one thing, because I set them apart and sent them.

21 And Peter having gone down to the men set apart and sent from Cornelius to him, said, Behold, I am he whom you seek; what is the reason therefore *that*

you have come?

22 And they said, Cornelius, the centurion, a righteous man, and one fearing God, and of good report among all the race of the Jews, received a divine oracle by a holy *heavenly* messenger to summon you into his house, and hear spoken words of you.

23 Therefore calling them in, he made them his guests. And on the next day went out with them, and some of the brothers from Joppa went with him.

24 And on the next day they entered into Caesarea. And Cornelius was watching for them, having called together his relatives and close friends.

25 And when Peter was coming in, Cornelius met him, and fell down at his feet, prostrating himself.

26 And Peter raised him up, saying, Stand up; I myself also am a man.

27 And conversing with him, he went in, and found many gathered together.

28 Also he manifested his thoughts to them, You know how that it is unlawful for a Jewish man to be joined together, or come near to one of another race, and God has showed me I should not call any man common or unclean.

29 Therefore also I came without discussion as I was summoned; therefore I ask, For what word have you summoned me?

30 And Cornelius said, Four days ago until this hour I was fasting, and the ninth hour I was

ACTS 10 *Peter preaches to the household of Cornelius and the Spirit seizes upon them, they are baptized*

praying in my house, and behold, a man stood before my face in radiant clothing,

31 And said, Cornelius, your prayer is heard, and your deeds of mercy are remembered before the face of God.

32 Send therefore to Joppa, and summon Simon, whose surname is Peter; he is a guest in the house of Simon a tanner alongside of the sea, who having come, will speak to you.

33 Immediately therefore I sent to you; also you have done beautifully well in coming. Now therefore we are all here present before the face of God to hear all things that are ordered you by God.

34 And Peter opening his mouth, said, Upon truth, I eagerly seize *it* that God is absolutely no respecter of faces,

35 But in every race the one fearing him and working righteousness is approved with him.

36 The word which he set apart and sent to the children of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all),

37 You see the spoken word that was through all Judaea, beginning from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached,

38 How God anointed Jesus, the one from Nazareth, with the Holy Spirit and with power, who came through working good, and healing all those against whom the devil held power, because God was with him.

39 And we are witnesses of all things which he did both in the region of the Jews and in Jerusalem, whom they took out, hanging upon a tree;

40 God raised him up in the third day, and gave him manifested,

41 Absolutely not to all the people, but to witnesses chosen before by God, to us, who ate and drank with him after he rose out of the dead.

42 And he commanded us to preach to the people, and to solemnly witness that he is the one marked out by God as the Judge of *the* living and *the* dead.

43 To him all the prophets witness, *that* everyone believing into him will take forgiveness of sins through his name.

44 Peter still speaking these spoken words, the Holy Spirit seized upon all those hearing the word.

45 And the believers of the circumcision were astounded, as many as came with Peter, that also on the races the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out,

46 Because they heard them speaking tongues and magnifying God. Then Peter answered,

47 Does anyone have power to forbid the water for these to be baptized, who have taken the Holy Spirit just as also we!

48 And he ordered them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then they requested him to stay over for some days.

CHAPTER 11

1 And the apostles and the brothers being in Judaea heard that the races had also received the word of God.

2 And when Peter went up to Jerusalem, those of the circumcision judged *it* through toward him,

3 Saying, You went in to men not having circumcision, and you ate with them.

4 And Peter beginning, explained to them in order, saying,

5 I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in astonishment I saw a vision, a certain vessel coming down as a great sheet being let down out of heaven by four beginning *angles*, and it came to me;

6 Gazing into which, I fully exercised my mind, and saw four footed creatures of the earth, and beasts, and reptiles, and birds of the heaven.

7 And I heard a voice saying to me, Stand up, Peter; slaughter and eat.

8 And I said, By no means, Lord, because anything common or unclean has absolutely not at any time entered into my mouth.

9 And the voice answered me again out of heaven, What God has cleansed you do not make common.

10 And this happened three times, and all things were taken up again into heaven.

11 And behold, immediately three men stood at the house in which I was, set apart and sent from Caesarea to me.

12 And the Spirit said to me to go with them, not judging through *it*. And also these six brothers came with me, and we entered into the man's house;

13 And he announced to us how he saw a *heavenly* messenger standing in his house and saying to him, Set apart and send men to Joppa, and summon Simon, whose surname is Peter,

14 Who will speak to you spoken words, in which you and all your house will be saved.

15 And in my beginning to speak, the Holy Spirit seized upon them, just as also upon us in the beginning.

16 And I remembered the spoken word of the Lord, how that he said, John indeed baptized with water, and you will be baptized in the Holy Spirit.

17 If therefore God gave them the same gift as also to us, who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ, and who was I to have power to stop God?

18 And hearing these things, they ceased, and glorified God, saying, Then God has also granted to the races repentance to life.

19 Therefore truly they who were scattered abroad from the tribulation that was caused to be over Stephen went through as far as Phenice, and Cyprus, and Antioch, speaking the word to no one except Jews only.

20 And some men of them were Cypriots and Cyrenians, who, coming to Antioch, spoke

ACTS 12 *Believers are called Christians first at Antioch; Herod kills James; puts Peter in prison*

to the Grecians, announcing the good news of the Lord Jesus.

21 And the hand of the Lord was with them; also a great number believed and turned to the Lord.

22 Then word about them was heard into the ears of the church which was in Jerusalem, and they set apart and sent out Barnabas to go through as far as Antioch,

23 Who, having come, and seeing the grace of God, rejoiced, and exhorted them all with purpose of heart to stay with the Lord,

24 Because he was an inherently good man, and full of the Holy Spirit and of faith, and an appropriate crowd was added to the Lord.

25 And Barnabas departed to Tarsus to seek Saul,

26 And finding him, he led him to Antioch. And it was, a whole year they were assembled in the church and taught an appropriate crowd. Also by a divine oracle the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.

27 And in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch.

28 And one of them named Agabus standing up, signified through the Spirit *that* a great famine was about to be upon all the inhabited earth, which also was upon *the time* of Claudius Caesar.

29 And the disciples, just as any was prospered, each of them marked out to send a service to those brothers residing in Judaea,

30 Which also they did, setting it apart and sending it to the elders through the hands of Barnabas and Saul.

CHAPTER 12

1 And at that time Herod the king threw his hands upon some from the church to oppress *them*.

2 And he took out James, the brother of John, with the sword,

3 And seeing that it was pleasing to the Jews, he added also to take Peter together with *them* - and they were days of unleavened *bread* -

4 Whom also seizing, he placed him in prison, giving him over to four quaternions of soldiers to keep him, intending after the Passover to lead him up to the people.

5 Therefore Peter was kept in the prison, and prayer was being made intently by the church to God for him.

6 And when Herod was about to lead him out, in that night Peter was sleeping between two soldiers bound with two chains, also before the door guards were keeping the prison.

7 And behold, a *heavenly* messenger of the Lord stood up, and a light shined in the prison, and striking Peter's side, he raised him up, saying, Stand up in haste. And his chains dropped off of his hands.

8 And the *heavenly* messenger said to him, Gird yourself, and bind on your sandals. And he did so. And he says to him, Throw your

garment around you, and follow me.

9 And going out, he followed him, and absolutely did not see that it was true what was happening through the *heavenly* messenger, but thought he saw a vision.

10 And going through the first ward, and the second, they came upon the iron gate, the one carrying *them* into the city, which was opened to them of itself, and going out, they went on through one street, and instantly the *heavenly* messenger removed himself from him.

11 And Peter having become within himself, said, Now I see truly, that the Lord has set apart and sent his *heavenly* messenger, and took me out of the hand of Herod, and from all the expectation of the people of the Jews.

12 And seeing completely, he came to the house of Mary the mother of John, surnamed Mark, where appropriate numbers were gathered together, and praying.

13 And Peter knocking at the door of the porch, a girl named Rhoda came to listen attentively,

14 And recognizing Peter's voice, she absolutely did not open the porch for joy, but running in, announced Peter standing before the porch.

15 And they said to her, You are longing for it to be. And she forced it through that it was so. And they said, It is his *heavenly* messenger.

16 But Peter remained knocking, and they having opened *the door*, saw him, and were astounded.

17 And motioning downward with the hand to them to be quiet, he related fully to them how the Lord led him out of the prison; and he said, Announce these things to James and to the brothers. And going out, he went into another place.

18 And it's becoming day, there was a disturbance, absolutely not a little one, among the soldiers, as to what became of Peter.

19 And Herod searching for him, and not finding *him*, examining the guards, he called out for *them* to be led away, and going down from Judaea to Caesarea, he stayed.

20 And Herod was passionately threatening war with the Tyranians and Sidonians, and they came with one passion to him, and convincing Blastus, the one over the prince's bedroom, asked for peace, because their region was nourished from the prince's resources.

21 And upon a set day Herod, clothed in a princely garment, and sitting upon the judgment seat, made a public speech to them.

22 And the public called out, saying, The voice of a god, and not of a man!

ACTS 13 *The Lord strikes Herod; Barnabas and Saul sent out; the Lord strikes Elymas blind*

23 And instantly a *heavenly* messenger of the Lord struck him, because he absolutely did not give God the glory, and becoming eaten by maggots, he expired.

24 And the word of God grew and multiplied.

25 And Barnabas and Saul returned out of Jerusalem, having fulfilled the service, and having taken with them John being surnamed Mark.

CHAPTER 13

1 And some were prophets and teachers in Antioch among the existing church, both Barnabas, and Simeon, the one called Niger, and Lucius, the Cyrenian, also Manaen, the foster-brother of Herod, the tetrarch, and Saul.

2 And as they were ministering to the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, Separate to me at once Barnabas and Saul to the work to which I have called them.

3 Then having fasted and prayed and laying hands on them, they set them free.

4 These indeed therefore, having been sent out by the Holy Spirit, went down to Seleucia; also from there they sailed to Cyprus.

5 And being in Salamis, they preached the good news of the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews, and also they had John as a subordinate.

6 And going through the island as far as Paphos, they found a certain wise one, a false prophet, a Jew named Bar-Jesus,

7 Who was with the proconsul, Sergius Paulus, a mentally astute man, who calling Barnabas and Saul to himself was craving to hear the word of God.

8 And Elymas, the Wise One (because so his name was translated) stood against them, seeking to pervert the proconsul from the faith.

