

Acts

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A verse can express a spiritual truth even if it is in a story which may not be historical.

Each time the subject of a verse changes from “Yahweh”
to “God” and vice versa, there is a new paragraph.

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`	Introduction

1:1 The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach,

2 Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen:

3 To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:

4 And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.

5 For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

6 When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?

7 And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.

8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

9 And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.

10 And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel;

11 Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

12 Then returned they unto Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is from Jerusalem a sabbath day's journey.

13 And when they were come in, they went up into an upper room, where abode both Peter, and James, and John, and Andrew, Philip, and Thomas,

1:1 In my first book, Theophilus, I wrote of all that Jesus did and taught

Events before Jesus' ascension

2 until the day in which he was taken up, after he through the Holy Ghost (Holy Spirit) had given commandments to the apostles whom he had chosen.

3 To them he also showed himself alive after his passion by many undeniable proofs, being seen by them during forty days, and speaking about the kingdom of God.

4 And, being assembled together with them, he commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, Jesus said, "You have heard from me.

5 "For John truly baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Ghost (Holy Spirit) not many days from now."

6 When they, therefore, came together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom again to Israel?"

7 And he said to them, "It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father has put in His own power.

8 "But you will receive power after the Holy Ghost (Holy Spirit) has come upon you, and you will be witnesses to me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

9 And when he had spoken these things, while they watched, he was taken up, and a cloud received him out of their sight.

10 And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men in white clothing stood by them.

11 And they said, "You people of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come back in the same manner as you saw him go into heaven."

12 Then the disciples returned to Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives, which is from Jerusalem a Sabbath day's¹ journey.

The upper room meeting

13 And when they arrived, they went up into an upper room, where they met with Peter, James, John, Andrew, Philip, Thomas, Bartholomew,

Bartholomew, and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon Zelotes, and Judas the brother of James.

14 These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.

15 ¶ And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples, and said, (the number of names together were about an hundred and twenty,)

16 Men and brethren, this scripture must needs have been fulfilled, which the Holy Ghost by the mouth of David spake before concerning Judas, which was guide to them that took Jesus.

17 For he was numbered with us, and had obtained part of this ministry.

18 Now this man purchased a field with the reward of iniquity; and falling headlong, he burst asunder in the midst, and all his bowels gushed out.

19 And it was known unto all the dwellers at Jerusalem; insomuch as that field is called in their proper tongue, Aceldama, that is to say, The field of blood.

20 For it is written in the book of Psalms, Let his habitation be desolate, and let no man dwell therein: and his bishoprick let another take.

21 Wherefore of these men which have companied with us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us,

22 Beginning from the baptism of John, unto that same day that he was taken up from us, must one be ordained to be a witness with us of his resurrection.

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

24 And they prayed, and said, Thou, Lord, which knowest the hearts of all men, shew whether of these two thou hast chosen,

25 That he may take part of this ministry and apostleship, from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place.

26 And they gave forth their lots; and the lot fell upon Matthias; and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, Simon Zelotes (the Zealot) and Judas the brother of James.

14 These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women who followed Jesus and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with Jesus' family.

A replacement for Judas is picked

15 And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples, who numbered about one hundred twenty, and said,

16 "Fellow believers and family of Jesus, this Scripture must be fulfilled, which the Holy Ghost (Holy Spirit) by the mouth of David spoke before concerning Judas, who was the guide to those who took Jesus.

17 "For Judas was numbered with us, and was considered part of this ministry.

18 "Now Judas purchased a field with the reward of iniquity, and falling headlong, his body burst open, and his insides gushed out.

19 "And this was known to all the dwellers at Jerusalem, so that that field is called in their language, 'Aceldama,' that is to say, 'The field of blood.'

20 "For it is written in the book of Psalms, 'Let his habitation be desolate and let no one dwell in it; and let another take his ministry.'²

21 "Therefore of these people who have been with us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us,

22 "beginning from his baptism by John, to the day that Jesus was taken up from us, one must be ordained to be a witness with us of his resurrection."

23 And they appointed two, Joseph called Barsabas, surnamed Justus, and Matthias.

24 And they prayed, and said, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of everyone, show which of these two You have chosen,

25 "so that he may take part of this ministry and apostleship, from which Judas by transgression fell, so that he might go to his own place."

26 And they cast lots, and the lot fell upon Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

	Pentecost
2:1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.	2:1 And when the day of Pentecost came, they were all with one accord in one place.
2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.	2 And suddenly there came a sound from the heavens as of a mighty rushing wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.
3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.	3 And there appeared to them cloven tongues like fire, and it sat upon each of them.
4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.	4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost (Holy Spirit) and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them the words.
5 And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven.	5 And there were dwelling at Jerusalem, devout Jews out of every nation under heaven.
6 Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language.	6 Now when news of this event spread abroad, the multitude came together, and were amazed because all heard the disciples speak in their own language.
7 And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans?	7 And they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, "Behold, are not all these who speak Galileans?"
8 And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?	8 "And how does every one of us hear the language of the country in which we were born?"
9 Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judaea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia,	9 "Parthians and Medes, and Elamites, and dwellers in Mesopotamia, in Judea, in Cappadocia, in Pontus, in the Roman province of Asia,
10 Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes,	10 "Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, in the parts of Libya near Cyrene, strangers of Rome, Jews, proselytes,
11 Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.	11 "Cretes and Arabians, we hear them speak in our languages of the wonderful works of God."
12 And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this?	12 And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying to one another, "What does this mean?"
13 Others mocking said, These men are full of new wine.	13 Others, mocking, said, "These people are full of new wine."
14 ¶ But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words:	14 But Peter, standing up with the remaining eleven apostles, lifted up his voice, and said to them, "You people of Judea, and all you who dwell at Jerusalem, know this, and hear my words.
15 For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day.	15 "For these persons are not drunk, as you suppose, seeing it is only nine o'clock in the morning.
16 But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;	16 "But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel: ³
17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men	17 "God says, "It will come to pass in the last days, that I will pour out of My spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters will prophesy, and your young people will see visions, and your old

<p>shall dream dreams: 18 And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy: 19 And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke: 20 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come: 21 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved. 22 Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know: 23 Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain: 24 Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it. 25 For David speaketh concerning him, I foresaw the Lord always before my face, for he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved: 26 Therefore did my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad; moreover also my flesh shall rest in hope: 27 Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption. 28 Thou hast made known to me the ways of life; thou shalt make me full of joy with thy countenance. 29 Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day. 30 Therefore being a prophet, and knowing 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 on his throne; 31 He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption. 32 This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are</p>	<p>people will dream dreams. 18 "And on My male and female servants, I will pour out in those days of My spirit; and they will prophesy. 19 "And I will show wonders in the heavens above, and signs on the earth beneath, blood and fire and vapors of smoke. 20 "The sun will be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of God comes. 21 "And it will come to pass, that whoever calls on the name of God will be saved." 22 Peter continued, "All you of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth was a man approved of God among you, as shown by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did through Jesus in the midst of you, as you yourselves know. 23 "Jesus, being delivered to you by the foreknowledge of God, you have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain. 24 "God has raised up Jesus, having loosed the bonds of death, because it was not possible that Jesus could be held by death. 25 "For David spoke concerning him,⁴ 'I see God always before my face, for he is at my right hand so that I should not be moved. 26 'Therefore my heart rejoices, and my tongue is glad; moreover, also my flesh will rest in hope, 27 'because you will not leave my soul in hell, neither will you allow your holy one to see corruption. 28 'You have made known to me the ways of life; You will make me full of joy with Your <i>countenance</i> [nature]." 29 Peter continued, "Fellow believers, let me freely speak to you of the patriarch David. He is both dead and buried, and his sepulcher is with us to this day. 30 "Therefore, being a prophet, he knew that God had sworn to him that of his descendants according to the flesh, God would raise up Christ to sit on his throne.⁵ 31 "David, foretelling this, spoke of the resurrection of Christ Jesus, that his soul was not left in hell, nor did his flesh decay. 32 "God has raised up this Jesus, which we all are</p>
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witnesses.

33 Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.

34 For David is not ascended into the heavens: but he saith himself, The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand,

35 Until I make thy foes thy footstool.

36 Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.

37 ¶ Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?

38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

40 And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation.

41 ¶ Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

42 And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

43 And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles.

44 And all that believed were together, and had all things common;

45 And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need.

46 And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of

witnesses of.

33 "Therefore, being exalted by God, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost (Holy Spirit), he has given us this gift, which you now see and hear.

34 "For David did not ascend into heaven, but he himself said, 'God said to my Lord (Christ), "Abide in My presence

35 "until I make your enemies your footstool.'""⁶

36 Peter continued, "Therefore let all the people of Israel know assuredly, that God has made this same Jesus, whom you have crucified, both Lord and Christ."

37 Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and to the rest of the apostles, "Followers of Jesus, what shall we do?"

38 Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Ghost (Holy Spirit).

39 "For the promise is to you, and to your children, and to all who are far off, as many as our God will call."

40 And with many other words he testified and urged, "Save yourselves from this wicked generation."

41 Then those who gladly received Peter's words were baptized, and the same day about three thousand persons were added to the followers of Jesus.

42 And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.

43 And deep belief and awe came upon every person, and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles.

The apostles share all things in common

44 And all who believed joined together and shared all things in common.

45 And they sold their possessions and goods, and distributed them to all, according to the need of each.

46 And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, ate their meals together with joy and singleness of

<p>heart, 47 Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.</p>	<p>heart, 47 praising God, and having the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who should be saved.</p>
<p>3:1 Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour.</p> <p>2 And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple;</p> <p>3 Who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked an alms.</p> <p>4 And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us.</p> <p>5 And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them.</p> <p>6 Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.</p> <p>7 And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.</p> <p>8 And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God.</p> <p>9 And all the people saw him walking and praising God:</p> <p>10 And they knew that it was he which sat for alms at the Beautiful gate of the temple: and they were filled with wonder and amazement at that which had happened unto him.</p> <p>11 And as the lame man which was healed held Peter and John, all the people ran together unto them in the porch that is called Solomon's, greatly wondering.</p> <p>12 ¶ And when Peter saw it, he answered unto the people, Ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this? or why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk?</p> <p>13 The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, hath glorified his Son Jesus;</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Peter heals a man lame from birth</p> <p>3:1 Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, three o'clock in the afternoon.</p> <p>2 And a certain man who had been lame from birth was carried and laid daily at the temple gate which is called "Beautiful," to beg money from those who entered the temple.</p> <p>3 This man, seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, asked for money.</p> <p>4 And Peter, viewing him steadfastly with John, said, "Look at us."</p> <p>5 And the man looked at them, expecting to receive something from them.</p> <p>6 Then Peter said, "I have no silver or gold; but what I have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk."</p> <p>7 And Peter took him by the right hand and lifted him up, and immediately the man's feet and ankle bones received strength.</p> <p>8 And the man, leaping up, stood and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking and leaping, and praising God.</p> <p>9 And all the people saw him walking and praising God.</p> <p>10 And they knew that it was the man who sat for alms at the Beautiful gate of the temple, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.</p> <p>11 And as the lame man who was healed held Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in what is called Solomon's porch, greatly wondering.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Faith in Christ Jesus heals the lame man</p> <p>12 And when Peter saw it, he said to the people, "You people of Israel, why do you marvel at this? Or why do you look so earnestly at us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk?"</p> <p>13 "The God of Abraham and of Isaac and of Jacob, the God of our ancestors, glorified His Son Jesus,</p>

<p>whom ye delivered up, and denied him in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let him go.</p> <p>14 But ye denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you;</p> <p>15 And killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses.</p> <p>16 And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.</p> <p>17 And now, brethren, I wot that through ignorance ye did it, as did also your rulers.</p> <p>18 But those things, which God before had shewed by the mouth of all his prophets, that Christ should suffer, he hath so fulfilled.</p> <p>19 ¶ Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;</p> <p>20 And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you:</p> <p>21 Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.</p> <p>22 For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you.</p> <p>23 And it shall come to pass, that every soul, which will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people.</p> <p>24 Yea, and all the prophets from Samuel and those that follow after, as many as have spoken, have likewise foretold of these days.</p> <p>25 Ye are the children of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying unto Abraham, And in thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed.</p> <p>26 Unto you first God, having raised up his Son Jesus, sent him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities.</p>	<p>whom you delivered up to die, and denied in the presence of Pilate, when Pilate was determined to let him go.</p> <p>14 “But you denied the holy and just one, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you.</p> <p>15 “You killed the Prince of life, whom God has raised from the dead, which we are witnesses of.</p> <p>16 “And the lame man’s faith in Jesus’, has made this man strong, whom you see and know. Yes, the faith which comes by Jesus has given this man this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.</p> <p>17 “And now, fellow believers, I know that through ignorance you did it, as also did your rulers.</p> <p>18 “But God has fulfilled those things which long ago God revealed by the mouths of all His prophets, that Christ Jesus should suffer.</p> <p>19 “Therefore repent, and be converted, so that your sins may be blotted out, and a time of refreshing will come to you from the presence of God.</p> <p>20 “And God will send Jesus Christ, who before was preached to you.</p> <p>21 “Heaven must receive Jesus Christ until the time of the restitution of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began.</p> <p>22 “For Moses truly said to our ancestors, ‘Yahweh will raise up to you from among your people, a prophet like me. You shall listen to this prophet in all things whatever he says to you.’⁷</p> <p>23 ““And it will come to pass that every person who will not hear that prophet will be destroyed from among the people.”⁸</p> <p>24 Peter continued, “Yes, and all the prophets, beginning with Samuel, and those who followed after him, as many as have spoken, have likewise foretold these days.</p> <p>25 “You are the children of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our ancestors, saying to Abraham, ‘Through your descendants all the many people of the earth will be blessed.’⁹</p> <p>26 “To you people first, God, having raised up His Son Jesus, sent him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from your sins.”</p>
<p>‘</p>	<p>Peter and John are put into prison</p>

4:1 And as they spake unto the people, the priests, and the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees, came upon them,
 2 Being grieved that they taught the people, and preached through Jesus the resurrection from the dead.
 3 And they laid hands on them, and put them in hold unto the next day: for it was now eventide.
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4 Howbeit many of them which heard the word believed; and the number of the men was about five thousand.
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5 ¶ And it came to pass on the morrow, that their rulers, and elders, and scribes,
 6 And Annas the high priest, and Caiaphas, and John, and Alexander, and as many as were of the kindred of the high priest, were gathered together at Jerusalem.
 7 And when they had set them in the midst, they asked, By what power, or by what name, have ye done this?
 8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel,
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9 If we this day be examined of the good deed done to the impotent man, by what means he is made whole;
 10 Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole.
 11 This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner.
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12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.
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13 ¶ Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.
 14 And beholding the man which was healed

4:1 And as Peter and John spoke to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple guards and the Sadducees came upon them.
 2 And they were angered that Peter and John taught the people and preached through Jesus the resurrection from the dead.
 3 And they took hold of Peter and John, and put them in prison until the next day, for it was now evening.
 4 However, many of those who heard the word believed, and the number of people who believed was more than five thousand.
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Peter and John before the Jewish authorities

5 And it came to pass on the next day, that the rulers and elders and scribes of the Jews
 6 and Annas the former high priest, and Caiaphas, the current high priest, and John and Alexander and as many as were relatives of the high priest, gathered together at Jerusalem.
 7 And when they had brought Peter and John before them, they asked, "By what power, or by what name, have you done this?"
 8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost (Holy Spirit), said to them, "You rulers of the people, and elders of Israel,
 9 "If today we are being asked about the good deed done to the lame man and by what means he has been made whole,
 10 "we wish to make known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him does this man stand here before you whole.
 11 "Jesus Christ is 'the stone which was set aside by you builders, but which has become the head of the corner.'¹⁰
 12 "Neither is there salvation from any other, for there is no other name under heaven which has been given to humanity, by which we may be saved."
 13 Now when the authorities saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marveled; and they realized that they had been with Jesus.
 14 And beholding the man who was healed standing

standing with them, they could say nothing against it.

15 But when they had commanded them to go aside out of the council, they conferred among themselves,

16 Saying, What shall we do to these men? for that indeed a notable miracle hath been done by them is manifest to all them that dwell in Jerusalem; and we cannot deny it.

17 But that it spread no further among the people, let us straitly threaten them, that they speak henceforth to no man in this name.

18 And they called them, and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus.

19 But Peter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye.

20 For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.

21 So when they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding nothing how they might punish them, because of the people: for all men glorified God for that which was done.

22 For the man was above forty years old, on whom this miracle of healing was shewed.

23 ¶ And being let go, they went to their own company, and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said unto them.

24 And when they heard that, they lifted up their voice to God with one accord, and said, Lord, thou art God, which hast made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is:

25 Who by the mouth of thy servant David hast said, Why did the heathen rage, and the people imagine vain things?

26 The kings of the earth stood up, and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord, and against his Christ.

27 For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together,

with Peter and John, there was nothing they could say against the healing.

15 But when they had commanded Peter and John to leave the council for a time, they conferred among themselves,

16 saying, "What shall we do to these men? That a notable miracle has been done by them is manifest to all those who dwell in Jerusalem, and we cannot deny it.

17 "But so that news of this miracle does not spread any further among the people, let us strongly threaten them so that they do not speak in the future to anyone in the name of Jesus Christ."

18 And the authorities called Peter and John, and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus.

19 But Peter and John answered them, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you more than to God, you can judge for yourselves.

20 "But we have no choice but to speak the things which we have seen and heard."

21 So after the council had threatened them further, they let them go, unable to decide how they might punish Peter and John, because of the people. For all the people glorified God for what was done.

22 For the man was more than forty years old, on whom this miracle of healing took place.

Peter and John report to the other apostles

23 And being let go, Peter and John went to their own companions, and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said to them.

24 And when the disciples heard what had taken place, they lifted up their voices to God with one accord, and said, "God, You have made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that is in them."¹¹

25 "You by the mouth of Your servant David have said, 'Why did the heathen rage, and the people imagine vain things against Me?"

26 "The kings of the earth stood up, and the rulers were gathered together against God, and against His Christ."¹²

27 For truly against Your holy child Jesus, whom You have anointed, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate gathered together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel

<p>28 For to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel determined before to be done.</p> <p>29 And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word,</p> <p>30 By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus.</p> <p>31 ¶ And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.</p> <p>32 And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common.</p> <p>33 And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.</p> <p>34 Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold,</p> <p>35 And laid them down at the apostles' feet: and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need.</p> <p>36 And Joses, who by the apostles was surnamed Barnabas, (which is, being interpreted, The son of consolation,) a Levite, and of the country of Cyprus,</p> <p>37 Having land, sold it, and brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet.</p>	<p>28 to do whatever <i>Your hand</i> [You] and Your counsel had determined before to be done.</p> <p>29 And now, God, behold their threatening, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word.</p> <p>30 <i>Stretch forth Your hand</i> [Exercise Your power] to heal, and grant that signs and wonders may be done by the name of Your holy child Jesus.</p> <p>31 And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together, and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost (Holy Spirit). And they spoke the word of God with boldness.</p> <p>32 And the multitude of those who believed were of one heart and one soul. And none of them claimed ownership of any possessions; rather they had all things in common.</p> <p>33 And with great power, the apostles gave testimony of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">People give to the apostles the proceeds from things sold</p> <p>34 Nor were there any among them who lacked, for as many as possessed lands or houses sold them, and brought the money received for the things that were sold.¹³</p> <p>35 And they laid the money down at the apostles' feet, and distribution was made to all according to the need of each.</p> <p>36 There was a man named Joses, who by the apostles was surnamed Barnabas, (which is, being interpreted, the son of consolation,) who was a Levite, and of the country of Cyprus.</p> <p>37 Having land, he sold it and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet.</p>
<p>5:1 But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession,</p> <p>2 And kept back part of the price, his wife also being privy to it, and brought a certain part, and laid it at the apostles' feet.</p> <p>3 But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled</p>	<p>Ananias and his wife Sapphira lie to the apostles</p> <p>5:1 But a certain man named Ananias and his wife Sapphira sold a possession,</p> <p>2 and he kept back part of the price, his wife being in agreement with his action, and brought a certain part of the money received, and laid it at the apostles' feet. (Ananias did so as if he had brought all the money received.)</p> <p>3 But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled</p>

thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land?

4 Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God.

5 And Ananias hearing these words fell down, and gave up the ghost: and great fear came on all them that heard these things.

6 And the young men arose, wound him up, and carried him out, and buried him.

7 And it was about the space of three hours after, when his wife, not knowing what was done, came in. 8 And Peter answered unto her, Tell me whether ye sold the land for so much? And she said, Yea, for so much.

9 Then Peter said unto her, How is it that ye have agreed together to tempt the Spirit of the Lord? behold, the feet of them which have buried thy husband are at the door, and shall carry thee out.

10 Then fell she down straightway at his feet, and yielded up the ghost: and the young men came in, and found her dead, and, carrying her forth, buried her by her husband.

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

12 And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people; and they were all with one accord in Solomon's porch of the temple in Jerusalem.

13 And many men dared not to join themselves to them; but the people magnified them.

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

15 Insomuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that

your heart to cause you to lie to the Holy Ghost (Holy Spirit) and to keep back part of the price of the land?

4 "While the land remained in your name, was it not entirely your own? And after it was sold, was it not in your own power to do what you wished with the proceeds? Why did you conceive this lie in your heart? You have not lied only to people, but also to God."

5 And Ananias, hearing these words, fell down and gave up the ghost, and great fear came on all those who heard these things.

6 And young men who were there arose, wound Ananias up in cloth and carried him out and buried him.

Sapphira lies to Peter

7 And about three hours later, his wife, not knowing what had happened, came in.

8 And Peter said to her, "Tell me whether you sold the land for so much?" And she said, "Yes, for so much."

9 Then Peter said to her, "How is it that you and your husband have agreed together to test the spirit of God? Behold, the feet of those who buried your husband are at the door, and will carry you out."

10 Then she fell down immediately at Peter's feet, and yielded up the ghost, and the young men came in and found her dead. And they carried her forth and buried her by her husband.

The Christians are blessed

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

12 And by the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people. Their meeting place was in Solomon's porch of the temple in Jerusalem.

13 Many people did not dare to join themselves to the apostles, although the people honored and praised the apostles.

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

The sick are healed

15 And they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches so that,

at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them.

16 There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed every one.

17 ¶ Then the high priest rose up, and all they that were with him, (which is the sect of the Sadducees,) and were filled with indignation,

18 And laid their hands on the apostles, and put them in the common prison.

19 But the angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors, and brought them forth, and said,
20 Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life.

21 And when they heard that, they entered into the temple early in the morning, and taught. But the high priest came, and they that were with him, and called the council together, and all the senate of the children of Israel, and sent to the prison to have them brought.

22 But when the officers came, and found them not in the prison, they returned, and told,

23 Saying, The prison truly found we shut with all safety, and the keepers standing without before the doors: but when we had opened, we found no man within.

24 Now when the high priest and the captain of the temple and the chief priests heard these things, they doubted of them whereunto this would grow.

25 Then came one and told them, saying, Behold, the men whom ye put in prison are standing in the temple, and teaching the people.

26 Then went the captain with the officers, and brought them without violence: for they feared the people, lest they should have been stoned.

27 And when they had brought them, they set them before the council: and the high priest asked them,

as Peter passed by, at least his shadow might fall on some of them.

16 Also a multitude came out of the cities surrounding Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and those who were tormented with evil spirits. And every one of them was healed.

The apostles are put into prison

17 Then the high priest rose up, along with all those who were with him (who were of the sect of the Sadducees), and were filled with indignation.

18 And they arrested the apostles, and put them in the common prison.

The apostles are released by an angel

19 But during the night, an angel of God opened the prison doors and brought them forth and said,
20 "Go, stand in the temple and speak the words of life to the people."

21 And the apostles obeyed, and entered into the temple early in the morning and taught. But the high priest and those who were with him called the council together even all the assembly of the elders of Israel, and sent orders to the prison to have the apostles brought.

22 But when the officers came and did not find the apostles in the prison, they returned and told the Jewish authorities,

23 "We truly found the prison shut and secure, and the keepers standing outside before the doors. But when we opened the doors, we found no one inside."

24 Now when the high priest and the captain of the temple guards and the chief priests heard these things, they wondered what would come of this.

25 Then someone came and told them, "Behold, the men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people."

26 Then the captain with the officers went, and arrested the apostles without violence, for they feared the people, that the people might stone them.

The apostles are brought before the Jewish authorities

27 And when they had brought the apostles, they set them before the council, and the high priest

28 Saying, Did not we straitly command you that ye should not teach in this name? and, behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this man's blood upon us.

29 ¶ Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men.
30 The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree.
31 Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.
32 And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him.

33 ¶ When they heard that, they were cut to the heart, and took counsel to slay them.
34 Then stood there up one in the council, a Pharisee, named Gamaliel, a doctor of the law, had in reputation among all the people, and commanded to put the apostles forth a little space;

35 And said unto them, Ye men of Israel, take heed to yourselves what ye intend to do as touching these men.
36 For before these days rose up Theudas, boasting himself to be somebody; to whom a number of men, about four hundred, joined themselves: who was slain; and all, as many as obeyed him, were scattered, and brought to nought.
37 After this man rose up Judas of Galilee in the days of the taxing, and drew away much people after him: he also perished; and all, even as many as obeyed him, were dispersed.
38 And now I say unto you, Refrain from these men, and let them alone: for if this counsel or this work be of men, it will come to nought:
39 But if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it; lest haply ye be found even to fight against God.
40 And to him they agreed: and when they had called the apostles, and beaten them, they commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go.

asked the apostles,
28 "Did not we strictly command you that you should not teach in the name of Jesus Christ? Behold, you have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine and intend to bring this man's blood upon us."

29 Then Peter and the other apostles answered, "We ought to obey God rather than people.
30 "The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you killed and hanged on a tree.
31 "God has exalted Jesus with His *right hand* [power] to be a Prince and a Savior, to bring Israel to repentance and to preach the forgiveness of sins.
32 "And we are witnesses of these things, and so also is the Holy Ghost (Holy Spirit), whom God has given to those who obey Him."

