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- 1) God, the Eternal Father, the Creator and Sustainer of all existence
- 2) The Holy Spirit, the seven Spirits of God who are before his throne,
who continually convict us of sin, righteousness, and the coming Judgment
- 3) Jesus Christ, the Eternal Son of God, the Lord and Savior of all mankind

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1 The first account I composed, Theophilus, concerning all [those things] which Jesus began both to do and to teach

2 until [the] day on which he was taken up, after [he] gave commands through [the] Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen,

3 to whom he also presented himself alive with many convincing proofs after he suffered, while appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the [things which were] about the kingdom of God;

4 and while [he] was assembling with them, he commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, **“which you heard from me,**

5 **“for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with [the] Holy Spirit not many days from now!”**

6 So, then, when [they] came together, they began questioning him, saying, “Lord, are you at this time restoring the kingdom to Israel?”

7 And he said to them, **“It does not belong to you to know times or seasons which the Father fixed by his own authority;**

8 **“but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be witnesses for me both in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to [the] end of the earth.”**

9 And after [he] said these [things], while [they] were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him up out of their sight².

10 And while they were looking intently at the heavens while he was going, behold³, two men in white clothing stood by them,

11 who also said, “Men, Galileans, why do you stand [here] while looking at the heavens? This Jesus who was taken up from you into the heavens⁴ will come as follows, [in the] manner in which you saw him go into the heavens⁵.

12 Then they returned to Jerusalem from [the] mountain which was called Olive Grove, which is near Jerusalem, a journey of a Sabbath away⁶.

13 And when they came in, they went up to the upper [room] where they were staying: both Peter and James and John and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James [the son] of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas [the son]⁷ of James.

14 These all were devoting themselves with one mind to prayer and to supplication, with women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

15 And in these days Peter stood up in [the] midst of the disciples [and] said (and a crowd of about a hundred [and] twenty names was in the same [place]),

16 “Men, brothers, it was necessary for this scripture to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke in advance through [the] mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus:

17 **“He was numbered with us and he obtained [his] portion of this ministry.”**

18 (So, then, this [man] acquired a field with the wages of unrighteousness, and [he] fell⁸ headfirst [and] burst open in [the] middle, and all his inward parts gushed out;

19 (and it became known to all those who were inhabiting Jerusalem, with the result that in their own language that field was called Hakeldama (that is, [The] Field of Blood).)

20 “For it is written in [the] book of Psalms, ‘Let his residence become desolate, and let there be no man who dwells in it,’ and, ‘May another [man] receive his position.’

21 “Therefore of the men who came with us during [the] whole time during which the Lord Jesus went in and went out among us,

22 “beginning from the baptism of John until the day on which he was taken up from us, it is necessary for one of these [men] to become with us a witness of his resurrection.”

23 So they proposed two: Joseph who was called Barsabas, who was called Justus, and Matthias.

24 Then they prayed [and] said, “You, Lord, knower of the hearts of all [men], show clearly which one of these two you chose

25 “to receive the portion of this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.”

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

1) lit, “not after these many days”

2) lit, “eyes”

3) lit, “and behold”

4) or, “heaven”

5) or, “heaven”

6) lit, “having a journey of a Sabbath”

7) or, “brother”

8) lit, “being”

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, 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; inso-much 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.

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1 Now while the day of Pentecost was being completed, they all were with one mind in the same [place].
 2 Then suddenly a sound as [the sound] of a violent rushing wind came from the heavens and filled the whole house where they were sitting;
 3 and divided tongues as [tongues] of fire appeared to them, and it sat down upon each one of them;
 4 and they all were filled with [the] Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages to the degree that the Spirit was giving utterance¹ to them.
 5 Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation which [was] under the heavens.
 6 And when this sound came, the multitude came together and were confused, because each one was hearing them speaking in his own language.
 7 And they all were astonished and were marveling, saying to one another, "Behold, all these who are speaking are Galileans, are they not?"
 8 "How [is it], then, [that] we, each [man], hear [them] in our own language in which we were born?"
 9 "Parthians and Medes and Elamites, and those who inhabit Mesopotamia, both Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,
 10 [both Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya which [is] near² Cyrene, and the sojourning Romans, both Jews and proselytes,
 11 "Cretans and Arabs—we hear them speaking in our languages about the majestic [things] of God."
 12 And they all were astonished and were greatly perplexed, one³ saying to another, "What could this mean⁴?"
 13 But others mocking were saying, "They are filled with sweet new wine."
 14 But Peter stood up with the eleven [and] lifted up his voice and declared to them, "Men, Jews, and all those who inhabit Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words.
 15 "For these [men] are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is [the] third hour of the day;
 16 "but this is that which is spoken about through the prophet Joel:
 17 "And it will be in the last days, says God, I will pour out part of my Spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters will prophesy, and your young men will see visions, and your old [men] will dream dreams;
 18 "and even upon my male slaves and upon my female slaves I will pour out part of my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.
 19 "And I will produce wonders in the heavens above and signs upon the earth below: blood and fire and vapor of smoke.
 20 "The sun will be changed into darkness and the moon [will be changed] into blood before the great and splendid day of [the] Lord comes.
 21 "And it will be, every [man] who calls upon the name of [the] Lord will be saved."
 22 "Men, Israelites, hear these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a man who has been shown to you by God with powerful deeds and wonders and miracles which God performed through him in your midst, just as you yourselves also know—
 23 "this [man], [after he was] handed over according to the determined resolution and predetermination⁵ of God, [you] took [and] nailed [and] executed through [the] hands of lawless [men],
 24 "whom God raised up by bringing to an end the birth pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held back by it.
 25 "For David says with respect to him, 'I saw the Lord before me throughout all [times], for he is at my right [side] in order that I may not be shaken.
 26 "Because of this my heart was glad and my tongue exulted; and furthermore my flesh will dwell on the basis of hope,
 27 "because you will not leave my soul in [the house] of Hades, and you will not permit your holy [one] to see corruption.
 28 "You made known to me [the] ways of life; you will fill me with gladness with your presence⁶."
 29 "Men, brothers, [it is] possible to say to you with confidence concerning the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is among us to this day.

1) lit, "to utter"

2) or, "toward"

3) lit, "another"

4) lit, "to mean"

5) or, "foreknowledge"

6) lit, "face"

1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, 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.
 3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of 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.
 5 And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, 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.
 7 And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans?
 8 And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?
 9 Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judaea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia,
 10 Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes,
 11 Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.
 12 And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this?
 13 Others mocking said, These men 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:
 15 For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is [but] the third hour of the day.
 16 But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;
 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 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 because [he] was a prophet and knew that God had sworn to him with an oath that [he] would raise up the Christ from [the] fruit of his loins according to [the] flesh in order to seat [him] upon his throne,

31 "[he] foresaw [and] spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that his soul had not been left in [the house] of Hades and his flesh had not seen corruption.