9 And Saul (the one *who is* also Paul) being filled with the Holy Spirit, gazing intently toward him,

10 Said, Oh full of all baited entrapment, and all recklessness, you son of the devil, hateful to all righteousness, will you not stop perverting the right ways of the Lord?

11 And now, behold, the hand of the Lord *be* upon you, and you will be blind, not seeing the sun for a time. And instantly a dimness of sight and a darkness fell on him, and going about he sought various ones to lead him by the hand.

12 Then the proconsul, having seen what happened, believed, being struck with shock at the teaching of the Lord.

13 And those around Paul sailing from Paphos, came to Perga of Pamphylia, and John departing from them, returned to Jerusalem.

14 And they going through from Perga, they came to the Pisidia Antioch, and going into the synagogue on the day of the Sabbaths, sat down.

15 And after the reading of the law and the prophets the rulers of the synagogue set apart and sent to them, saying, Men, brothers, if a word of exhortation is in you for the people, speak.

16 And Paul standing up and lowering his hand, said, Men, Israelites, and those fearing God, hear.

17 The God of this people of Israel chose out our fathers, and exalted the people in *their* foreign residency in the land of Egypt, and he led them out of it with a high arm.

18 And about the time of forty years endured their habits in the wasteland.

19 And taking down seven races in the land of Canaan, he divided their land to them by lot.

20 And after these things for four hundred and fifty years he gave judges until Samuel the prophet.

21 And from that time they asked for a king, and God gave to them Saul, son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, forty years.

22 And transferring him, he raised up to them David for a king, to whom also he said, witnessing, I found David, the son of Jesse, a man according to my own heart who will do all my will. ¹

Sam 13:14

23 God from the seed of this one, according to his promise, has led to Israel a Savior, Jesus,

24 John previously preaching before the face of his entrance the baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel.

25 And as John fulfilled his course, he said, Whom do you think me to be? I am absolutely not *him*. But, behold, he comes after me, whose shoes of his feet I am absolutely not worthy to loose. Luke 3:16

26 Men, brothers, children of the kin of Abraham, and those of you fearing God, to you the word of this salvation has been set apart and sent,

27 Because those dwelling at Jerusalem, and their rulers, being ignorant of him, and the voices of the prophets being read throughout every Sabbath, condemning *him*, they fulfilled *the prophets*.

28 And not finding even one reason of death in him, they ask Pilate to take him out.

29 And as they finished all the things written about him, taking *him* down from the tree, they placed him in a tomb.

30 And God raised him out of the dead;

31 And he was gazed at many days by those coming up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are his witnesses to the people.

32 And we announce to you the good news, the promise which was to the fathers,

ACTS 13 *Paul's message at Pisidia Antioch; Paul turns to other races who receive the gospel*

33 That God has fulfilled this to us, their children, raising up Jesus, as also it has been written in the second Psalm, You are my Son; today I have begotten you.

Psa 2:7

34 And because he caused him to rise out of the dead, no more being about to return to decay, thus he spoke, I will give you the faithful holy things of David. Isa 55:3

35 On this very account also in another *Psalm* he says, You will absolutely not give your Holy One to see decay, Psa 16:10

36 Because David indeed, having been a subordinate of the will of God to his own generation, he fell asleep, and was additionally placed with his fathers, and saw decay;

37 But he whom God raised up, absolutely did not see decay.

38 Let it be known therefore to you, men, brothers, that through this one is preached to you the forgiveness of sins;

39 And all believing are justified from all things in him, from which you absolutely did not have power to be justified in the law of Moses.

40 Look therefore, that the thing spoken in the prophets not come upon you.

41 See, *you* despisers, and wonderers, and disappearing, because I work a work in your days, a work which you will absolutely in no way believe, though someone narrates it thoroughly to you.

42 And the Jews going out of the synagogue, the *other* races⁴² called for these spoken words to be spoken to them the next Sabbath.

43 And when the synagogue was let out, many of the Jews and worshipping proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas, who, speaking to them, convinced them to continue in the grace of God.

44 And the coming Sabbath almost the whole city came together to hear the word of God.

45 And the Jews seeing the multitudes, were filled with jealousy, and spoke against those things being spoken by Paul, speaking against and blaspheming.

46 And Paul and Barnabas speaking boldly, said, It was necessary to speak the word of God first to you, but seeing you push it off from you, and judge yourselves absolutely not worthy of everlasting life, behold, we turn around to the races,

47 Because in this way the Lord has commanded us: I have set you for a light of the races, that you be for salvation to the ends of the earth. Isa 42:6

48 And the races hearing *this* rejoiced, and glorified the word of the Lord, and as many as were ordained⁴⁸ to eternal life believed.

49 And the word of the Lord passed through all the region.

⁴² **13:42** *races*, *ethnee*, races, which the KJV translates as Gentiles.

⁴⁸ **13:48** *ordained*, *tasso*, to arrange in an orderly manner, to appoint to one's own authority, (those appointed to eternal life under God's own authority).

50 And the Jews stirred up the worshipping and well respected women and the foremost *people* of the city, and stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and threw them out of their boundaries.

51 And shaking off the dust of their feet against them, they came into Iconium.

52 And the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

CHAPTER 14

1 And it was, in Iconium they went in together into the synagogue of the Jews, and spoke so that a large multitude both of the Jews and Greeks believed.

2 But the unconvinced Jews stirred up the races, and made their souls evil against the brothers.

3 Therefore they remained appropriate time speaking boldly on the Lord, witnessing to the word of his grace, and giving signs and wonders to be through their hands.

4 And the multitude of the city was split, and some indeed were with the Jews, and some with the apostles.

5 And as there was a violent assault of the races, and also of the Jews with their rulers to abuse and to stone them,

6 Seeing *this* completely, they fled down to the cities of Lycaonia, Lystra, and Derbe, and to the surrounding territory,

7 And they were announcing the good news there.

8 And a certain man in Lystra was sitting without power in his feet, being lame out of his mother's womb, who absolutely never had walked.

9 He heard Paul speaking who gazing intently at him, and seeing that he had faith to be saved,

10 Said with a loud voice, Stand upright upon your feet. And he jumped up, and walked about.

11 And the multitude seeing what Paul had done, lifted up their voice in Lycaonian, saying, The gods have come down to us in the likeness of men.

12 And they called Barnabas, Zeus,^{1 2a} and Paul, Hermes,^{1 2b} because he was the governor in the word.

13 And the priest of Zeus, being before their city, carrying bulls and wreaths to the gates with the crowd, were determined to sacrifice.

14 And the apostles Barnabas and Paul hearing *this*, having torn their clothes, rushed into the multitude, screaming out,

15 And saying, Men, why are you doing these things? We also are men of like feelings as you, announcing the good news to you to turn from these empty things to the living God, who made the heaven, and the earth, and the sea, and all things in them,

16 Who in generations gone by let all races go in their own ways.

^{12a} **14:12** Zeus in Latin. Jupiter, in Greek. Zeus is what is in the text.

^{12b} **14:12** Hermes in Greek, which is what is in the text. Mercury in Latin.

ACTS 15 *Paul stoned; they visit churches returning to Antioch; dispute over circumcision; to Jerusalem*

17 And yet he absolutely did not leave himself without witness, doing good, giving us rain from heaven, and fruit-bearing seasons, filling our hearts with nourishment and joyfulness.

18 And saying these things with difficulty they settled down the multitude not to sacrifice to them.

19 And Jews came over from Antioch and Iconium, and convincing the multitude, and, having stoned Paul, dragged him outside of the city, supposing him to have died.

20 And the disciples having surrounded him, standing up, he came into the city, and on the next day he went out with Barnabas to Derbe.

21 And announcing the good news to that city, and having made ample disciples, they turned back into Lystra, into Iconium, and into Antioch,

22 Confirming the souls of the disciples, exhorting *them* to continue in the faith, and that we must through many tribulations enter into the kingdom of God.

23 And having hand-picked for them elders in every church, praying with fastings, they placed them alongside of the Lord, into whom they believed.

24 And after going through Pisidia they came to Pamphylia.

25 And speaking the word in Perga they went down into Attalia,

26 And from there sailed into Antioch, from where they had been given over to the grace of God into the work which they fulfilled.

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27 And having arrived, and gathering the church together, they announced all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the *other* races.

28 And they remained there absolutely no little time with the disciples.

CHAPTER 15

1 And some men going down from Judaea taught the brothers that, If you are not circumcised after the custom of Moses, you absolutely do not have power to be saved.

2 There being therefore by Paul and Barnabas absolutely no small uprising and dispute with them, they ordained for Paul and Barnabas, and some others of them, to go up to Jerusalem to the apostles and elders about this debate.

3 They indeed therefore being sent forward by the church, went through Phenice and Samaria, narrating fully the conversion of the races, and they made great joy to all the brothers.

4 And having come into Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the church and the apostles and elders, and announced what things God did with them.

5 And some from the party of the Pharisees who believed, stood up saying that it was necessary to circumcise them, also to command them to keep the law of Moses.

6 Also the apostles and elders came together to see about this word.

7 And there being much mutual questioning, Peter standing up, said to them, Men, brothers, you know that from the first days God chose among us *for* the *other* races to hear the word of the good news through my mouth, and believe.

8 And God, the heart-knower, witnessed to them, giving *them* the Holy Spirit, just as to us,

9 And absolutely did not discriminate between both us and them, purifying their hearts by faith.

10 Now therefore why do you tempt God, to impose a yoke upon the neck of the disciples, which absolutely neither our fathers nor we had strength to lift?

11 But through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we believe we shall be saved, according to the same manner as they.

12 And all the multitude kept silence, and heard Barnabas and Paul bringing out what signs and wonders God had done among the races through them.

13 And after their silence, James answered, saying, Men, brothers, hear me.

14 Simeon has brought out how God at first visited to take out of the races a people for his name.

15 And to this agree the words of the prophets, as it has been written,

16 After these things I will conduct myself back, and will build again the tent of David which has fallen, and I will build again its ruins, and I will set it upright,

17 So that the rest of men may seek out the Lord, even all the races upon whom my name is called, says the Lord, who is doing all these things. Amos 9:11-12

18 Known to God from eternity are all his works.

19 Therefore I judge not to cause trouble for those turning to God from the *other* races;

20 But to write to them, that they abstain from defilements of idols, and from sexual promiscuity, and from things strangled, and blood,

21 Because Moses from ancient generations has in every city those preaching him, being read in the synagogues every Sabbath.