Gamaliel speaks wisdom

33 When the rulers heard that, they were furious and began to discuss killing the apostles.
34 Then a Pharisee named Gamaliel, a doctor of the law of Moses who was held in high reputation among all the people, stood up in the council and commanded that the apostles be put outside for a short time.
35 Then he said to the council, "You people of Israel, consider carefully what you intend to do to these men.
36 "For before these days, Theudas rose up, boasting himself to be somebody, to whom about four hundred persons joined themselves. Theudas was slain, and as many as obeyed him were scattered and brought to nothing.
37 "After this man, Judas of Galilee rose up in the days of the taxing, and drew away many people after him. Judas also perished, and as many as obeyed him were dispersed.
38 "And now I say to you, refrain from harming these men and leave them alone, for if this counsel or this work is of human origin, it will come to nothing.
39 "But if it is of God, you cannot overthrow it, for you cannot successfully fight against God."
40 And they agreed with him. And when they had called the apostles and beaten them, they commanded that they should not speak in the name

<p>41 ¶ And they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name.</p> <p>42 And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.</p>	<p>of Jesus, and let them go.</p> <p>41 And the apostles departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for Jesus' name.</p> <p>42 And daily in the temple, and in every house, they did not cease to teach and preach Jesus Christ.</p>
<p>6:1 And in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the brothers Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministration.</p> <p>2 Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables.</p> <p>3 Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business.</p> <p>4 But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.</p> <p>5 ¶ And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch:</p> <p>6 Whom they set before the apostles: and when they had prayed, they laid their hands on them.</p> <p>7 And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith.</p> <p>8 And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles among the people.</p> <p>9 ¶ Then there arose certain of the synagogue, which is called the synagogue of the Libertines, and Cyrenians, and Alexandrians, and of them of Cilicia and of Asia, disputing with Stephen.</p>	<p>Persons are picked to be over charity work</p> <p>6:1 And in those days, as the number of the disciples multiplied, the believers who were Greek began to grumble against the believers who were Hebrews, because the Greek widows were neglected in the daily distribution of food.</p> <p>2 Then the twelve apostles called the multitude of the disciples to them, and said, "It is not reasonable that we should neglect the word of God so that we might serve tables.</p> <p>3 "Therefore, fellow believers, choose from among you seven persons with reputations for honesty, who are full of the Holy Ghost (Holy Spirit) and wisdom, whom we may appoint over the distribution of food.</p> <p>4 "For we will devote ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word."</p> <p>5 And the saying pleased the whole multitude, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost (Holy Spirit), and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon Parmenas, and Nicolas, a proselyte of Antioch.</p> <p>6 These men were set before the apostles; and when the apostles had prayed, they laid their hands on them.</p> <p>7 And the word of God increased, and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly, and a great number of the temple priests were obedient to the faith.</p> <p>Stephen does great wonders, which offends some Jews</p> <p>8 And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles among the people.</p> <p>9 Then certain persons of the synagogue which is called the synagogue of the Libertines arose, which contained Jews who were Cyrenians and Alexandrians. They and Jews of Cilicia and of the Roman Province of Asia started disputing with</p>

<p>10 And they were not able to resist the wisdom and the spirit by which he spake.</p> <p>11 Then they suborned men, which said, We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses, and against God.</p> <p>12 And they stirred up the people, and the elders, and the scribes, and came upon him, and caught him, and brought him to the council,</p> <p>13 And set up false witnesses, which said, This man ceaseth not to speak blasphemous words against this holy place, and the law:</p> <p>14 For we have heard him say, that this Jesus of Nazareth shall destroy this place, and shall change the customs which Moses delivered us.</p> <p>15 And all that sat in the council, looking stedfastly on him, saw his face as it had been the face of an angel.</p>	<p>Stephen.</p> <p>10 And they were not able to resist the wisdom and the spirit by which he spoke.</p> <p>11 Then they bribed some persons to say, “We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses, and against God.”</p> <p>12 And they stirred up the people and the elders and the scribes, and came upon him and caught him and brought him to the council.</p> <p>13 And they set up false witnesses, who said, “This man does not cease to speak blasphemous words against this holy place and the law of Moses.</p> <p>14 “For we have heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this place, and will change the customs which Moses gave us.”</p> <p>15 And all who sat in the council, looking steadfastly at Stephen, saw his face as if it had been the face of an angel.</p>
<p>7:1 Then said the high priest, Are these things so?</p> <p>2 And he said, Men, brethren, and fathers, hearken; The God of glory appeared unto our father Abraham, when he was in Mesopotamia, before he dwelt in Charran,</p> <p>3 And said unto him, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and come into the land which I shall shew thee.</p> <p>4 Then came he out of the land of the Chaldaeans, and dwelt in Charran: and from thence, when his father was dead, he removed him into this land, wherein ye now dwell.</p> <p>5 And he gave him none inheritance in it, no, not so much as to set his foot on: yet he promised that he would give it to him for a possession, and to his seed after him, when as yet he had no child.</p> <p>6 And God spake on this wise, That his seed should sojourn in a strange land; and that they should bring them into bondage, and entreat them evil four hundred years.</p> <p>7 And the nation to whom they shall be in bondage will I judge, said God: and after that shall they come forth, and serve me in this place.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Stephen gives his eloquent speech</p> <p>7:1 Then the high priest asked, “Are these things so?”</p> <p>2 And Stephen said, “Fellow Israelites, listen; the God of glory appeared to our ancestor Abraham, when he was in Mesopotamia, before he dwelt in Harran.</p> <p>3 “And God said to him, ‘Go from your country and from your relatives, and come into the land which I will show you.’¹⁴</p> <p>4 “Then Abraham came out of the land of the Chaldeans and dwelt in Harran;¹⁵ and from there, when his father was dead, he came into this land in which you now dwell.¹⁶</p> <p>5 “And God did not give him any inheritance in it, no, not so much as to set his foot on. Yet God promised that He would give it to him for a possession and to his descendants after him, when as yet he had no child.¹⁷</p> <p>6 “And God spoke in this manner, that Abraham’s descendants should stay temporarily in a strange land, and that they should be brought into bondage, and be treated in an evil manner for four hundred years.¹⁸</p> <p>7 And God said, ‘The nation to which they will be in bondage, I will judge; and after that Abraham’s descendants will come forth, and serve Me in this</p>

8 And he gave him the covenant of circumcision: and so Abraham begat Isaac, and circumcised him the eighth day; and Isaac begat Jacob; and Jacob begat the twelve patriarchs.

9 And the patriarchs, moved with envy, sold Joseph into Egypt: but God was with him,
10 And delivered him out of all his afflictions, and gave him favour and wisdom in the sight of Pharaoh king of Egypt; and he made him governor over Egypt and all his house.

11 Now there came a dearth over all the land of Egypt and Chanaan, and great affliction: and our fathers found no sustenance.

12 But when Jacob heard that there was corn in Egypt, he sent out our fathers first.

13 And at the second time Joseph was made known to his brethren; and Joseph's kindred was made known unto Pharaoh.

14 Then sent Joseph, and called his father Jacob to him, and all his kindred, threescore and fifteen souls.

15 So Jacob went down into Egypt, and died, he, and our fathers,

16 And were carried over into Sychem, and laid in the sepulchre that Abraham bought for a sum of money of the sons of Emmor the father of Sychem.

17 But when the time of the promise drew nigh, which God had sworn to Abraham, the people grew and multiplied in Egypt,

18 Till another king arose, which knew not Joseph.

19 The same dealt subtilly with our kindred, and evil entreated our fathers, so that they cast out their young children, to the end they might not live.

20 In which time Moses was born, and was exceeding fair, and nourished up in his father's house three months:

21 And when he was cast out, Pharaoh's daughter took him up, and nourished him for her own son.

22 And Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the

place.¹⁹

8 "And Yahweh gave Abraham the covenant of circumcision,²⁰ and so Abraham fathered Isaac and circumcised him the eighth day,²¹ and Isaac fathered Jacob,²² and Jacob fathered the twelve patriarchs.²³

9 "And the patriarchs, moved with envy,²⁴ sold Joseph into Egypt;²⁵ but God was with Joseph.²⁶

10 "And God delivered Joseph out of all his afflictions, and gave him favor and wisdom in the sight of the Pharaoh of Egypt, and the Pharaoh made him governor over Egypt and all the Pharaoh's house.²⁷

11 "Now a famine descended on all the land of Egypt and Canaan, and great affliction; and our ancestors did not have enough to eat.²⁸

12 "But when Jacob heard that there was grain in Egypt, he sent out his sons for the first time into Egypt.

13 "And the second time they came into Egypt, Joseph was made known to his brothers,²⁹ and Joseph's brothers were made known to the Pharaoh.³⁰

14 "Then Joseph told his father Jacob and all his other relatives, seventy-five souls (persons) in all,³¹ to come to him in Egypt.³²

15 "So Jacob went down into Egypt³³ and died,³⁴ and so did our ancestors.

16 "And their bodies were carried over into Shechem, and laid in the sepulcher that Abraham bought for a sum of money from the sons of Emmor the father of Shechem.³⁵

17 "But when the time of the promise drew near, which God had sworn to Abraham, the people grew and multiplied in Egypt³⁶

18 "until another Pharaoh arose, who did not know Joseph.

19 "This pharaoh deceived our relatives³⁷, and forced our ancestors to cast out their young children so they would die.³⁸

20 "During this time Moses was born and was a handsome child; he grew up in his father's house for his first three months.³⁹

21 "And when he was cast out, Pharaoh's daughter took him up and nourished him as her own son.⁴⁰

22 "And Moses was taught all the wisdom of the

<p>Egyptians, and was mighty in words and in deeds.</p> <p>23 And when he was full forty years old, it came into his heart to visit his brethren the children of Israel.</p> <p>24 And seeing one of them suffer wrong, he defended him, and avenged him that was oppressed, and smote the Egyptian:</p> <p>25 For he supposed his brethren would have understood how that God by his hand would deliver them: but they understood not.</p> <p>26 And the next day he shewed himself unto them as they strove, and would have set them at one again, saying, Sirs, ye are brethren; why do ye wrong one to another?</p> <p>27 But he that did his neighbour wrong thrust him away, saying, Who made thee a ruler and a judge over us?</p> <p>28 Wilt thou kill me, as thou diddest the Egyptian yesterday?</p> <p>29 Then fled Moses at this saying, and was a stranger in the land of Madian, where he begat two sons.</p> <p>30 And when forty years were expired, there appeared to him in the wilderness of mount Sina an angel of the Lord in a flame of fire in a bush.</p> <p>31 When Moses saw it, he wondered at the sight: and as he drew near to behold it, the voice of the Lord came unto him,</p> <p>32 Saying, I am the God of thy fathers, the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Then Moses trembled, and durst not behold.</p> <p>33 Then said the Lord to him, Put off thy shoes from thy feet: for the place where thou standest is holy ground.</p> <p>34 I have seen, I have seen the affliction of my people which is in Egypt, and I have heard their groaning, and am come down to deliver them. And now come, I will send thee into Egypt.</p> <p>35 This Moses whom they refused, saying, Who made thee a ruler and a judge? the same did God send to be a ruler and a deliverer by the hand of the angel which appeared to him in the bush.</p> <p>36 He brought them out, after that he had shewed</p>	<p>Egyptians and became mighty in words and in deeds.</p> <p>23 “And when he was fully forty years old,⁴¹ it came into his heart to visit his people the children of Israel.</p> <p>24 “And seeing one of them suffer wrong, he defended him and avenged him who was oppressed, and struck the Egyptian who was oppressing him.</p> <p>25 “And he supposed his fellow Israelites would have understood how God through Moses would deliver them, but they did not understand.</p> <p>26 “And the next day Moses saw two of the children of Israel fighting together, and would have made them into friends again, saying, ‘Sirs, you are fellow Israelites. Why do you wrong one another?’</p> <p>27 “But the man who did his neighbor wrong pushed Moses away, saying, ‘Who made you a ruler and a judge over us?’</p> <p>28 ‘Will you kill me, as you did the Egyptian yesterday?’</p> <p>29 “Hearing the man say this, Moses fled, and was a stranger in the land of Midian, where he fathered two sons.⁴²</p> <p>30 “And when forty years had passed, an angel of God appeared to Moses in the wilderness of Mount Sinai in a flame of fire in a bush.⁴³</p> <p>31 “When Moses saw it, he wondered at the sight. And as he drew near to look at it, the voice of God came to him.</p> <p>32 “Yahweh said, ‘I am the Deity of your ancestors, the Deity of Abraham and the Deity of Isaac and the Deity of Jacob.’ Then Moses trembled and did not dare to continue to look.</p> <p>33 “Then God said to him, “Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground.</p> <p>34 “‘I, Yahweh, have seen the affliction of My people who are in Egypt, and I have heard their groaning, and have come down⁴⁴ to deliver them. And now I will send you into Egypt.’”</p> <p>35 Stephen continued, “This Moses whom they refused, saying, ‘Who made you a ruler and a judge over us?’ was sent by God to be a ruler and a deliverer by the angel which appeared to Moses in the bush.⁴⁵</p> <p>36 “Yahweh brought out the children of Israel,</p>
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wonders and signs in the land of Egypt, and in the Red sea, and in the wilderness forty years.

37 ¶ This is that Moses, which said unto the children of Israel, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear.

38 This is he, that was in the church in the wilderness with the angel which spake to him in the mount Sina, and with our fathers: who received the lively oracles to give unto us:

39 To whom our fathers would not obey, but thrust him from them, and in their hearts turned back again into Egypt,

40 Saying unto Aaron, Make us gods to go before us: for as for this Moses, which brought us out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him.

41 And they made a calf in those days, and offered sacrifice unto the idol, and rejoiced in the works of their own hands.

42 Then God turned, and gave them up to worship the host of heaven; as it is written in the book of the prophets, O ye house of Israel, have ye offered to me slain beasts and sacrifices by the space of forty years in the wilderness?

43 Yea, ye took up the tabernacle of Moloch, and the star of your god Remphan, figures which ye made to worship them: and I will carry you away beyond Babylon.

44 Our fathers had the tabernacle of witness in the wilderness, as he had appointed, speaking unto Moses, that he should make it according to the fashion that he had seen.

45 Which also our fathers that came after brought in with Jesus into the possession of the Gentiles, whom God drave out before the face of our fathers, unto the days of David;

46 Who found favour before God, and desired to find a tabernacle for the God of Jacob.

47 But Solomon built him an house.

48 Howbeit the most High dwelleth not in temples made with hands; as saith the prophet,

49 Heaven is my throne, and earth is my footstool: what house will ye build me? saith the Lord: or

after He had shown wonders and signs in the land of Egypt,⁴⁶ and in the Sea of Reeds,⁴⁷ and in the wilderness for forty years.⁴⁸

37 “This is that Moses, who said to the children of Israel, ‘God will raise up to you from among your people a prophet like me; this prophet you shall hear.’⁴⁹

38 “This is Moses, who was in the assembly in the wilderness with the angel which spoke to him on Mount Sinai and with our ancestors, who received the living word to give to us.⁵⁰

39 “Our ancestors would not obey, but turned against Moses, and in their hearts turned back again into Egypt.

40 “And they said to Aaron, ‘Make us gods to go before us, for regarding this fellow Moses who brought us out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.’⁵¹

41 “And they made an idol in the form of a calf, and offered sacrifice to the idol and rejoiced in the works of their own hands.⁵²

42 “Then Yahweh turned, and gave them up to worship the host of the heavens, as it is written in the book of the prophets, ‘O you house of Israel, have you offered to Me slain beasts and sacrifices during your forty years in the wilderness?’⁵³

43 ‘Yes, you took up the tabernacle of Moloch, and the star of your god Remphan, images which you made to worship; so I will carry you away beyond Babylon.’

44 “Our ancestors had the tabernacle of witness in the wilderness, as Yahweh had commanded, telling Moses that he should make the tabernacle according to the pattern that he had seen.⁵⁴

45 “Our ancestors who came after, brought this tabernacle with Joshua into the land of the Gentiles, whom Yahweh drove out before the face of our ancestors as they advanced, until the days of David.

46 “David found favor with Yahweh, and desired to make a dwelling place for the Yahweh of Jacob.⁵⁵

47 “But Solomon built Yahweh a temple.⁵⁶

48 “However, the most High does not dwell in temples made with hands, as the prophet said, speaking God’s words:

49 “‘Heaven is My throne, and earth is My *footstool* [creation]: what house will you build Me? Or what

<p>what is the place of my rest? 50 Hath not my hand made all these things? `</p> <p>51 ¶ Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye. `</p> <p>52 Which of the prophets have not your fathers persecuted? and they have slain them which shewed before of the coming of the Just One; of whom ye have been now the betrayers and murderers: 53 Who have received the law by the disposition of angels, and have not kept it. 54 ¶ When they heard these things, they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed on him with their teeth. 55 But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God, `</p> <p>56 And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God. `</p> <p>57 Then they cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and ran upon him with one accord, `</p> <p>58 And cast him out of the city, and stoned him: and the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet, whose name was Saul. `</p> <p>59 And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. 60 And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep. `</p>	<p>is the place of My rest? 50 <i>'Has not My hand [Have not I] made all these things?'</i>"⁵⁷ `</p> <p>51 Stephen went on to say, "You people are stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears; you always resist the Holy Ghost (Holy Spirit); as your ancestors did, so do you."⁵⁸ 52 "Which of the prophets have your ancestors not persecuted? And they have slain those who prophesied of the coming of the Just One, of whom you have been now the betrayers and murderers. 53 "You have received the law of Moses, which was given by angels, and have not kept it." 54 When they heard these things, those of the council became furious, and they ground their teeth at Stephen in anger. 55 But Stephen, being full of the Holy Ghost (Holy Spirit), looked up steadfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing <i>on the right hand of God</i> [in the presence of God]. 56 And Stephen said, "Behold, I see heaven opened, and the Son of man standing in the presence of God." 57 Then they cried out with a loud voice, and put their hands over their ears, and ran upon him with one accord.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Stephen is martyred</p> <p>58 And they cast Stephen out of the city, and stoned him, and the witnesses laid down their clothes at the feet of a young man whose name was Saul. 59 And they stoned Stephen as he called upon God, and said, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." 60 And he kneeled down, and cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin that they are doing against them." And after he had said this, he passed on.</p>
<p>8:1 And Saul was consenting unto his death. And at that time there was a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judaea and Samaria, except the apostles. 2 And devout men carried Stephen to his burial, and made great lamentation over him.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Saul consents to Stephen's death</p> <p>8:1 And Saul was consenting to Stephen's death. And at that time there was a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem. And all the believers, except the apostles, scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria. 2 And devout men carried Stephen to his burial and mourned greatly over him.</p>

3 As for Saul, he made havock of the church, entering into every house, and haling men and women committed them to prison.

4 Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word.

5 Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them.

6 And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did.

7 For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with them: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed.

8 And there was great joy in that city.

9 But there was a certain man, called Simon, which beforetime in the same city used sorcery, and bewitched the people of Samaria, giving out that himself was some great one:

10 To whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, This man is the great power of God.

11 And to him they had regard, because that of long time he had bewitched them with sorceries.

12 But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.

13 Then Simon himself believed also: and when he was baptized, he continued with Philip, and wondered, beholding the miracles and signs which were done.

14 Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John:

15 Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost:

16 (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.)

3 As for Saul, he tried to destroy the church, entering into every house and seizing men and women, committed them to prison.

4 Therefore those who were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the word.

Philip preaches Christ

5 Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria⁵⁹ and preached Christ to them.

6 And the people with one accord listened to what Philip said, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did.

7 For evil spirits, crying out with loud voices, came out of many who were possessed by them. And many who were paralyzed and who were lame were healed.

8 And there was great joy in that city.

Simon the sorcerer

9 But there was a certain man named Simon, who before in the same city used sorcery and bewitched the people of Samaria, pretending to be a great man.

10 They all gave heed to Simon, from the least to the greatest, saying, "This man possesses the great power of God."

11 And they had regard for him, because for a long time he had bewitched them with sorceries.

12 But when they believed Philip, who preached concerning the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.

13 Then Simon himself also believed, and after he was baptized, he accompanied Philip, and wondered, beholding the miracles and signs which were done.

Peter and John go to the Samaritans

14 Now when the apostles who were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent Peter and John to the Samaritans.

15 Peter and John, when they came down to them, prayed for the Samaritans, that they might receive the Holy Ghost (Holy Spirit).

16 (For as yet the Holy Ghost [Holy Spirit] had come down upon none of them; they were baptized only

17 Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.
 18 And when Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money,
 19 Saying, Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost.
 20 But Peter said unto him, Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money.
 21 Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not right in the sight of God.
 22 Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee.
 23 For I perceive that thou art in the gall of bitterness, and in the bond of iniquity.
 24 Then answered Simon, and said, Pray ye to the Lord for me, that none of these things which ye have spoken come upon me.
 25 And they, when they had testified and preached the word of the Lord, returned to Jerusalem, and preached the gospel in many villages of the Samaritans.
 26 And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert.
 27 And he arose and went: and, behold, a man of Ethiopia, an eunuch of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem for to worship,
 28 Was returning, and sitting in his chariot read Esaias the prophet.
 29 Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot.
 30 And Philip ran thither to him, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest?
 31 And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him.
 32 The place of the scripture which he read was

in the name of the Lord Jesus.)

17 Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost (Holy Spirit).
 18 And when Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost (Holy Spirit) was given, he offered them money.
 19 He said, "Give me this power also, so that whomever I lay my hands on may receive the Holy Ghost (Holy Spirit)."
 20 But Peter said to him, "May your money perish with you, because you have thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money.
 21 "You have no part in this matter, for your heart is not right in the sight of God.
 22 "Repent therefore of your wickedness, and ask God that the thoughts of your heart may be forgiven you.
 23 "For I perceive that you are full of bitterness, and in the bond of iniquity."
 24 Then Simon answered, "Pray to the Lord for me, that none of these things which you have spoken of come upon me."
 25 And the apostles testified and preached the word of the Lord. And they preached the gospel (the good news) in many villages of the Samaritans. And the apostles returned to Jerusalem
 26 And an angel of God said to Philip, "Arise, and go toward the south on the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza, which is desert."
 27 And Philip arose and went, and, behold, he met a man of Ethiopia, a eunuch and high court official of great authority under Candace, queen of the Ethiopians. And the man was in charge of all her treasure. The Ethiopian court official had come to Jerusalem to worship.
 28 He was returning, and was sitting in his chariot reading Esaias (Isaiah) the prophet.
 29 Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go near, and join yourself to this chariot."
 30 And Philip ran to the Ethiopian court official, and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah, and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?"
 31 And the Ethiopian court official said, "How can I, unless someone should guide me?" And he asked Philip to come up and sit with him.
 32 The Scripture which the Ethiopian court official

<p>this, He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth: 33 In his humiliation his judgment was taken away: and who shall declare his generation? for his life is taken from the earth. 34 And the eunuch answered Philip, and said, I pray thee, of whom speaketh the prophet this? of himself, or of some other man? 35 Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus. 36 And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? `</p> <p>37 And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. `</p> <p>38 And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him. `</p> <p>39 And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing. `</p> <p>40 But Philip was found at Azotus: and passing through he preached in all the cities, till he came to Caesarea.</p>	<p>was reading was this, "He was led as a sheep to the slaughter, and like a lamb mute before its shearer, he did not open his mouth. 33 "In his humiliation justice was denied him, and who shall declare his generation? For his life was taken from the earth."⁶⁰ 34 And the Ethiopian court official answered Philip, "I beg you to tell me, of whom does the prophet speak? Of himself, or of someone else?" 35 Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same Scripture, and preached Jesus to him. 36 And as they went on their way, they came to water, and the Ethiopian court official said, "See, here is water; does anything hinder me from being baptized and identified as a disciple of Jesus?" 37 And Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may be baptized." And the Ethiopian court official answered, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God." 38 And the Ethiopian court official commanded the chariot to stand still, and both Philip and the Ethiopian court official went down into the water, and Philip baptized him, initiating him as a fellow disciple. 39 And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught Philip away so that the Ethiopian court official did not see him anymore. And the Ethiopian court official and Philip each went on his way rejoicing. 40 But Philip was found at Azotus, and passing through, he preached in all the cities until he came to Caesarea.</p>
<p>`</p> <p>9:1 And Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest, `</p> <p>2 And desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of this way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem. `</p> <p>3 And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven:</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Saul journeys toward Damascus</p> <p>9:1 And Saul, continuing to breathe out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest. 2 And Saul asked from him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, so that if Saul found any of the Way (those who followed Jesus Christ), whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. 3 And as Saul journeyed, he came near to Damascus; and suddenly a light from heaven shone around him.</p>

4 And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?

5 And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.

6 And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.

7 And the men which journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice, but seeing no man.

8 And Saul arose from the earth; and when his eyes were opened, he saw no man: but they led him by the hand, and brought him into Damascus.

9 And he was three days without sight, and neither did eat nor drink.

10 ¶ And there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias; and to him said the Lord in a vision, Ananias. And he said, Behold, I am here, Lord.

11 And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and enquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold, he prayeth,

12 And hath seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in, and putting his hand on him, that he might receive his sight.

13 Then Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he hath done to thy saints at Jerusalem:

14 And here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that call on thy name.

15 But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel:

16 For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake.

17 And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost.

18 And immediately there fell from his eyes as it

4 And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"

5 And Saul said, "Who are you, Lord?" And the Lord said, "I am Jesus whom you persecute; it is hard for you to kick against the pricks."⁶¹

6 And Saul trembling and astonished said, "Lord, what do you want me to do?" And the Lord said to him, "Arise, and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do."

7 And the persons who journeyed with Saul stood speechless, hearing a voice, but not seeing anyone.

8 And Saul arose from the earth; and when he opened his eyes, he could not see anyone; but they led him by the hand, and brought him into Damascus.

9 And he was three days without sight and did not either eat or drink.

Ananias aids Saul

10 And a certain disciple was at Damascus named Ananias, and the Lord said in a vision to him, "Ananias." And he said, "Behold, I am here, Lord."