32 "This Jesus God raised up, of which⁷ we all are witnesses.

33 "Therefore, after [he] was lifted up to⁸ the right [hand] of God and received the promise of the Holy Spirit from the Father, he poured out this which you are now seeing and hearing.

34 "For David did not go up into heaven, but he says, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right [side]

35 ""until I make your enemies [into] a footstool for your feet.'"

36 "Therefore let [the] whole house of Israel certainly know that God made him both [the]⁹ Lord and [the]¹⁰ Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

37 Now when [they] heard [this], they were pierced to the heart and said to Peter and the rest of [the] apostles, "What shall we do, men, brothers?"

38 Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let each [one] of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for [the] forgiveness of sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

39 "For the promise belongs to you and to your children and to all those [who are] far¹¹ away, as many as [the] Lord our God calls."

40 And he was solemnly exhorting¹² with very many other words and was appealing to [them], saying, "Be saved from this crooked generation."

41 So, then, those who had gladly accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand souls were added on that day.

42 And they were devoting themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the fellowship and to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

43 And fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and miracles were being performed through the apostles.

44 Now all the believers were in the same [place] and had all [things in] common,

45 and would sell [their] possessions¹³ and belongings and distribute them to all [men] to the degree that any [man] had need;

46 and while each day continuing with one mind in the temple and breaking bread from [house] to house¹⁴, they would take food with exultation and simplicity of heart,

47 while praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord was adding to the church each day those who were being saved.

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7) or, "whom"
8) or, "exalted by"

9) or omit
10) or omit

11) lit, "in far"

12) or, "testifying"

13) or, "pieces of proerty"

14) or, "at home"

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 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 heart,

47 Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

CHAPTER 3

1 Now Peter and John were going up to the same [place] to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth [hour].

2 And a certain man who had been crippled from [the] womb of his mother was being carried, whom they would place each day at the door of the temple which was called Beautiful to ask for alms from those who were going into the temple,

3 who, when [he] saw that Peter and John were about to go into the temple, began asking for alms.

4 And Peter looked intently at him with John [and] said, "Look at us."

5 So he began fixing his attention on them, expecting to receive some[thing] from them.

6 And Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have¹; but [that] which I have, this I give to you; in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, rise up and walk."

7 Then [he] took hold of him by the right hand [and] raised [him] up, and immediately his feet and ankles were strengthened;

8 and [he] leaped up [and] stood and began walking about, and he went with them into the temple while [he] was walking and leaping and praising God.

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

10 and they recognized him, that this [man] had been he who would sit for alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and they were filled with amazement and astonishment at that which had happened to him.

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1) lit, "do not belong to me"

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1 Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, [being] the ninth [hour].

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;

3 Who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked an alms.

4 And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us.

5 And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them.

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.

7 And he took him by the right hand, and lifted [him] up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.

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

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

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.

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11 And while the crippled [man] who had been healed was holding on to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico which was called Of Solomon, utterly amazed.

12 And Peter, when [he] saw [this], responded to the people, "Men, Israelites, why are you marveling at this? Or why are you looking intently at us as if [we] had caused him to walk by our own power or godliness?"

13 "The God of Abraham and of Isaac and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and denied² in [the] presence of Pilate after that [man]³ decided to release [him];

14 "but you denied the Holy and Righteous [One] and asked for a man, a murderer, to be given to you,

15 "and killed the Originator⁴ of life, whom God raised up from among [the] dead, of which⁵ we are witnesses.

16 "And on the basis of faith in his name, his name strengthened this [man] whom you see and know; and the faith which [is] through him gave him this completeness in the presence of you all.

17 "And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, just as your rulers also [acted in ignorance];

18 "but God, [the things] which he had foretold through [the] mouth of all his prophets, namely, that the Christ should suffer, he fulfilled in this manner.

19 "Therefore repent and return, in order that your sins may be wiped out, in order that [the] times of refreshing may come from [the] presence of the Lord

20 "and [that] he may send him who has been publicly proclaimed to you, Jesus Christ,

21 "whom it is necessary for heaven to receive until [the] times of [the] restoration of all [things], about which God spoke through [the] mouth of all his holy prophets from time immemorial.

22 "For indeed Moses said to the fathers, '[The] Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your brothers⁶; you shall listen to him in all [things] as many as he says to you.

23 "'And it will be, every soul which⁷ does not listen to that prophet will be utterly destroyed from among the people.'

24 "And also all the prophets from Samuel and those [who were] in succession, as many as spoke, also foretold these days.

25 "You are [the] sons of the prophets and of the covenant which God decreed to our fathers, saying to Abraham, 'And by your seed all the families⁸ of the earth will be blessed.'

26 "God, after [he] raised up his servant Jesus, sent him first to you in order that [he] may bless you by turning each [one of you] away from your wicked deeds."

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2) lit. "denied him"
3) or, "although that [man] had"

4) or, "Prince"
5) or, "whom"

6) or, "from among your brothers, as [he raised] me [up]"
7) lit. "whichever"

8) or, "nations"

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.

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?

13 The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, hath glorified his Son Jesus; whom ye delivered up, and denied him in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let [him] go.

14 But ye denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you;

15 And killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses.

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.

17 And now, brethren, I wot that through ignorance ye did [it], as [did] also your rulers.

18 But those things, which God before had shewed by the mouth of all his prophets, that Christ should suffer, he hath so fulfilled.

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;

20 And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you:

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.

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.

23 And it shall come to pass, [that] every soul, which will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people.

24 Yea, and all the prophets from Samuel and those that follow after, as many as have spoken, have likewise foretold of these days.

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.

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.

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

2 being greatly disturbed because they were teaching the people and were proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection which [was] from among [the] dead,

3 and they laid [their] hands upon them and put [them] in prison until the next day, for it was already evening.

4 But many of those who had heard the message believed [it], and the number of the men was about five thousand.

5 And it happened on the next day, that their rulers and elders and scribes,

6 and Hannas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and as many as were from [the] high-priestly family, were gathered together in Jerusalem;

7 and [they] set them in the midst [and] began inquiring, "By what power or by what name did you do this?"