22 Then it was the opinion of the apostles and elders, with the whole church, to send chosen men of themselves to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas, namely, Judas surnamed Barsabas, and Silas, governing men among the brothers,

23 Writing through their hand these things: The apostles and elders, and brothers, to those throughout Antioch, and Syria, and Cilicia, brothers out of the races, greeting:

24 Since we heard that some of us having gone out stirred you with words, upsetting your souls, saying, Be circumcised and keep the law, which we absolutely did not so charge,

ACTS 15 *Abstain from defilements of idols, from sexual promiscuity, from blood; Barnabas and Mark, Paul and Silas*

25 It was our thought, being assembled with one passion, to send chosen men to you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul,

26 Men who have given their souls over to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

27 We have therefore set apart and sent Judas and Silas who will also announce the same things by mouth,

28 Because it was the thought of the Holy Spirit, and us, to impose upon you no more weight than these necessary things:

29 That you abstain from things offered to idols,²⁹ and from blood, and from things strangled, and from sexual promiscuity, out of which guarding yourselves completely, you are practicing good. Be in health.

30 Therefore indeed being set free, they came to Antioch, and gathering the multitude together, they delivered the written message;³⁰

31 And having read *it*, they rejoiced upon the comfort.

32 And Judas and Silas, also being themselves prophets, exhorted the brothers with many words, and confirmed *them*.

33 And having continued a time, they were set free with peace from the brothers to the apostles.

34 And Silas thought for himself to remain.

35 And Paul and Barnabas continued in Antioch, teaching and announcing the good news, also many others.

36 And after some days Paul said to Barnabas, Indeed, having turned back, let us watch over our brothers throughout every city in which we have preached the word of the Lord, how they are holding.

37 And Barnabas determined to take along with *them* John called Mark.

38 And Paul deemed it not fit to take him with *them*, *he* having removed himself from them from Pamphylia, and did not go with them into the work.

39 Therefore there became a sharp feeling, so as to split them one from the other, and having taken Mark along, Barnabas sailed away into Cyprus;

40 And Paul having chosen Silas, went out, being given over to the grace of God by the brothers.

41 And he went through Syria and Cilicia, confirming the churches.

²⁹ **15:29 things offered to idols**, *eidolothuton*, what has been offered to an idol. See St. Paul's explanation of this entire question in 1 Cor 8:1ff.

³⁰ **15:30 written message**, *epistole*, a written message, from which we have the English word, epistle.

CHAPTER 16

1 And he arrived into Derbe and Lystra, and behold, a certain disciple was there, named Timothy, the son of a certain faithful Jewish woman, and *his* father a Greek,

2 Who had a *good* testimony among the brothers at Lystra and Iconium.

3 Paul determined for him to go out with him, and taking *him*, circumcised him because of the Jews being in those places, because they all saw that his father was a Greek.

4 And as they went through the cities, they gave over to them the decrees⁴ to keep, that were judicially decided by the apostles and elders who *were* in Jerusalem.

5 Indeed therefore the churches were solidified in the faith, and increased in number daily.

6 And having gone through Phrygia and the region of Galatia - being stopped under the Holy Spirit from speaking the word in Asia -

7 And coming over against Mysia, they tested going through Bithynia, and the Spirit absolutely did not let them.

8 And going near Mysia they went down to Troas.

9 And a vision appeared to Paul through the night; a certain man of Macedonia was standing, and calling him, saying, walking through into Macedonia, help us.

⁴ **16:4 decrees, dogma**, a Greek word brought into English, meaning a law. Paul and Timothy gave to the churches the decrees, or dogmas, decided on in the Jerusalem conference in Acts 15.

10 And when he saw the vision, immediately we¹⁰ sought to go out into Macedonia, concluding that the Lord had called us to announce the good news to them.

11 Therefore setting sail from Troas, we sailed a straight course into Samothracia, and the next day into Neapolis;

12 Also from there to Philippi, which is the foremost city of the province of Macedonia, a colony,¹² and we were remaining in that city *certain* days.

13 Also on the day of the Sabbaths we went outside of the city alongside of a river where prayer was supposed to be, and sitting down, we spoke to the women who came together.

14 And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, worshipping God, heard *us*, whose heart the Lord completely opened to hold her mind to the things spoken by Paul.

¹⁰ **16:10 we**; This is the first time the narrative is carried forward in the first person. Up to this point in Acts the narrative has been told in the third person; he or they did thus and so. Now, for the first time the narrative is carried forward by "we." By this we conclude that Luke joined Paul here as he went into Macedonia.

¹² **16:12 a colony**. Roman is not in the text but understood. A colony, *kolonia*, during the Roman Empire of the time of Christ and St. Paul, was a military colony, and a place of settlement of retired Roman soldiers, who served to maintain Philippi as a Roman center for security of the Empire in Macedonia. Colonies possessed the right of Roman freedom, and of holding the land under Roman law, as well as exemption from poll-tax and tribute. Most Roman colonies were established along the coast.

ACTS 16 *Lydia baptized; a spirit of Python thrown out of a girl; Paul and Silas freed from jail, the jailer saved*

15 And when she was baptized, and her household, she called on us, saying, If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house, and stay. And she compelled us.

16 And it was, as we went to prayer, a certain girl having a spirit of Python¹⁶ met us, who afforded her lords much profit by divining;

17 She following Paul and us closely, screamed, saying, These men are the servants of the most high God who preach to us a way of salvation.¹⁷

18 And she did this many days. And Paul, toiling through *it*, and turning to the spirit, said, I order you in *the* name of Jesus Christ to come out from her. And he came out the same hour.

19 And her lords seeing that the hope of their profits was gone, having seized Paul and Silas, dragged them into the marketplace before the rulers,

¹⁶ **16:16 Python**, *Python*, in Greek mythology was the name of the serpent or dragon, dwelling in Pytho, at the foot of Mount Parnassus, guarding the oracle of Delphi, and killed by Apollo. The name was transferred to Apollo, and then applied to fortune tellers or those who claim to prophesy under the spell of this god, regarded as inspired by Apollo. Demons are the agents breathing life into idols, 1 Cor 10:20. This young girl had a demon promoting this particular idolatry.

¹⁷ **16:17 a way of salvation**, (the article "the" is not in the phrase). This is a very popular practice among false religions, **a way of salvation**, not **the only** way, but one of many, trying to give validity to many other ways of salvation by trying to join with the true way of salvation. This is the politically correct attitude magnifying multiculturalism, that one religion is as good as the other, and no religion must be criticized, and no religion must be exalted over another. This is a much used lie promoted by demons.

20 And having led them to the *military* governors, said, These men, being Jews, are completely disturbing our city,

21 And preaching racial customs which are absolutely not right for us to welcome, and absolutely not *right* to do, being Romans.

22 And the crowd stood up together against them, and the *military* governors tearing their clothes all around, called out to beat *them*.

23 And imposing many strokes upon them, they threw *them* into prison, ordering the jailer to keep them securely,

24 Who, having taken such an order, threw them into the interior prison, and rendered their feet secure in the stocks.

25 And about midnight Paul and Silas praying, sang hymns²⁵ to God, and the prisoners listened to them.

26 And instantly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the dungeon were shaken, and instantly all the doors were opened, and everyone's shackles were loosed.

27 And the jailer being awakened, and seeing the prison doors open, having drawn a sword, was about to take himself out, supposing the prisoners had fled.

28 But Paul called out with a loud voice, saying, Do not do any harm to yourself, because we are all here.

²⁵ **16:25 sang hymns**, *hymneo*, to hymn or sing a hymn, the Greek word *hymnos* brought into English, hymn.

29 And asking for a light, he rushed in, and becoming shaken with fear, he fell before Paul and Silas,

30 And having led them outside, said, Lords, what must I do that I may be saved?

31 And they said, Believe upon the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, and your house.

32 And they spoke to him the word of the Lord, and to all those in his house.

33 And taking them in that hour of the night, he washed off the wounds, and was baptized, he and all his, instantly.

34 And leading them into the house, he set a table *for food* before *them*, and jumped for joy with all his house having believed in God.

35 And it becoming day, the *military* governors set apart and sent the official floggers, saying, Set those men free.

36 And the jailer announced these words to Paul, that the *military* governors have set apart and sent that you be set free; now therefore departing, go in peace.

37 But Paul made manifest to them, Having scourged us publicly, not being men judged guilty, being Romans, they threw us into prison, and now privately they throw us out? Indeed, absolutely not, but coming themselves, let them lead us out.

38 And the *military* floggers announced these words to the *military* governors, and they were afraid *at* hearing that they

were Romans.

39 And coming, they begged them, and leading them out, asked them to go out of the city.

40 And going out of the prison, they entered into the *house* of Lydia, and seeing the brothers, they comforted them, and went out.

CHAPTER 17

1 And traveling through Amphipolis and Apollonia they came into Thessalonica, where was a synagogue of the Jews;

2 And according to custom with Paul, he went in to them, and upon three Sabbaths spoke thoroughly with them from the Scriptures,

3 Opening thoroughly and setting forth that Christ must have suffered, and to have risen again out of the dead, and that he is the Christ, Jesus, whom I preach to you.

4 And some of them were convinced, and joined with Paul and Silas, both of the worshipping Greeks a large multitude, and of the foremost women absolutely not a few.

5 And the unbelieving Jews becoming zealous, taking to themselves some of the market-loafers, wicked men, and gathering a crowd, made a disturbance in the city, and standing at the house of Jason, sought to lead them out to the public.

6 And not finding them, they dragged Jason and some brothers up to the rulers of the city, shouting that, These who

ACTS 17 *The disturbance at Thessalonica; the Jews at Berea searched the Scriptures; Paul at Athens*

have turned the inhabited earth upside down - they also are here,

7 Whom Jason has received under his roof, and these all practice opposite to the decrees of Caesar, saying there is another king, Jesus.

8 And they stirred the crowd and the rulers of the city, hearing these things.

9 And taking sufficiency of Jason, and of the rest, they set them free.

10 And the brothers immediately sent Paul and Silas away through *the* night to Berea, who arriving went into the synagogue of the Jews.

11 And these were more noble *than* those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all eager passion, and examined the Scriptures daily, if they¹¹ have these things in this way.