11 And the Lord said to him, "Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and inquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul of Tarsus. For, behold, he is praying.

12 "And he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in, and putting his hand on him so that he might receive his sight."

13 Then Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many how much evil this man has done to your saints at Jerusalem.

14 "And here he has authority from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name."

15 But the Lord said to him, "Go; for he is the means I have chosen, to carry my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel.

16 "For I will show him what great things he must suffer for my name's sake."

17 And Ananias went, and entered the house. And putting his hands on Saul, he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road as you came, has sent me so that you might receive your sight and be filled with the Holy Ghost (Holy Spirit)."

18 And immediately it was as though scales fell

had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized.

19 And when he had received meat, he was strengthened. Then was Saul certain days with the disciples which were at Damascus.

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

21 But all that heard him were amazed, and said; Is not this he that destroyed them which called on this name in Jerusalem, and came hither for that intent, that he might bring them bound unto the chief priests?

22 But Saul increased the more in strength, and confounded the Jews which dwelt at Damascus, proving that this is very Christ.

23 ¶ And after that many days were fulfilled, the Jews took counsel to kill him:

24 But their laying await was known of Saul. And they watched the gates day and night to kill him.

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25 Then the disciples took him by night, and let him down by the wall in a basket.

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26 And when Saul was come to Jerusalem, he assayed to join himself to the disciples: but they were all afraid of him, and believed not that he was a disciple.

27 But Barnabas took him, and brought him to the apostles, and declared unto them how he had seen the Lord in the way, and that he had spoken to him, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus.

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

29 And he spake boldly in the name of the Lord Jesus, and disputed against the Grecians: but they went about to slay him.

30 Which when the brethren knew, they brought him down to Caesarea, and sent him forth to Tarsus.

31 Then had the churches rest throughout all Judaea and Galilee and Samaria, and were edified; and walking in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, were multiplied.

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from Saul's eyes, and he received sight immediately, and arose, and was baptized.

19 And when he had taken food, he was strengthened. Then Saul spent several days with the disciples who were at Damascus.

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

21 And all who heard him were amazed, and said, "Is not this the man who destroyed those who called on the name of Jesus in Jerusalem, and came here with the intent of bringing them bound to the chief priests?"

22 But Saul increased the more in strength and confounded the Jews who dwelt at Damascus, arguing convincingly that this is the true Christ.

23 And after many days were fulfilled, the Jews held a council to determine how to kill Saul.

24 And they watched the gates day and night to kill him. But their lying in wait was known by Saul.

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Saul escapes Damascus

25 Then the disciples took Saul by night and let him down outside the wall of Damascus in a basket. ⁶²

26 And when Saul came to Jerusalem, he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, and did not believe that he was a disciple.

27 But Barnabas took him, and brought him to the apostles, and declared to them how Saul had seen the Lord on the road, and that the Lord had spoken to him, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus.

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

29 And he spoke boldly in the name of the Lord Jesus and disputed against the Greek-speaking Jews, and they made plans to kill him.

30 When fellow believers became aware of this, they brought him down to the seaport at Caesarea and sent him forth to Tarsus.

31 Then the churches had rest throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria, and were blessed, and walking in the awe of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost (Holy Spirit), were multiplied.

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Peter is a part of Aeneas' healing

<p>32 ¶ And it came to pass, as Peter passed throughout all quarters, he came down also to the saints which dwelt at Lydda.</p> <p>33 And there he found a certain man named Aeneas, which had kept his bed eight years, and was sick of the palsy.</p> <p>34 And Peter said unto him, Aeneas, Jesus Christ maketh thee whole: arise, and make thy bed. And he arose immediately.</p> <p>35 And all that dwelt at Lydda and Saron saw him, and turned to the Lord.</p> <p>、</p> <p>、</p> <p>36 ¶ Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha, which by interpretation is called Dorcas: this woman was full of good works and almsdeeds which she did.</p> <p>37 And it came to pass in those days, that she was sick, and died: whom when they had washed, they laid her in an upper chamber.</p> <p>38 And forasmuch as Lydda was nigh to Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent unto him two men, desiring him that he would not delay to come to them.</p> <p>39 Then Peter arose and went with them. When he was come, they brought him into the upper chamber: and all the widows stood by him weeping, and shewing the coats and garments which Dorcas made, while she was with them.</p> <p>40 But Peter put them all forth, and kneeled down, and prayed; and turning him to the body said, Tabitha, arise. And she opened her eyes: and when she saw Peter, she sat up.</p> <p>41 And he gave her his hand, and lifted her up, and when he had called the saints and widows, presented her alive.</p> <p>、</p> <p>42 And it was known throughout all Joppa; and many believed in the Lord.</p> <p>43 And it came to pass, that he tarried many days in Joppa with one Simon a tanner.</p>	<p>32 And it came to pass, as Peter was traveling, he came down also to the saints (the followers of the Lord) who dwelt at Lydda.</p> <p>33 And he found there a certain man named Aeneas, who had been in bed for eight years, and was paralyzed.</p> <p>34 And Peter said to him, “Aeneas, Jesus Christ makes you whole; arise, and make your bed.” And Aeneas arose immediately.</p> <p>35 And many who dwelt at Lydda and Saron saw Aeneas, and turned to the Lord.</p> <p>、</p> <p>、</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tabitha is healed</p> <p>36 Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha in Aramaic, which in Greek is Dorcas. This woman was full of good works and compassion for the poor.</p> <p>37 And it came to pass in those days, that she was sick, and died. And when they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room.</p> <p>38 And since Lydda was near to Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent to him two men, who asked him to come to them immediately.</p> <p>39 Then Peter arose and went with them. When he arrived, they brought him into the upper room, and all the widows stood by him weeping. And they showed the coats and garments which Dorcas made while she was with them.</p> <p>40 But Peter put them all out of the room, and kneeled down, and prayed, and turning to the body said, “Tabitha, arise.” And she opened her eyes; and when she saw Peter, she sat up.</p> <p>41 And he gave her his hand and lifted her up, and when he had called the saints (fellow believers in the Lord) including the widows, he presented her alive.</p> <p>42 And this was known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.</p> <p>43 And it came to pass that Peter spent many days in Joppa with a tanner named Simon.</p>
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<p>、</p> <p>10:1 There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of the band called the Italian band,</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Cornelius sends for Peter</p> <p>10:1 There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion in the Roman army unit called the Italian regiment.</p>
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2 A devout man, and one that feared God with all his house, which gave much alms to the people, and prayed to God alway.

3 He saw in a vision evidently about the ninth hour of the day an angel of God coming in to him, and saying unto him, Cornelius.

4 And when he looked on him, he was afraid, and said, What is it, Lord? And he said unto him, Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God.

5 And now send men to Joppa, and call for one Simon, whose surname is Peter:

6 He lodgeth with one Simon a tanner, whose house is by the sea side: he shall tell thee what thou oughtest to do.

7 And when the angel which spake unto Cornelius was departed, he called two of his household servants, and a devout soldier of them that waited on him continually;

8 And when he had declared all these things unto them, he sent them to Joppa.

9 ¶ On the morrow, as they went on their journey, and drew nigh unto the city, Peter went up upon the housetop to pray about the sixth hour:

10 And he became very hungry, and would have eaten: but while they made ready, he fell into a trance,

11 And saw heaven opened, and a certain vessel descending unto him, as it had been a great sheet knit at the four corners, and let down to the earth:

12 Wherein were all manner of fourfooted beasts of the earth, and wild beasts, and creeping things, and fowls of the air.

13 And there came a voice to him, Rise, Peter; kill, and eat.

14 But Peter said, Not so, Lord; for I have never eaten any thing that is common or unclean.

15 And the voice spake unto him again the second time, What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common.

16 This was done thrice: and the vessel was

2 Cornelius was a devout man, who was in awe of Yahweh as were all his household, who gave much in charity to the people and who prayed to God always.

3 About three o'clock one afternoon, he saw in a vision an angel of God coming to him, and saying to him, "Cornelius."

4 And when Cornelius saw the angel, he was afraid, and said, "What is it, God?" And the angel said to him, "Your prayers and your charity have come up for recognition before God.

5 "And now send men to Joppa, and call for a man named Simon, whose full name is Simon Peter.

6 "He is staying with a tanner named Simon, whose house is by the seaside; he will tell you what you ought to do."

7 And when the angel who spoke to Cornelius had departed, Cornelius called two of his household servants and a devout soldier of those who waited on him continually.

8 And when Cornelius had spoken of all these things to the three men, he sent them to Joppa.

What God has cleansed, do not call unclean

9 The next day, as the servants went on their journey, and drew near to the city, Peter went up upon the housetop to pray about noon.

10 And he became very hungry, and would have eaten, but before the meal was made ready, he fell into a trance.

11 And Peter saw heaven opened, and something descending to him appearing like a great sheet knit at the four corners, and being let down to the earth at the four corners.

12 On this sheet were all kinds of four-footed animals of the earth, and wild animals, and creeping things, and birds of the air.

13 And a voice came to him, "Rise, Peter; kill, and eat."

14 But Peter said, "No, Yahweh; for I have never eaten anything that is forbidden or unclean (ritually impure)."

15 And the voice spoke to him again, "What God has cleansed, do not call unclean."

16 The voice said this three times, and the sheet was taken up again into the heavens.

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17 Now while Peter doubted in himself what this vision which he had seen should mean, behold, the men which were sent from Cornelius had made enquiry for Simon's house, and stood before the gate,

18 And called, and asked whether Simon, which was surnamed Peter, were lodged there.

19 ¶ While Peter thought on the vision, the Spirit said unto him, Behold, three men seek thee.

20 Arise therefore, and get thee down, and go with them, doubting nothing: for I have sent them.

21 Then Peter went down to the men which were sent unto him from Cornelius; and said, Behold, I am he whom ye seek: what is the cause wherefore ye are come?

22 And they said, Cornelius the centurion, a just man, and one that feareth God, and of good report among all the nation of the Jews, was warned from God by an holy angel to send for thee into his house, and to hear words of thee.

23 Then called he them in, and lodged them. And on the morrow Peter went away with them, and certain brethren from Joppa accompanied him.

24 And the morrow after they entered into Caesarea. And Cornelius waited for them, and had called together his kinsmen and near friends.

25 And as Peter was coming in, Cornelius met him, and fell down at his feet, and worshipped him.

26 But Peter took him up, saying, Stand up; I myself also am a man.

27 And as he talked with him, he went in, and found many that were come together.

28 And he said unto them, Ye know how that it is an unlawful thing for a man that is a Jew to keep company, or come unto one of another nation; but God hath shewed me that I should not call any man common or unclean.

29 Therefore came I unto you without gainsaying, as soon as I was sent for: I ask therefore for what intent ye have sent for me?

30 And Cornelius said, Four days ago I was fasting until this hour; and at the ninth hour I prayed in my house, and, behold, a man stood before me in bright

Peter shares the Gospel with Cornelius

17 Now while Peter was puzzled over what this vision which he had seen meant, behold, the men who were sent from Cornelius had found the house of Simon the tanner, and stood before the gate.

18 And they asked whether the person known as Simon Peter was lodged there.

19 While Peter thought about the vision, Spirit said to him, "Behold, three men are looking for you.

20 "Therefore arise, and go down from the housetop, and go with them, not doubting anything; for I have sent them."

21 Then Peter went down to the men who were sent to him from Cornelius, and said, "Behold, I am the man whom you seek; why have you come?"

22 And they said, "Cornelius the centurion is a just man, one who is in awe of Yahweh, and who has a good reputation among all the nation of the Jews. Cornelius received a command from God by a holy angel to invite you into his house, and to hear what you have to say."

23 Then Peter called them in, and they stayed overnight. And the next day Peter went away with them, and certain fellow believers from Joppa accompanied him.

24 And the day afterward, they entered into Caesarea. And Cornelius was waiting for them and had called together his relatives and close friends.

25 And as Peter was coming in, Cornelius met him, and fell down at his feet, and worshiped him.

26 But Peter lifted him up, saying, "Stand up; I am a man just as you are."

27 And as they talked, Peter went into the house and found many people who had gathered there.

28 And he said to them, "You know that it is an unlawful thing for a person who is a Jew to keep company with, or to visit one of another nation. But God has shown me that I should not call anyone common or unclean.

29 "Therefore I came to you without any objection as soon as I was sent for; therefore, I ask, why have you sent for me?"

30 And Cornelius said, "Four days ago I was fasting until this hour, and around three o'clock in the afternoon I prayed in my house. And, behold, a

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31 And said, Cornelius, thy prayer is heard, and thine alms are had in remembrance in the sight of God.

32 Send therefore to Joppa, and call hither Simon, whose surname is Peter; he is lodged in the house of one Simon a tanner by the sea side: who, when he cometh, shall speak unto thee.

33 Immediately therefore I sent to thee; and thou hast well done that thou art come. Now therefore are we all here present before God, to hear all things that are commanded thee of God.

34 ¶ Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons:

35 But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him.

36 The word which God sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (he is Lord of all:)

37 That word, I say, ye know, which was published throughout all Judaea, and began from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached;

38 How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

39 And we are witnesses of all things which he did both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem; whom they slew and hanged on a tree:

40 Him God raised up the third day, and shewed him openly;

41 Not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before of God, even to us, who did eat and drink with him after he rose from the dead.

42 And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was ordained of God to be the Judge of quick and dead.

43 To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.

44 ¶ While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy

man stood before me in bright clothing.

31 "And he said, 'Cornelius, your prayer has been heard, and your alms to the poor have achieved remembrance in the sight of God.

32 "Therefore send to Joppa, and call for Simon Peter; he is lodged in the house of a tanner named Simon who lives by the seaside. When Simon Peter comes, he will speak to you."

33 Cornelius said to Peter, "Therefore immediately, I sent for you; and you have done well to come. Therefore, we are all here present before God to hear everything that God has commanded you to say."

34 Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, "Truly I perceive that God is no respecter of persons; God treats everyone equally.⁶³

35 "And in every nation every one who is in awe of Yahweh, and works righteousness, is accepted by Him.

36 "God sent His word to the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all.)

37 "That word was published throughout all Judea, and began from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached,

38 "how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost (Holy Spirit) and with power, who went about doing good, and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

39 "And we are witnesses of all things which Jesus, whom they killed and hanged on a tree (cross), did both in Jerusalem and in all the land of the Jews.

40 "God raised Jesus up the third day, and showed him openly,

41 "not to all the people, but to witnesses chosen before of God, even to us, who ate and drank with Jesus after he rose from the dead.

42 "And Jesus commanded us to preach to the people, and to testify that he was ordained of God to be the judge of the living and the dead.

43 "All the prophets testify about him, that through his name whoever believes in him will have his sins forgiven."

The Holy Ghost (Holy Spirit) descends on those present

44 While Peter was speaking these words, the

<p>Ghost fell on all them which heard the word.</p> <p>45 And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost.</p> <p>46 For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter,</p> <p>47 Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?</p> <p>48 And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.</p>	<p>Holy Ghost (Holy Spirit) descended on all those who heard the words.</p> <p>45 And the circumcised Jewish believers who came with Peter were astonished, because the gift of the Holy Ghost (Holy Spirit) was poured out on the Gentiles also.</p> <p>46 For they heard the Gentiles speak in different languages, and magnify God. Then Peter said,</p> <p>47 “Can anyone forbid water so that these, who have received the Holy Ghost (Holy Spirit) as well as we, cannot be baptized?”</p> <p>48 And Peter commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then they asked him to stay several more days.</p>
<p>11:1 And the apostles and brethren that were in Judaea heard that the Gentiles had also received the word of God.</p> <p>2 And when Peter was come up to Jerusalem, they that were of the circumcision contended with him,</p> <p>3 Saying, Thou wentest in to men uncircumcised, and didst eat with them.</p> <p>4 But Peter rehearsed the matter from the beginning, and expounded it by order unto them, saying,</p> <p>5 I was in the city of Joppa praying: and in a trance I saw a vision, A certain vessel descend, as it had been a great sheet, let down from heaven by four corners; and it came even to me:</p> <p>6 Upon the which when I had fastened mine eyes, I considered, and saw fourfooted beasts of the earth, and wild beasts, and creeping things, and fowls of the air.</p> <p>7 And I heard a voice saying unto me, Arise, Peter; slay and eat.</p> <p>8 But I said, Not so, Lord: for nothing common or unclean hath at any time entered into my mouth.</p> <p>9 But the voice answered me again from heaven, What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common.</p> <p>10 And this was done three times: and all were drawn up again into heaven.</p> <p>11 And, behold, immediately there were three men already come unto the house where I was, sent from Caesarea unto me.</p>	<p>Peter explains why God does not require people to observe the law of kosher</p> <p>11:1 And the apostles and fellow believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also received the word of God.</p> <p>2 And when Peter came up to Jerusalem, the circumcised Jewish believers confronted him.</p> <p>3 They said, “You visited uncircumcised men and ate with them.”</p> <p>4 But Peter remembered what had happened from the beginning, and explained it to them, from beginning to end.</p> <p>5 Peter said, “I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. A great sheet descended, let down from the heavens by its four corners; and it came even to me.</p> <p>6 “Upon this sheet, when I looked intently, I saw four-footed animals of the earth, and wild animals, and creeping things, and birds of the air.</p> <p>7 “And I heard a voice saying to me, ‘Arise, Peter; kill and eat.’</p> <p>8 “But I said, ‘No, Yahweh; for nothing forbidden nor unclean (ritually impure) has at any time entered into my mouth.’</p> <p>9 “But the voice spoke again from heaven, ‘What God has cleansed, do not call forbidden.’</p> <p>10 “And this was done three times, and the sheet and all on it were drawn up again into the heavens.</p> <p>11 “And, behold, immediately I saw that three men had already come to the house where I was, sent from Caesarea to me.</p>

<p>12 And the Spirit bade me go with them, nothing doubting. Moreover these six brethren accompanied me, and we entered into the man's house:</p> <p>13 And he shewed us how he had seen an angel in his house, which stood and said unto him, Send men to Joppa, and call for Simon, whose surname is Peter;</p> <p>14 Who shall tell thee words, whereby thou and all thy house shall be saved.</p> <p>15 And as I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them, as on us at the beginning.</p> <p>16 Then remembered I the word of the Lord, how that he said, John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost.</p> <p>17 Forasmuch then as God gave them the like gift as he did unto us, who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ; what was I, that I could withstand God?</p> <p>18 When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life.</p> <p>19 ¶ Now they which were scattered abroad upon the persecution that arose about Stephen travelled as far as Phenice, and Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching the word to none but unto the Jews only.</p> <p>20 And some of them were men of Cyprus and Cyrene, which, when they were come to Antioch, spake unto the Grecians, preaching the Lord Jesus.</p> <p>21 And the hand of the Lord was with them: and a great number believed, and turned unto the Lord.</p> <p>22 ¶ Then tidings of these things came unto the ears of the church which was in Jerusalem: and they sent forth Barnabas, that he should go as far as Antioch.</p> <p>23 Who, when he came, and had seen the grace of God, was glad, and exhorted them all, that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord.</p> <p>24 For he was a good man, and full of the Holy</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Peter says that God is reaching out to the Gentiles</p> <p>12 “And the Spirit told me to go with them, with no doubts. Moreover, six fellow believers from Joppa accompanied us, and we entered the house of Cornelius.</p> <p>13 “And Cornelius told us that he had seen an angel in his house, which stood and said to him, ‘Send people to Joppa, and call for Simon, whose full name is Simon Peter.</p> <p>14 ‘He will tell you how you and all your household will be saved.’</p> <p>15 “And as I began to speak, the Holy Ghost (Holy Spirit) descended on them, as on us at the beginning.</p> <p>16 “Then I remembered the word of the Lord, that he said, ‘John indeed baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Ghost (Holy Spirit).’</p> <p>17 “It became clear to me that God gave them the same gift that he gave to us when we came to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. Consequently, who was I, to oppose God?”</p> <p>18 When they heard these things, they said nothing, and glorified God, saying, “Then God has also granted repentance, which gives life, to the Gentiles.”</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Christians are scattered</p> <p>19 Now those who were scattered abroad because of the persecution that arose about Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia, and Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching the word to none but the Jews.</p> <p>20 And some of them were persons of Cyprus and Cyrene, who, when they come to Antioch in Syria, preached the Lord Jesus to the Gentiles.</p> <p>21 And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number believed and turned to the Lord.</p> <p>22 Then tidings of these things came to the ears of the church which was in Jerusalem, and they sent forth Barnabas to go as far as Antioch in Syria.</p> <p>23 When Barnabas came and saw the grace of God, he was glad and encouraged them all to be faithful to the Lord with all their heart.</p> <p>24 For he was a good man, and full of the Holy</p>
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<p>Ghost and of faith: and much people was added unto the Lord.</p> <p>25 Then departed Barnabas to Tarsus, for to seek Saul:</p> <p>26 And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.</p> <p>27 ¶ And in these days came prophets from Jerusalem unto Antioch.</p> <p>28 And there stood up one of them named Agabus, and signified by the Spirit that there should be great dearth throughout all the world: which came to pass in the days of Claudius Caesar.</p> <p>29 Then the disciples, every man according to his ability, determined to send relief unto the brethren which dwelt in Judaea:</p> <p>30 Which also they did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul.</p>	<p>Ghost (Holy Spirit) and of faith, and many persons were added to the Lord.</p> <p>25 Then Barnabas departed to Tarsus to seek Saul.</p> <p>26 And when Barnabas had found Saul, he brought him to Antioch in Syria. And it came to pass, that for a whole year they met with members of the church, and taught many persons. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch of Syria.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Agabus forecasts a famine</p> <p>27 And in these days prophets came from Jerusalem to Antioch in Syria.</p> <p>28 And one of them named Agabus stood up, and signified by the Spirit that there should be a great famine throughout all the world, which came to pass in the days of Claudius Caesar.</p> <p>29 Then every one of the disciples, according to his ability, determined to send relief to the fellow believers who dwelt in Judea.</p> <p>30 They collected money, and sent it to the elders at Jerusalem by the hands of Barnabas and Saul.</p>
<p>12:1 Now about that time Herod the king stretched forth his hands to vex certain of the church.</p> <p>2 And he killed James the brother of John with the sword.</p> <p>3 And because he saw it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to take Peter also. (Then were the days of unleavened bread.)</p> <p>4 And when he had apprehended him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four quaternions of soldiers to keep him; intending after Easter to bring him forth to the people.</p> <p>5 Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him.</p> <p>6 And when Herod would have brought him forth, the same night Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains: and the keepers before the door kept the prison.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Herod Agrippa persecutes Christians</p> <p>12:1 Now about that time, Herod Agrippa the ruler of Galilee stretched forth his hands to persecute certain persons of the church.</p> <p>2 And he killed James the brother of John with the sword.</p> <p>3 And because he saw it pleased those Jews who did not believe in Jesus, he proceeded further to take Peter also. (This was during the days of unleavened bread.)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Herod Agrippa imprisons Peter</p> <p>4 And when Herod Agrippa had Peter arrested, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four groups of four soldiers to guard him. Agrippa intended after Easter to bring him forth to the people.</p> <p>5 Therefore Peter was kept in prison, but prayer was made without ceasing by the church to God for him.</p> <p>6 And on the night before the day when Herod Agrippa would have brought him forth, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains; and the keepers before the door guarded the prison.</p>

7 And, behold, the angel of the Lord came upon him, and a light shined in the prison: and he smote Peter on the side, and raised him up, saying, Arise up quickly. And his chains fell off from his hands.

8 And the angel said unto him, Gird thyself, and bind on thy sandals. And so he did. And he saith unto him, Cast thy garment about thee, and follow me.

9 And he went out, and followed him; and wist not that it was true which was done by the angel; but thought he saw a vision.

10 When they were past the first and the second ward, they came unto the iron gate that leadeth unto the city; which opened to them of his own accord: and they went out, and passed on through one street; and forthwith the angel departed from him.

11 And when Peter was come to himself, he said, Now I know of a surety, that the Lord hath sent his angel, and hath delivered me out of the hand of Herod, and from all the expectation of the people of the Jews.

12 And when he had considered the thing, he came to the house of Mary the mother of John, whose surname was Mark; where many were gathered together praying.

13 And as Peter knocked at the door of the gate, a damsel came to hearken, named Rhoda.

14 And when she knew Peter's voice, she opened not the gate for gladness, but ran in, and told how Peter stood before the gate.

15 And they said unto her, Thou art mad. But she constantly affirmed that it was even so. Then said they, It is his angel.

16 But Peter continued knocking: and when they had opened the door, and saw him, they were astonished.

17 But he, beckoning unto them with the hand to hold their peace, declared unto them how the Lord had brought him out of the prison. And he said, Go shew these things unto James, and to the brethren. And he departed, and went into another place.

An angel sets Peter free

7 And, behold, an angel of the Lord came to Peter, and a light shone in the prison. And the angel touched Peter gently on the side and raised him up, saying, "Arise quickly." And the chains fell off Peter's hands.

8 And the angel said to him, "Get dressed, and put on your sandals." And Peter did so. And the angel said to him, "Fasten your cloak around you, and follow me."

9 And Peter followed the angel, but did not know that what was happening was true, but thought he saw a vision.

10 When the angel and Peter were past the first and the second guards, they came to the iron gate that leads to the city, which opened to them of its own accord. And they went out, and passed on through one street, and immediately the angel departed from Peter.

11 And when Peter realized he was not dreaming, he said, "Now I surely know that God has sent His angel, and has delivered me out of the hand of Herod Agrippa, and from the plans of the Jews who do not believe."

12 And when he had fully realized the truth, he came to the house of Mary the mother of John, whose full name was John Mark. There many were gathered together praying.

Peter comes to a house holding disciples

13 And as Peter knocked at the gate of the house, a young woman named Rhoda came to the door.

14 And when she knew Peter's voice, she was so glad she did not open the gate, but rather ran in and said that Peter stood at the gate.

15 And they said to her, "You are crazy." But she insisted that it was so. Then they said, "It is his angel."

16 But Peter continued knocking; and when they opened the door and saw him, they were astonished.

17 But he, signaling to them with his hand to be quiet, told them how the Lord had brought him out of the prison. And he said, "Go and tell these things to James and to the other fellow believers." And he departed, and went to another place.