8 Then Peter, because [he] was filled with [the] Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders of Israel,

9 "if we are being examined today on the basis of a good deed to a sick man, by what means this [man] has been restored to health,

10 "let it be known to you all and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, whom you crucified, whom God raised up from among [the] dead, by this [name] this [man] stands healthy before you.

11 "This [man] is the stone which was disdainfully rejected by you, the builders, which became [the] head of [the] corner.

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.

4 Howbeit many of them which heard the word believed; and the number of the men was about five thousand.

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,

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 "And there is no salvation in anyone else at all, for there is no other name under the heavens which is given among men by which it is necessary for us to be saved."

13 Now while [they] were observing the boldness of Peter and John, and when [they] understood that they were uneducated men and untrained men, they began marveling and began to recognize them, that they had been with Jesus;

14 and because [they] saw that the man who was healed stood with them, they had nothing to say in reply.

15 But after [they] commanded them to go out of the council room, they conferred with one another,

16 saying, "What shall we do to these men? For indeed that a remarkable miracle has been performed through them [is] evident to all those who inhabit Jerusalem, and we are not able to deny [it];

17 "but in order that it may not be spread any further¹ among the people, let us warn them with a warning to speak no more to anyone among men in this name."

18 So [they] called them in [and] ordered them not to speak or to teach at all in the name of Jesus.

19 But Peter and John responded [and] said to them, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, judge,

20 "for we are not able not to speak about [the things] which we saw and heard."

21 And after [they] threatened [them] further, they released them, because [they] did not find at all how they could punish them because of the people, for they all were glorifying God because of that which had happened;

22 for the man upon whom this miracle of healing had been performed was more than forty years [old].

23 Now after [they] were released, they went to their own [companions] and reported as many [things] as the chief priests and the elders had said to them.

24 And when [they] heard [this], they lifted up [their] voice to God with one mind and said, "Master, you [are] the God who made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all the [things which are] in them,

25 "who said through [the] mouth of David your servant, 'Why did [the] nations rage² and [the] peoples meditate upon vain [things]?'

26 "The kings of the earth appeared and the rulers were gathered together in the same [place] against the Lord and against his Christ."

27 "For on the basis of truth both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with [the] gentiles and [the] peoples of Israel, were gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed,

28 "to do as many [things] as your hand and your resolution had predetermined should happen.

29 "And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant your slaves to speak your word with all boldness,

30 "while you stretch out your hand for healing, and miracles and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus."

31 And after they prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they all were filled with [the] Holy Spirit and began speaking the word of God with boldness.

32 Now the heart and the soul of the multitude of those who believed were one; and not even one was saying that any of those things which belonged to him was his own, but all [things] were common to them.

33 And with great power the apostles were giving the testimony of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.

34 For not a needy [man] was among them, for as many as were [the] owners of lands or houses would sell [them and] bring the proceeds of those things which were sold

35 and lay [them] at the feet of the apostles; and it would be distributed to each [man] to the degree that any [man] had need.

36 And Joses, who was called Barnabas by the apostles (which, when [it] is translated, means³, "[the] son of consolation⁴"), a Levite, a Cypriot by nation,

37 because a field belonged to him, sold [it and] brought the money and laid [it] at the feet of the apostles.

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1) lit, "across more"

2) or, "are [the] nations insolent"

3) or, "which is translated"

4) or, "encouragement" or, "exhortation"

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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.

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 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,

28 For to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel determined before to be done.

29 And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word,

30 By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus.

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.

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.

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

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,

35 And laid [them] down at the apostles' feet: and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need.

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,

37 Having land, sold [it], and brought the money, and laid [it] at the apostles' feet.

ACTS 5

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1 Now a certain man, Ananias by name, with Sapphira his wife, sold a piece of property
 2 and kept back for himself part of the proceeds, while his wife also was privy to [it], and brought a certain part [and] laid [it] at the feet of the apostles.
 3 But Peter said, "Ananias, why did Satan fill your heart with the result that you lied to the Holy Spirit and kept back for yourself part of the proceeds of the piece of land?
 4 "While [it] remained, it remained to you, did it not so? And after [it] was sold, it was at your disposal, [was it not so]? Why [is it] that you placed this deed in your heart? You did not lie to men but to God."
 5 Then Ananias, while [he] was hearing these words, fell down [and] breathed his last; and great fear came upon all those who were hearing about these [things].
 6 So the young [men] rose up [and] wrapped him up and carried [him] out [and] buried [him].
 7 Now an interval of about three hours elapsed, and his wife came in, not knowing that which had happened.
 8 And Peter responded to her, "Tell me whether you sold the piece of land for so much." And she said, "Yes, for so much."
 9 Then Peter said to her, "Why [is it] that it was agreed by you to test the Spirit of [the] Lord? Behold, the feet of those who buried your husband [are] at the door, and they will carry you out."
 10 Then she immediately fell down at his feet and breathed her last, so the young men came in [and] found her dead and carried [her] out [and] buried [her] beside her husband;
 11 and great fear came upon the whole church and upon all those who were hearing about these [things].
 12 Now many miracles and wonders were being performed among the people through the hands of the apostles. And they all were with one mind in the portico of Solomon;
 13 but none of the rest dared to join them; however, the people were magnifying them.
 14 And believers were being added to the Lord¹ even more, multitudes both of men and of women,
 15 with the result that [they] were carrying out the sick into the streets and were laying [them] upon beds and pallets, in order that, while Peter was coming by, at least [his] shadow might overshadow some of them.
 16 And the multitude from the surrounding cities also were coming together to Jerusalem for the purpose of bringing [the] sick and [those] who were being troubled by unclean spirits, who all were being healed.
 17 Then the high priest and all those [who were] with him (which is [the] sect of the Sadducees) rose up [and] were filled with jealousy,
 18 and they laid their hands upon the apostles and put them in [the] public prison.
 19 But during the night [the] angel of [the] Lord opened the doors of the prison and led them out [and] said,
 20 "Go and stand [and] speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life."
 21 And when [they] heard [this], they went into the temple about daybreak and began teaching. Now the high priest and those [who were] with him, when [they] arrived, summoned the Sanhedrin and² the whole council of elders of the sons of Israel and sent to the prison in order that they might be brought.
 22 But the officers, when [they] arrived, did not find them in the prison, so [they] returned [and] reported,
 23 saying, "We found the prison locked with all security and the guards standing outside before the doors; but when [we] opened [them], we found no one inside."
 24 Now when both the priest and the commander of the temple and the chief priests heard these words, they became greatly perplexed about them as to what this could be.
 25 Then some [man] came [and] reported to them, saying, "Behold, the men whom you put in the prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people."
 26 Then the commander departed with the officers [and] brought them, not with force, for they feared the people, that they should be stoned.