12 Therefore many of them in fact believed, and of well respected Greek women and men, absolutely not a few.

13 And when the Jews from Thessalonica knew that also the word of God was preached by Paul in Berea, they came there also shaking up the multitude.

14 And then immediately the brothers set apart and sent Paul away to go as upon the sea, but Silas and Timothy remained there.

15 And those conducting Paul led him to Athens, and having received a command to Silas and Timothy to come to him as

quickly as possible, they departed.

16 And awaiting them in Athens, Paul's spirit was sharpened in him, looking with special interest at the city being totally idolatrous.

17 Therefore indeed he spoke thoroughly in the synagogue with the Jews and with those worshipping, also in the market during every day with those who happened to be *there*.

18 And some of the Epicureans and the Stoics, philosophers, fell in with him. And some said, What does this seed-picker will to say? And the others, He seems to be a preacher of foreign demons,¹⁸ because he announced to them the good news of Jesus and the resurrection.

19 Also taking hold upon him, they led him upon the Areos-Pagus,¹⁹ saying, May we have power to know what *is* this new teaching you are speaking?

20 Because you carry some foreign things into our hearing; we are determined therefore to know what you will these things to be.

21 (And all the Athenians and foreigners residing there had a good time in absolutely nothing else, but either to speak something, or to hear new things.)

¹⁸ **17:18 demons, *daimonion***; demon is used by these believers in other religions as an extension of deity, lesser gods, which is what demons will that you believe, which was the original plan of Satan, to be as God, Gen 3:5; Isa 14:14.

¹⁹ **17:19 Areos-Pagos, Rock of Ares**; Ares was the name of the Greek god of war.

¹¹ **17:11 they** = the Scriptures.

22 And Paul standing in the midst of Areos-Pagos, said, Men, Athenians, I look with special interest at how fearful you are of deities,

23 Because coming through, and looking again with special interest upon your objects of worship, I found an altar in which was written, **TO AN UNKNOWN GOD**. Whom therefore, not knowing, you worship; I preach him to you.

24 The God, the one having made the world and all things in it, this one being Lord of heaven and earth, absolutely does not dwell in hand-made temples;

25 And he is absolutely not served by men's hands, needing anything; he gives to all life, and breath, and all things;

26 Also he made of one blood all races of men to dwell upon all the face of the earth, marking out the times ordered beforehand and the boundaries of their residence,

27 To seek the Lord, if possibly they might feel after him, and find *him*, although he exists absolutely not far from everyone of us,

28 Because in him we live, and move, and are, as also some of your own poets have spoken, Because we are also his kin.

29 Therefore existing as the kin of God, we absolutely ought not to suppose that God-likeness is like gold, or silver, or stone, engraved by skill and passionate deliberation of man.

30 Indeed therefore God overlooking times of ignorance, now orders all men everywhere to repent,

31 Because he has caused a day to stand, in which he is about to judge the inhabited earth in righteousness in a man whom he has marked out, having held faith near to all men, having raised him out of the dead.

32 And hearing the resurrection out of the dead, some indeed threw out their lip, and others said, We will hear you again about this.

33 So Paul went out of their midst.

34 And some men being glued to him, believed, among whom also *were* Dionysius the Areopagite, and a woman named Damaris, and others with them.

CHAPTER 18

1 And after these things, Paul departing from Athens, came to Corinth;

2 And finding a certain Jew named Aquila, of Pontus by kin, recently having come from Italy, and Priscilla his wife - because Claudius had officially arranged for all Jews to depart from Rome - and he came to them.

3 And because of being of the same trade, he stayed with them and worked, because they were tentmakers by trade.

4 And he spoke thoroughly in the synagogue every Sabbath, convincing the Jews and the Greeks.

ACTS 18

Paul one and one-half years teaching at Corinth; to Ephesus

5 And when Silas and Timothy came down from Macedonia, Paul was pressed by the Spirit, solemnly witnessing to the Jews *that* Jesus is the Christ.

6 And they having arranged themselves against *him* and blasphemed, he having shaken his clothing, said to them, Your blood *be* upon your own heads; I am clean; from now I will go to the *other* races.

7 And changing places from there, he went into one's house named Justus, who worshipped God, whose house was adjoining the synagogue.

8 And Crispus, the chief ruler of the synagogue, believed the Lord with all his house, and many of the Corinthians hearing, believed and were baptized.

9 And the Lord said to Paul through a vision in the night, Do not fear, but speak, and do not be silent;

10 On this very account I am with you, and absolutely no one will impose hurt on you; on this very account there are many people to me in this city.

11 And he settled down a year and six months, teaching among them the word of God.

12 And Gallio being proconsul of Achaia, the Jews rushed with one passion against Paul, and led him to the judgment seat,

13 Saying that, He incites men to worship God contrary to the law.

14 And Paul being about to open *his* mouth, Gallio said to the Jews, If indeed therefore it were a wrong or reckless act, Oh *you* Jews, I would hold up myself according to reason with you,

15 But if it is a question about words and names and of law according to you, you will see to it yourselves, because I will absolutely not be judge of these things.

16 And he pushed them from the judgment seat.

17 And all the Greeks seizing Sosthenes, the ruler of the synagogue, repeatedly hit him in front of the judgment seat. And Gallio was absolutely not concerned for any of these things.

18 And Paul having yet stayed appropriate days, bidding farewell to the brothers, departed by ship into Syria, and with him Priscilla and Aquila, having shorn *his* head in Cenchrea, because he had a spoken desire to God.

19 And he arrived into Ephesus, and left them behind there, and entering into the synagogue, he spoke thoroughly with the Jews.

20 And they requesting him to stay a longer time with them, he absolutely did not nod assent,

21 But bid *them* farewell, saying, It is necessary for me by all means to do the coming feast at Jerusalem,²¹ but I will return

²¹ **18:21** Note that Paul as a Christian Jew still observed the ceremonial Law of Moses, without thinking that it saves him, and without requiring believers of other races to observe the ceremonial Law of Moses, Acts 15. See Acts 21:20-26; 24:14; 25:8; 26:22; 28:17.

again to you, God willing. And he sailed from Ephesus.

22 And coming down into Caesarea, having gone up and embraced the church, he went down into Antioch.

23 And after having spent some time, he went out, going through in order all the region of Galatia and Phrygia, strengthening all the disciples.

24 And a certain Jew named Apollos, an Alexandrian by kin, a man of words, powerful in the Scriptures, arrived into Ephesus.

25 He was catechized in the way of the Lord; and glowing in the Spirit he spoke and taught exactly the things about the Lord, knowing only the baptism of John.

26 Also he began to speak boldly in the synagogue, and Aquila and Priscilla hearing *him*, took him to themselves, and placed upon him more exactly the way of God.

27 And he willing to go through into Achaia, the brothers wrote the disciples encouraging to welcome him, who, having arrived, helped them much who believed through grace,

28 Because he cogently proved to the Jews, publicly, showing through the Scriptures Jesus to be Christ.

CHAPTER 19

1 And it was, while Apollos was in Corinth, Paul going through the upper parts came down into Ephesus, and finding some disciples

2 He said to them, Did you, having believed, take the Holy Spirit? And they said to him, We had absolutely not even heard if there is a Holy Spirit.

3 Also he said to them, Into what therefore were you baptized? And they said, Into John's baptism.

4 And Paul said, John truly baptized a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe into the one coming after him, that is, into Christ Jesus.

5 And hearing *this*, they were baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus.

6 And Paul placing his hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came upon them; also they spoke tongues and prophesied.

7 And all the men *were* about twelve.

8 And going into the synagogue, he spoke thoroughly for three months, speaking thoroughly and convincing *them* in the things concerning the kingdom of God.

9 And as some were hardened and were unconvinced, using bad words against the way before the face of the multitude, having removed himself from them, he separated the disciples, speaking thoroughly daily in the school of a certain Tyrannus.

10 And this continued over two years, so that all those residing in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks.

ACTS 19 *Healings by Paul's sending his head towels and aprons to the sick; items of magic burned; riot over Artemis*

11 Also God did works of power, absolutely not normally attained, through the hands of Paul;

12 And therefore head towels or aprons were carried from his body upon the weak, and the diseases were released from them, and the evil spirits went out from them.

13 And some of the wandering Jews, exorcists, undertook to name over them having evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, We put you under oath to Jesus whom Paul preaches.

14 And some seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish head priest, were doing *this*.

15 And the evil spirit answering, said, Jesus I know, and Paul I know, but who are you?

16 And the man in whom was the evil spirit leaping upon them and oppressing them was strong against them, so that they fled out of the house naked and wounded.¹⁶

17 And this became known to all, both Jews and Greeks residing at Ephesus, and fear seized upon them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified.

18 Also many who believed came, acknowledging and announcing their actions.

19 And ample numbers of those practicing useless things,¹⁹ bringing together scrolls, burned

¹⁶ **19:16** wounded, *traumatizo*, wounded, traumatized.

¹⁹ **19:19** useless things, *perierga*. The word magic or witchcraft does not appear in this sentence, but the burning of the scrolls implies that the useless things were the prac-

them before all, and they counted the value of them, and found it five thousand in silver coins.

20 So with might the word of the Lord grew and was strong.

21 And when these things were fulfilled, Paul placed *it* in the Spirit, going through Macedonia and Achaia, to go into Jerusalem, saying, After having been there, it is necessary for me also to see Rome.

22 And setting apart and sending into Macedonia two of those ministering to him, Timothy and Erastus, he delayed in Asia for a time.

23 And there was at that time absolutely no small disturbance concerning that way,

24 Because one named Demetrius, a silversmith, making silver shrines of Artemis,²⁴ afforded the craftsmen absolutely no small trade;

25 Also whom assembling together the workmen of such things, said, Men, you know that out of this trade is our wealth.

26 Also you look with special interest and hear that absolutely not only in Ephesus, but almost in all of Asia, this Paul convincing, has transferred an ample crowd, saying that there are absolutely no gods caused to exist by hands;

27 And absolutely not only is this our part in danger of coming into disrepute, but also that the

tices of magic apparently prescribed in the scrolls.

²⁴ **19:24** Artemis in Greek, and to the Greeks, and Diana to the Romans, but actually an Asiatic goddess, served by eunuchs, a mother figure with multiple breasts, tracings its origin back to the Amazons.