<p>18 Now as soon as it was day, there was no small stir among the soldiers, what was become of Peter.</p> <p>19 And when Herod had sought for him, and found him not, he examined the keepers, and commanded that they should be put to death. And he went down from Judaea to Caesarea, and there abode.</p> <p>20 ¶ And Herod was highly displeased with them of Tyre and Sidon: but they came with one accord to him, and, having made Blastus the king's chamberlain their friend, desired peace; because their country was nourished by the king's country.</p> <p>21 And upon a set day Herod, arrayed in royal apparel, sat upon his throne, and made an oration unto them.</p> <p>22 And the people gave a shout, saying, It is the voice of a god, and not of a man.</p> <p>23 And immediately the angel of the Lord smote him, because he gave not God the glory: and he was eaten of worms, and gave up the ghost.</p> <p>24 ¶ But the word of God grew and multiplied.</p> <p>25 And Barnabas and Saul returned from Jerusalem, when they had fulfilled their ministry, and took with them John, whose surname was Mark.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Herod Agrippa executes the soldiers who guarded Peter</p> <p>18 Now as soon as it was day, there was much talk among the soldiers regarding what had become of Peter.</p> <p>19 And when Herod Agrippa sought for Peter, and did not find him, he questioned the keepers and commanded that they should be put to death. Then Herod Agrippa went down from Judea to Caesarea, and dwelt there.</p> <p>20 And Herod Agrippa was highly displeased with the people of Tyre and Sidon, but they came with one accord to him, and, having made Blastus the king's chamberlain their friend, desired peace because their country depended for food supplies on the king's country.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Herod Agrippa does not give God the glory</p> <p>21 And upon a set day Herod Agrippa, arrayed in royal apparel (clothing), sat upon his throne, and made a speech to them.</p> <p>22 And the people gave a shout, saying, "It is the voice of a god, and not of a man."</p> <p>23 And immediately the angel of the Lord struck Herod Agrippa, because he did not give God the glory, and Herod gave up the ghost, and was eaten by worms.</p> <p>24 But the word of God grew and multiplied.</p> <p>25 And Barnabas and Saul returned from Jerusalem when they had fulfilled their mission there, and took with them John Mark.</p>
<p>13:1 Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.</p> <p>2 As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Saul, taking Barnabas goes from Antioch in Syria on his first missionary trip</p> <p>13:1 Now there were in the church that was at Antioch in Syria certain prophets and teachers, such as Barnabas, and Simeon who was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen who had been brought up with Herod Agrippa the tetrarch, and Saul.</p> <p>2 As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Ghost (Holy Spirit) said, "Separate Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."</p>

3 And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.

4 ¶ So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed unto Seleucia; and from thence they sailed to Cyprus.

5 And when they were at Salamis, they preached the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews: and they had also John to their minister.

6 And when they had gone through the isle unto Paphos, they found a certain sorcerer, a false prophet, a Jew, whose name was Barjesus:

7 Which was with the deputy of the country, Sergius Paulus, a prudent man; who called for Barnabas and Saul, and desired to hear the word of God.

8 But Elymas the sorcerer (for so is his name by interpretation) withstood them, seeking to turn away the deputy from the faith.

9 Then Saul, (who also is called Paul,) filled with the Holy Ghost, set his eyes on him,

10 And said, O full of all subtilty and all mischief, thou child of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord?

11 And now, behold, the hand of the Lord is upon thee, and thou shalt be blind, not seeing the sun for a season. And immediately there fell on him a mist and a darkness; and he went about seeking some to lead him by the hand.

12 Then the deputy, when he saw what was done, believed, being astonished at the doctrine of the Lord.

13 Now when Paul and his company loosed from Paphos, they came to Perga in Pamphylia: and John departing from them returned to Jerusalem.

14 ¶ But when they departed from Perga, they came to Antioch in Pisidia, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and sat down.

15 And after the reading of the law and the prophets the rulers of the synagogue sent unto them, saying, Ye men and brethren, if ye have any word of exhortation for the people, say on.

3 And when the church members had fasted and prayed and laid their hands on them, they sent Barnabas and Saul away.

4 So Barnabas and Saul, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost (Holy Spirit), departed to Seleucia, and from there they sailed to Cyprus.

5 And when Barnabas and Saul were at Salamis, they preached the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews, and they also had John Mark to help them minister.

Elymas the sorcerer

6 And when they had gone over the island to Paphos, they found a certain sorcerer, a false prophet, who was a Jew named Barjesus. (Elymas was his name in Greek.)

7 Barjesus was with the governor of the country, Sergius Paulus, an intelligent man, who called for Barnabas and Saul and desired to hear the word of God.

8 But Elymas the sorcerer (for that was his name by interpretation) opposed them, seeking to turn away the governor from the faith.

9 Then Saul (who was also called Paul), filled with the Holy Ghost (Holy Spirit), faced the sorcerer 10 and said, "You who are full of all trickery and all evil, you child of the devil, you enemy of all righteousness, will you never stop defying the right ways of the Lord?"

11 "And now, behold, the *hand* [power] of the Lord is upon you, and you will be blind, not seeing the sun for a while." And immediately a mist and darkness fell on Elymas, and he went about seeking someone to lead him by the hand.

12 Then the governor, when he saw what was done, believed, being amazed at the teaching of the Lord.

13 Now when Paul and his group left Paphos, they went to Perga in Pamphylia; and John Mark, departing from them, returned to Jerusalem.

14 But when they departed from Perga, they came to Antioch in Pisidia, and went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and sat down.

15 And after the reading of the law of Moses, and the prophets, the rulers of the synagogue sent to them, saying, "Fellow Jews, if you have any words of encouragement for the people, say them."

<p>16 Then Paul stood up, and beckoning with his hand said, Men of Israel, and ye that fear God, give audience.</p> <p>17 The God of this people of Israel chose our fathers, and exalted the people when they dwelt as strangers in the land of Egypt, and with an high arm brought he them out of it.</p> <p>18 And about the time of forty years suffered he their manners in the wilderness.</p> <p>19 And when he had destroyed seven nations in the land of Chanaan, he divided their land to them by lot.</p> <p>20 And after that he gave unto them judges about the space of four hundred and fifty years, until Samuel the prophet.</p> <p>21 And afterward they desired a king: and God gave unto them Saul the son of Cis, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, by the space of forty years.</p> <p>22 And when he had removed him, he raised up unto them David to be their king; to whom also he gave testimony, and said, I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after mine own heart, which shall fulfil all my will.</p> <p>23 Of this man's seed hath God according to his promise raised unto Israel a Saviour, Jesus:</p> <p>24 When John had first preached before his coming the baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel.</p> <p>25 And as John fulfilled his course, he said, Whom think ye that I am? I am not he. But, behold, there cometh one after me, whose shoes of his feet I am not worthy to loose.</p> <p>26 Men and brethren, children of the stock of Abraham, and whosoever among you feareth God, to you is the word of this salvation sent.</p> <p>27 For they that dwell at Jerusalem, and their rulers, because they knew him not, nor yet the voices of the prophets which are read every sabbath day, they have fulfilled them in condemning him.</p> <p>28 And though they found no cause of death in him, yet desired they Pilate that he should be slain.</p> <p>29 And when they had fulfilled all that was written</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Paul preaches</p> <p>16 Then Paul stood up and signaling with his hand for quiet said, "People of Israel, and you who revere Yahweh, hear me.</p> <p>17 "Yahweh, the Deity of the people of Israel chose our ancestors and increased the people when they dwelt as foreigners in the land of Egypt,⁶⁴ and <i>with His strong arm</i> [with His might], Yahweh brought them out of Egypt.⁶⁵</p> <p>18 "And for about forty years Yahweh was patient with their disobedience in the wilderness.⁶⁶</p> <p>19 "And when Yahweh had destroyed seven nations in the land of Canaan,⁶⁷ Yahweh divided that land to our ancestors by lot.⁶⁸</p> <p>20 "And after that Yahweh gave them judges for about four hundred and fifty years,⁶⁹ until Samuel the prophet.⁷⁰</p> <p>21 "And afterward our ancestors desired a king,⁷¹ and God gave to them Saul the son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, for forty years.⁷²</p> <p>22 "And when God had removed Saul,⁷³ God raised up David to them to be their king. Regarding David, God testified, 'I have found David⁷⁴ the son of Jesse to be a person <i>after My own heart</i> of like mind with Me, who will fulfill all My will.'</p> <p>23 "God, according to His promise, has raised to Israel of David's descendants a Savior, Jesus.</p> <p>24 "Before Jesus began his work, John preached the baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel.</p> <p>25 "And as John fulfilled his work, he said, 'Who do you think I am? I am not the Messiah. But, behold, one comes after me, whose sandals I am not worthy to unfasten.'</p> <p>26 "Fellow Jews, descendants of Abraham, and whoever among you are in awe of Yahweh, to you this word of salvation is sent.</p> <p>27 "For those who dwell at Jerusalem, and their rulers, because they did not know Christ Jesus, or the voices of the prophets who are read every Sabbath day, they have fulfilled the words of the prophets by condemning Christ Jesus.</p> <p>28 "And though they found nothing deserving death that he had done, yet they said to Pilate that he should be slain.</p> <p>29 "And when they had fulfilled all that was written</p>
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of him, they took him down from the tree, and laid him in a sepulchre.

30 But God raised him from the dead:

31 And he was seen many days of them which came up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are his witnesses unto the people.

32 And we declare unto you glad tidings, how that the promise which was made unto the fathers,

33 God hath fulfilled the same unto us their children, in that he hath raised up Jesus again; as it is also written in the second psalm, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee.

34 And as concerning that he raised him up from the dead, now no more to return to corruption, he said on this wise, I will give you the sure mercies of David.

35 Wherefore he saith also in another psalm, Thou shalt not suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

36 For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell on sleep, and was laid unto his fathers, and saw corruption:

37 But he, whom God raised again, saw no corruption.

38 ¶ Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins:

39 And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses.

40 Beware therefore, lest that come upon you, which is spoken of in the prophets;

41 Behold, ye despisers, and wonder, and perish: for I work a work in your days, a work which ye shall in no wise believe, though a man declare it unto you.

42 And when the Jews were gone out of the synagogue, the Gentiles besought that these words might be preached to them the next sabbath.

43 Now when the congregation was broken up, many of the Jews and religious proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas: who, speaking to them, persuaded them to continue in the grace of God.

44 ¶ And the next sabbath day came almost the whole city together to hear the word of God.

about him, they took him down from the tree, and laid him in a sepulcher.

30 "But God raised him from the dead.

31 "And he was seen many days by those who came up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are his witnesses to the people.

32 "And we declare to you wonderful news, that the promise which was made to our ancestors,

33 "God has fulfilled to us their descendants, in that God has raised Jesus up, as is also written in the second psalm, 'You are My Son, this day I have fathered you.'⁷⁵

34 "And regarding God raising him up from the dead, no more to return to corruption, God said in this manner, 'I will give you the sure mercies of David.'⁷⁶

35 "Therefore it is said also in another psalm, 'You will not allow Your Holy One to see corruption.'⁷⁷

36 "For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, died, and was laid with his ancestors, and saw corruption.

37 "But he whom God raised again, saw no corruption.

38 "Therefore let it be known to all you followers of God, that the forgiveness of sins is preached to you through this man (Jesus Christ).

39 And by him all who believe are freed from all sins, from which you could not be freed by the law of Moses.

40 "Therefore beware, lest that come upon you which is spoken of in the prophets:

41 "Behold, you despisers, and wonder, and perish. For I work a work in your days, which you will not believe, though someone declares it to you."⁷⁸

Paul preaches to Gentiles

42 And when the Jews had gone out of the synagogue, the Gentiles requested that these words be preached to them the next Sabbath.

43 Now when the congregation was leaving, many of the believing Jews and Gentile converts to Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas. And Paul and Barnabas spoke to them and persuaded them to continue in the grace of God.

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

<p>45 But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy, and spake against those things which were spoken by Paul, contradicting and blaspheming.</p> <p>46 Then Paul and Barnabas waxed bold, and said, It was necessary that the word of God should first have been spoken to you: but seeing ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles.</p> <p>47 For so hath the Lord commanded us, saying, I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles, that thou shouldest be for salvation unto the ends of the earth.</p> <p>48 And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord: and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed.</p> <p>49 And the word of the Lord was published throughout all the region.</p> <p>50 But the Jews stirred up the devout and honourable women, and the chief men of the city, and raised persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them out of their coasts.</p> <p>51 But they shook off the dust of their feet against them, and came unto Iconium.</p> <p>52 And the disciples were filled with joy, and with the Holy Ghost.</p>	<p>45 But when those Jews who did not believe in Christ Jesus saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy, and spoke against what Paul said, contradicting him and blaspheming.</p> <p>Because the Jews reject the word of God, Paul preaches to the Gentiles</p> <p>46 Then Paul and Barnabas grew bold, and said, “It was necessary that the word of God should first have been spoken to you Jews, but seeing that you rejected it, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, behold, we turn to the Gentiles.</p> <p>47 “For so has the Lord commanded us, saying, ‘I have set you to be a light to the Gentiles, so that you should teach salvation to the ends of the earth.’”⁷⁹</p> <p>48 And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord, and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed.</p> <p>49 And the word of the Lord was spread throughout all the region.</p> <p>50 But those Jews who did not believe in Christ Jesus stirred up devout and honorable women and the chief men of the city, and brought about persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them out of their region.</p> <p>51 But Paul and Barnabas shook off the dust of their feet against them, and went to Iconium.</p> <p>52 And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Ghost (Holy Spirit).</p>
<p>14:1 And it came to pass in Iconium, that they went both together into the synagogue of the Jews, and so spake, that a great multitude both of the Jews and also of the Greeks believed.</p> <p>2 But the unbelieving Jews stirred up the Gentiles, and made their minds evil affected against the brethren.</p> <p>3 Long time therefore abode they speaking boldly in the Lord, which gave testimony unto the word of his grace, and granted signs and wonders to be done by their hands.</p> <p>4 But the multitude of the city was divided: and part held with the Jews, and part with the apostles.</p>	<p>Paul and Barnabas preach despite hostility from some unbelieving Jews</p> <p>14:1 And it came to pass in Iconium, that Paul and Barnabas went together into the synagogue of the Jews, and spoke so well that a great multitude both of the Jews and also of the Gentiles believed.</p> <p>2 But those Jews who did not believe in Christ Jesus stirred up the Gentiles and prejudiced their minds against those who believed.</p> <p>3 For a long time Paul and Barnabas stayed there, speaking boldly about the Lord, who proved that their testimony about his grace was true by granting that signs and wonders be done by their hands.</p> <p>4 But the multitude of the city was divided, and some sided with the unbelieving Jews, and some</p>

5 And when there was an assault made both of the Gentiles, and also of the Jews with their rulers, to use them despitefully, and to stone them,

6 They were ware of it, and fled unto Lystra and Derbe, cities of Lycaonia, and unto the region that lieth round about:

7 And there they preached the gospel.

8 ¶ And there sat a certain man at Lystra, impotent in his feet, being a cripple from his mother's womb, who never had walked:

9 The same heard Paul speak: who stedfastly beholding him, and perceiving that he had faith to be healed,

10 Said with a loud voice, Stand upright on thy feet. And he leaped and walked.

11 And when the people saw what Paul had done, they lifted up their voices, saying in the speech of Lycaonia, The gods are come down to us in the likeness of men.

12 And they called Barnabas, Jupiter; and Paul, Mercurius, because he was the chief speaker.

13 Then the priest of Jupiter, which was before their city, brought oxen and garlands unto the gates, and would have done sacrifice with the people.

14 Which when the apostles, Barnabas and Paul, heard of, they rent their clothes, and ran in among the people, crying out,

15 And saying, Sirs, why do ye these things? We also are men of like passions with you, and preach unto you that ye should turn from these vanities unto the living God, which made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all things that are therein:

16 Who in times past suffered all nations to walk in their own ways.

17 Nevertheless he left not himself without witness, in that he did good, and gave us rain from heaven, and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness.

18 And with these sayings scarce restrained they the people, that they had not done sacrifice unto them.

with the apostles.

5 And an assault was planned both by the unbelieving Gentiles and also by the unbelieving Jews together with their rulers, to attack the disciples, and to stone them.

6 Paul and Barnabas were aware of the plot and fled to Lystra and Derbe, cities of Lycaonia, and to the region that lies around them.

7 And there they preached the gospel.

After hearing Paul speak, a lame man is healed

8 And at Lystra there was a lame man, a cripple from birth, who never had walked.

9 The man heard Paul speak; and Paul, beholding him steadfastly and perceiving that the man had faith to be healed,

10 said with a loud voice, "Stand upright on your feet." And the man leaped and walked.

11 And when the people saw what Paul had done, they lifted up their voices, saying in the speech of Lycaonia, "The gods have come down to us in the likeness of men."

12 And they called Barnabas Zeus, and Paul, Hermes, because he was the chief speaker.

13 Then the priest of Zeus, who was in their city, brought oxen and garlands to the gates and would have offered sacrifices with the people.

14 When the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard this, they rent (tore) their clothes, and ran in among the people, crying out,

15 "Sirs, why do you do these things? We also are men having similar passions like you, and preach to you that you should turn from these worthless things to the living God, which made the heavens and the earth and the sea, and all things in them.⁸⁰

16 "God in times past tolerated all nations walking in their own ways.

17 "Nevertheless God was not without any witnesses, in that God did good and gave us rain from the heavens and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness."

18 And with these sayings, they barely restrained the people from offering sacrifices to them.

Some unbelieving Jews stone Paul until they

<p>19 ¶ And there came thither certain Jews from Antioch and Iconium, who persuaded the people, and, having stoned Paul, drew him out of the city, supposing he had been dead.</p> <p>20 Howbeit, as the disciples stood round about him, he rose up, and came into the city: and the next day he departed with Barnabas to Derbe.</p> <p>21 And when they had preached the gospel to that city, and had taught many, they returned again to Lystra, and to Iconium, and Antioch,</p> <p>22 Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.</p> <p>23 And when they had ordained them elders in every church, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord, on whom they believed.</p> <p>24 And after they had passed throughout Pisidia, they came to Pamphylia.</p> <p>25 And when they had preached the word in Perga, they went down into Attalia:</p> <p>26 And thence sailed to Antioch, from whence they had been recommended to the grace of God for the work which they fulfilled.</p> <p>27 And when they were come, and had gathered the church together, they rehearsed all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith unto the Gentiles.</p> <p>28 And there they abode long time with the disciples.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">believe he is dead</p> <p>19 And certain Jews from Antioch in Pisidia and Iconium came there and stirred up the people. And, having stoned Paul, they dragged him out of the city, supposing he was dead.</p> <p>20 However, as the disciples stood around Paul, he rose up and came into the city; and the next day he departed with Barnabas to Derbe.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Paul returns to Antioch in Syria</p> <p>21 And when they had preached the gospel to that city and had taught many there, they returned to Lystra, and Iconium and Antioch in Pisidia.</p> <p>22 And they encouraged the spirits of the disciples and encouraged them to continue in the faith, telling them that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.</p> <p>23 And when they had ordained elders in every church and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord in whom they believed.</p> <p>24 And after they had passed throughout Pisidia, they came to Pamphylia.</p> <p>25 And when they had preached the word in Perga, they went down into Attalia.</p> <p>26 And from there, they sailed back to Antioch in Syria, from where they had begun this journey and the work which by the grace of God they fulfilled.</p> <p>27 And when they arrived and had gathered the church together, they recounted all that God had done with them, and how God had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles.</p> <p>28 And there they stayed a long time with the disciples.</p>
<p>15:1 And certain men which came down from Judaea taught the brethren, and said, Except ye be circumcised after the manner of Moses, ye cannot be saved.</p> <p>2 When therefore Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and disputation with them, they determined that Paul and Barnabas, and certain other of them, should go up to Jerusalem unto the apostles and elders about this question.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In response to Judaizers⁸¹ coming from Jerusalem, Paul and Barnabas go to Jerusalem</p> <p>15:1 And certain persons who came down from Judea told the assembled believers, "Unless you are circumcised after the manner of Moses, you cannot be saved."⁸²</p> <p>2 When Paul and Barnabas had argued for some time about this with these persons, the believers at Antioch determined that Paul and Barnabas, and certain others of the believers, should go to Jerusalem to the apostles and elders about this</p>

3 And being brought on their way by the church, they passed through Phenice and Samaria, declaring the conversion of the Gentiles: and they caused great joy unto all the brethren.

4 And when they were come to Jerusalem, they were received of the church, and of the apostles and elders, and they declared all things that God had done with them.

5 But there rose up certain of the sect of the Pharisees which believed, saying, That it was needful to circumcise them, and to command them to keep the law of Moses.

6 ¶ And the apostles and elders came together for to consider of this matter.

7 And when there had been much disputing, Peter rose up, and said unto them, Men and brethren, ye know how that a good while ago God made choice among us, that the Gentiles by my mouth should hear the word of the gospel, and believe.

8 And God, which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as he did unto us;

9 And put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith.

10 Now therefore why tempt ye God, to put a yoke upon the neck of the disciples, which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear?

11 But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved, even as they.

12 ¶ Then all the multitude kept silence, and gave audience to Barnabas and Paul, declaring what miracles and wonders God had wrought among the Gentiles by them.

13 ¶ And after they had held their peace, James answered, saying, Men and brethren, hearken unto me:

14 Simeon hath declared how God at the first did

question.

3 And Paul and Barnabas, being brought on their way by church members, passed through Phoenicia and Samaria, telling of the conversion of many Gentiles. And they brought great joy to all the fellow believers.

4 And when Paul and Barnabas came to Jerusalem, they were received by the church and the apostles and elders. And they declared all things that God had done with them.

5 But certain persons who believed in Jesus, who were of the sect of the Pharisees, rose up who said that it was necessary for new believers to be circumcised and to obey the law of Moses.

6 And the apostles and elders came together to consider this matter.

Peter speaks

7 And when there had been much disputing, Peter rose up, and said to them, "Fellow believers, you know that a good while ago God determined that the Gentiles by my mouth should hear the word of the gospel, and believe.

8 "And God, which knows the hearts, indicated His approval of the Gentiles, by, giving them the Holy Ghost (Holy Spirit), even as God did to us Jews.

9 "And God did not distinguish between us who were originally Jews and the Gentiles, in purifying their hearts by faith.

10 "Now, therefore, why do you go against the will of God, by putting a yoke upon the neck of the disciples, which neither our ancestors nor we of Jewish origin were able to bear?

11 "For we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we of Jewish origin will be saved, even as the Gentiles will be saved."

Paul speaks, then James

12 Then all the multitude became silent and listened to Barnabas and Paul declaring what miracles and wonders God had worked among the Gentiles by them.

13 And after they became silent, James said, "Fellow believers, hearken to me.

14 "Simon Peter has declared how God first visited the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for His

visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name.

15 And to this agree the words of the prophets; as it is written,

16 After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up:

17 That the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord, who doeth all these things.

18 Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world.

19 Wherefore my sentence is, that we trouble not them, which from among the Gentiles are turned to God:

20 But that we write unto them, that they abstain from pollutions of idols, and from fornication, and from things strangled, and from blood.

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21 For Moses of old time hath in every city them that preach him, being read in the synagogues every sabbath day.

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22 Then pleased it the apostles and elders, with the whole church, to send chosen men of their own company to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; namely, Judas surnamed Barsabas, and Silas, chief men among the brethren:

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23 And they wrote letters by them after this manner; The apostles and elders and brethren send greeting unto the brethren which are of the Gentiles in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia:

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24 Forasmuch as we have heard, that certain which went out from us have troubled you with words, subverting your souls, saying, Ye must be circumcised, and keep the law: to whom we gave no such commandment:

25 It seemed good unto us, being assembled with

name.

15 “And this agrees with the words of Yahweh⁸³, as is written by the prophets,

16 “After this I will return and will build again the tabernacle of David which has fallen down, and I will rebuild its ruins, and I will set it up.

17 “I will do this so that the rest of the people might seek after Yahweh and all the Gentiles who are called by My name,’ says Yahweh, who does all these things.”

18 “The prophets continue, ‘Known to God are all His works from the beginning of the world.’⁸⁴

19 “Therefore my judgment is this: that we do not trouble those who turned to God from among the Gentiles.

20 “But rather that we write to them, that they must abstain (keep themselves) from the pollution resulting from worshiping idols,⁸⁵ and from sexual immorality, and from the meat of strangled animals and from blood.⁸⁶

21 “For Moses has had for a long time in every city those who preach him, being read in the synagogues every Sabbath day.”

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Men are sent from Jerusalem to Antioch in Syria

22 Then it pleased the apostles and elders, and the rest of the church in Jerusalem, to send chosen men from among themselves, namely Judas Barsabas and Silas, chief men among the believers, to Antioch of Syria with Paul and Barnabas.

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The Jerusalem church says Christians do not have to be circumcised and obey the law of Moses

23 And they sent letters by them which said: “The apostles and elders and other believers send greetings to the fellow believers who are of the Gentiles in Antioch of Syria and in the rest of Syria and Cilicia.

24 “We have heard that certain people who went out from us have troubled you with words, subverting (undermining) your souls, saying, ‘You must be circumcised and obey the law.’ To them we did not give any such commands.

25 “It seemed good to us, being assembled with

one accord, to send chosen men unto you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul,

26 Men that have hazarded their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

27 We have sent therefore Judas and Silas, who shall also tell you the same things by mouth.

28 For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things;

29 That ye abstain from meats offered to idols, and from blood, and from things strangled, and from fornication: from which if ye keep yourselves, ye shall do well. Fare ye well.