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1 But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession,
 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.
 3 But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled 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.
 13 And of the rest durst no man join himself to them: but the people magnified them.
 14 And believers were the more 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 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.

1) or, "believers in the Lord were being added"

2) or, ", that is,"

27 And after [they] brought them, they set [them] in the presence of the Sanhedrin. Then the high priest questioned them,
 28 saying, "We ordered you with an order not to teach in this name, did we not? Yet behold, you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring the blood of this man upon us."
 29 But Peter and the apostles answered [and] said, "It is necessary to obey God rather than men.
 30 "The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom you had killed with your violent hands by hanging [him] upon a tree;
 31 "God exalted this [man] to³ his right [hand as] Prince and Savior, to give repentance and [the] forgiveness of sins to Israel.
 32 "And we are his witnesses of these things, and the Holy Spirit also, whom God gave to those who obey him."
 33 Now when [they] heard [this], they became infuriated⁴ and were resolving to execute them.
 34 But a certain [man], a Pharisee, Gamaliel by name, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, rose up in the Sanhedrin [and] commanded to put the apostles outside for a short [time],
 35 and he said to them, "Men, Israelites, take care for your selves what you are about to do to these men.
 36 "For before these days Theudas rose up, saying that he was some[body], whom a number of about four hundred men joined, who was executed, and all as many as were obeying him were dispersed and became nothing.
 37 "After this [man] Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away many people after him; that [man] also perished, and all as many as were obeying him were scattered.
 38 "So now I say to you: keep away from these men and leave them alone, because if this resolution or this undertaking should come from men, it will be overthrown;
 39 "but if it comes from God, you are not able to overthrow it; in order that you may not be found even fighting against God."
 40 And they were persuaded by him; then [they] called in the apostles [and] beat [them and] ordered [them] not to speak in the name of Jesus, and released them.
 41 So, then, they were departing from [the] presence of the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because⁵ they had been considered worthy to be dishonored because of his name;
 42 and every day, in the temple and from [house] to house, they would not stop teaching and proclaiming the gospel of Jesus [as]⁶ the Christ.

CHAPTER 6

1 Now in these days, while the disciples were increasing, a murmuring from the Hellenists against the Hebrews arose because their widows were being overlooked¹ in the daily support.
 2 So the twelve summoned the multitude of the disciples [and] said, "It is not desirable for us to leave behind the word of God [and] serve tables.
 3 "Therefore, brothers, select from among you seven men who are favorably testified of, full of [the] Holy Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will put in charge of this necessary task;
 4 "but we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word."
 5 And the saying was pleasing in the sight of the whole multitude; so they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of [the] Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte, an Antiochene,
 6 whom they set before the apostles; and [they] prayed [and] laid [their] hands upon them.
 7 And the word of God was increasing; and the number of the disciples was being multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a large crowd of the priests were becoming obedient to the faith.
 8 Now Stephen, full of faith and power, was performing great wonders and miracles among the people.
 9 Then some of those [who were] from the synagogue which was called Freedmen, both Cyrenians and Alexandrians, and of those [who were] from Cilicia and Asia, rose up for the purpose of debating with Stephen;
 10 but they were not able to withstand the wisdom and the Spirit with which he was speaking.

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3) or, "by"
 4) lit, "sawed through"
 5) or, "that"
 6) or omit

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1) or, "neglected"

27 And when they had brought them, they set [them] before the council: and the high priest asked them,
 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.
 41 And they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name.
 42 And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.

CHAPTER 6

1 And in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministration.
 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.
 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.
 4 But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.
 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:
 6 Whom they set before the apostles: and when they had prayed, they laid [their] hands on them.
 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.
 8 And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles among the people.
 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.
 10 And they were not able to resist the wisdom and the spirit by which he spake.

11 Then they suborned men who were saying, "We have heard him speaking blasphemous words against Moses and God."

12 And they stirred up the people and the elders and the scribes, and [they] came upon [him and] seized him and brought [him] before the Sanhedrin,

13 and they put forward false witnesses who were saying, "This man does not stop speaking blasphemous words against this holy place and the law,

14 "for we have heard him saying that Jesus, this Nazarene, will destroy this place and will change the customs which Moses handed down to us."

15 And all those who were sitting in the Sanhedrin looked intently at him [and] saw his face like [the] face of an angel.

CHAPTER 6

11 Then they suborned men, which said, We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses, and [against] God.

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,

13 And set up false witnesses, which said, This man ceaseth not to speak blasphemous words against this holy place, and the law:

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.

15 And all that sat in the council, looking stedfastly on him, saw his face as it had been the face of an angel.

CHAPTER 7

1 Then the high priest said, "Are these [things], then, so?"

2 And he said, "Men, brothers and fathers, listen. The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham when [he] was in Mesopotamia, before he dwelled in Haran,

3 "and said to him, 'Go out from your land and from your relatives, and come into [the] land which I will show you.'"

4 "Then [he] went out from [the] land of [the] Chaldeans [and] dwelled in Haran. And after his father died, he removed him from there to this land in which you now dwell;

5 "but he did not give him an inheritance in it, not even a step of [the] foot, yet when he had no child¹ he promised to give it to him and to his seed after him as a possession.

6 "And God spoke as follows: 'His seed will be foreigners in a land belonging to others, and they will enslave and mistreat them for four hundred years;

7 "but I will judge the nation to which they are slaves, said God, and after these [things] they will come out and serve me in this place.'

8 "Then he gave him [the] covenant of circumcision; and so he begot Isaac and circumcised him on the eighth day, and Isaac [begot] Jacob, and Jacob [begot] the twelve patriarchs.

9 "And the patriarchs, because [they] were jealous of Joseph, sold [him] into Egypt. But God was with him,

10 "and rescued him from all his afflictions, and gave him favor and wisdom in the sight of Pharaoh [the] king of Egypt; and he appointed him [as] governor over Egypt and all his household.

11 "Then a famine and great affliction came over the whole land of Egypt and of Canaan, and our fathers did not find food.

12 "But Jacob, when [he] heard that there was grain in Egypt, sent out our fathers [there] for [the] first [time].

13 "And at the second [time] Joseph made himself known to his brothers, and the family of Joseph became known to Pharaoh.

14 "Then Joseph sent [and] summoned his father Jacob and all his relatives, amounting to seventy-five souls.