Riot: Great is Artemis of the Ephesians; the town clerk quiets the multitude; Paul goes to Macedonia **ACTS 20**

temple of the great goddess Artemis will be accounted as absolutely nothing, and her glorious splendor is about to be destroyed, whom all Asia and the inhabited earth worships.

28 And hearing *this*, becoming full of hard breathing, they screamed, saying, Great is Artemis²⁸ of the Ephesians.

29 And the city being filled with a riotous disturbance, they rushed violently with one passion into the theater, having seized Gaius and Aristarchus, men of Macedonia, Paul's companions in travel.

30 And Paul intending to go into the people, the disciples absolutely did not let him.

31 And some of the presidents of the public festivities of Asia, being his friends, sent to him, calling on him not to give himself into the theater.

32 Then others screamed one thing, and *some* another, because the assembly was thrown into disorder, and the majority absolutely did not see why they were convened.

33 And they drove Alexander out of the multitude, the Jews pushing him forward. And Alexander motioning downward with the hand, determined to make his defense to the public.

34 And recognizing that he was a Jew, there became one voice out of all for over two

hours screaming, Great *is* Artemis of the Ephesians.

35 And the town-clerk settling down the multitude, said, Men of Ephesus, for what man is there who absolutely does not know *that* the city of the Ephesians is a temple-keeper of the great goddess Artemis, and of the one fallen from Zeus?

36 Therefore these things being indisputable, it is necessary that you become settled down and practice nothing rashly,

37 Because you have brought these men, who are absolutely neither temple-robbers nor blasphemers of your goddess.

38 Therefore if indeed Demetrius and those craftsmen with him have a word against anyone, the courts are available, and there are proconsuls; let them accuse one another.

39 But if you inquire to take away any other things, it shall be solved in a lawful assembly,

40 Because we also are in danger of being accused of an insurrection concerning today, there existing not even one legal cause by which we have power to give a word for this riotous crowd.

41 And having spoken these things, he set the assembly free.

CHAPTER 20

1 And after the disturbance was stopped, Paul having called to himself the disciples, and embracing them, went out to go into Macedonia.

²⁸ **19:28 Artemis** is in the Greek text. Diana, in the KJV is simply the Latinized name of Artemis.

ACTS 20 *Paul speaks until midnight in Troas; Eutychus falls and is healed; Paul speaks to the elders of Ephesus*

2 And going through those parts, and having exhorted them with many words, he came into Greece,

3 And spending three months, there being a plot against him by the Jews, being about to sail into Syria, it was in his knowledge to return through Macedonia.

4 And Sopater of Berea accompanied him into Asia, and of the Thessalonians, Aristarchus and Secundus, and Gaius of Derbe, and Timothy, and of Asia, Tychicus and Trophimus.

5 And these going before, waited for us in Troas.

6 And we departed by ship after the days of unleavened bread from Philippi, and came to them into Troas within five days, where we remained seven days.

7 And in the first of the Sabbaths, the disciples coming together to break bread, Paul spoke thoroughly to them, about to leave the next day, and continued the word until midnight.

8 And there were sufficient lamps in the upper room where they were gathered together.

9 And a certain youth named Eutychus was sitting upon a window, being overcome by a deep sleep; Paul was speaking thoroughly for a long time, being overcome from sleep, fell from the third story, and was lifted up dead.

10 And Paul going down, seized him, and embracing him said, Do not be disturbed, because his soul is in him.

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11 And going up, and having broken bread, and having eaten, also having conversed sufficiently until daybreak, so he departed.

12 And they brought the boy alive, and were comforted, absolutely not a little.

13 And we going before on the ship sailed to Assos, from there intending to pick up Paul, because he had so ordered, intending himself to travel on foot.

14 And when he joined with us at Assos, we, taking him up, came to Mitylene.

15 And from there sailing away, we arrived the next *day* opposite Chios, and another *day* we threw alongside of Samos, and staying in Trogyllium, the next *day* we came to Miletus,

16 Because Paul had decided to sail by Ephesus, so as not to be spending time in Asia, because he hurried, if it were possible for him to be at Jerusalem the day of Pentecost.

17 And from Miletus sending to Ephesus, he summoned the elders of the church.

18 And when they arrived to him, he said to them, You have known from the first day that I walked into Asia, how I have been with you at all times,

19 Serving the Lord with all humility of mind, and with many tears, and trials happening to me in the plots of the Jews,

20 As I kept back absolutely not one thing that was advantageous to announce to you, and

to teach you publicly, and from house to house,

21 Solemnly witnessing both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.

22 And now, behold, I am going bound in the spirit to Jerusalem, not seeing the things that will meet me there,

23 But that the Holy Spirit solemnly witnesses city by city, saying that bonds and tribulations await me.

24 But I make absolutely no word *of it*, and I absolutely do not hold my soul precious to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry, which I took alongside of the Lord Jesus, to solemnly witness to the good news of the grace of God.

25 And now, behold, I see that all of you among whom I have gone through preaching the kingdom of God will absolutely not gaze at my face any more.

26 On this very account I testify to you in this day that I am pure from the blood of everyone,

27 Because I have absolutely not held back from declaring to you the whole will of God.

28 Therefore, hold yourselves in mind, and all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers,²⁸ to shepherd the church of God, which he has made

around himself through his own blood,

29 Because I see this, that after my departure weighty wolves will come into you, not sparing the flock.

30 Also of your own selves will men stand up, speaking perverted things, to draw away disciples after them.

31 Therefore watch, remembering that three years I absolutely did not stop putting everyone in mind *of this* night and day with tears.

32 And now, brothers, I place you alongside of God, and the word of his grace, which has power to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all the sanctified.

33 I have set my passion upon absolutely no one's silver, or gold, or clothing.

34 And you yourselves know that these hands have been subordinated to my needs and to the ones who were with me.

35 I showed you all things, how that in this way working hard you must take hold of the weak, and remember the words of the Lord Jesus how he said, It is more blessed to give than to take.

36 And having said these things, placing himself on his knees, he prayed with all of them.

37 And there was ample lamenting, and falling upon Paul's neck they kissed him again and again,

²⁸ **20:28 overseers**, *episcopos*, an overseer of a church, translated bishop in KJV. It is obvious from its meaning and its use that it refers to pastors. It appears here and in Php 1:1; 1 Tim 3:2; Tit 1:7; and 1 Pet 2:25.

ACTS 21 *Paul visits churches, spends time in Tyre, Philip's daughters prophesy; Paul determined to go to Jerusalem*

38 Grieving most of all for the words which he spoke, that it was necessary that they absolutely not gaze upon his face any more. And they escorted him into the ship.

CHAPTER 21

1 And it was in this manner we sailed away, being dragged from them; having sailed a straight course, we came to Coos, and the following *day* into Rhodes, and from there into Patara,

2 And having found a ship crossing over to Phenicia, going aboard, we sailed away.

3 And Cyprus appearing, and leaving it behind on the left hand, we sailed into Syria, and came down into Tyre, because there the ship was unloading the cargo.

4 And having searched out the disciples, we stayed there seven days, who said to Paul through the Spirit not to go up to Jerusalem.

5 And when those days were completed to us, having departed, we traveled on, they all escorting us, with wives and children, until we *were* outside of the city, and placing our knees down upon the beach, we prayed.

6 And having said good-bye to one another, we went up into the ship, and they turned back to their own.

7 And having finished our course from Tyre, we arrived into Ptolemais, and embracing the brothers, we stayed one day with them.

8 And the next day those around Paul, departing, came to Caesarea, and having gone into the house of Philip, the evangelist, being of the seven, we stayed with him.

9 And to the same *man* were four virgin daughters who prophesied.

10 And we staying over many days, a certain prophet came down from Judaea, named Agabus;

11 And coming to us, and lifting up Paul's belt, binding his own hands and feet, he said, The Holy Spirit says this: The man to whom is this belt, the Jews in Jerusalem will bind in this manner, and will give him over into the hands of the *other* races.

12 And when we heard these things, both we, and the residents, called on him not to go up to Jerusalem.

13 And Paul answered, What are you doing, sobbing aloud and crushing my heart? Because I have absolutely not only readiness to be bound, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus.

14 And he not being convinced, we ceased, having said, Let the will of the Lord come to be.

15 And after those days packing up our equipment, we went up to Jerusalem.

16 And *some* of the disciples of Caesarea also went with us, bringing a certain Cypriot, an ancient disciple, Mnason, with whom we might lodge.

Paul in Jerusalem; Paul joins others in a ceremony of purification; the multitude seizes Paul **ACTS 21**

17 And we being into Jerusalem, the brothers welcomed us gladly.

18 And the following *day* Paul went in with us to James, and all the elders were present.

19 And having embraced them, he rehearsed to each and everyone of what God had done among the races by his ministry.

20 And hearing *it*, they glorified the Lord and said to him, You, brother, are gazing at how many thousands among the Jews there are who believe, and they are all zealous of the law;

21 And they are catechized concerning you, that you teach standing away from Moses to all the Jews who *are* among the races, saying not to circumcise their children, and not to walk after the customs.

22 What therefore is it? At all events a multitude must come together, because they will hear that you have come.

23 Do this therefore what we say to you: There are four men of us having a spoken desire to God upon themselves;

24 Taking them, sanctify yourself with them, and make the necessary expenditures with them, that they may shave *their* heads, and all will know that what things they were catechized concerning you, are absolutely nothing, but *that* you also, keep in step, keeping the law.

25 Concerning the races who believe, we in writing judged that they do not guard any such things, except to keep themselves

from both idol sacrifice, and blood, and things strangled, and from sexual promiscuity.

26 Then Paul taking the men, the next day having sanctified himself with them entered into the temple, to herald thoroughly the completion of the days of purification, until that an offering should be offered up for everyone of them.

27 And when the seven days were entirely finished, the Jews of Asia, gazing at him in the temple, stirred up all the multitude, and threw hands upon him,

28 Screaming out, Men, Israelites, help; this is the man, who teaches all everywhere against the people, and the law, and this place; and further also brought Greeks into the temple, and has made this holy place common.

29 (Because they had previously seen Trophimus, an Ephesian, with him in the city, whom they supposed that Paul had brought into the temple.)

30 And the whole city was stirred, and there was a running together of the people; and having seized Paul, they dragged him outside of the temple; and immediately the doors were shut.

31 And they seeking to kill him, a report went up to the ruler of a thousand of the troops that all Jerusalem was in an uproar,

32 Who immediately having taken soldiers and centurions, ran down upon them, and seeing the ruler of a thousand and the soldiers, they stopped repeatedly hitting Paul.