30 So when they were dismissed, they came to Antioch: and when they had gathered the multitude together, they delivered the epistle:

31 Which when they had read, they rejoiced for the consolation.

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

33 And after they had tarried there a space, they were let go in peace from the brethren unto the apostles.

34 Notwithstanding it pleased Silas to abide there still.

35 Paul also and Barnabas continued in Antioch, teaching and preaching the word of the Lord, with many others also.

36 ¶ And some days after Paul said unto Barnabas, Let us go again and visit our brethren in every city where we have preached the word of the Lord, and see how they do.

37 And Barnabas determined to take with them John, whose surname was Mark.

38 But Paul thought not good to take him with them, who departed from them from Pamphylia, and went not with them to the work.

39 And the contention was so sharp between them, that they departed asunder one from the other: and

one accord in the church here in Jerusalem, to send chosen persons to you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul,

26 “persons who have hazarded their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

27 “Therefore we have also sent Judas and Silas, who will also tell you the same things by their words.

28 “For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost (Holy Spirit) and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary rules:

29 “that you abstain (keep) from eating food offered to idols and from blood and from strangled animals and from sexual immorality. If you keep yourselves from these, you will do well. Fare you well.”

30 So when they were sent away, they came to Antioch of Syria; and when they had gathered the multitude together, they delivered the letter.

31 And when the believers in Antioch had heard the letter, they rejoiced over its message.

32 And Judas and Silas, also being prophets themselves, encouraged their fellow believers with many words, and confirmed them.

33 And after they had spent some time there, they were let go in peace by their fellow believers and Judas went back to the apostles in Jerusalem.

34 However it pleased Silas to continue to stay in Antioch of Syria.

35 Paul and Barnabas also remained in Antioch of Syria, teaching and preaching the word of the Lord, with many others also.

Paul, taking Barnabas, goes on his second missionary trip

36 And some days later, Paul said to Barnabas, “Let us go again and visit our fellow believers in every city where we have preached the word of the Lord, and see how they do.”

37 And Barnabas determined to take with them John Mark.

38 But Paul thought that it was not good to take him with them, because John Mark had departed from them in Pamphylia, and had not continued in the work from there.

39 And the contention was so sharp between Paul and Barnabas, that they separated from each other;

<p>so Barnabas took Mark, and sailed unto Cyprus; 、 、 、 、 40 And Paul chose Silas, and departed, being recommended by the brethren unto the grace of God. 41 And he went through Syria and Cilicia, confirming the churches.</p>	<p>and so Barnabas took Mark, and sailed to Cyprus. 、 、 <p style="text-align: center;">Paul chooses Silas to accompany him on his missionary trip</p> 40 And Paul chose Silas, and departed, being commended by fellow believers to the grace of God. 41 And Paul went through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches. 、</p>
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<p>16:1 Then came he to Derbe and Lystra: and, behold, a certain disciple was there, named Timotheus, the son of a certain woman, which was a Jewess, and believed; but his father was a Greek: 2 Which was well reported of by the brethren that were at Lystra and Iconium. 3 Him would Paul have to go forth with him; and took and circumcised him because of the Jews which were in those quarters: for they knew all that his father was a Greek. 4 And as they went through the cities, they delivered them the decrees for to keep, that were ordained of the apostles and elders which were at Jerusalem. 5 And so were the churches established in the faith, and increased in number daily. 6 Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the region of Galatia, and were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia, 、 7 After they were come to Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia: but the Spirit suffered them not. 8 And they passing by Mysia came down to Troas. 、 、 9 And a vision appeared to Paul in the night; There stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us. 10 And after he had seen the vision, immediately we endeavoured to go into Macedonia, assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us for to preach the gospel unto them. 11 Therefore loosing from Troas, we came with a straight course to Samothracia, and the next day to Neapolis;</p>	<p>16:1 Then Paul came to Derbe and Lystra. And, behold, a certain disciple was there named Timothy, the son of a believing Jewish woman. But his father was a Greek. 2 Timothy was well regarded by the believers who were at Lystra and Iconium. 3 Paul wanted Timothy to go minister with him, and took and circumcised him because of the Jews who were in those quarters. For they all knew that his father was a Greek and thus not circumcised. 4 And as they went through the cities, they delivered to each of them the decrees to keep that were ordained by the apostles and elders at Jerusalem. 5 And so the churches were established in the faith, and increased in number daily. 6 Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the region of Galatia, they were forbidden by the Holy Ghost (Holy Spirit) to preach the word in the Roman Province of Asia, 7 After they came to Mysia, they tried to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit did not permit them to do so. 8 And passing by Mysia, they came down to Troas. 、 <p style="text-align: center;">In a vision, Paul is called to Macedonia</p> 9 And a vision appeared to Paul in the night. Paul saw a man of Macedonia, begging him, saying, “Come over into Macedonia, and help us.” 10 And after Paul had seen the vision, immediately we endeavored to go into Macedonia, assuredly concluding that the Lord had called us to preach the gospel to them. 11 Therefore setting out from Troas in a ship, we came on a straight course to Samothracia, and the next day to Neapolis.</p>
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12 And from thence to Philippi, which is the chief city of that part of Macedonia, and a colony: and we were in that city abiding certain days.

13 And on the sabbath we went out of the city by a river side, where prayer was wont to be made; and we sat down, and spake unto the women which resorted thither.

14 ¶ And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, which worshipped God, heard us: whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul.

15 And when she was baptized, and her household, she besought us, saying, If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house, and abide there. And she constrained us.

16 ¶ And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met us, which brought her masters much gain by soothsaying:

17 The same followed Paul and us, and cried, saying, These men are the servants of the most high God, which shew unto us the way of salvation.

18 And this did she many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour.

19 ¶ And when her masters saw that the hope of their gains was gone, they caught Paul and Silas, and drew them into the marketplace unto the rulers, and brought them to the magistrates, saying, These men, being Jews, do exceedingly trouble our city,

21 And teach customs, which are not lawful for us to receive, neither to observe, being Romans.

22 And the multitude rose up together against them: and the magistrates rent off their clothes, and commanded to beat them.

23 And when they had laid many stripes upon them, they cast them into prison, charging the jailor to keep them safely:

24 Who, having received such a charge, thrust them into the inner prison, and made their feet fast in the stocks.

25 ¶ And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and

12 And from there, we came to Philippi, which is the chief city of that part of Macedonia, and a colony, and we stayed in that city for a number of days.

13 And on the Sabbath we went out of the city to the riverside, where people came to pray, and we sat down, and spoke to the women who came there.

14 And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple cloth of the city of Thyatira, and who worshiped God, heard us. The Lord had opened her heart, and she listened to the things which were spoken by Paul.

15 And when she was baptized along with her household, she urged us, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house and stay there." And she persuaded us.

16 And it came to pass as we went to prayer, a certain young female slave who had a spirit of divination met us, who brought her masters much money by telling the future.

17 She followed Paul and us and cried out, "These men are the servants of the most high God, and they show the way of salvation to us."

18 And she did this for many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And the spirit came out the same hour.

19 And when her masters saw that their hope of profit was gone, they caught Paul and Silas and took them into the marketplace to the rulers.

20 And they brought them before the magistrates, saying, "These men, being Jews, seriously trouble our city.

21 "They teach customs which are not lawful for us to accept nor to do, being Romans."

22 And the multitude rose up together against Paul and Silas, and the magistrates tore off their clothes and commanded that they be beaten.

Paul and Silas are cast into prison

23 And when they had inflicted many blows upon them, they cast them into prison, ordering the jailer to keep them secure.

24 Receiving such an order, the jailer thrust them into the inner prison and made their feet fast in the stocks.

25 And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed and

sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them.

26 And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed.

27 And the keeper of the prison awaking out of his sleep, and seeing the prison doors open, he drew out his sword, and would have killed himself, supposing that the prisoners had been fled.

28 But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm: for we are all here.

29 Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas,

30 And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved?

31 And they said, Believe on the Lord Christ Jesus, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.

32 And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house.

33 And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway.

34 And when he had brought them into his house, he set meat before them, and rejoiced, believing in God with all his house.

35 And when it was day, the magistrates sent the serjeants, saying, Let those men go.

36 And the keeper of the prison told this saying to Paul, The magistrates have sent to let you go: now therefore depart, and go in peace.

37 But Paul said unto them, They have beaten us openly uncondemned, being Romans, and have cast us into prison; and now do they thrust us out privily? nay verily; but let them come themselves and fetch us out.

38 And the serjeants told these words unto the magistrates: and they feared, when they heard that they were Romans.

39 And they came and besought them, and brought them out, and desired them to depart out of the city.

40 And they went out of the prison, and entered into the house of Lydia: and when they had seen the brethren, they comforted them, and departed.

sang praises to God, and the other prisoners heard them.

26 And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken. And immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone's chains came loose.

27 And the keeper of the prison, awaking out of his sleep and seeing the prison doors open, drew out his sword and would have killed himself. For he supposed that the prisoners had fled.

28 But Paul cried out with a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we all are here."

29 Then the jailer called for a light, and rushed in, and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas.

Paul and Silas are released from prison

30 And he brought them out, and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

31 And they said, "Believe in the Lord Christ Jesus, and you will be saved and also your household."

32 And Paul and Silas spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his household.

33 And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their wounds, and he and all his family were immediately baptized.

34 And when he had brought Paul and Silas into his house, he set food before them and rejoiced, believing in God with all his household.

35 And when it was day, the magistrates sent the sergeants, saying to them, "Let those men go."

36 And the keeper of the prison said to Paul, "The magistrates have sent to let you go; therefore, depart now, and go in peace."

37 But Paul said to him, "They have beaten us publicly without a trial, we who are Roman citizens, and have cast us into prison. And now do they think they can thrust us out privately? No; let them come themselves and take us out."

38 And the sergeants said these words to the magistrates, who were afraid when they heard that Paul and Silas were Roman citizens.

39 And they came and apologized and brought them out and pleaded with them to depart out of the city.

40 And Paul and Silas went out of the prison and entered into the house of Lydia; and when they saw the fellow believers, Paul and Silas comforted them

	and then departed.
<p>17:1 Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where was a synagogue of the Jews:</p> <p>2 And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three sabbath days reasoned with them out of the scriptures,</p> <p>3 Opening and alleging, that Christ must needs have suffered, and risen again from the dead; and that this Jesus, whom I preach unto you, is Christ.</p> <p>4 And some of them believed, and consorted with Paul and Silas; and of the devout Greeks a great multitude, and of the chief women not a few.</p> <p>5 ¶ But the Jews which believed not, moved with envy, took unto them certain lewd fellows of the baser sort, and gathered a company, and set all the city on an uproar, and assaulted the house of Jason, and sought to bring them out to the people.</p> <p>6 And when they found them not, they drew Jason and certain brethren unto the rulers of the city, crying, These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also;</p> <p>7 Whom Jason hath received: and these all do contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, one Jesus.</p> <p>8 And they troubled the people and the rulers of the city, when they heard these things.</p> <p>9 And when they had taken security of Jason, and of the other, they let them go.</p> <p>10 ¶ And the brethren immediately sent away Paul and Silas by night unto Berea: who coming thither went into the synagogue of the Jews.</p> <p>11 These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.</p> <p>12 Therefore many of them believed; also of honourable women which were Greeks, and of men, not a few.</p> <p>13 But when the Jews of Thessalonica had knowledge that the word of God was preached of Paul at Berea, they came thither also, and stirred up</p>	<p>17:1 Now when Paul and Silas had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews.</p> <p>2 And Paul, as was his custom, went in to them, and for three Sabbath days reasoned with them out of the Scriptures.</p> <p>3 He quoted the Scriptures and argued that Christ Jesus had to suffer and rise from the dead. And he said, “This Jesus, whom I preach to you, is Christ.”</p> <p>4 And some of them believed and joined Paul and Silas, including a great multitude of the devout Greeks, and more than a few of the chief women.</p> <p>5 But the Jews who did not believe, moved with envy, found certain worthless men of low morals and gathered them into a mob. And they set all the city in an uproar and assaulted the house of a believer named Jason, intending to bring Paul and Silas out to the people.</p> <p>6 And when the crowd did not find them, they drew Jason and certain other believers to the rulers of the city, crying out, “These who have turned the world upside down have also come here.</p> <p>7 “Jason has received them; and these all act contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, namely Jesus.”</p> <p>8 And the people and the rulers of the city were troubled when they heard these things.</p> <p>9 And when the rulers had received from Jason and the others the required amount of money to be released on bail, they let them go.</p> <p>10 And the believers immediately sent away Paul and Silas by night to Berea, and when they arrived, they went into the synagogue of the Jews.</p> <p>11 These Jews were nobler than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the Scriptures daily, to see whether those things were so.</p> <p>12 Therefore many of them believed, including honorable women who were Greeks, and more than a few men believed.</p> <p>13 But when the Jews of Thessalonica learned that the word of God was preached by Paul at Berea, they came to Berea, and stirred up trouble among</p>

the people.

14 And then immediately the brethren sent away Paul to go as it were to the sea: but Silas and Timotheus abode there still.

15 And they that conducted Paul brought him unto Athens: and receiving a commandment unto Silas and Timotheus for to come to him with all speed, they departed.

16 ¶ Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was stirred in him, when he saw the city wholly given to idolatry.

17 Therefore disputed he in the synagogue with the Jews, and with the devout persons, and in the market daily with them that met with him.

18 Then certain philosophers of the Epicureans, and of the Stoicks, encountered him. And some said, What will this babbler say? other some, He seemeth to be a setter forth of strange gods: because he preached unto them Jesus, and the resurrection.

19 And they took him, and brought him unto Areopagus, saying, May we know what this new doctrine, whereof thou speakest, is?

20 For thou bringest certain strange things to our ears: we would know therefore what these things mean.

21 (For all the Athenians and strangers which were there spent their time in nothing else, but either to tell, or to hear some new thing.)

22 ¶ Then Paul stood in the midst of Mars' hill, and said, Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious.

23 For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you.

24 God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands;

25 Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things;

26 And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath

the people.

14 And then immediately the believers sent Paul away to the seacoast, but Silas and Timothy stayed still at Berea.

15 And those who accompanied Paul brought him to Athens; and, receiving a command from Paul to Silas and Timothy to come to him as quickly as possible, they departed.

16 Now while Paul waited for Silas and Timothy at Athens, his spirit was stirred in him when he saw the city wholly given to idolatry.

17 Therefore he disputed daily in the synagogue with Jews and with devout persons, and in the market daily with those who met with him.

18 Then certain philosophers of the Epicureans, and of the Stoics, encountered Paul. And some said, "What will this babbler say?" Others said, "Paul seems to be setting forth strange gods." They said this because Paul preached Jesus and the resurrection to them.

19 And they took Paul, and brought him to the council of Athens, saying, "May we know what this new doctrine is which you talk about?"

20 "For you bring certain strange ideas to our ears; therefore, we would like to know what these things mean."

21 (For all the Athenians and foreigners who were there spent their time in nothing else, but either to speak of, or to hear, some new idea.)

Paul speaks to the people of Athens

22 Then Paul stood in the court upon Mars' hill, and said, "You people of Athens, I perceive that in all things you are very religious.

23 "For as I passed by, and saw your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, 'To the Unknown God.' Therefore, whom you worship without really knowing Him, I declare to you.

24 "God that made the world and all things in it, since God is the ruler of the heavens and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands.

25 "Neither is God worshiped with people's hands, as though God needed anything, since God gives to all life, and breath, and all things.⁸⁷

26 "And God has made of one blood all nations of people to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has

<p>determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation; 27 That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us: 28 For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring. 29 Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device. 30 And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent: 31 Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead. 32 ¶ And when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked: and others said, We will hear thee again of this matter. 33 So Paul departed from among them. 34 Howbeit certain men clave unto him, and believed: among the which was Dionysius the Areopagite, and a woman named Damaris, and others with them.</p>	<p>power over events, and the limits of their habitation. 27 “God has done this so that people should seek God, so that perhaps they might find Him, though God is not far from every one of us. 28 “For in Him we live and move and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, ‘For we are also His offspring.’⁸⁸ 29 “Therefore as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like gold or silver or stone shaped by art and the devices of people. 30 “Until now, God was gracious, being willing to tolerate the ignorance of people, but now commands all people everywhere to repent. 31 “For God has appointed a day when He will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom God has ordained. By this man God has given assurance to all people, in that God has raised him from the dead.” 32 And when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked, and others said, “We will hear some other time regarding this matter.” 33 So Paul departed from among them. 34 However, certain persons joined him, and believed, among whom was Dionysius, a member of the council of Athens, and a woman named Damaris, and others with them.</p>
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<p>18:1 After these things Paul departed from Athens, and came to Corinth; 2 And found a certain Jew named Aquila, born in Pontus, lately come from Italy, with his wife Priscilla; (because that Claudius had commanded all Jews to depart from Rome:) and came unto them. 3 And because he was of the same craft, he abode with them, and wrought: for by their occupation they were tentmakers. 4 And he reasoned in the synagogue every sabbath, and persuaded the Jews and the Greeks. 5 And when Silas and Timotheus were come from Macedonia, Paul was pressed in the spirit, and testified to the Jews that Jesus was Christ. 6 And when they opposed themselves, and</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Paul preaches in Corinth</p> <p>18:1 After all this took place, Paul departed from Athens and came to Corinth. 2 And there he found a certain Jew named Aquila, who was born in Pontus and had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Emperor Claudius had commanded all Jews to depart from Rome. And Paul came to them. 3 And because Paul was in the same craft, he stayed with them and worked, for they were tentmakers by occupation. 4 And he reasoned in the synagogue every Sabbath, preaching to both the Jews and the Greeks. 5 And after Silas and Timothy came from Macedonia, Paul devoted himself to preaching, and testified to the Jews that Jesus was Christ. 6 And when they opposed him and blasphemed, he</p>
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blasphemed, he shook his raiment, and said unto them, Your blood be upon your own heads; I am clean: from henceforth I will go unto the Gentiles.

7 ¶ And he departed thence, and entered into a certain man's house, named Justus, one that worshipped God, whose house joined hard to the synagogue.

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

9 Then spake the Lord to Paul in the night by a vision, Be not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy peace:

10 For I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee: for I have much people in this city.

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

12 ¶ And when Gallio was the deputy of Achaia, the Jews made insurrection with one accord against Paul, and brought him to the judgment seat,

13 Saying, This fellow persuadeth men to worship God contrary to the law.

14 And when Paul was now about to open his mouth, Gallio said unto the Jews, If it were a matter of wrong or wicked lewdness, O ye Jews, reason would that I should bear with you:

15 But if it be a question of words and names, and of your law, look ye to it; for I will be no judge of such matters.

16 And he drave them from the judgment seat.

17 Then all the Greeks took Sosthenes, the chief ruler of the synagogue, and beat him before the judgment seat. And Gallio cared for none of those things.

18 ¶ And Paul after this tarried there yet a good while, and then took his leave of the brethren, and sailed thence into Syria, and with him Priscilla and Aquila; having shorn his head in Cenchrea: for he had a vow.

19 And he came to Ephesus, and left them there: but he himself entered into the synagogue, and

shook the dust from his clothes, and said to them, "Your blood be upon your own heads. I am not responsible for what happens to you; starting now, I will go to the Gentiles."

7 And he departed from there, and entered the house of a certain man named Justus, who worshiped God, whose house was joined to a synagogue.

8 And Crispus, the chief ruler of the synagogue, believed in the Lord with all his household, and many of the Corinthians who heard believed and were baptized.

9 Then the Lord spoke to Paul in the night by a vision, saying, "Do not be afraid, but rather speak; do not remain silent.

10 "For I am with you, and no one will hurt you; for I have many people who are faithful in this city."

11 And Paul continued there for a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.

12 And when Gallio was the Roman governor of Achaia, those Jews who did not believe in Christ Jesus joined together with one accord against Paul and brought him to the judgment seat.

13 And they said, "This fellow persuades people to worship God contrary to our Jewish law."

14 And when Paul was about to open his mouth, Gallio said to the Jews, "If it were a matter of some evil crime or wrong, O you Jews, reason would say that I should be patient with you and hear your complaint.

15 "But if it is only a question of words and names and of your own law, deal with it yourselves; for I will not be a judge of such matters."

16 And he drove them from the judgment seat.

17 Then all the Greeks took Sosthenes, the chief ruler of a synagogue, and beat him before the judgment seat. And Gallio did not care that they did so.

Paul returns to Antioch in Syria

18 And Paul after this spent a good while there and then took his leave of his fellow believers and sailed from there into Syria, having shaved his head in Cenchrea, for he had taken a vow.⁸⁹ And he took with him Priscilla and Aquila.

19 And he came to Ephesus and left Priscilla and Aquilla there, but he himself entered into the

<p>reasoned with the Jews. 20 When they desired him to tarry longer time with them, he consented not; 21 But bade them farewell, saying, I must by all means keep this feast that cometh in Jerusalem: but I will return again unto you, if God will. And he sailed from Ephesus. 22 And when he had landed at Caesarea, and gone up, and saluted the church, he went down to Antioch. \</p> <p>23 And after he had spent some time there, he departed, and went over all the country of Galatia and Phrygia in order, strengthening all the disciples. \</p> <p>24 ¶ And a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man, and mighty in the scriptures, came to Ephesus. 25 This man was instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in the spirit, he spake and taught diligently the things of the Lord, knowing only the baptism of John. 26 And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue: whom when Aquila and Priscilla had heard, they took him unto them, and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly. 27 And when he was disposed to pass into Achaia, the brethren wrote, exhorting the disciples to receive him: who, when he was come, helped them much which had believed through grace: \</p> <p>28 For he mightily convinced the Jews, and that publicly, shewing by the scriptures that Jesus was Christ.</p>	<p>synagogue and reasoned with the Jews. 20 When they asked him to tarry longer with them, he did not consent, 21 but he bade them farewell, saying, “I must by all means keep the coming feast in Jerusalem; but I will return to you if God wills it.” And he sailed from Ephesus. 22 And when he had landed at Caesarea in Samaria and had gone up to Jerusalem and greeted the church, he went down to Antioch in Syria. \</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Paul goes on his third missionary trip</p> <p>23 And after he had spent some time there, he departed, and went over all the country of Galatia and Phrygia in order, visiting and strengthening all the disciples. 24 And a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, and an eloquent man who knew the Scriptures well, came to Ephesus. 25 This man was instructed in the way of the Lord, and being fervent in the spirit, he spoke and taught the things of the Lord diligently, although he had experienced only the baptism of John. 26 And Apollos began to speak boldly in the synagogue. And when Aquila and Priscilla heard him, they took him to them and explained to him the way of God more perfectly. 27 And when Apollos intended to pass into Achaia, the fellow believers wrote, urging the disciples to receive him; and, when he came, he was very helpful to those who had believed through grace. 28 For he mightily convinced the Jews, and he did so publicly, showing by the Scriptures that Jesus was Christ.</p>
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<p>\</p> <p>19:1 And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples, 2 He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. 3 And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Paul preaches in Ephesus</p> <p>19:1 While Apollos was at Corinth, Paul, having passed through the interior of the Roman province of Asia, came to Ephesus; and found certain disciples. 2 And Paul said to them, “Have you received the Holy Ghost (Holy Spirit) since you believed?” And they said to him, “We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Ghost (Holy Spirit).” 3 And Paul said to them, “What baptism then did</p>
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baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism.
4 Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.

5 When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

6 And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.

7 And all the men were about twelve.

8 And he went into the synagogue, and spake boldly for the space of three months, disputing and persuading the things concerning the kingdom of God.

9 But when divers were hardened, and believed not, but spake evil of that way before the multitude, he departed from them, and separated the disciples, disputing daily in the school of one Tyrannus.

10 And this continued by the space of two years; so that all they which dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks.

11 And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul:

12 So that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them.

13 ¶ Then certain of the vagabond Jews, exorcists, took upon them to call over them which had evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, We adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preacheth.

14 And there were seven sons of one Sceva, a Jew, and chief of the priests, which did so.

15 And the evil spirit answered and said, Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are ye?

16 And the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, and overcame them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.

17 And this was known to all the Jews and Greeks

you receive?" And they said, "The baptism of John."
4 Then Paul said, "John truly baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying to the people, that they should believe in him who would come afterwards, that is, in Christ Jesus."

5 When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

6 And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost (Holy Spirit) came upon them, and they spoke in languages not their own, and prophesied.

7 And they numbered about twelve.

8 And Paul went into the synagogue, and spoke boldly for about three months, declaring and explaining the things concerning the kingdom of God.

9 But when the views of various listeners were hardened, and they did not believe, but rather spoke evil of the Way of the Lord before the multitude, Paul left the synagogue, and took the disciples with him, and held discussions daily in the lecture hall of a man named Tyrannus.

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

11 And God performed special miracles by the hands of Paul.

12 For from his body were brought to the sick handkerchiefs or aprons that he had touched, and the diseases departed from the sick, and the evil spirits went out of the sick.

13 Then some vagabond Jews who were exorcists tried to invoke the name of the Lord Jesus over those with evil spirits, saying, "We command you by Jesus whom Paul preaches, to depart."

14 And there were seven sons of Sceva, a Jew and chief of the priests, who did so.

15 And one of the evil spirits answered, "Jesus I know, and Paul I know. But who are you?"

16 And the man controlled by the evil spirit leaped on them and overcame and beat them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.

17 And this became known to all the Jews and Gentiles dwelling at Ephesus, and fear fell on them all. And the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified.

also dwelling at Ephesus; and fear fell on them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified.

18 And many that believed came, and confessed, and shewed their deeds.

19 Many of them also which used curious arts brought their books together, and burned them before all men: and they counted the price of them, and found it fifty thousand pieces of silver.

20 So mightily grew the word of God and prevailed.

21 ¶ After these things were ended, Paul purposed in the spirit, when he had passed through Macedonia and Achaia, to go to Jerusalem, saying, After I have been there, I must also see Rome.
22 So he sent into Macedonia two of them that ministered unto him, Timotheus and Erastus; but he himself stayed in Asia for a season.