15 "So Jacob went down to Egypt; and he and our fathers died,

16 "and were transferred to Shechem and were laid in the tomb which Abraham had bought for a sum of silver from the sons of Hamor, the [father] of Shechem.

17 "And when the time of the promise which God had sworn to Abraham drew near, the people increased and were multiplied in Egypt,

18 "until [the time] when another king who did not know about Joseph rose up.

19 "This [man] took advantage of our people by cunning [and] mistreated our fathers with the result that [they] made² their babies exposed in order that [they] might not be kept alive.

20 "At which time Moses was born, and was beautiful to God, who was nurtured for three months in the house of his father;

21 "and after he was exposed, the daughter of Pharaoh took him up for herself and brought him up for herself as a son.

22 "And Moses was educated in all [the] wisdom of [the] Egyptians, and was mighty in words and in deeds.

23 "And when a period of forty years was being completed for him, it arose in his heart to visit his brothers, the sons of Israel.

24 "And when [he] saw a certain [brother] being wronged, he defended [him] and took vengeance for him who was oppressed by striking down the Egyptian.

CHAPTER 7

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1 Then said the high priest, Are these things so?

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,

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 Em-mor [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 Egyptians, and was mighty in words and in deeds.

23 And when he was full forty years old, it came into his heart to visit his brethren the children of Israel.

24 And seeing one [of them] suffer wrong, he defended [him], and avenged him that was oppressed, and smote the Egyptian:

1) lit. "a child was not belonging to him"

2) or, "in order that [they] might make"

25 "And he was thinking that his brothers understood that God was giving them deliverance through his hand, but they did not understand.

26 "And on the following day he appeared to them while [they] were fighting, and was trying to reconcile them to peace, saying, 'Men, you are brothers; why are you hurting one another?'

27 "But he who was hurting [his] neighbor pushed him away, saying, 'Who appointed you [as] a ruler and a judge over us?'

28 "'You do not want to kill me [in the] manner in which you killed the Egyptian yesterday, do you?'

29 "Then Moses fled at this saying and became a foreigner in [the] land of Midian, where he begot two sons.

30 "And when forty years were completed, [the] angel of [the] Lord appeared to him in the wilderness of Mount Sinai, in a flame of fire of³ a thornbush.

31 "And Moses, when [he] saw [it], marveled at the sight; and while he was drawing near to observe [it], [the] voice of [the] Lord came to him,

32 "'I [am] the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' And Moses began⁴ trembling [and] did not dare to observe [it].

33 "Then the Lord said to him, 'Take off the sandals from⁵ your feet, for the place on which you stand is holy ground.

34 "'I have surely⁶ seen the mistreatment of my people who [are] in Egypt and have heard their groaning, and I have come down to rescue them; so come now, I will send you to Egypt.'

35 "This Moses whom they denied, saying, 'Who appointed you [as] a ruler and a judge?' this [man] God sent [as] a ruler and a deliverer with [the] hand of [the] angel who had appeared to him in the thornbush.

36 "This [man] led them out by performing wonders and miracles in [the] land of Egypt and at [the] Red Sea and in the wilderness for forty years.

37 "This is the Moses who said to the sons of Israel, '[The] Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your brothers⁷; you shall listen to him.'

38 "This is he who was in the assembly in the wilderness with the angel who was speaking to him on Mount Sinai and [with] our fathers, who received living sayings to give to us,

39 "to whom our fathers did not want to be obedient, but re-jected⁸ [him] and in their hearts turned back to Egypt,

40 saying to Aaron, 'Make for us gods who will go before us, for this Moses who led us out of [the] land of Egypt, we do not know what has happened to him.'

41 "So they made a calf in those days, and offered a sacrifice to the idol and were rejoicing in the works of their hands.

42 "But God turned away and handed them over to serve the host of the heavens, just as it is written in [the] book of the prophets, 'You did not offer me slaughtered offerings and sacrifices for forty years in the wilderness, did you, [O] house of Israel?'

43 "'But you took up the tent of Moloch and the star of your god Remphan, the images which you had made to worship them; and I will remove you beyond Babylon.'

44 "The tent of the testimony was among our fathers in the wilderness, just as he who was speaking to Moses ordered [him] to make it according to the pattern which he had seen,

45 "which our fathers, after [they] received [it] in turn, also brought in with Joshua in the taking into possession of the nations which God drove out from [the] presence of our fathers, until the days of David,

46 "who found favor in the sight of God and asked that [he] should find a habitation for the God of Jacob.

47 "But Solomon built a house for him.

48 "Yet the Most High does not dwell in temples made by hands, just as the prophet says,

49 "'The heavens [are]⁹ my throne, and the earth [is the] footstool for my feet; what kind of house will you build for me, says [the] Lord, or what [is] my place of⁹ rest?'

50 "'My hand made all these [things], did it not so?'

51 "[You] stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and in ears, you are constantly opposing the Holy Spirit; as your fathers [opposed], in this manner you [oppose].

3) or, "in"

4) lit, "became"

5) or, "of"

6) lit, "seeing"

7) or, "from among your brothers, as [he raised] me [up]"

8) or, "Heaven [is]"

9) or, "[the] place of my"

25 For he supposed his brethren would have understood how that God by his hand would deliver them: but they understood not.

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?

27 But he that did his neighbour wrong thrust him away, saying, Who made thee a ruler and a judge over us?

28 Wilt thou kill me, as thou diddest the Egyptian yesterday?

29 Then fled Moses at this saying, and was a stranger in the land of Madian, where he begat two sons.

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.

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,

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.

33 Then said the Lord to him, Put off thy shoes from thy feet: for the place where thou standest is holy ground.

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.

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.

36 He brought them out, after that he had shewed 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 what [is] the place of my rest?

50 Hath not my hand made all these things?

51 Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers [did], so [do] ye.

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52 "Which [one] of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who had declared beforehand about the coming of the Righteous [One], of whom you have now become traitors¹⁰ and murderers,

53 "who received the law by [the] directions of angels but did not observe [it]."

54 Now while [they] were hearing these things, they were being cut¹¹ in their hearts and were gnashing [their] teeth against him.

55 But because [he] was full of [the] Holy Spirit, [he] looked intently at the heavens [and] saw [the] glory of God and Jesus standing at [the] right [side] of God,

56 and said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at [the] right [side] of God."

57 Then [they] cried out with a loud voice [and] held their ears shut and rushed at him with one mind,

58 and [they] drove [him] out of the city [and] began stoning [him]. And the witnesses laid down their cloaks¹² at the feet of a young man who was called Saul,

59 and began stoning Stephen while [he] was calling upon [the Lord] and saying, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit."