ACTS 22 *Paul taken into custody, is allowed to speak to the crowd; Paul relates his experience*

33 Then the ruler of a thousand drawing near, seized him, and called out to bind him with two chains; and asked who he was, and what he was doing.

34 And some shouted one thing, some another, among the multitude, and not having power to know securely the cause of the disturbance, he called out for him to be led into the fortress.

35 And when he was upon the stairs, it happened that he was lifted by the soldiers because of the force of the multitude,

36 Because the multitude of the people followed after, screaming, Take him away.

37 And as he was about to be led into the fortress, Paul said to the ruler of a thousand, If it is right, let me speak to you? Who said, Do you know Greek?

38 Are you absolutely not that Egyptian, who before these days made an uproar, and led out into the wasteland four thousand men, dedicated assassins?

39 And Paul said, I indeed am a man, a Jew, a Tarsian, of Cilicia, a citizen of absolutely no ignoble city, and I petition you, allow me to speak to the people.

40 And he having allowed him, Paul standing upon the stairs, lowered *his* hand to the people. And there having become a great silence, he addressed *them* in the Hebrew dialect, saying,

CHAPTER 22

1 Men, brothers, and fathers, hear my defense now to you.

2 (And hearing that he addressed them in the Hebrew dialect, they afforded greater silence) and he says,

3 I am a man, a Jew, born in Tarsus, of Cilicia, and having been brought up in this city at the feet of Gamaliel, having been trained up from childhood according to the most exact manner of the law of the fathers, being a zealot toward God as are all of you this day,

4 Who pursued this way unto death, binding and giving over into prisons both men and women,

5 As also the head priest witnesses to me, and all the elders, from whom also having received letters to the brothers, I traveled to Damascus, bringing them who were there also bound to Jerusalem, that they might be punished.

6 And it happened to me, going and drawing near to Damascus about midday, suddenly out of heaven flashed ample light around me.

7 And I fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to me, Saul, Saul, why do you pursue me?

8 And I answered, Who are you, Lord? And he said to me, I am Jesus, the Nazarene, whom you pursue.

9 And the ones being with me indeed looked closely at the light, and were afraid, but they absolutely did not hear the voice of the one speaking to me.

Paul relates his experience to the crowd in Jerusalem; they scream for his death; Paul is a Roman **ACTS 22**

10 And I said, What shall I do, Lord? And the Lord said to me, Standing up, go into Damascus, and there it will be told you concerning all things which are ordained for you to do.

11 And as I absolutely could not look up for the glory of that light, being led by the hand of them who were with me, I went into Damascus.

12 And a certain Ananias, a devout man according to the law, having a good testimony of all the Jews dwelling there,

13 Coming to me, and standing by, said to me, Brother Saul, look up. And the same hour I looked up to him.

14 And he said, The God of our fathers has laid his hand upon you in advance, to make you know his will, and see the Righteous One, and hear the voice out of his mouth,

15 Because you will be his witness to all men of what you have seen and heard.

16 And now why are you waiting? Standing up, be baptized, and wash away your sins calling on the name of the Lord.

17 And it happened to me, having returned to Jerusalem, and praying in the temple, I was in astonishment;

18 And I saw him saying to me, Hurry, and go quickly out of Jerusalem; on this very account they will absolutely not welcome your testimony concerning me.

19 And I said, Lord, they know that I was imprisoning and scourging in every synagogue those who believed upon you;

20 And when the blood of your witness Stephen was poured out, I myself also was standing by, and thinking well of myself at his death, and keeping the clothing together with them who took him out.

21 And he said to me, Go, because I will send you far away to the *other* races.

22 And they heard him until this word, and lifted up their voices, saying, Take him away from the earth, because it is not appropriate that such as he should live.

23 And they shouting out, and tearing off their clothes, and throwing dust into the air,

24 The ruler of a thousand called out to bring him into the fortress, saying for him to be examined by scourging, that he might recognize the cause why they called out against him.

25 And as they prostrated him with straps, Paul said to the centurion who stood by, If a man is a Roman, and uncondemned, is it lawful for you to whip *him*?

26 And the centurion hearing *that*, going to the ruler of a thousand, announced to him, saying, Look at what you are about to do, because this man is a Roman!

27 And the ruler of a thousand coming, said to him, Tell me, are you a Roman? And he said, Yes.

ACTS 23 *Paul before Sanhedrin; I am a Pharisee; uprising between Pharisees and Sadducees; the Lord speaks to Paul*

28 And the ruler of a thousand answered, With a great sum I acquired for myself this citizenship. And Paul said, And also, I was born a citizen.

29 Immediately therefore they removed themselves from him who were about to interrogate him, and the ruler of a thousand also was afraid, recognizing that he was a Roman, and because he had bound him.

30 And the next day, being determined to securely know why he was formally charged by the Jews, he loosed him from his bonds, and called out the head priests, and all their Sanhedrin to come, and having brought Paul down, he stood him before them.

CHAPTER 23

1 And Paul, gazing intently at the sanhedrin, said, Men, brothers, I have behaved in all inherent good conscience before God until this day.

2 And the head priest, Ananias, ordered those standing by him to repeatedly hit him in the mouth.

3 Then Paul said to him, God is about to repeatedly hit you, whitewashed wall, and you sit judging me according to the law, and contrary to the law call out for me to be repeatedly hit?

4 And those standing by said, Do you revile God's head priest?

5 And Paul said, I absolutely did not see, brothers, that he is the head priest, because it has been

written, You shall absolutely not speak evil of a ruler of your people.

Exo 22:28; Ecc 10:20

6 And Paul knowing that the one part was Sadducees, and the other Pharisees, he screamed out in the sanhedrin, Men, brothers, I am a Pharisee, the son of a Pharisee; concerning the hope and resurrection of the dead I am being judged.

7 And he having said this, there was an uprising between the Pharisees and Sadducees, and the multitude was split,

8 Because the Sadducees indeed say that there exists no resurrection, neither heavenly messenger, nor spirit, and the Pharisees confess both.

9 And there was a great outcry, and the scribes of the Pharisees' part having stood up, were fighting fiercely, saying, We find absolutely no evil in this man, and if a spirit or a heavenly messenger has spoken to him, let us not fight against God.

10 And there becoming a great uprising, the ruler of a thousand fearing lest Paul should be pulled to pieces by them, called out to the soldiers going down to seize him out of their midst to bring him into the fortress.

11 And the following night the Lord standing by him, said, Have courage, Paul, because as you have solemnly witnessed concerning me in Jerusalem, so you must also witness to Rome.

12 And becoming day, some of the Jews making a secret coalition, vowed themselves under a

curse, saying that they would neither eat nor drink until they had killed Paul.

13 And they were more than forty of those making this sworn plot,

14 Who having come near to the head priests and elders, said, We have vowed ourselves under a curse; we will not taste one thing until we have killed Paul.

15 Now therefore, you with the sanhedrin manifest to the ruler of a thousand that tomorrow he bring him down to you, as though you intend to know something more exactly concerning him, and we, before he draws near, are ready to take him out.

16 And Paul's sister's son hearing of the ambush, came near and entering into the fortress, announced *it* to Paul.

17 And Paul calling one of the centurions to him, said, Bring this youth to the ruler of a thousand, because he has something to announce to him.

18 He therefore taking him, brought him to the ruler of a thousand and says, Paul the prisoner called me to him, and asked me to bring this youth to you, having something to say to you.

19 Then the ruler of a thousand seizing him by the hand, and having withdrawn privately, questioned *him*, What is that you have to announce to me?

20 And he said, The Jews have agreed to ask you so that you bring down Paul tomorrow into the sanhedrin, as intending to inquire something concerning

him more exactly.

21 Therefore do not be convinced by them, because there lie in wait for him of them more than forty men, who have vowed themselves under a curse, that they will neither eat nor drink until they have taken him out, and now they are ready, looking for a promise from you.

22 Therefore indeed the ruler of a thousand set the youth free, ordering *him*, Do not say one of these things to anyone that you have manifested to me.

23 And calling to himself two centurions, he said, Prepare two hundred soldiers so they may go to Caesarea, and seventy horsemen, and two hundred guards, at the third hour of the night;

24 And stand by them domesticated animals, that, having mounted Paul on, they may bring him safely to Felix, the governor,

25 Having written a letter containing this form:

26 Claudius Lysias to the most honorable governor Felix. Be in health.

27 This man was taken by the Jews, and would have been taken out by them; standing up with the soldiers, I tore him out, having learned that he is a Roman.

28 And willing to recognize the reason for which they accused him, I brought him into their sanhedrin,

29 Whom I found to be accused of questions concerning their law, and nothing worthy of death, or having bonds.

ACTS 24 *The ruler sends Paul to Caesarea by night; Paul accused before Felix; Paul answers*

30 And being disclosed to me an intended plot against the man by the Jews, immediately I sent to you, ordering his accusers also to speak before you against him. Farewell.

31 Therefore indeed the soldiers, according to the thing ordered, taking Paul, brought *him* through the night to Antipatris.

32 And on the following day, letting the horsemen depart with him, returned to the fortress,

33 Who, entering into Caesarea and giving over the letter to the governor, also stood Paul before him.

34 And the governor having read *it*, and asking of what province he was, and ascertaining that *he was* of Cilicia,

35 He said, I will hear you thoroughly when your accusers have also arrived, and he called out for him to be kept in Herod's court house.

CHAPTER 24

1 And after five days Ananias, the head priest, descended with the elders, and with an orator, a certain Tertullus, who informed the governor against Paul.

2 And being called, Tertullus began to formally charge *him*, saying, Attaining great peace through you, and restoration are caused to be to this race through your forethought,

3 Wholly and universally we welcome *it*, most honorable Felix, with all thankfulness.

4 And that I not further cut into your *time*, I call upon you to hear us briefly in your fairness,

5 Because finding this man a plague, and moving insurrection among all the Jews throughout the inhabited earth, and a front rank leader of the party of the Nazarenes,

6 Who also has endeavored to desecrate the temple, whom we held and determined to judge according to our law;

7 But the ruler of a thousand, Lysias, coming along, with great force led him away out of our hands,

8 Ordering his accusers to come to you, whom having examined concerning all these things, you have power to recognize of what we formally charge him.