23 And the same time there arose no small stir about that way.

24 For a certain man named Demetrius, a silversmith, which made silver shrines for Diana, brought no small gain unto the craftsmen;

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

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

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

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

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

18 And many who believed came and confessed and revealed their former evil deeds.

19 And many of those who had practiced magic brought their books of magic and burned them before all the people. And they counted the price of the books and found it to be fifty thousand pieces of silver.⁹⁰

20 So the word of God grew mightily and spread widely among the people.

21 After these things had ended, Paul purposed in the spirit, when he had passed through Macedonia and Achaia, to go to Jerusalem, saying, "After I have been there, I must also see Rome."

22 So he sent into Macedonia two of those who helped him, Timothy and Erastus. But he himself stayed in the Roman Province of Asia for a while.

Paul encounters the opposition of the silversmiths

23 During that time there arose an uproar regarding the Way of the Lord.

24 For there was a certain man named Demetrius, a silversmith, who made silver shrines for Diana, which brought a good income to the craftsmen.

25 The silversmith called together the other silversmiths and said, "Friends, you know that by our craft we have our wealth.

26 "Moreover you see and hear that, not only at Ephesus but, throughout almost all the Roman Province of Asia, this Paul has persuaded many persons that there are not any gods which are made with hands.

27 "So not only our craft is in danger of being discredited, but also so is the temple of the great goddess Diana. Although all the Roman Province of Asia and the world worship Diana, her magnificence could be destroyed."

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

29 And the whole city was filled with confusion. The silversmiths caught Gaius and Aristarchus, men of Macedonia who were Paul's traveling companions, and rushed with one accord into the theater.

30 And when Paul would have entered into the

<p>30 And when Paul would have entered in unto the people, the disciples suffered him not.</p> <p>31 And certain of the chief of Asia, which were his friends, sent unto him, desiring him that he would not adventure himself into the theatre.</p> <p>32 Some therefore cried one thing, and some another: for the assembly was confused; and the more part knew not wherefore they were come together.</p> <p>33 And they drew Alexander out of the multitude, the Jews putting him forward. And Alexander beckoned with the hand, and would have made his defence unto the people.</p> <p>34 But when they knew that he was a Jew, all with one voice about the space of two hours cried out, Great is Diana of the Ephesians.</p> <p>35 And when the townclerk had appeased the people, he said, Ye men of Ephesus, what man is there that knoweth not how that the city of the Ephesians is a worshipper of the great goddess Diana, and of the image which fell down from Jupiter?</p> <p>36 Seeing then that these things cannot be spoken against, ye ought to be quiet, and to do nothing rashly.</p> <p>37 For ye have brought hither these men, which are neither robbers of churches, nor yet blasphemers of your goddess.</p> <p>38 Wherefore if Demetrius, and the craftsmen which are with him, have a matter against any man, the law is open, and there are deputies: let them implead one another.</p> <p>39 But if ye enquire any thing concerning other matters, it shall be determined in a lawful assembly.</p> <p>40 For we are in danger to be called in question for this day's uproar, there being no cause whereby we may give an account of this concourse.</p> <p>41 And when he had thus spoken, he dismissed the assembly.</p>	<p>theater, the disciples would not allow him to do so.</p> <p>31 And certain of the rulers of the Roman province of Asia, who were his friends, sent to him, desiring him that he would not risk entering the theater.</p> <p>32 Therefore, some shouted one thing, and some another, for the assembly was confused, and most did not know why they had come together.</p> <p>33 And the Jews drew Alexander out of the multitude, the Jews putting him forward. And Alexander motioned with his hand for quiet and would have made his defense to the people.</p> <p>34 But when they saw that he was a Jew, all with one voice for about two hours cried out, "Great is Diana of the Ephesians."</p> <p>35 And when the town clerk had quieted the people, he said, "Citizens of Ephesus, what person is there who does not know that the city of the Ephesians is a worshipper of the great goddess Diana, and of her image which fell down from Jupiter?"</p> <p>36 "Seeing then that these things cannot be spoken against, you ought to be quiet and to do nothing rashly.</p> <p>37 "For you have brought here these men, who are neither robbers of churches, nor blasphemers of your goddess.</p> <p>38 "Therefore if Demetrius and the silversmiths who are with him have a complaint against anyone, the law is clear; and there are judges. Let them bring charges before the courts.</p> <p>39 "But if you have other matters to resolve, they shall be determined in a lawful assembly.</p> <p>40 "For we are in danger of being charged with rioting because we have no way to justify what has gone on."</p> <p>41 And when he had spoken thus, he dismissed the assembly.</p>
<p>20:1 And after the uproar was ceased, Paul called unto him the disciples, and embraced them, and departed for to go into Macedonia.</p> <p>2 And when he had gone over those parts, and had</p>	<p>Paul passes through Greece and Macedonia and goes to Troas</p> <p>20:1 And after the uproar ceased, Paul called the disciples to him and embraced them and departed to go into Macedonia.</p> <p>2 And when he had passed through those places and</p>

given them much exhortation, he came into Greece,

3 And there abode three months. And when the Jews laid wait for him, as he was about to sail into Syria, he purposed to return through Macedonia.

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

5 These going before tarried for us at Troas.

6 And we sailed away from Philippi after the days of unleavened bread, and came unto them to Troas in five days; where we abode seven days.

7 And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight.

8 And there were many lights in the upper chamber, where they were gathered together.

9 And there sat in a window a certain young man named Eutychus, being fallen into a deep sleep: and as Paul was long preaching, he sunk down with sleep, and fell down from the third loft, and was taken up dead.

10 And Paul went down, and fell on him, and embracing him said, Trouble not yourselves; for his life is in him.

11 When he therefore was come up again, and had broken bread, and eaten, and talked a long while, even till break of day, so he departed.

12 And they brought the young man alive, and were not a little comforted.

13 ¶ And we went before to ship, and sailed unto Assos, there intending to take in Paul: for so had he appointed, minding himself to go afoot.

14 And when he met with us at Assos, we took him

had given them much encouragement, he came into Greece.

3 And he stayed there three months. And when unbelieving Jews laid wait for him, as he was about to sail to Syria, he decided to return through Macedonia.

4 And he was accompanied into the Roman province of Asia by Sopater of Berea, and Aristarchus and Secundus of the Thessalonians, and Gaius of Derbe, and Timothy and Tychicus and Trophimus.

5 These men went before us and waited for us at Troas.

6 And we sailed away from Philippi after the days of unleavened bread, and came to them in Troas in five days, where we stayed seven days.

Paul heals a young man who fell from the third loft

7 And on the first day of the week when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached to them, planning to depart the next morning. And he continued his speech until midnight.

8 And there were many lights in the upper chamber where they were assembled.

9 And a certain young man named Eutychus sat in an upper window and began falling into a deep sleep. And as Paul was preaching for a long time, the young man sank down with sleep, and fell from the third loft and was taken up dead.

10 And Paul went down, lay on him, and embracing him said, "Do not trouble yourselves, for his life is in him."

11 When Paul had gone back up, broken bread, eaten, and talked a long while, even until daybreak, he departed.

12 And they took the young man up alive, and were greatly comforted.

Paul continues to travel toward Jerusalem

13 And we went ahead by ship, and sailed to Assos, there intending to take in Paul; for this is what he had told us to do, intending himself to travel by land, walking.

14 And when he met us at Assos, we took him into

in, and came to Mitylene.

15 And we sailed thence, and came the next day over against Chios; and the next day we arrived at Samos, and tarried at Trogyllium; and the next day we came to Miletus.

16 For Paul had determined to sail by Ephesus, because he would not spend the time in Asia: for he hasted, if it were possible for him, to be at Jerusalem the day of Pentecost.

17 ¶ And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus, and called the elders of the church.

18 And when they were come to him, he said unto them, Ye know, from the first day that I came into Asia, after what manner I have been with you at all seasons,

19 Serving the Lord with all humility of mind, and with many tears, and temptations, which befell me by the lying in wait of the Jews:

20 And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have shewed you, and have taught you publickly, and from house to house,

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

22 And now, behold, I go bound in the spirit unto Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there:

23 Save that the Holy Ghost witnesseth in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions abide me.

24 But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.

25 And now, behold, I know that ye all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, shall see my face no more.

26 Wherefore I take you to record this day, that I am pure from the blood of all men.

27 For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God.

28 ¶ Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

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15 And we sailed from there, and went the next day by Chios, and the next day we arrived at Samos and tarried at Trogyllium, and the next day we came to Miletus.

16 For Paul had determined to sail by Ephesus because he did not want to spend time in the Roman Province of Asia; for he wanted, if it were possible, to be at Jerusalem the day of Pentecost.

17 And from Miletus he sent a message to Ephesus, calling for the elders of the church.

18 And when they came to him, he said to them, “You know the manner in which I have been with you from the first day that I came into the Roman Province of Asia.

19 “I served the Lord with all humility of mind and with many tears, and temptations which befell me by the lying in wait of the unbelieving Jews.

20 “I kept back nothing that was for your good, but have shown you, and have taught you publicly, and from house to house,

21 “testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Gentiles, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.

22 “And now, behold, I go in obedience to the spirit to Jerusalem, not knowing what will befall me there.

23 “I only know that the Holy Ghost (Holy Spirit) witnesses in every city, saying that arrests and afflictions await me.

24 “But none of these things frighten me, nor is my own life a great concern to me, as long as I finish my course with joy, and fulfill the ministry which I have received from the Lord Jesus, to preach the gospel of the grace of God.⁹¹

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

26 “Therefore I ask you to witness this day, that I am pure from the blood of all mortals.

27 “For I have not held back from declaring to you all the counsel of God.

28 “Therefore take heed to yourselves, and to all the flock, over whom the Holy Ghost (Holy Spirit) has made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which Jesus has purchased with his own blood (self-

<p>29 For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock.</p> <p>30 Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them.</p> <p>31 Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears.</p> <p>32 And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.</p> <p>33 I have coveted no man's silver, or gold, or apparel.</p> <p>34 Yea, ye yourselves know, that these hands have ministered unto my necessities, and to them that were with me.</p> <p>35 I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.</p> <p>36 ¶ And when he had thus spoken, he kneeled down, and prayed with them all.</p> <p>37 And they all wept sore, and fell on Paul's neck, and kissed him,</p> <p>38 Sorrowing most of all for the words which he spake, that they should see his face no more. And they accompanied him unto the ship.</p>	<p>sacrifice).</p> <p>29 "For I know this, that after I depart grievous wolves will enter in among you, not sparing the flock.</p> <p>30 "Also people will arise even from among you, speaking false words, to draw away disciples after them.</p> <p>31 "Therefore watch, and remember, that for three years I did not cease to warn every one night and day with tears.</p> <p>32 "And now, fellow believers, I commend you to God, and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.</p> <p>33 "I have not coveted any person's silver or gold or clothing.</p> <p>34 "Yes, you yourselves know, that I have worked with my own hands to support myself and those who were with me.</p> <p>35 "I have explained this, how through laboring, you ought to support the weak, and that you should remember the words of the Lord Jesus. Jesus said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"</p> <p>36 And when he had thus spoken, he kneeled down, and prayed with them all.</p> <p>37 And they all wept greatly and embraced Paul and kissed him.</p> <p>38 They sorrowed most of all because he said that they would not see his face any more. And they accompanied him to the ship.</p>
<p>21:1 And it came to pass, that after we were gotten from them, and had launched, we came with a straight course unto Coos, and the day following unto Rhodes, and from thence unto Patara:</p> <p>2 And finding a ship sailing over unto Phenicia, we went aboard, and set forth.</p> <p>3 Now when we had discovered Cyprus, we left it on the left hand, and sailed into Syria, and landed at Tyre: for there the ship was to unlade her burden.</p> <p>4 And finding disciples, we tarried there seven days: who said to Paul through the Spirit, that he should not go up to Jerusalem.</p> <p>5 And when we had accomplished those days, we departed and went our way; and they all brought us on our way, with wives and children, till we were</p>	<p>21:1 And it came to pass, after we had left them, and had launched, that we came with a straight course to Cos, and the day following to Rhodes, and from there to Patara.</p> <p>2 And finding a ship sailing over to Phoenicia, we went aboard, and set forth.</p> <p>3 Now when we spotted Cyprus, we passed it on the left, and sailed to Syria, and landed at Tyre, for there the ship was to unload her cargo.</p> <p>4 And finding disciples, we tarried there seven days. And these disciples, influenced by the Spirit, said to Paul that he should not go to Jerusalem.</p> <p>5 And when we had been there seven days, we departed, and our friends brought us on the road, with wives and children, till we were out of the city.</p>

out of the city: and we kneeled down on the shore, and prayed.

6 And when we had taken our leave one of another, we took ship; and they returned home again.

7 And when we had finished our course from Tyre, we came to Ptolemais, and saluted the brethren, and abode with them one day.

8 And the next day we that were of Paul's company departed, and came unto Caesarea: and we entered into the house of Philip the evangelist, which was one of the seven; and abode with him.

9 And the same man had four daughters, virgins, which did prophesy.

10 And as we tarried there many days, there came down from Judaea a certain prophet, named Agabus.

11 And when he was come unto us, he took Paul's girdle, and bound his own hands and feet, and said, Thus saith the Holy Ghost, So shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man that owneth this girdle, and shall deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.

12 And when we heard these things, both we, and they of that place, besought him not to go up to Jerusalem.

13 Then Paul answered, What mean ye to weep and to break mine heart? for I am ready not to be bound only, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus.

14 And when he would not be persuaded, we ceased, saying, The will of the Lord be done.

15 And after those days we took up our carriages, and went up to Jerusalem.

16 There went with us also certain of the disciples of Caesarea, and brought with them one Mnason of Cyprus, an old disciple, with whom we should lodge.

17 And when we were come to Jerusalem, the brethren received us gladly.

18 And the day following Paul went in with us unto James; and all the elders were present.

19 And when he had saluted them, he declared particularly what things God had wrought among

And we kneeled down on the shore and prayed.

6 And when we had said farewell to one another, we boarded the ship; and they returned home again.

7 And when we had finished our course from Tyre, we came to Ptolemais and greeted the fellow believers and stayed with them one day.

8 And the next day we who were of Paul's group departed, and came to Caesarea, and we entered into the house of Philip the evangelist, who was one of the seven who distributed charity to Christian widows, and we stayed with him.

9 Philip had four daughters, who were virgins and who prophesied.

10 And while we were tarrying there many days, a certain prophet named Agabus came down from Judea.

11 And when he came to us, he took Paul's belt and bound his own hands and feet with it. And he said, "The Holy Ghost (Holy Spirit) says, 'So will those Jews at Jerusalem who do not believe in Jesus Christ bind the man who owns this belt, and will deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.'"

12 And when we heard these things, both we, and those of that place, begged Paul not to go to Jerusalem.

13 Then Paul answered, "Do you mean by your weeping to break my heart? For I am ready not only to be bound, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus."

14 And when he would not be persuaded, we ceased talking to him, saying, "The will of God be done."

15 And after those days we collected our things for the trip and went to Jerusalem.

16 Also, some of the disciples of Caesarea went with us and brought with them an old disciple, Mnason of Cyprus, with whom we should lodge.

17 And when we came to Jerusalem, the fellow believers received us gladly.

Paul arrives at the house of James and is told to show that he obeys the law of Moses

18 And the day following, Paul went in with us to the house of James; and all the elders were present.

19 And when Paul had greeted them, he told in detail all that God had accomplished among the

the Gentiles by his ministry.

20 And when they heard it, they glorified the Lord, and said unto him, Thou seest, brother, how many thousands of Jews there are which believe; and they are all zealous of the law:

21 And they are informed of thee, that thou teachest all the Jews which are among the Gentiles to forsake Moses, saying that they ought not to circumcise their children, neither to walk after the customs.

22 What is it therefore? the multitude must needs come together: for they will hear that thou art come.

23 Do therefore this that we say to thee: We have four men which have a vow on them;

24 Them take, and purify thyself with them, and be at charges with them, that they may shave their heads: and all may know that those things, whereof they were informed concerning thee, are nothing; but that thou thyself also walkest orderly, and keepest the law.

25 As touching the Gentiles which believe, we have written and concluded that they observe no such thing, save only that they keep themselves from things offered to idols, and from blood, and from strangled, and from fornication.

26 Then Paul took the men, and the next day purifying himself with them entered into the temple, to signify the accomplishment of the days of purification, until that an offering should be offered for every one of them.

27 And when the seven days were almost ended, the Jews which were of Asia, when they saw him in the temple, stirred up all the people, and laid hands on him,

28 Crying out, Men of Israel, help: This is the man, that teacheth all men every where against the people, and the law, and this place: and further brought Greeks also into the temple, and hath polluted this holy place.

29 (For they had seen before with him in the city Trophimus an Ephesian, whom they supposed that Paul had brought into the temple.)

Gentiles by Paul's ministry.

20 And when they heard it, they glorified the Lord, and said to Paul, "You see, brother, how many thousands of Jews there are who believe, and they are all zealous of Jewish law and hold fast to it.

21 "And they are informed that you teach all the Jews who are among the Gentiles to forsake Moses, saying that they ought not to circumcise their children, and ought not to walk after the customs of the Jews.

22 "The multitude will hear that you have come and will join together against you. What should you do, therefore?"

Paul purifies himself and takes four purified Jews into the temple

23 "Do this. We have four men who have taken a vow.⁹²

24 "Take them, and purify yourself with them, and pay their expenses so that they may shave their heads, and all may know that the charges they have heard against you are untrue. Thus they may know that you yourself walk orderly, and keep the law of Moses.

25 "Regarding the Gentiles who believe, we have written and concluded that they are not to eat any food offered to idols, and not to eat blood, or anything that has been strangled, and not to engage in sexual immorality."

26 Then Paul took the men, and the next day purified himself with them and entered into the temple, to signify the accomplishment of the days of purification. After that an offering was to be made for every one of them.

27 And when the seven days were almost ended, unbelieving Jews who were of the Roman Province of Asia, when they saw Paul in the temple, stirred up all the people and laid hands on him.

28 And they cried out, "People of Israel, help; this is the man who teaches everyone everywhere against the people and the law of the Jews and this place. Furthermore, he has also brought Gentiles into the temple, polluting this holy place."

29 (For they had seen Trophimus, an Ephesian before with Paul in the city, and they supposed Paul had brought him into the temple.)

30 And all the city was moved, and the people ran together: and they took Paul, and drew him out of the temple: and forthwith the doors were shut.

31 And as they went about to kill him, tidings came unto the chief captain of the band, that all Jerusalem was in an uproar.

32 Who immediately took soldiers and centurions, and ran down unto them: and when they saw the chief captain and the soldiers, they left beating of Paul.

33 Then the chief captain came near, and took him, and commanded him to be bound with two chains; and demanded who he was, and what he had done.

34 And some cried one thing, some another, among the multitude: and when he could not know the certainty for the tumult, he commanded him to be carried into the castle.

35 And when he came upon the stairs, so it was, that he was borne of the soldiers for the violence of the people.

36 For the multitude of the people followed after, crying, Away with him.

37 And as Paul was to be led into the castle, he said unto the chief captain, May I speak unto thee? Who said, Canst thou speak Greek?

38 Art not thou that Egyptian, which before these days madest an uproar, and leddest out into the wilderness four thousand men that were murderers?

39 But Paul said, I am a man which am a Jew of Tarsus, a city in Cilicia, a citizen of no mean city: and, I beseech thee, suffer me to speak unto the people.

40 And when he had given him licence, Paul stood

Many Jews misunderstand, causing a riot focused on Paul

30 And all the city was aroused, and the people ran together, and they took Paul and dragged him out of the temple, and immediately the doors of the temple were shut.

The chief captain rescues Paul

31 And as they were about to kill Paul, news came to the chief captain of the Roman garrison at Jerusalem that all Jerusalem was in an uproar.

32 The chief captain immediately took soldiers and centurions, and ran down into the mob. And when the mob saw the chief captain and the soldiers, they stopped beating Paul.

33 Then the chief captain came near, and took Paul, and commanded him to be bound with two chains, and demanded to know who he was, and what he had done.

34 And some among the multitude cried one thing, some another among the multitude; and when the chief captain could not understand the reason for the tumult, he commanded Paul to be carried into the castle, which served as the Roman military headquarters.

35 And when Paul came to the stairs, he was carried up by the soldiers because of the violence of the people.

36 For the multitude followed after, crying, "Away with him."

37 And as Paul was about to be led into the castle, he said to the chief captain, "May I speak to you?" And the chief captain said, "Do you speak Greek?"

38 "Are you not that Egyptian who before these days made an uproar and led out into the wilderness four thousand men who were murderers?"

39 But Paul said, "I am a man who am a Jew of Tarsus, a citizen of a significant city in Cilicia. And, I request that you kindly permit me to speak to the people."

Paul speaks to the Jews

40 And when the chief captain had given him

12 And one Ananias, a devout man according to the law, having a good report of all the Jews which dwelt there,

13 Came unto me, and stood, and said unto me, Brother Saul, receive thy sight. And the same hour I looked up upon him.

14 And he said, The God of our fathers hath chosen thee, that thou shouldest know his will, and see that Just One, and shouldest hear the voice of his mouth.

15 For thou shalt be his witness unto all men of what thou hast seen and heard.

16 And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.

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17 And it came to pass, that, when I was come again to Jerusalem, even while I prayed in the temple, I was in a trance;

18 And saw him saying unto me, Make haste, and get thee quickly out of Jerusalem: for they will not receive thy testimony concerning me.

19 And I said, Lord, they know that I imprisoned and beat in every synagogue them that believed on thee:

20 And when the blood of thy martyr Stephen was shed, I also was standing by, and consenting unto his death, and kept the raiment of them that slew him.

21 And he said unto me, Depart: for I will send thee far hence unto the Gentiles.

22 And they gave him audience unto this word, and then lifted up their voices, and said, Away with such a fellow from the earth: for it is not fit that he should live.

23 And as they cried out, and cast off their clothes, and threw dust into the air,

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24 The chief captain commanded him to be brought into the castle, and bade that he should be examined by scourging; that he might know wherefore they cried so against him.

25 And as they bound him with thongs, Paul said unto the centurion that stood by, Is it lawful for you to scourge a man that is a Roman, and uncondemned?

13 “And he came to me, and stood, and said to me, ‘Brother Saul, receive your sight.’ And the same hour I looked up upon him.

14 “And he said, ‘The God of our ancestors has chosen you, that you should know His will, and see that Just One (Christ Jesus), and should hear his voice.

15 ‘For you will be his witness to all people of what you have seen and heard.

16 ‘And why are you delaying? Arise, and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.’

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Paul remembers returning to Jerusalem, and them being told to leave

17 “And it came to pass that, when I came again to Jerusalem and while I prayed in the temple, I was in a trance.

18 “And I heard the Lord saying to me, ‘Make haste, and go quickly out of Jerusalem, for they will not believe your testimony concerning me.’

19 “And I said, Lord, they know that I imprisoned and beat in every synagogue those who believed in you.

20 “And when the blood of your martyr Stephen was shed, I was standing by and consenting to his death and held the cloaks of those who killed him.

21 “And the Lord said to me, ‘Depart; for I will send you far away to the Gentiles.’”

22 And the crowd listened to Paul until he said this, and then lifted up their voices and said, “Away with such a fellow from the earth, for it is not fit that he should live.”

23 And they cried out, and cast off their clothes, and threw dust into the air.

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The chief captain again takes charge of Paul

24 And the chief captain commanded Paul to be brought into the castle, and ordered that Paul be examined by beating him so that the chief captain might learn why they cried out so against Paul.

25 And as they bound him with thongs, Paul said to the centurion who stood there, “Is it lawful for you to beat a man who is a Roman, and uncondemned?”

26 When the centurion heard that, he went and told

<p>26 When the centurion heard that, he went and told the chief captain, saying, Take heed what thou doest: for this man is a Roman.</p> <p>27 Then the chief captain came, and said unto him, Tell me, art thou a Roman? He said, Yea.</p> <p>28 And the chief captain answered, With a great sum obtained I this freedom. And Paul said, But I was free born.</p> <p>29 Then straightway they departed from him which should have examined him: and the chief captain also was afraid, after he knew that he was a Roman, and because he had bound him.</p> <p>30 On the morrow, because he would have known the certainty wherefore he was accused of the Jews, he loosed him from his bands, and commanded the chief priests and all their council to appear, and brought Paul down, and set him before them.</p>	<p>the chief captain, "Take heed what you do, for this man is a Roman.</p> <p>27 Then the chief captain came, and said to Paul, "Tell me, are you a Roman?" Paul said, "Yes."</p> <p>28 And the chief captain answered, "With a great sum I obtained this freedom." And Paul said, "But I was free born."⁹⁴</p> <p>29 Then immediately those who would have examined him left him. And the chief captain, because he had bound him, also was afraid after he learned that Paul was a Roman.</p> <p>30 The next day, because the chief captain wanted to know for certain why Paul was accused by the Jews, he freed him from his bands, and commanded the chief priests and all their council to appear, and brought Paul down, and set him before them.</p>
<p>23:1 And Paul, earnestly beholding the council, said, Men and brethren, I have lived in all good conscience before God until this day.</p> <p>2 And the high priest Ananias commanded them that stood by him to smite him on the mouth.</p> <p>3 Then said Paul unto him, God shall smite thee, thou whited wall: for sittest thou to judge me after the law, and commandest me to be smitten contrary to the law?</p> <p>4 And they that stood by said, Revilest thou God's high priest?</p> <p>5 Then said Paul, I wist not, brethren, that he was the high priest: for it is written, Thou shalt not speak evil of the ruler of thy people.</p> <p>6 But when Paul perceived that the one part were Sadducees, and the other Pharisees, he cried out in the council, Men and brethren, I am a Pharisee, the son of a Pharisee: of the hope and resurrection of the dead I am called in question.</p> <p>7 And when he had so said, there arose a dissension between the Pharisees and the Sadducees: and the multitude was divided.</p> <p>8 For the Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, neither angel, nor spirit: but the Pharisees confess both.</p> <p>9 And there arose a great cry: and the scribes that</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Paul speaks to the council of the Jews</p> <p>23:1 And Paul, earnestly beholding the council, said, "My fellow Jews, I have always lived in good conscience before Yahweh⁹⁵ until this day."</p> <p>2 And the high priest Ananias commanded those who stood by him to strike him on the mouth.</p> <p>3 Then Paul said to him, "Yahweh will strike you, you whitewashed wall. For do you sit to judge me after the law of Moses, and command me to be struck contrary to that law?"</p> <p>4 And those who stood by said, "Do you dare to insult Yahweh's high priest?"</p> <p>5 Then Paul said, "I did not know, fellow Israelites, that he was the high priest, for it is written, 'You shall not speak evil of the ruler of your people.'⁹⁶</p> <p>6 But when Paul perceived that some of the council were Sadducees, and some were Pharisees, he cried out in the council, "Fellow Israelites, I am a Pharisee, the son of a Pharisee. Regarding my hope for and belief in the resurrection of the dead, I am being questioned."</p> <p>7 And when he had said this, a dissension arose between the Pharisees and the Sadducees; and the multitude was divided.</p> <p>8 For the Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, nor angels, nor spirits, but the Pharisees believe in all these.</p> <p>9 And there arose a great argument, and the</p>

were of the Pharisees' part arose, and strove, saying, We find no evil in this man: but if a spirit or an angel hath spoken to him, let us not fight against God.