60 Then [he] set down [his] knees [and] cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." And when [he] said this, he fell asleep.

CHAPTER 8

1 And Saul was approving of his execution. Now a severe persecution arose on that day against the church which [was] in Jerusalem; and they all were scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles.

2 And devout men buried Stephen and made loud lamentation over him.

3 Now Saul began ravaging¹ the church by going into each house; and while [he] was dragging away men and women, he was handing [them] over to prison.

4 So, then, those who had been scattered went about proclaiming the gospel of the word.

5 And Philip went down to a city of Samaria [and] began proclaiming Christ to them.

6 And the crowds were paying attention with one mind to those things which were being said by Philip while they were listening and seeing the miracles which he was performing.

7 For from many of those who had unclean spirits, they were coming out crying out with a loud voice; and many paralyzed [men] and crippled [men] were healed.

8 So great joy was in that city.

9 Now a certain man, Simon by name, had previously been practicing magic in the city and amazing the people of Samaria, saying that he was some great [man],

10 to whom they all had been paying attention, from [the] least to [the] greatest, saying, "This [man] is the great power of God."

11 And they had been paying attention to him because for a long time [he] had amazed them with magic arts.

12 But when they believed Philip while [he] was proclaiming the gospel of the [things which were] about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, both men and women began being baptized.

13 And Simon himself also believed; and after [he] was baptized, he was continually staying close to Philip, and was astonished while [he] was seeing powerful deeds and miracles being performed.

14 Now the apostles in Jerusalem, when [they] heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, sent to them Peter and John,

15 who went down [and] prayed for them that they should receive [the] Holy Spirit

16 (For he had not yet fallen upon any one of them, but they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus).

17 Then they began laying [their] hands upon them, and they began receiving [the] Holy Spirit.

18 Now Simon, when [he] saw that the Holy Spirit was being given through the laying on of the hands of the apostles, offered them money,

19 saying, "Give me also this power, that upon whomever I lay [my] hands, he should² receive [the] Holy Spirit."

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10) lit. "hand-over men"

11) lit. "sawed through"

12) or, "garments"

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,

56 And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God.

57 Then they cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and ran upon him with one accord,

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.

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.

CHAPTER 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.

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 before-time 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.)

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.

2) or, "in order that upon whomever I lay [my] hands he may"

20 But Peter said to him, "May your silver go to destruction together with you, because you thought that [you] could acquire the gift of God with money;

21 "no portion or share in this matter belongs to you, for your heart is not right in the sight of God.

22 "Therefore repent of this wickedness of yours, and pray to God whether perhaps the intent of your heart will be forgiven you,

23 "for I see that you are in [the] gall of bitterness and [in the] bond of unrighteousness."

24 Then Simon responded [and] said, "You, pray for me to the Lord that none [of those things] which you have said should come upon me."

25 So, then, after [they] testified and spoke the word of the Lord, they returned to Jerusalem and proclaimed the gospel to many villages of the Samaritans.

26 Then [the] angel of [the] Lord spoke to Philip, saying, "Rise up and go toward [the] south to the road which goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a desolate [road]³.)

27 So [he] rose up [and] went. And behold, a man, an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace the queen of [the] Ethiopians, who was over all her treasury, who had come to Jerusalem for the purpose of worshipping,

28 and was returning and sitting upon his chariot, was reading the prophet Isaiah.

29 Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go near and join this chariot."

30 So Philip ran up to [it and] heard him reading the prophet Isaiah and said, "Do you understand [those things] which you are reading?"

31 And he said, "Well, how would I be able if some [man] should not guide me?" So he invited Philip to come up [and] sit with him.

32 Now the passage⁴ of scripture which he was reading was this: "He was led as a sheep for slaughter; and as a lamb [is] silent before him who shears it, in this manner he does not open his mouth.

33 "In his humiliation his justice was taken away, and who will describe his family history⁵? For his life is taken away from the earth."

34 And the eunuch responded [and] said to Philip, "I ask you, about whom does the prophet say this? About himself or about some other [man]?"

35 Then Philip opened his mouth and began from this scripture [and] proclaimed the gospel of Jesus to him.

36 Now while they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch says, "Look, [here is] water; what prevents me from being baptized?"

37 And Philip said, "If you believe with all [your] heart, it is lawful [for you to be baptized]." And [he] responded [and] said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God."

38 Then he commanded the chariot to stop; and they both went down into the water, both Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him.

39 And when they came up from the water, [the] Spirit of [the] Lord snatched Philip away; so the eunuch did not see him anymore, and began going on his way rejoicing.

40 However, Philip was found in Azotus, and while [he] was passing through he was proclaiming the gospel to all the cities until he came to Caesarea.

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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 readeest?

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 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?

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.

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.

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.

40 But Philip was found at Azotus: and passing through he preached in all the cities, till he came to Caesarea.

3) or part of quote

4) or, "content"

5) or, "generation"

CHAPTER 9

1 Now Saul, while [he] was still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest

2 [and] requested from him letters to the synagogues in Damascus, in order that if he should find any [people] who belonged to the Way, both men and women, he might lead [them] away bound to Jerusalem.

3 And while [he] was traveling, it happened that he was drawing near to Damascus; and suddenly a light from the heavens¹ shone around him,

4 and [he] fell to the ground [and] heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?"

5 And he said, "Who are you, sir?" And the Lord said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting; [it is] hard for you to kick against the goads."

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1 And Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest,

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.

3 And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven:

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.

1) or, "heaven"

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6 Both trembling and being amazed he said, "Lord, what do you want me to do?" And the Lord [said] to him, "Rise up and go into the city, and it will be told to you what it is necessary for you to do."

7 (Now the men who were traveling with him stood speechless, because [they] were hearing the voice but were seeing no one.)

8 So Saul rose up from the ground, and although his eyes were open, he was seeing no one; so they brought [him] into Damascus by leading him by the hand.

9 And he was not able to see for three days, and he did not eat or drink [anything].

10 Now there was a certain disciple in Damascus, Ananias by name; and the Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I [am], Lord."

11 And the Lord [said] to him, "Rise up [and] go to the street which is called Straight, and in [the] house of Judas look for Saul by name, a Tarsian, for behold, he is praying,

12 "and he saw in a vision a man, Ananias by name, coming in and laying [his] hand upon him in order that he might regain sight."

13 But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many [men] about this man, how many evil [things] he did to your saints in Jerusalem;

14 "and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all those who call upon your name."