9 And the Jews also joined in, alleging these things to have it so.

10 And Paul answered, the governor having nodded to him to speak, Knowing you as being a judge to this race of many years, I offer a defense concerning myself with cheerful confidence,

11 Your having power to recognize that there are absolutely not more than twelve days to me from when I went up to Jerusalem to prostrate myself.

Paul answers accusers before Felix; Felix delays; Paul left bound, then before Festus **ACTS 24**

12 And they absolutely did not find me in the temple speaking out with any man, or making a standing controversy with the multitude, absolutely not in the synagogues, absolutely not throughout the city;

13 And they absolutely do not have the power to cause to stand concerning what they now formally charge me.

14 But this I confess to you, that according to the way which they call a party, so I officially minister to the God of my fathers, believing all things according to the written law and prophets;

15 Having hope toward God, which they themselves also admit, *that* there is about to be a resurrection of the dead, both of the righteous and unrighteous.

16 And in this I exercise myself to have a conscience without cause of stumbling toward God and toward men always.

17 And after many years I came to do deeds of mercy and offerings to my race,

18 In which they found me sanctified in the temple, absolutely not with a multitude, and absolutely not with a disturbance, but with some Jews from Asia,

19 Who ought to have been present before you, and make their formal charge, if they have anything against me.

20 Or let these themselves speak, if they have found anything unrighteous in me, *they* standing me before the sanhedrin,

21 Except concerning this one voice that I cried out standing among them that, Concerning the resurrection of the dead I am being judged by you today.

22 And Felix hearing these things put them off, seeing more exactly concerning the way, saying, When Lysias, the ruler of a thousand, comes down, I will fully know the things concerning you;

23 And ordered the centurion to keep Paul, and to have relaxation, and to stop no one of his own to serve or come to him.

24 And after some days, Felix having arrived with his wife, Drusilla, being a Jewess, he summoned Paul, and heard him concerning the faith into Christ.

25 And speaking thoroughly concerning righteousness, and self-control, and the judgment about to be, Felix becoming alarmed, answered, For now, go, and taking a proper time, I will call for you.

26 At the same time he also hoped that riches would be given to him by Paul, that he might free him, and therefore summoning him more frequently, he conversed with him.

27 And two years being completed, Porcius Festus took succession to Felix's office, and Felix, willing to show graciousness to the Jews, left Paul behind bound.

CHAPTER 25

1 Therefore Festus, coming into the province, after three days went up into Jerusalem from Caesarea.

2 And the head priest and the foremost of the Jews made a statement to him against Paul, and called on him,

3 Asking grace against him, that he would summon him to Jerusalem, making an ambush to take him out on the way.

4 Therefore indeed Festus answered, that Paul should be kept at Caesarea, and he was about to go out in haste.

5 Therefore he says, Let them who among you have the power go down with me; if there is anything out of place in this man, let them formally charge him,.

6 And having remained among them more than ten days, going down into Caesarea, the next day sitting on the judgment seat, he called out for Paul to be brought.

7 And he having come, the Jews having come down from Jerusalem, and standing around him, were laying many and weighty charges against Paul, which they absolutely did not have strength to prove.

8 Defending himself, he said, Absolutely not against the law of the Jews, and absolutely not against the temple, and absolutely not against Caesar, have I sinned anything.

9 And Festus, willing to show the Jews grace, answering Paul, said, Do you will to go up to Jerusalem to be judged there concerning these things before me?

10 And Paul said, I am standing at Caesar's judgment seat, where I ought to be judged; I have treated the Jews unrighteously in absolutely not one thing, as also you very well recognize.

11 Therefore indeed if I am unrighteous, or have practiced anything worthy of death, I absolutely do not ask to be excused from dying, and if there exists absolutely not one of which these formally charge me, absolutely no one has power to grant me to them. I appeal to Caesar.

12 Then Festus, having talked with the council, answered, You have called upon Caesar! To Caesar you shall go!

13 And some days having elapsed, king Agrippa and Bernice arrived into Caesarea, embracing Festus.

14 And when they had remained there many days, Festus declared the things of Paul to the king, saying, A certain man is left behind a prisoner by Felix,

15 Concerning whom, on my being at Jerusalem, the head priests and the elders of the Jews made a statement to me, asking a judgment against him,

16 To whom I answered, It is absolutely not the custom with Romans to grant any man to be destroyed, before that the one being formally charged has those formally charging *him* face to face, and the

Festus' explanation about Paul to King Agrippa; Paul speaks before Agrippa **ACTS 26**
defense takes place concerning the accusation.

17 Therefore, they coming together here, making no delay, on the next *day* sitting on the judgment seat, I called out for the man to be brought;

18 The accusers standing about him, they brought not even one reason of which I supposed,

19 But certain questions concerning him of their own worship of demons,¹⁹ and concerning a certain Jesus, having died, whom Paul asserted to be alive.

20 And I being perplexed concerning this dispute, said to him if he willed to go to Jerusalem and there be judged concerning these things.

21 And Paul having appealed to be kept to the examination of Augustus, I called out for him to be kept until I might send him to Caesar.

22 And Agrippa said to Festus, I will to also hear the man myself. And tomorrow, he said, you will hear him.

23 Therefore the following day, Agrippa having come, and Bernice, with great vain show,

¹⁹ **25:19 worship of demons, deisidaimonia.** Those of Greek and Roman religious background did not understand the faith of the Bible with the true Jewish and Christian understanding, but thought demons to be lesser gods, the lie that Satan has always promoted. So when Felix says the question was about worship of demons he does not mean by that statement what a genuine believing Jew or Christian means. Felix thought the argument between Paul and the other Jews was an argument over which gods (demons) to worship, since the dispute also included a certain Jesus, who having died, Paul asserted to be alive. He thought the argument was over which gods to worship, demon being the title given to these gods.

and entering into the hearing room, with the rulers of a thousand, and prominent men being of the city, and Festus having called out for *him*, Paul was brought.

24 And Festus says, King Agrippa, and all those men present with us, you see this one, about whom all the multitude of the Jews have petitioned me, both in Jerusalem and here, shouting that he ought not to live any longer.

25 And I having seized that he had done not one thing worthy of death, and also he himself appealing to Augustus, I decided to send *him*.

26 Concerning whom I have absolutely nothing secure to write to my lord. Therefore I have brought him out before you, and particularly before you, King Agrippa, that, being examined, I might have something to write,

27 Because it seems irrational to me to send a prisoner and not mark out the reasons against him.

CHAPTER 26

1 And Agrippa said to Paul, You are permitted to speak for yourself. Then Paul stretching out the hand, made a defense for himself:

2 Concerning all things of which I am accused by the Jews, I govern myself supremely blest, king Agrippa; I am about to defend myself before you today,

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Paul relates his experience before Agrippa

3 Especially your being knowledgeable in all customs and questions which *are* among the Jews; therefore I petition *you* to hear me patiently.

4 Indeed therefore, my manner of life from my youth, which from the beginning was among my own race in Jerusalem, all the Jews know,

5 Who before knew me from the first, if they decide to testify, that according to the most exact party of our ceremonial observance I lived a Pharisee.

6 And now upon the hope of the promise which was by God to our fathers, I stand being judged,

7 To which *promise* our twelve tribes, in earnestness officially ministering to God night and day, hope to arrive, concerning which hope, king Agrippa, I am accused by the Jews.

8 Why is it judged unbelievable by you, if God raises the dead?

9 I indeed therefore thought to myself, that I ought to do many things opposite to the name of Jesus, the Nazarene,

10 Which also I did in Jerusalem, and many of the saints I shut down in prison, having taken authority from the head priests, and I cast my vote against those being taken out.

11 And through all the synagogues, avenging them often, I constrained them to blaspheme, and *being* an exceeding raving maniac against them, I pursued them also to outside cities,

12 And in which going to Damascus with authority and full power from the head priests,

13 At midday, King, along the way I saw from heaven, above the brightness of the sun, a light shining all around me; also those traveling with me *saw it*.

14 And all of us having fallen to the earth, I heard a voice speaking to me, and saying in the Hebrew dialect, Saul, Saul, why do you pursue me? *It is* hard for you to kick against the stings.

15 And I said, Who are you, Lord? And he said, I am Jesus whom you pursue.

16 But stand up, and stand upon your feet, because for this I have appeared to you, to hand pick you in advance a subordinate and a witness both of what you saw, and of what I will cause to appear to you,

17 Delivering you from the *Jewish* people, and from the races, to whom now I set you apart and send you,

18 To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the authority of Satan to God, that they may take forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among the sanctified by faith into me.

19 Therefore, King Agrippa, I was absolutely not disobedient to the heavenly vision,

20 But to those in Damascus first, and Jerusalem, and to all the region of Judaea, and to the races, I announced that they should repent, and turn to God,

Festus calls Paul a maniac; King Agrippa uses double-talk; Paul as a prisoner placed on a ship for Rome **ACTS 27**
practicing works worthy of repentance.

21 On account of these the Jews took me being in the temple, attempting to violently lay hands on me.

22 Therefore having attained help from God, until this day I am *still* standing, witnessing both to small and great, saying absolutely no other things than what the prophets and Moses said was about to be,

23 What Christ would experience, that by the resurrection from the dead, he was about to preach light to the *Jewish* people, and to the races.

24 And he defending himself with these things, Festus said with a loud voice, Paul, you are a raving maniac; much learning has turned you into a maniac.

25 But he says, I am absolutely not a maniac, most honorable Festus, but pronounce plainly the spoken words of truth and sanity,

26 Because the king knows these things, before whom also I speak out confidently, because I am convinced that absolutely none of these things are hidden from him, because this thing was absolutely not practiced in a corner.

27 Do you, King Agrippa, believe the prophets? I see that you believe.

28 And Agrippa said to Paul, In a small degree you are convincing to make me a Christian?²⁸

²⁸ **26:28** King Agrippa's answer is a typical politician's double talk. Commentators down through the ages have taken different positions as to what Agrippa meant by his vague language. No

29 And Paul said, I pray to God, both in a small degree and in a large degree *that* absolutely not only you, but also all hearing me today, become such as I am, except these bonds.

30 And having said these things, the king stood up, and the governor, and Bernice, and those sitting with them,

31 And having withdrawn, they talked to one another, saying that, This man practices absolutely not one thing worthy of death or bonds.