10 And when there arose a great dissension, the chief captain, fearing lest Paul should have been pulled in pieces of them, commanded the soldiers to go down, and to take him by force from among them, and to bring him into the castle.

11 And the night following the Lord stood by him, and said, Be of good cheer, Paul: for as thou hast testified of me in Jerusalem, so must thou bear witness also at Rome.

12 And when it was day, certain of the Jews banded together, and bound themselves under a curse, saying that they would neither eat nor drink till they had killed Paul.

13 And they were more than forty which had made this conspiracy.

14 And they came to the chief priests and elders, and said, We have bound ourselves under a great curse, that we will eat nothing until we have slain Paul.

15 Now therefore ye with the council signify to the chief captain that he bring him down unto you to morrow, as though ye would enquire something more perfectly concerning him: and we, or ever he come near, are ready to kill him.

16 And when Paul's sister's son heard of their lying in wait, he went and entered into the castle, and told Paul.

17 Then Paul called one of the centurions unto him, and said, Bring this young man unto the chief captain: for he hath a certain thing to tell him.

18 So he took him, and brought him to the chief captain, and said, Paul the prisoner called me unto him, and prayed me to bring this young man unto thee, who hath something to say unto thee.

scribes who were of the Pharisees arose and joined the argument, saying, "We find no evil in this man, but if a spirit or an angel has spoken to him, let us not fight against Yahweh."

The chief captain again rescues Paul

10 And when a great dissension arose, the chief captain, fearing that Paul would be pulled in pieces by them, commanded the soldiers to go down and to take Paul by force from among them, and to bring him into the castle.

11 And the following night, the Lord stood by Paul, and said, "Be of good cheer, Paul, for as you have testified about Me in Jerusalem, so you must also bear witness at Rome."

Certain Jews bind themselves by an oath to kill Paul

12 And when it was day, certain unbelieving Jews banded together and bound themselves under a curse, saying that they would neither eat nor drink till they had killed Paul.

13 And there were more than forty who had entered into this conspiracy.

14 And they came to the chief priests and elders, and said, "We have bound ourselves under a great curse, that we will eat nothing until we have slain Paul.

15 "Therefore, you with the council now are to request the chief captain to bring Paul down to you tomorrow, as though you would ask him questions to gain a better understanding concerning him. And we, when he comes near, are ready to kill him."

The chief captain is informed of the plot to kill Paul

16 And when Paul's sister's son heard of their lying-in wait, he went and entered into the castle and told Paul.

17 Then Paul called one of the centurions to him, and said, "Bring this young man to the chief captain, for he has a certain thing to tell him."

18 So the centurion took him, and brought him to the chief captain, and said, "Paul the prisoner called me to him, and requested me to bring to you this young man, who has something to say to you."

19 Then the chief captain took him by the hand, and went with him aside privately, and asked him, What is that thou hast to tell me?

20 And he said, The Jews have agreed to desire thee that thou wouldest bring down Paul to morrow into the council, as though they would enquire somewhat of him more perfectly.

21 But do not thou yield unto them: for there lie in wait for him of them more than forty men, which have bound themselves with an oath, that they will neither eat nor drink till they have killed him: and now are they ready, looking for a promise from thee.

22 So the chief captain then let the young man depart, and charged him, See thou tell no man that thou hast shewed these things to me.

23 And he called unto him two centurions, saying, Make ready two hundred soldiers to go to Caesarea, and horsemen threescore and ten, and spearmen two hundred, at the third hour of the night;

24 And provide them beasts, that they may set Paul on, and bring him safe unto Felix the governor.

25 And he wrote a letter after this manner:

26 Claudius Lysias unto the most excellent governor Felix sendeth greeting.

27 This man was taken of the Jews, and should have been killed of them: then came I with an army, and rescued him, having understood that he was a Roman.

28 And when I would have known the cause wherefore they accused him, I brought him forth into their council:

29 Whom I perceived to be accused of questions of their law, but to have nothing laid to his charge worthy of death or of bonds.

30 And when it was told me how that the Jews laid wait for the man, I sent straightway to thee, and gave commandment to his accusers also to say before thee what they had against him. Farewell.

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31 Then the soldiers, as it was commanded them, took Paul, and brought him by night to Antipatris.

32 On the morrow they left the horsemen to go with him, and returned to the castle:

33 Who, when they came to Caesarea, and delivered

19 Then the chief captain took the young man by the hand, and took him aside privately, and asked him, "What do you have to tell me?"

20 And Paul's nephew said, "The Jews have agreed to request you to bring down Paul tomorrow into the council, pretending to want to understand him more perfectly.

21 "But do not yield to them; for more than forty men lie in wait for him. They have bound themselves with an oath that they will neither eat nor drink till they have killed Paul. And now they are ready, looking for a promise from you to send him."

22 So the chief captain then let the young man depart, and told him, "See that you do not tell anyone that you have told these things to me."

23 And the chief captain called to him two centurions, saying, "Make ready two hundred soldiers to go to Caesarea, and seventy horsemen, and two hundred spearmen, at nine o'clock tonight.

24 "And provide horses that they may set Paul on and bring Paul safely to Felix the governor."

25 And he wrote a letter after this manner:

26 "The Chief Captain Claudius Lysias sends greeting to the most excellent governor Felix.

27 "This man was taken by the Jews, and would have been killed by them. Then I came with an army unit, and rescued him, having understood that he was a Roman.

28 "And when I would have known the cause for which they accused him, I brought him forth into their council.

29 "I perceived Paul to be accused of questions of their law, but not to have done anything worthy of death or of imprisonment.

30 "And when it was told me that the Jews laid wait for the man, I sent Paul immediately to you, and commanded his accusers to say before you what they had against him. Farewell."

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Paul is taken to the governor at Caesarea

31 Then the soldiers, as it was commanded them, took Paul, and brought him by night to Antipatris.

32 The next day the foot soldiers left the horsemen to go with Paul, and returned to the castle.

33 And when they came to Caesarea, they delivered

<p>the epistle to the governor, presented Paul also before him.</p> <p>34 And when the governor had read the letter, he asked of what province he was. And when he understood that he was of Cilicia;</p> <p>35 I will hear thee, said he, when thine accusers are also come. And he commanded him to be kept in Herod's judgment hall.</p> <p>、</p>	<p>the letter to the governor, and presented Paul also before him.</p> <p>34 And when the governor had read the letter, he asked of what province Paul was. And he was told that Paul was of Cilicia.</p> <p>35 "I will consider your case," the governor said, "when your accusers have also come." And he commanded that Paul be kept in Herod's judgment hall.</p>
<p>、</p> <p>、</p> <p>24:1 And after five days Ananias the high priest descended with the elders, and with a certain orator named Tertullus, who informed the governor against Paul.</p> <p>2 And when he was called forth, Tertullus began to accuse him, saying, Seeing that by thee we enjoy great quietness, and that very worthy deeds are done unto this nation by thy providence,</p> <p>、</p> <p>3 We accept it always, and in all places, most noble Felix, with all thankfulness.</p> <p>4 Notwithstanding, that I be not further tedious unto thee, I pray thee that thou wouldest hear us of thy clemency a few words.</p> <p>5 For we have found this man a pestilent fellow, and a mover of sedition among all the Jews throughout the world, and a ringleader of the sect of the Nazarenes:</p> <p>6 Who also hath gone about to profane the temple: whom we took, and would have judged according to our law.</p> <p>7 But the chief captain Lysias came upon us, and with great violence took him away out of our hands,</p> <p>8 Commanding his accusers to come unto thee: by examining of whom thyself mayest take knowledge of all these things, whereof we accuse him.</p> <p>9 And the Jews also assented, saying that these things were so.</p> <p>、</p> <p>、</p> <p>10 Then Paul, after that the governor had beckoned unto him to speak, answered, Forasmuch as I know that thou hast been of many years a judge unto this nation, I do the more cheerfully answer for myself:</p>	<p>An orator speaks for the Jews against Paul to the governor</p> <p>24:1 Five days later Ananias the high priest came with the elders, and with a certain orator named Tertullus, who was to speak to the governor against Paul.</p> <p>2 And when he was called forth, Tertullus began to accuse Paul, saying to the governor, "Governor, through you we enjoy great quietness and very worthy deeds are done to this nation by your leadership.</p> <p>3 "we accept it always, and in all places, most noble Felix, with all thankfulness.</p> <p>4 "Today, however, although I risk being tiring to you, I request that you graciously hear a few words from us.</p> <p>5 "For we have found this man to be a troublemaker and a cause of riots among all the Jews throughout the world, and to be a ringleader of the sect of the Nazarenes.</p> <p>6 "He also has gone about profaning the temple. We took him, and would have judged him according to our law.</p> <p>7 "But the chief captain Lysias came upon us and with great violence took him away out of our hands.</p> <p>8 "He commanded Paul's accusers to come to you. By hearing them yourself, you may learn of all those things of which we accuse him."</p> <p>9 And those Jews who did not believe in Christ Jesus also assented, saying that these things were so.</p> <p>、</p> <p>Paul defends himself to Governor Felix</p> <p>10 Then Paul, after the governor had motioned to him to speak, answered, "Since I know that you have been a judge of this nation for many years, I cheerfully answer for myself.</p>

11 Because that thou mayest understand, that there are yet but twelve days since I went up to Jerusalem for to worship.

12 And they neither found me in the temple disputing with any man, neither raising up the people, neither in the synagogues, nor in the city:

13 Neither can they prove the things whereof they now accuse me.

14 But this I confess unto thee, that after the way which they call heresy, so worship I the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the law and in the prophets:

15 And have hope toward God, which they themselves also allow, that there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust.

16 And herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offence toward God, and toward men.

17 Now after many years I came to bring alms to my nation, and offerings.

18 Whereupon certain Jews from Asia found me purified in the temple, neither with multitude, nor with tumult.

19 Who ought to have been here before thee, and object, if they had ought against me.

20 Or else let these same here say, if they have found any evil doing in me, while I stood before the council,

21 Except it be for this one voice, that I cried standing among them, Touching the resurrection of the dead I am called in question by you this day.

22 And when Felix heard these things, having more perfect knowledge of that way, he deferred them, and said, When Lysias the chief captain shall come down, I will know the uttermost of your matter.

23 And he commanded a centurion to keep Paul, and to let him have liberty, and that he should forbid none of his acquaintance to minister or come unto him.

24 And after certain days, when Felix came with his wife Drusilla, which was a Jewess, he sent for Paul,

11 "Understand, that only twelve days ago I went up to Jerusalem to worship.

12 "And they did not find me in the temple disputing with any one nor stirring up the people, neither in the synagogues, nor in the city.

13 "Neither can they prove the things of which they now accuse me.

14 "But this I confess to you, that, following the Way of the Lord, which they call heresy, I worship, Yahweh, the Deity of my ancestors, believing all things which are written in the law of Moses and in the prophets.

15 "And I have the same hope in Yahweh, which they themselves have, that there will be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust.

16 "And for this I constantly strive: to have a clear conscience void of offense toward Yahweh, and toward people.

17 "Now after many years away from Jerusalem, I came to bring contributions and offerings to my nation.

18 "And certain Jews from the Roman Province of Asia found me after I had completed the process of purification in the temple. There was no crowd or disturbance.

19 "These Jews ought to have been here before you, to object, if they had anything against me.

20 "Or let these who are here say if they have found any evil doing in me while I stood before the council,

21 "other than one statement that I spoke, standing among them regarding the resurrection of the dead."

22 And when Felix heard these things, having a good knowledge of the Way, he did not render a judgment at that time. And he said, "When Lysias the chief captain comes down, I will get the whole view of the matter."

23 And Felix commanded a centurion to keep Paul, and to let Paul have liberty, and that he should forbid none of Paul's acquaintances to care for him or to come to him.

Paul appears before Felix and his wife, Drusilla

24 And after certain days, Felix came with his wife Drusilla, who was Jewish, and sent for Paul,

<p>and heard him concerning the faith in Christ. 25 And as he reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come, Felix trembled, and answered, Go thy way for this time; when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee. 26 He hoped also that money should have been given him of Paul, that he might loose him: wherefore he sent for him the oftener, and communed with him. 27 But after two years Porcius Festus came into Felix' room: and Felix, willing to shew the Jews a pleasure, left Paul bound.</p>	<p>and heard him concerning the faith in Christ. 25 And as Paul reasoned about righteousness, temperance, and the judgment to come, Felix trembled, and said, "Go your way for now; when it is convenient for me, I will call for you." 26 Felix also hoped that Paul would give him money in return for his release; therefore, Felix sent for Paul often, and conversed with him. 27 But after two years Porcius Festus succeeded Felix as governor; and Felix, wanting to gain favor with the Jews, left Paul imprisoned.</p>
<p>\</p> <p>\</p> <p>25:1 Now when Festus was come into the province, after three days he ascended from Caesarea to Jerusalem. 2 Then the high priest and the chief of the Jews informed him against Paul, and besought him, 3 And desired favour against him, that he would send for him to Jerusalem, laying wait in the way to kill him. 4 But Festus answered, that Paul should be kept at Caesarea, and that he himself would depart shortly thither. 5 Let them therefore, said he, which among you are able, go down with me, and accuse this man, if there be any wickedness in him. 6 And when he had tarried among them more than ten days, he went down unto Caesarea; and the next day sitting on the judgment seat commanded Paul to be brought. 7 And when he was come, the Jews which came down from Jerusalem stood round about, and laid many and grievous complaints against Paul, which they could not prove. 8 While he answered for himself, Neither against the law of the Jews, neither against the temple, nor yet against Caesar, have I offended any thing at all. 9 But Festus, willing to do the Jews a pleasure, answered Paul, and said, Wilt thou go up to Jerusalem, and there be judged of these things before me? \</p> <p>10 Then said Paul, I stand at Caesar's judgment seat,</p>	<p>Festus succeeds Felix as governor and hears Paul's defense</p> <p>25:1 Now when Festus came into Israel, after three days he ascended from Caesarea to Jerusalem. 2 Then the high priest and the chief of the Jews informed him against Paul, and appealed to him. 3 And they requested Festus to send for Paul to come to Jerusalem, so that they could lie in wait on the way to kill him. 4 But Festus answered that Paul should be kept at Caesarea, and that he himself would depart for there shortly. 5 Festus said, "Let those who among you are able, go with me, and accuse this man if there is any wickedness in him." 6 And when Festus had spent more than ten days among them, he went down to Caesarea, and the next day sitting on the judgment seat commanded Paul to be brought before him. 7 And when Paul came in, those Jews who did not believe in Christ Jesus, and who came down from Jerusalem, were gathered around, and made many strong complaints against Paul which they could not prove. 8 And Paul answered for himself, "Neither against the law of the Jews, neither against the temple, nor against Caesar, have I offended at all." 9 But Festus, wanting to gain favor with the Jews, said to Paul, "Will you go up to Jerusalem, and there be judged regarding these things before me?" \</p> <p>Paul appeals to Caesar</p> <p>10 Then Paul said, "I wish to stand at Caesar's</p>

where I ought to be judged: to the Jews have I done no wrong, as thou very well knowest.

11 For if I be an offender, or have committed any thing worthy of death, I refuse not to die: but if there be none of these things whereof these accuse me, no man may deliver me unto them. I appeal unto Caesar.

12 Then Festus, when he had conferred with the council, answered, Hast thou appealed unto Caesar? unto Caesar shalt thou go.

13 And after certain days king Agrippa and Bernice came unto Caesarea to salute Festus.

14 And when they had been there many days, Festus declared Paul's cause unto the king, saying, There is a certain man left in bonds by Felix:

15 About whom, when I was at Jerusalem, the chief priests and the elders of the Jews informed me, desiring to have judgment against him.

16 To whom I answered, It is not the manner of the Romans to deliver any man to die, before that he which is accused have the accusers face to face, and have licence to answer for himself concerning the crime laid against him.

17 Therefore, when they were come hither, without any delay on the morrow I sat on the judgment seat, and commanded the man to be brought forth.

18 Against whom when the accusers stood up, they brought none accusation of such things as I supposed:

19 But had certain questions against him of their own superstition, and of one Jesus, which was dead, whom Paul affirmed to be alive.

20 And because I doubted of such manner of questions, I asked him whether he would go to Jerusalem, and there be judged of these matters.

21 But when Paul had appealed to be reserved unto the hearing of Augustus, I commanded him to be kept till I might send him to Caesar.

22 Then Agrippa said unto Festus, I would also hear the man myself. To morrow, said he, thou shalt hear him.

judgment seat, where I ought to be judged; to the Jews I have not done any wrong, as you very well know.

11 "For if I am an offender, or have committed anything worthy of death, I do not refuse to die. But if I am not guilty of any of these things which they accuse me of, no one may legally give me to them. I appeal to Caesar."

12 Then Festus, when he had conferred with the council, answered, "Have you appealed to Caesar? Then you shall go to Caesar."

King Agrippa and his sister Bernice came to Caesarea

13, And after certain days king Agrippa and his sister Bernice came to Caesarea to greet Festus.

14 And when they had been there many days, Festus declared Paul's cause to the king, saying, "There is a certain man left in bonds by Felix.

15 "When I was at Jerusalem, the chief priests and the elders of the Jews spoke out against Paul to me, desiring to have a judgment against him.

16 "I answered them, 'It is not the manner of the Romans to deliver any man to die, before he is face to face with the accusers and has the freedom to answer for himself concerning the crime laid against him.'

17 "Therefore, when they came here, without any delay the next day I sat on the judgment seat, and commanded the man to be brought forth.

18 "When the accusers stood up, they did not bring the accusations that I supposed they would.

19 "Instead they argued with him about certain questions rising out of their own superstition, and about a man named Jesus, who was dead, but whom Paul affirmed to be alive.

20 "And because I doubted that I could make a decision on such matters, I asked Paul whether he would go to Jerusalem, and there be judged of these matters.

21 "But when Paul requested a hearing before Caesar Augustus, I commanded Paul to be kept secure till I might send him to Caesar."

22 Then Agrippa said to Festus, "I would also like to hear the man, myself." Festus replied, "Tomorrow you shall hear him."

<p>23 And on the morrow, when Agrippa was come, and Bernice, with great pomp, and was entered into the place of hearing, with the chief captains, and principal men of the city, at Festus' commandment Paul was brought forth.</p> <p>24 And Festus said, King Agrippa, and all men which are here present with us, ye see this man, about whom all the multitude of the Jews have dealt with me, both at Jerusalem, and also here, crying that he ought not to live any longer.</p> <p>25 But when I found that he had committed nothing worthy of death, and that he himself hath appealed to Augustus, I have determined to send him.</p> <p>26 Of whom I have no certain thing to write unto my lord. Wherefore I have brought him forth before you, and specially before thee, O king Agrippa, that, after examination had, I might have somewhat to write.</p> <p>27 For it seemeth to me unreasonable to send a prisoner, and not withal to signify the crimes laid against him.</p>	<p>23 And the next day, when Agrippa, accompanied by his sister Bernice came, with great pomp, and entered into the place where hearings were held, with the chief captains, and principal men of the city, at Festus' command Paul was brought forth.</p> <p>24 And Festus said, "King Agrippa, and all the people who are here present with us, you see this man, about whom the multitude of the Jews have dealt with me, both at Jerusalem, and also here, crying out that he ought not to live any longer.</p> <p>25 "But when I found that he had committed nothing worthy of death, and that he himself has appealed to Caesar Augustus, I have determined to send him there.</p> <p>26 "I have no certain thing to write to my lord of Paul. Therefore, I have brought him forth before you, and especially before you, O king Agrippa, that, after your examination, I might have something to write.</p> <p>27 "For it seems to me unreasonable to send a prisoner to Rome, and not to specify the crimes laid against him."</p>
<p>26:1 Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Thou art permitted to speak for thyself. Then Paul stretched forth the hand, and answered for himself:</p> <p>2 I think myself happy, king Agrippa, because I shall answer for myself this day before thee touching all the things whereof I am accused of the Jews:</p> <p>3 Especially because I know thee to be expert in all customs and questions which are among the Jews: wherefore I beseech thee to hear me patiently.</p> <p>4 My manner of life from my youth, which was at the first among mine own nation at Jerusalem, know all the Jews;</p> <p>5 Which knew me from the beginning, if they would testify, that after the most straitest sect of our religion I lived a Pharisee.</p> <p>6 And now I stand and am judged for the hope of the promise made of God unto our fathers:</p> <p>7 Unto which promise our twelve tribes, instantly serving God day and night, hope to come. For which hope's sake, king Agrippa, I am accused of the Jews.</p>	<p>Paul defends himself before King Agrippa and Bernice</p> <p>26:1 Then Agrippa said to Paul, "You are permitted to speak for yourself." Then Paul stretched forth his hand, motioning for silence, and answered for himself.</p> <p>2 "I consider myself fortunate, King Agrippa, that I may speak for myself today before you regarding all the things that I am accused of by the Jews.</p> <p>3 "Especially because I know you to be expert in all customs and questions among the Jews, I ask you to hear me patiently.</p> <p>4 "My manner of life from my youth, which was at first among my own nation at Jerusalem, all the Jews know.</p> <p>5 "Those who knew me from the beginning, if they would testify, knew that I lived as a Pharisee as a member of the strictest sect of our religion.</p> <p>6 "And now I stand and am judged for the hope of the promise made by Yahweh to our ancestors.</p> <p>7 "Our twelve tribes, constantly serving Yahweh day and night, hope to achieve the fulfillment of His promised blessing. For which hope's sake, King</p>

8 Why should it be thought a thing incredible with you, that God should raise the dead?

9 I verily thought with myself, that I ought to do many things contrary to the name of Jesus of Nazareth.

10 Which thing I also did in Jerusalem: and many of the saints did I shut up in prison, having received authority from the chief priests; and when they were put to death, I gave my voice against them.

11 And I punished them oft in every synagogue, and compelled them to blaspheme; and being exceedingly mad against them, I persecuted them even unto strange cities.

12 Whereupon as I went to Damascus with authority and commission from the chief priests,
13 At midday, O king, I saw in the way a light from heaven, above the brightness of the sun, shining round about me and them which journeyed with me.

14 And when we were all fallen to the earth, I heard a voice speaking unto me, and saying in the Hebrew tongue, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.

15 And I said, Who art thou, Lord? And he said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest.

16 But rise, and stand upon thy feet: for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee;

17 Delivering thee from the people, and from the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee,

18 To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.

19 Whereupon, O king Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision:

20 But shewed first unto them of Damascus, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the coasts of Judaea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance.

21 For these causes the Jews caught me in the

Agrippa, I am accused by the Jews.

8 "Why should it be thought incredible to you, that Yahweh should raise the dead?"

9 "I formerly thought that I ought to act to destroy belief in the name of Jesus of Nazareth.

10 "These things I did in Jerusalem: I shut up many of the followers of Jesus in prison, having received authority from the chief priests; and when they were put to death, I testified against them.

11 "And I punished them often in every synagogue, and tried to compel them to deny their faith. And being exceedingly furious against them, I persecuted them even to other cities.

12 "I went to Damascus with authority and commission from the chief priests to put in bonds the Jews who followed Jesus.

13 "About noon, O king, on the road I saw a light from heaven greater than the brightness of the sun, shining around me and those who journeyed with me.

14 "And when we had all fallen to the earth, I heard a voice speaking to me, saying in the Hebrew language, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me? It is hard for you to kick against the pricks.'⁹⁷

15 "And I asked, who are you, Lord?' And he said, 'I am Jesus whom you persecute.

16 "But rise, and stand upon your feet, for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to make you a minister and a witness both of those things which you have seen, and of those things in which I will appear to you.

17 "I will deliver you from the people, and from the Gentiles, to whom I now send you,

18 "to open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to Yahweh so that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in me.'

19 "O King Agrippa, I was obedient to the heavenly vision.

20 "For I showed first to those at Damascus, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the rest of the land of Judea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to Yahweh, and do works indicating their repentance.