15 But the Lord said to him, "Go, because this [man] is [the] chosen instrument² to me, to carry my name in the sight of [the] gentiles and kings and [the] sons of Israel;

16 "for I will show him how many [things] it is necessary for him to suffer because of my name."

17 So Ananias departed and came into the house; and [he] laid [his] hands upon him [and] said, "Saul, brother, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road by which you were coming, has sent me in order that you might regain sight and be filled with [the] Holy Spirit."

18 And immediately [something] like scales fell from his eyes, and he immediately regained sight; then [he] rose up [and] was baptized;

19 and [he] took food [and] regained strength. Then Saul was with the disciples in Damascus for several days;

20 and immediately he began proclaiming Christ in the synagogues, that this [man] was the Son of God.

21 And all those who were listening to [him] were astonished and were saying, "This [man] is he who destroyed in Jerusalem those who were calling upon this name, and had come here for this [purpose], namely, that he should bring them bound before the chief priests, had he not?"

22 But Saul was becoming strong even more and kept throwing into consternation³ the Jews who were dwelling in Damascus by proving that this [man] was the Christ.

23 And while many days were being completed, the Jews plotted together to kill him;

24 but their plot became known to Saul. So they were watching the gates both during [the] day and during [the] night in order that they might kill him,

25 but the disciples took [him] during [the] night [and] let him down through the wall by lowering [him] in a basket.

26 And Saul, after [he] came to Jerusalem, was trying to join himself to the disciples, but they all feared him because [they] did not believe that he was a disciple.

27 But Barnabas took hold of him [and] brought [him] to the apostles and related to them how he had seen the Lord on the road, and that he had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had spoken boldly in the name of Jesus.

28 So he was going in and going out with them in Jerusalem,

29 and speaking boldly in the name of the Lord Jesus; and he was speaking and debating with the Hellenists, but they were trying to kill him.

30 And the brothers, when [they] found out about [this], brought him down to Caesarea and sent him away to Tarsus.

31 So, then, the churches throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria had peace with the result that [they] were being built up; and they were increasing, while walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit.

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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 inquire 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 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.

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

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.

2) lit., "instrument of choice"

3) or, "confounding"

32 Now it happened that Peter, while [he] was going through all [the places], came down also to the saints who were inhabiting Lydda.

33 And he found there a certain man, Aeneas by name, who had been lying down upon a bed for eight years, who was paralyzed.

34 And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus the Christ heals you: rise up and make your bed⁴." And immediately he rose up.

35 And all those who were inhabiting Lydda and Sharon saw him, who⁵ turned to the Lord.

36 Now in Joppa there was a certain female disciple, Tabitha by name (which, when [it] is translated, means Dorcas); this [woman] was full of good deeds and almsgiving which she was continually doing.

37 And it happened in those days that she became sick [and] died; so [they] washed her [and] laid [her] in an upper [room].

38 And because Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, when [they] heard that Peter was in it, sent two men to him for the purpose of imploring [him] not to delay in coming over to them.

39 So Peter rose up [and] went with them, whom, after [he] arrived, they brought up to the upper [room]; and all the widows approached him, weeping and for the purpose of showing on themselves tunics and cloaks⁶, as many as Dorcas used to make while [she] was with them.

40 But Peter put all [the people] outside [and] set down [his] knees [and] prayed; then [he] turned to the body [and] said, "Tabitha, rise up." Then she opened her eyes; and when [she] saw Peter, she sat up.

41 And [he] gave her [his] hand [and] raised her up; then [he] called for the saints and the widows [and] presented her alive.

42 And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

43 And it happened that he remained in Joppa for many days with a certain Simon, a tanner.

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4) lit, "spread for yourself"

5) plural

6) or, "garments"

32 And it came to pass, as Peter passed throughout all [quarters], he came down also to the saints which dwelt at Lydda.

33 And there he found a certain man named Aeneas, which had kept his bed eight years, and was sick of the palsy.

34 And Peter said unto him, Aeneas, Jesus Christ maketh thee whole: arise, and make thy bed. And he arose immediately.

35 And all that dwelt at Lydda and Saron saw him, and turned to the Lord.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

41 And he gave her [his] hand, and lifted her up, and when he had called the saints and widows, presented her alive.

42 And it was known throughout all Joppa; and many believed in the Lord.

43 And it came to pass, that he tarried many days in Joppa with one Simon a tanner.

CHAPTER 10

1 Now a certain man was in Caesarea, Cornelius by name, a centurion from [the] cohort which was called Italian,

2 devout and fearing God with his whole household, and giving many alms to the people and praying to God throughout all [times].

3 About [the] ninth hour of the day he saw clearly in a vision an angel of God coming in to him and saying to him, "Cornelius."

4 And he looked intently at him and became terrified [and] said, "What is it, sir?" And he said to him, "Your prayers and your alms have gone up as a memorial offering in the sight of God.

5 "And now send men to Joppa and summon Simon who is called Peter.

6 "This [man] is being shown hospitality with a certain Simon, a tanner, whose house is¹ by [the] sea; this [man] will tell you what it is necessary for you to do."

7 So after the angel who had been speaking to Cornelius departed, [he] summoned two of his house² slaves and a devout soldier from among those who were waiting on him,

8 and related all [things] to them [and] sent them to Joppa.

9 Now on the next [day], while those [men] were traveling and were drawing near to the city, Peter went up upon the housetop about [the] sixth hour to pray.

10 Then he became hungry and wanted to eat. But while they³ were preparing [the meal], a trance fell upon him,

11 and he sees the heavens opened and a certain object coming down toward him, like a large linen cloth which was tied at [its] four corners and was being let down to the ground,

12 in which were all the four-footed [animals] of the earth and the beasts and the reptiles and the birds of the heavens.

13 Then a voice came to him, "Rise up, Peter, [and] slaughter and eat."

14 But Peter said, "Certainly not, Lord, for I have never eaten any common or unclean [thing]."

15 And a voice [came] to him again for [the] second [time], "[The things] which God made clean—you, do not make common."

16 And this happened three⁴ times, and the object was taken back up into the heavens.

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1) lit, "belonging to whom is a house"

2) or omit

3) lit, "those"

4) lit, "for three"

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1 There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of the band called the Italian [band],

2 [A] devout [man], and one that feared God with all his house, which gave much alms to the people, and prayed to God always.

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 received up again into heaven.