32 And Agrippa said to Festus, This man had power to be set free, if he had not appealed to Caesar.

CHAPTER 27

1 And in this way it having been judged for us to set sail into Italy, they gave over Paul and some other prisoners to a centurion named Julius of the troops of Augustus.

2 And walking on board an Adramyttium ship about to sail to the coasts of Asia, we sailed away, Aristarchus, a Macedonian of Thessalonica, being with us.

one knew his heart at the time, not even Paul, and we shall all await eternity to see if his heart was affected or not; but his words are typical of politicians who wish to give encouragement to the petitioner, and at the same time not antagonize anyone else. It was language that each hearer could make of what he thought according to his own wishes. Most politicians are the same in all ages, else they would never get elected or appointed, because you have to make many people think you agree with them. That is one of the reasons I am looking forward to the reign of Christ. He does not use double talk.

ACTS 27 *They sail out of Fair Havens and are caught in the storm, Euroclydon*

3 And the following day we landed at Sidon. And Julius treated Paul kindly, and allowed him to go to his friends to attain attentiveness.

4 And sailing from there, we sailed under Cyprus, because the winds were opposite.

5 And sailing through the open sea against Cilicia and Pamphylia, we came down to Myra of Lycia.

6 And there the centurion having found an Alexandrian ship sailing into Italy, he placed us in it.

7 And sailing slowly ample days, and with difficulty were over against Cnidus, the wind not permitting our progress, we sailed under Crete against Salmone;

8 And sailing along it with difficulty, we came to a certain place called Fair Havens, which was near a city, Lasea.

9 And ample time having elapsed, and sailing being now insecure, also because the fast^{9 a} was now past, Paul officially advised^{9 b} them,

10 Saying, Men, I look with special interest that this voyage is about to be with overbearing hurt and much violent loss, absolutely

^{9a} 27:9 the fast, *nestia*, the fast of the Day of Covering (Atonement), September 24 of that year. The Jews considered navigation unsafe between the Feast of Tabernacles (five days after the Day of Covering) and the Feast of Pentecost. Fair Havens was a very inconvenient place to anchor for the winter, and not near any large town. If they sailed a few miles to the east, passed the coast of Crete, they would be exposed to the violent winter winds of the open sea.

^{9b} 27:9 officially advised, *paraineo*. Paul officially advised them, used only here and in 27:22. Used in classical Greek for official advice given in a public speech.

not only to the freight and ship, but also to our souls.

11 And the centurion was convinced by the navigator and the owner of the ship more than by the things spoken by Paul.

12 And because the harbor was not well placed for wintering, the majority placed their will to sail from there, if somehow they might have power to arrive into Phenice, wintering in a harbor of Crete, looking toward the southwest and toward the northwest.

13 And the south wind blowing gently, thinking they had laid hold of their purpose, lifting up *anchor* they sailed very near to Crete.

14 And absolutely not long after, a stormy wind beat violently down against it called Euroclydon.

15 And the ship being seized also did not have the power to face the wind, we gave over to let her be borne along.

16 And running under a certain small island called Clauda, we had strength to be masters of the boat with great difficulty,

17 Which lifting up, they used helps, undergirding the ship, and fearing lest they fall into the sandshoals,¹⁷ lowering the tackle, so were born along.

18 And we being exceedingly storm tossed, the succeeding day they made an ejection of cargo;

19 And the third *day* with their hands they threw out the tackle of the ship.

¹⁷ 27:17 the sand shoals, *surtis*, the Syrtis Major or great bay of sand drawn by the waves on the North coast of Africa.

Paul: a heavenly messenger of God stood by me this night; they wait in the storm **ACTS 27**

20 And neither sun nor stars appearing over many days, and absolutely no small rainy season lying upon *us*, now all hope that we should be saved was taken away.

21 And *there* being much fasting, then Paul standing up in their midst, said, Men, indeed you should have been persuaded by me not to have sailed from Crete and gained this overbearing hurt and violent loss.

22 And the things I now officially advise you *are* to be in good spirit, because there will be absolutely not one loss of anyone's soul of you, except of the ship,

23 Because a *heavenly* messenger of God stood by me this night, whose I am, and to whom I officially minister,

24 Saying, Do not fear, Paul; you must stand before Caesar, and behold, God has graced you with all those sailing with you.

25 Therefore, men, be in good spirit, because I believe God, that it will be according to the manner it was told me.

26 And we must fall into a certain island.

27 And thus, being the fourteenth night, we passing along in the Adriatic, about midnight the seamen conjectured that they drew near to some region;

28 And sounding, they found it twenty fathoms, and having moved a little, also sounding again, they found *it* fifteen fathoms.

29 And fearing lest we should fall down against rocky reefs, they cast four anchors out of the stern, and prayed for it to become day.

30 And as the seamen seeking to flee out of the ship, and lowering the boat into the sea, pretending to be about to stretch out anchors out of the prow,

31 Paul said to the centurion and to the soldiers, If these do not stay in the ship, you absolutely do not have power to be saved.

32 Then the soldiers cut away the ropes of the boat, and let it fall off.

33 And until it was about to be day, Paul petitioned them all to take nourishment, saying, Today is the fourteenth day you have persisted watching without food, having taken nothing to yourself.

34 Therefore I call on you to take nourishment, because this is for your salvation, because absolutely not one of your hairs from your head will be left behind.

35 And saying these things, and taking bread, he gave thanks to God before the face of them all, and breaking *it*, began to eat.

36 And all becoming cheered, they also took to themselves nourishment.

37 And we were in all two hundred and seventy-six souls in the ship.

38 And having glutted themselves on the food, they unloaded the ship, throwing the wheat out into the sea.

ACTS 28 *The boat is broken; they escape to Melita; Paul snake bitten; many healed; sail to Rome*

39 And when it was day, they absolutely did not recognize the land, and they fully exercised their mind upon a certain bay with a beach, into which they decided, if they had the power, to drive the ship.

40 And having taken away the anchors, they left them to the sea; at the same time freeing the bands of the rudders, and lifting up the foresail to the hard blowing, they held toward the beach.

41 And falling into a place where two seas met, they ran the boat aground, and the forepart stuck fast, remaining immovable, but the stern was broken with the force of the waves.

42 And the soldiers' will was to kill the prisoners, lest any of them should escape by swimming out.

43 But the centurion, deciding to save Paul, stopped them from their decision, and called out for those having the power to plunge into the water, hurling themselves first, to escape to land;

44 And the rest, some indeed on planks, and others on some of the things from the ship. And so it was, that they all were completely saved upon the land.

CHAPTER 28

1 And being completely saved, then they recognized that the island was called Melita.

2 And the foreigners afforded us love toward mankind absolutely not normally attained, because having kindled a fire, they took everyone of us to themselves, because

of the present rain and because of the coolness.

3 And Paul having collected a multitude of dry twigs, and placing them upon the fire, a poisonous snake coming out of the heat, seized his hand.

4 And when the foreigners saw the beast hanging on his hand, they said one to another, By all means this man is a murderer, who being completely saved out of the sea, justice absolutely did not allow to live.

5 Indeed therefore brushing off the wild beast into the fire, he suffered absolutely no evil.

6 And they watched for him to be about to burn with inflammation or to fall down dead suddenly, but over a long while watching and looking with special interest, nothing out of place being to him, they, turning about their minds, said him to be a god.

7 In that place around *it* were plots of land of the foremost *man* of the island, named Publius, who received us as guests, kindly being our host three days.

8 And it was, the father of Publius was lying down pressed by fever and dysentery, to whom Paul having gone in, and praying, placing his hands upon him, healed him.

9 Therefore, this happening, also the rest of those having weaknesses in the island came, and were healed,

Paul arrives in Rome; witnesses to the Jews; some convinced, some disbelieved **ACTS 28**

10 Who also honored us with many honors, and on our sailing away, they placed upon us the things for *our* needs.

11 And after three months we sailed away in a ship, an Alexandrian, whose ensign *was* The Twin Sons of Jupiter, having wintered in the island.

12 And having landed into Syracuse, we stayed over three days,

13 From which removing away, we arrived into Rhegium, and after one day the south wind arriving, we came on the second *day* to Puteoli,

14 Where having found brothers, we were called upon to stay over with them seven days, and so we came into Rome.

15 And from there, the brothers having heard about us, came out to meet us as far as Appii Forum and The Three Taverns, whom Paul seeing, thanking God, he took courage.

16 And when we came into Rome, the centurion gave the prisoners over to the camp commander, and Paul was allowed to remain by himself with the soldier keeping him.

17 And it was, after three days Paul called those being foremost of the Jews together, and they coming together, he said to them, Men, brothers, I did absolutely nothing against the people or customs of our fathers; I was given over *as* a prisoner into the hands of the Romans out of Jerusalem,

18 Who, having examined me, determined to set me free, because there existed not one reason for death in me.

19 And the Jews speaking against *it*, I was constrained to call upon Caesar, as absolutely not having one thing to formally charge against my race.

20 Because of this therefore, I have called for you, to see you and to speak with you, because on account of the hope of Israel I have this chain around me.

21 And they said to him, We absolutely have not received writings out of Judaea concerning you, and absolutely none of the brothers arriving announced or said any evil of you.

22 And we deem it appropriate to hear what you think, because indeed this party is known to us, that everywhere it is spoken against.

23 And they having ordained him a day, there came many to him into his guest-house, to whom he expounded, solemnly witnessing to the kingdom of God, and convincing them concerning Jesus, both from the law of Moses and the prophets from dawn until evening.

24 And some were convinced of what was said, and some disbelieved.

25 And being disagreed with one another, they were set free, Paul having said one spoken word: Beautifully well the Holy Spirit said to our fathers through the prophet Isaiah,

ACTS 28 *Paul quotes Isaiah predicting the Jews' rejection and other races brought in*

26 Saying, Go to this people and say, Hearing, you will hear, and absolutely not put it together, and looking, you will look, and not see,

27 Because the heart of this people has thickened, and their ears are heavy hearing, and their eyes they have closed, lest at any time they see with *their* eyes, and hear with *their* ears, and put it together with their heart, and be converted, and I should heal them. Isa 6:9-10

28 Therefore be it known to you, that the salvation of God was set apart and sent to the *other* races, and they will hear.

29 And having said these things, the Jews went away, having much discussion among themselves.

30 And Paul stayed two whole years in his own rented house, and welcomed all those coming in to him,

31 Preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching the things about the Lord Jesus Christ, with all out-spokenness, unhindered.