21 "For these causes the Jews caught me in the

<p>temple, and went about to kill me. 22 Having therefore obtained help of God, I continue unto this day, witnessing both to small and great, saying none other things than those which the prophets and Moses did say should come: 23 That Christ should suffer, and that he should be the first that should rise from the dead, and should shew light unto the people, and to the Gentiles. 、 、 24 And as he thus spake for himself, Festus said with a loud voice, Paul, thou art beside thyself; much learning doth make thee mad. 25 But he said, I am not mad, most noble Festus; but speak forth the words of truth and soberness. 、 26 For the king knoweth of these things, before whom also I speak freely: for I am persuaded that none of these things are hidden from him; for this thing was not done in a corner. 27 King Agrippa, believest thou the prophets? I know that thou believest. 28 Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian. 29 And Paul said, I would to God, that not only thou, but also all that hear me this day, were both almost, and altogether such as I am, except these bonds. 、 、 30 And when he had thus spoken, the king rose up, and the governor, and Bernice, and they that sat with them: 31 And when they were gone aside, they talked between themselves, saying, This man doeth nothing worthy of death or of bonds. 32 Then said Agrippa unto Festus, This man might have been set at liberty, if he had not appealed unto Caesar.</p>	<p>temple and went about trying to kill me. 22 “Therefore, with the help of Yahweh, I continue to this day, witnessing both to low and high persons. What I am saying is exactly the same as what the prophets and Moses said should happen: 23 “that Christ Jesus should suffer, and that he should be the first to rise from the dead, and should show light to the people, and to the Gentiles.”⁹⁸ 、 、 <p style="text-align: center;">Festus responds</p> 24 And as Paul thus spoke for himself, Festus exclaimed, “Paul, you are out of your mind; too much learning has made you crazy.” 25 But Paul said, “I have not lost my mind, most noble Festus, but rather I speak forth the words of truth and soberness. 26 “For the king, before whom I speak freely, knows these things, for I am confident that none of this has been hidden from him, for none of these things have been hidden. 27 “King Agrippa, do you believe the prophets? I know that you believe.” 28 Then Agrippa said to Paul, “You almost persuade me to be a Christian.” 29 And Paul said, “I pray to God, that not only you, but also all who hear me today, would be just as I am, except for these bonds.” 、 、 <p style="text-align: center;">King Agrippa and Governor Festus talk</p> 30 And when Paul had said this, the king, as well as the governor and Bernice and those who sat with them, rose up. 31 And when they had gone aside, they talked between themselves, saying, “This man has done nothing worthy of death or of bonds.” 32 Then Agrippa said to Festus, “This man might have been set at liberty, if he had not appealed to Caesar.”</p>
<p>、 27:1 And when it was determined that we should sail into Italy, they delivered Paul and certain other prisoners unto one named Julius, a centurion of Augustus' band. 、 2 And entering into a ship of Adramyttium, we</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Paul begins the journey toward Rome</p> 27:1 And when it was determined that we should sail to Italy, they delivered Paul and certain other prisoners to a centurion named Julius, who was over the Roman army regiment known as Augustus' regiment. ⁹⁹ 2 And entering into a ship of Adramyttium, we

launched, meaning to sail by the coasts of Asia; one Aristarchus, a Macedonian of Thessalonica, being with us.

3 And the next day we touched at Sidon. And Julius courteously entreated Paul, and gave him liberty to go unto his friends to refresh himself.

4 And when we had launched from thence, we sailed under Cyprus, because the winds were contrary.

5 And when we had sailed over the sea of Cilicia and Pamphylia, we came to Myra, a city of Lycia.

6 And there the centurion found a ship of Alexandria sailing into Italy; and he put us therein.

7 And when we had sailed slowly many days, and scarce were come over against Cnidus, the wind not suffering us, we sailed under Crete, over against Salmone;

8 And, hardly passing it, came unto a place which is called The fair havens; nigh whereunto was the city of Lasea.

9 Now when much time was spent, and when sailing was now dangerous, because the fast was now already past, Paul admonished them,

10 And said unto them, Sirs, I perceive that this voyage will be with hurt and much damage, not only of the lading and ship, but also of our lives.

11 Nevertheless the centurion believed the master and the owner of the ship, more than those things which were spoken by Paul.

12 And because the haven was not commodious to winter in, the more part advised to depart thence also, if by any means they might attain to Phenice, and there to winter; which is an haven of Crete, and lieth toward the south west and north west.

13 And when the south wind blew softly, supposing that they had obtained their purpose, loosing thence, they sailed close by Crete.

14 But not long after there arose against it a tempestuous wind, called Euroclydon.

15 And when the ship was caught, and could not bear up into the wind, we let her drive.

16 And running under a certain island which is

launched, meaning to sail by the coasts of the Roman Province of Asia, Aristarchus, a Macedonian of Thessalonica, being with us.

3 And the next day we touched at Sidon. And Julius treated Paul courteously, and gave him liberty to go to his friends to refresh himself.

4 And when we had launched from there, we sailed on the side of Cyprus which sheltered us from the winds, because the winds were contrary.

5 And when we had sailed over the sea of Cilicia and Pamphylia, we came to Myra, a city of Lycia.

6 And there the centurion found a ship of Alexandria sailing to Italy, and he put us in it.

7 And when we had sailed slowly many days, and had hardly come to Cnidus, the wind being against us, we sailed on the sheltered side of Crete, passing by Salmone.

8 After just passing it, we came to a place which is called The Fair Havens, near the city of Lasea.

9 Now after much time was spent, and when sailing had become dangerous, because the Day of Atonement¹⁰⁰ was already past, Paul warned the ship's sailors,

10 and said to them, "Sirs, I perceive that this voyage will be with trouble, and we will risk losing not only the cargo and ship, but also our lives."

11 Nevertheless the centurion believed the master and the owner of the ship, more than what was spoken by Paul.

12 And because The Fair Haven was not a pleasant harbor to winter in, most of the people on the ship wanted to depart from there and sail to Phoenix, which would be a much more pleasant place to winter. Phoenix has a harbor on Crete, which lies toward the southwest and northwest.

13 And when the south wind blew softly, they thought that all was well, and, they loosed from there and sailed close by Crete.

A fierce wind rises against the ship

14 But not long after, a tempestuous wind, a Northeaster, called Euroclydon, rose against the ship.

15 And when the ship was caught, and could not sail up into the wind, we let her drive before the wind.

16 And sailing under the shelter of a certain island

called Clauda, we had much work to come by the boat:

17 Which when they had taken up, they used helps, undergirding the ship; and, fearing lest they should fall into the quicksands, strake sail, and so were driven.

18 And we being exceedingly tossed with a tempest, the next day they lightened the ship;

19 And the third day we cast out with our own hands the tackling of the ship.

20 And when neither sun nor stars in many days appeared, and no small tempest lay on us, all hope that we should be saved was then taken away.

21 But after long abstinence Paul stood forth in the midst of them, and said, Sirs, ye should have hearkened unto me, and not have loosed from Crete, and to have gained this harm and loss.

22 And now I exhort you to be of good cheer: for there shall be no loss of any man's life among you, but of the ship.

23 For there stood by me this night the angel of God, whose I am, and whom I serve,

24 Saying, Fear not, Paul; thou must be brought before Caesar: and, lo, God hath given thee all them that sail with thee.

25 Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer: for I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me.

26 Howbeit we must be cast upon a certain island.

27 But when the fourteenth night was come, as we were driven up and down in Adria, about midnight the shipmen deemed that they drew near to some country;

28 And sounded, and found it twenty fathoms: and when they had gone a little further, they sounded again, and found it fifteen fathoms.

29 Then fearing lest we should have fallen upon rocks, they cast four anchors out of the stern, and wished for the day.

30 And as the shipmen were about to flee out of the ship, when they had let down the boat into the sea, under colour as though they would have cast

which is called Cauda, we had much work to secure the lifeboat.

17 After they had taken up the lifeboat, they fastened some ropes around the ship. And, fearing that they might run aground, they lowered the sails and let the boat be driven before the wind.

18 And we being exceedingly tossed with a tempest, the next day they lightened the ship by tossing out cargo.

19 And the third day we cast out with our own hands the rigging of the ship that we could spare.

20 And when neither sun nor stars appeared for many days, and the tempest still beat hard on us, we lost all hope that we would be saved.

21 But after no one had eaten in a long time, Paul stood forth in the midst of them, and said, "Sirs, you should have listened to me, and not have sailed from Crete, resulting in this harm and loss.

22 "But now I urge you to be of good cheer, for there will be no loss of life among you; but the ship will be lost.

23 "For the angel of God, whose I am and whom I serve, stood by me this night."

24 "And the angel said, 'Do not be afraid, Paul; you must be brought before Caesar. And, behold, God has given you the lives of all those who sail with you.'

25 "Therefore, sirs, be of good cheer; for I believe God, that all shall happen just as God told me.

26 "However, we must be cast upon a certain island."

27 But when the fourteenth night came, as we were driven up and down in the Mediterranean Sea, about midnight the sailors believed that we were drawing near to some country.

28 And they measured the depth, and found that the water was one hundred twenty feet deep. And when they had gone a little further, they dropped a line again, and found the water to be ninety feet deep.

29 Then fearing that the ship would be driven upon the rocks, the sailors cast four anchors out of the stern, and wished for daylight.

30 And the sailors were about to flee out of the ship, letting down the lifeboat into the sea, pretending that they wanted to cast anchors out of the front of

<p>anchors out of the foreship, 31 Paul said to the centurion and to the soldiers, Except these abide in the ship, ye cannot be saved. `</p> <p>32 Then the soldiers cut off the ropes of the boat, and let her fall off. 33 And while the day was coming on, Paul besought them all to take meat, saying, This day is the fourteenth day that ye have tarried and continued fasting, having taken nothing. 34 Wherefore I pray you to take some meat: for this is for your health: for there shall not an hair fall from the head of any of you. 35 And when he had thus spoken, he took bread, and gave thanks to God in presence of them all: and when he had broken it, he began to eat. 36 Then were they all of good cheer, and they also took some meat. 37 And we were in all in the ship two hundred threescore and sixteen souls. 38 And when they had eaten enough, they lightened the ship, and cast out the wheat into the sea. 39 And when it was day, they knew not the land: but they discovered a certain creek with a shore, into the which they were minded, if it were possible, to thrust in the ship. `</p> <p>40 And when they had taken up the anchors, they committed themselves unto the sea, and loosed the rudder bands, and hoised up the mainsail to the wind, and made toward shore. 41 And falling into a place where two seas met, they ran the ship aground; and the forepart stuck fast, and remained unmoveable, but the hinder part was broken with the violence of the waves. 42 And the soldiers' counsel was to kill the prisoners, lest any of them should swim out, and escape. 43 But the centurion, willing to save Paul, kept them from their purpose; and commanded that they which could swim should cast themselves first into the sea, and get to land: 44 And the rest, some on boards, and some on broken pieces of the ship. And so it came to pass, that they escaped all safe to land. `</p>	<p>the ship. 31 And Paul said to the centurion and to the soldiers, "Unless the sailors stay in the ship, you cannot be saved." 32 Then the soldiers cut off the ropes of the lifeboat, and let the lifeboat fall off the ship. 33 And while the light of day was coming on, Paul urged them all to eat, saying, "Today is the fourteenth day that you have spent without eating anything. 34 "Therefore I urge you to eat some food, for this is for your health; for not a hair will fall from the head of any of you." 35 And when he had thus spoken, he took bread, and gave thanks to God in the presence of them all, and when he had broken the bread, he began to eat. 36 Then they were all of good cheer, and they also ate some food. 37 And there were in the ship, two hundred seventy-six persons.¹⁰¹ 38 And when they had eaten enough, they lightened the ship by casting out the wheat into the sea. 39 And when it was day, the sailors did not recognize the coast of the land they saw; but they discovered a certain creek on the shore, into which they intended, if it were possible, to thrust in the ship. 40 And when they had taken up the anchors, they committed themselves to the sea, and loosed the bands that had tied the rudder, and hoisted up the mainsail to the wind, and made toward shore. 41 And sailing into a place where two seas met, they ran the ship aground. The bow of the ship stuck fast, and remained immoveable, but the stern of the ship was broken with the violence of the waves. 42 And the soldiers' plan was to kill the prisoners, lest any of them should swim to shore and then escape. 43 But the centurion, wanting to save Paul, kept the soldiers from their purpose, and commanded that those who could swim should cast themselves first into the sea and get to land. 44 And the rest, some on boards, and some on broken pieces of the ship, should make their way toward the shore. And so it came to pass that they all escaped safely to land.</p>
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<p>28:1 And when they were escaped, then they knew that the island was called Melita.</p> <p>2 And the barbarous people shewed us no little kindness: for they kindled a fire, and received us every one, because of the present rain, and because of the cold.</p> <p>3 And when Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks, and laid them on the fire, there came a viper out of the heat, and fastened on his hand.</p> <p>4 And when the barbarians saw the venomous beast hang on his hand, they said among themselves, No doubt this man is a murderer, whom, though he hath escaped the sea, yet vengeance suffereth not to live.</p> <p>5 And he shook off the beast into the fire, and felt no harm.</p> <p>6 Howbeit they looked when he should have swollen, or fallen down dead suddenly: but after they had looked a great while, and saw no harm come to him, they changed their minds, and said that he was a god.</p> <p>7 In the same quarters were possessions of the chief man of the island, whose name was Publius; who received us, and lodged us three days courteously.</p> <p>8 And it came to pass, that the father of Publius lay sick of a fever and of a bloody flux: to whom Paul entered in, and prayed, and laid his hands on him, and healed him.</p> <p>9 So when this was done, others also, which had diseases in the island, came, and were healed:</p> <p>10 Who also honoured us with many honours; and when we departed, they laded us with such things as were necessary.</p> <p>11 And after three months we departed in a ship of Alexandria, which had wintered in the isle, whose sign was Castor and Pollux.</p> <p>12 And landing at Syracuse, we tarried there three days.</p> <p>13 And from thence we fetched a compass, and came to Rhegium: and after one day the south wind blew, and we came the next day to Puteoli:</p>	<p>Paul is shipwrecked on the island of Malta</p> <p>28:1 And when they had escaped, they found out that the island was called <i>Melita</i> (Malta).</p> <p>2 And the barbarous people there showed us great kindness, for they kindled a fire, and welcomed us all, because of the rain and because of the cold.</p> <p>3 And when Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks and laid them on the fire, a viper came out of the heat and fastened itself on his hand.¹⁰²</p> <p>4 And when the barbarians saw the venomous snake hang on his hand, they said among themselves, “No doubt this man is a murderer, whom, though he has escaped the sea, yet justice does not allow to live.”</p> <p>5 And Paul shook off the snake into the fire and did not feel any harm.</p> <p>6 The islanders thought Paul’s hand would have swollen, or he would have fallen down dead suddenly. But after they had watched a long while, and did not see any harm come to him, they changed their minds and said that he was a god.</p> <p>7 In this same area were the possessions of the chief man of the island, whose name was Publius. He courteously received us and gave us shelter for three days.</p> <p>8 And it came to pass, that the father of Publius lay sick with a fever and dysentery. And Paul went in to the old man, and prayed, and laid his hands on the old man, and healed him.</p> <p>9 So when this was done, others who had diseases in the island came and were healed.</p> <p>10 And they honored us in many ways, and when we departed, they gave us gifts of such things as were necessary for our well-being.</p> <p>Paul is put on another ship headed west</p> <p>11 And after three months we departed in a ship of Alexandria, which had wintered in the isle. The ship had the twin gods Castor and Pollux as its figurehead.</p> <p>12 And landing at Syracuse, we tarried there three days.</p> <p>13 And from there we sailed by the compass to Rhegium; and after one day the south wind blew, and we came the next day to Puteoli.</p>
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14 Where we found brethren, and were desired to tarry with them seven days: and so we went toward Rome.

15 And from thence, when the brethren heard of us, they came to meet us as far as Appii forum, and The three taverns: whom when Paul saw, he thanked God, and took courage.

16 And when we came to Rome, the centurion delivered the prisoners to the captain of the guard: but Paul was suffered to dwell by himself with a soldier that kept him.

17 And it came to pass, that after three days Paul called the chief of the Jews together: and when they were come together, he said unto them, Men and brethren, though I have committed nothing against the people, or customs of our fathers, yet was I delivered prisoner from Jerusalem into the hands of the Romans.

18 Who, when they had examined me, would have let me go, because there was no cause of death in me.

19 But when the Jews spake against it, I was constrained to appeal unto Caesar; not that I had ought to accuse my nation of.

20 For this cause therefore have I called for you, to see you, and to speak with you: because that for the hope of Israel I am bound with this chain.

21 And they said unto him, We neither received letters out of Judaea concerning thee, neither any of the brethren that came shewed or spake any harm of thee.

22 But we desire to hear of thee what thou thinkest: for as concerning this sect, we know that every where it is spoken against.

23 And when they had appointed him a day, there came many to him into his lodging; to whom he expounded and testified the kingdom of God, persuading them concerning Jesus, both out of the law of Moses, and out of the prophets, from morning till evening.

24 And some believed the things which were spoken, and some believed not.

14 There we found fellow believers, who wanted us to stay with them for seven days; and so we went toward Rome.

15 And when the followers of Jesus at Rome heard of us, they came from Rome to meet us as far as the Forum of Appius, and the Three Taverns, to welcome us. And when Paul saw them, he thanked God, and took courage.

Paul arrives in Rome

16 And when we came to Rome, the centurion delivered the prisoners to the captain of the guard. But Paul was allowed to dwell by himself with a soldier who guarded him.

17 And it came to pass after three days, that Paul called the local leaders of the Jews together, and when they had come together, he said to them, "Fellow Jews, though I have not done anything against the people of Israel, or customs of our ancestors, yet I was delivered prisoner from Jerusalem into the hands of the Roman governor.

18 "After the governor had examined me, he would have let me go, because I had done nothing punishable by death.

19 "But when the Jews spoke against it, I had no choice but to appeal to Caesar, not that I had anything to accuse my nation of.

20 "Therefore for this reason I have called for you, to see you and to speak with you, because for him for whom Israel hopes I am bound with this chain."

21 And they said to him, "We have not received letters out of Judea concerning you, nor did any of the Jews who came say anything against you.

22 "But we desire to hear from you what you think, for concerning this sect, we know that everywhere it is spoken against."

In Rome, Paul explains the kingdom of Yahweh

23 So they set a day; and many came to him to his lodging, and Paul explained and testified regarding the kingdom of Yahweh, persuading them concerning Jesus both out of the law of Moses and out of the prophets, from morning till evening.

24 And some believed what Paul said, and some did not.

25 And when they did not agree among

<p>25 And when they agreed not among themselves, they departed, after that Paul had spoken one word, Well spake the Holy Ghost by Esaias the prophet unto our fathers,</p> <p>26 Saying, Go unto this people, and say, Hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and not perceive:</p> <p>27 For the heart of this people is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes have they closed; lest they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.</p> <p>28 Be it known therefore unto you, that the salvation of God is sent unto the Gentiles, and that they will hear it.</p> <p>29 And when he had said these words, the Jews departed, and had great reasoning among themselves.</p> <p>30 And Paul dwelt two whole years in his own hired house, and received all that came in unto him,</p> <p>31 Preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence, no man forbidding him.</p>	<p>themselves, they left, after Paul had said this: "The Holy Ghost (Holy Spirit) well spoke by Isaiah the prophet to our ancestors,</p> <p>26 "telling Isaiah to go to this people, and say,¹⁰³ 'Hearing you will hear, and not understand; and seeing you will see, and not perceive.</p> <p>27 "For the heart of this people has grown gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and they have closed their eyes lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and should be converted and I should heal them."</p> <p>28 Paul said further, "Therefore know, that the salvation of Yahweh is being sent to the Gentiles, and they will hear it."</p> <p>29 And when Paul had said these words, the Jews departed, and had great arguments among themselves.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Paul lives for two years in Rome</p> <p>30 And Paul lived for two whole years in his own rented house, and received all who came to him,</p> <p>31 preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence, no one forbidding him.</p>
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¹ Orthodox Jews were not permitted to go much beyond a half mile from their houses on the Sabbath day.

² (1:20) Psalms 69:25; 109:8

³ (2:16) Joel 2:28-32 (LXX)

⁴ (2:25-28) Psalms 16:8-11

⁵ (2:30) Psalms 132:11; 2 Samuel 7:12

⁶ (2:34, 35) Psalms 110:1

⁷ (3:22) Deuteronomy 18:15, 18 (LXX)

⁸ (3:23) Deuteronomy 18, 19

⁹ (3:25) Genesis 22:18

¹⁰ (4:11) Psalms 118:22

¹¹ (4:24) Exodus 20:11; Nehemiah 9:6; Psalms 146:6

¹² (4:25, 26) Psalms 2:1, 2 (LXX)

¹³ (4:34) The disciples had the false belief that the world was about to end.

¹⁴ (7:2, 3) Genesis 12:1

¹⁵ (7:4a) Genesis 11:31

¹⁶ (7:4b) Genesis 12:4

¹⁷ (7:5) Genesis 12:7; 13:15; 15:18; 17:8

¹⁸ (7:6) Genesis 15:13

¹⁹ (7:7) Exodus 3:12

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- 20 (7:8a) Genesis 17:10-14
- 21 (7:8b) Genesis 21: 2-4
- 22 (7:8c) Genesis 25:26
- 23 (7:8d) Genesis 29:31-35:18
- 24 (7:9a) Genesis 37:11
- 25 (7:9b) Genesis 37:28
- 26 (7:9c) Genesis 39:2, 21
- 27 (7:10) Genesis 41:39-41
- 28 (7:11) Genesis 42:1, 2
- 29 (7:13a) Genesis 45:1
- 30 (7:13b) Genesis 45:16
- 31 (7:14a) Genesis 45:9, 10, 17, 18;
- 32 (7:14b) Genesis 46:27 (LXX)
- 33 (7:15a) Genesis 46:1-7
- 34 (7:15b) Genesis 49:33
- 35 (7:16) Genesis 23:3-16; 33:19; 50:7-13; Joshua 24:32
- 36 (7:17, 18) Exodus 1:7, 8
- 37 (7:19a) Exodus 1:10, 11
- 38 (7:19b) Exodus 1:22
- 39 (7:20) Exodus 2:2
- 40 (7:21) Exodus 2:3-10
- 41 (7:23-29) Exodus 2:11-15
- 42 (7:29) Exodus 18:3, 4
- 43 (7:30-34) Exodus 3:1-10
- 44 (7:34) This verse refers to Yahweh, who is presented as a finite Deity, not an omnipresent God, since Yahweh would come down to the earth in order to aid the children of Israel.
- 45 (7:35) Exodus 2:14
- 46 (7:36a) Exodus 7:3
- 47 (7:36b) Exodus 14:21
- 48 (7:36c) Numbers 14:33
- 49 (7:37) Deuteronomy 18:15, 18
- 50 (7:38) Exodus 19:1-20:17; Deuteronomy 5:1-33
- 51 (7:40) Exodus 32:1
- 52 (7:41) Exodus 32:2-6
- 53 (7:42, 43) Amos 5:25-27 (LXX)
- 54 (7:44) Exodus 25:9-40
- 55 (7:46) 2 Samuel 7:1-16; 1 Chronicles 17:1-14
- 56 (7:47) 1 Kings 6:1-38; 2Chronicles 3:1-17
- 57 (7:49, 50) Isaiah 66:1, 2
- 58 (7:51) Isaiah 63:10
- 59 (8:5) The capital of Samaria was the city of Samaria.
- 60 (8:32, 33) Isaiah 53:7, 8 (LXX)
- 61 (9:5) The phrase, " it is hard for you to kick against the pricks" is not in the original manuscripts at this location. This phrase was added during the Middle Ages. I think, though, that it is an inspired phrase: human beings are always kicking against the pricks, resisting spiritual growth. So I included this phrase in the 2019 KJV.
- 62 (9:23-25) 2 Corinthians 11:32, 33

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- 63 (10:34) Deuteronomy 10:17
- 64 (13:17a) Exodus 1:7
- 65 13:17b Exodus 12:51
- 66 (13:18 Numbers 14:34; Deuteronomy 1:31
- 67 (13:19a) Deuteronomy 7:1
- 68 (13:19b) Joshua 14:1
- 69 (13:20a) Judges 2:16
- 70 (13:20b) 1 Samuel 3:20
- 71 (13:21a) 1 Samuel 8:5
- 72 (13:21b) 1 Samuel 10:21
- 73 (13:22a) 1 Samuel 13:14
- 74 (13:22b) 1 Samuel 16:12; Psalms 89:20
- 75 (13:33) Psalms 2:7
- 76 (13:34) Isaiah 55:3 (LXX)
- 77 (13:35) Psalms 16:10
- 78 (13:41) Habakkuk 1:5 (LXX)
- 79 (13:47) Isaiah 42:6; 49:6
- 80 (14:15) Exodus 20:11; Psalms 146:6
- 81 Judaizers were Jewish Christians who believed Christians should obey the law of Moses.
- 82 (15:1) Leviticus 12:3
- 83 (15:15) "Yahweh" is what the Israelites conceptualized as the materialistic Supreme Ruler or Deity of the universe.
- 84 (15:16-18) Amos 9:11,12 (LXX)
- 85 (15:20a) Exodus 34:15-17
- 86 (15:20b) Leviticus 17:10-16
- 87 (17:24, 25) 1 Kings 8:27; Isaiah 42:5
- 88 (17:28) This quotation is not from the Bible.
- 89 (18:18) Numbers 6:13, 19 Normally, Jews shaved their heads as a sign that a vow had been kept. Paul may have shaved his head as a sign that a vow would be kept. It has been said that his haircut "symbolizes a pious Jew's vow to maintain the purity of his consecrated relations with God."
- 90 (19:19) A silver coin was the daily wage of a farm laborer.
- 91 (20:24) 2 Timothy 4:7
- 92 (21:23, 24) Numbers 6:13-21
- 93 (22:3) When Paul was trying to portray himself as an observant Jew to his fellow Jews, he probably would have spoken to them, using the concept of "Yahweh," the traditional Jewish concept of the Supreme Ruler or Deity of the universe.
- 94 (22:28) Paul's father or grandfather may have become a Roman citizen as a result of service to the Roman emperor or empire.
- 95 (23:1) When Paul was trying to portray himself as an observant Jew to his fellow Jews, he probably would have spoken to them, using the concept of "Yahweh," the traditional Jewish concept of the Supreme Ruler or Deity of the universe.
- 96 (23:5) Exodus 22:28
- 97 (26:14) The phrase, "it is hard for you to kick against the pricks" is in the original manuscripts.
- 98 (26:23) Isaiah 42:6; 49:6
- 99 (27:1) The regiment contained approximately six hundred soldiers.
- 100 (27:9) The Day of Atonement came in late September or early October when sailing in a small sailing vessel on the Mediterranean Sea became dangerous~~80~~ because of worsening weather.

¹⁰¹ (27:37) Some manuscripts have “about seventy-six persons” in the ship.

¹⁰² 28:3 There are no snakes on Malta. The author of Acts forgot where Paul was when he was bitten.

¹⁰³ (28:26, 27) Isaiah 6:9, 10 (LXX)