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17 Now while Peter was greatly perplexed within himself as to what the vision which he had seen could mean, behold, the men who had been sent by Cornelius asked about the house of Simon [and] approached the gate,

18 and [they] called [someone and] began inquiring whether Simon who was called Peter was being shown hospitality there⁵.

19 And while Peter was thinking about the vision, the Spirit said to him, "Behold, three men are looking for you.

20 "Now rise up [and] go down and go with them, not doubting at all⁶, for I have sent them."

21 So Peter went down to the men who had been sent to him by Cornelius [and] said, "Behold, I am [he] whom you are looking for; what [is] the reason for which you have come?"

22 And they said, "Cornelius, a centurion, a man [who is] righteous and fears God and is favorably testified of by the whole nation of the Jews, was imparted with a divine injunction by a holy angel to summon you to his house and to hear words from you."

23 Therefore [he] invited [them] in [and] showed them hospitality. And on the next [day] Peter went out with them, and some of the brothers who [were] from Joppa went with him.

24 And on the next [day] they came into Caesarea. Now Cornelius was waiting for them after [he] summoned his relatives and close friends.

25 And when it happened that Peter came in, Cornelius met him [and] fell down at [his] feet [and] worshipped [him].

26 But Peter raised him up, saying, "Rise up; I myself also am a man."

27 And while [he] was talking with him, he went in and finds many [people] assembled,

28 and he said to them, "You know that it is unlawful for a man, a Jew, to join himself to or to approach a foreigner; yet God showed me that [I] should call no man common or unclean;

29 "therefore I came without even raising any objection when [I] was summoned. I, then, inquire: for what reason did you summon me?"

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

31 "and says, 'Cornelius, your prayer has been heard and your alms have been remembered in the sight of God.

32 "'Therefore send to Joppa and summon Simon who is called Peter; this [man] is being shown hospitality in [the] house of Simon, a tanner, by [the] sea, who, when [he] comes, will speak to you.'

33 "Therefore I sent to you immediately, and you did well by coming. Now therefore we all are present in the sight of God to hear all those things which have been commanded to you by God."

34 Then Peter opened [his] mouth [and] said, "On the basis of truth I understand that God is not one who shows partiality,

35 "but in every nation he who fears him and performs righteousness is acceptable to him.

36 "The word which he sent to the sons of Israel by proclaiming the gospel of peace through Jesus Christ (this [man] is [the] Lord of all)—

37 "you know the event which happened⁸ throughout all Judea, when [it] began from Galilee after the baptism which John proclaimed:

38 "Jesus who [was] from Nazareth—how God anointed him with [the] Holy Spirit and with power—who went about for the purpose of doing good and healing all those who were being oppressed by the devil, because God was with him.

39 "And we are witnesses of all [those things] which he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem, whom they executed by hanging [him] upon a tree;

40 "God raised this [man] up on the third day and granted that he should become visible,

41 "not to all the people, but to witnesses who were chosen beforehand by God, us, who ate and drank with him after he rose up from among [the] dead;

42 "and he commanded us to proclaim and to testify to the people that he was the one who was appointed by God [as the] judge of [the] living and [the] dead.

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5) lit. "here"

6) or, "doubting nothing"

7) or omit

8) or, "message which spread"

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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 inquiry 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 clothing,

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 "About this [man] all the prophets bear witness that every man who believes in him receives [the] forgiveness of sins through his name."

44 While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who were listening to the message.

45 And the believers of [the] circumcision, as many as came with Peter, were astonished because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even upon the gentiles,

46 for they were hearing them speaking in languages and magnifying God. Then Peter responded,

47 "Surely no man is able to withhold the⁹ water for these [men] to be baptized, who received the Holy Spirit just as we also [received him], is he?"

48 So he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then they asked him to stay for several days.

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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 Ghost fell on all them which heard the word.

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.

46 For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter,

47 Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?

48 And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.

9) or omit

CHAPTER 11

1 Now the apostles and the brothers who were throughout Judea heard that the gentiles also had accepted the word of God.

2 So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, those [who were] of [the] circumcision began taking issue with him,

3 saying, "You went in to men who had foreskin and ate with them."

4 Then Peter began [to speak and] began explaining [it] to them in order, saying,

5 "I was in a city, Joppa, praying; and in a trance I saw a vision, a certain object coming down, like a large linen cloth which was being let down from the heavens by [its] four corners, and it came up to me,

6 "at which [I] looked intently [and] was contemplating [it] and saw the four-footed [animals] of the earth and the beasts and the reptiles and the birds of the heavens.

7 "Then I heard a voice saying to me, 'Rise up, Peter, [and] slaughter and eat.'

8 "But I said, 'Certainly not, Lord, for any common or unclean [thing] has never come into my mouth.'

9 "And a voice responded to me for [the] second [time] from the heavens, '[The things] which God made clean—you, do not make common.'

10 "And this happened three¹ times, and all [the things] were pulled back up into the heavens.

11 "And behold, immediately three men who had been sent to me from Caesarea approached the house in which I was.

12 "Then the Spirit told me to go with them, not doubting at all². And these six brothers also went with me, and we went into the house of the man.

13 "And he reported to us how he had seen the³ angel standing in his house and saying to him, 'Send men to Joppa and summon Simon who is called Peter,

14 "who will speak words to you by which you and your whole household will be saved.'

15 "And when I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as [he fell] also upon us in [the] beginning.

16 "Then I remembered the word of [the] Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with [the] Holy Spirit.'

17 "Therefore if God gave them the same gift as [he gave] also to us when [they]⁴ believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, then who was I? [Was I] able to hinder God?"

18 And when [they] heard these [things], they remained silent; then they began glorifying God, saying, "So then, God gave the repentance [which leads] to life also⁵ to the gentiles."

19 So, then, those who had been scattered because of the tribulation which arose against Stephen went as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, while speaking the word to no one except to Jews only.

20 But there were some of them, men, Cypriots and Cyrenians, who, after [they] came into Antioch, began speaking to the Hellenists for the purpose of proclaiming the gospel of the Lord Jesus.

21 And [the] hand of [the] Lord was with them, and a large number believed [and] turned to the Lord.

22 And the report concerning them was heard in the ears of the church which [was] in Jerusalem; and they sent out Barnabas to go as far as Antioch,

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1 And the apostles and brethren that were in Judaea heard that the Gentiles had also received the word of God.

2 And when Peter was come up to Jerusalem, they that were of the circumcision contended with him,

3 Saying, Thou wentest in to men uncircumcised, and didst eat with them.

4 But Peter rehearsed [the matter] from the beginning, and expounded [it] by order unto them, saying,

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:

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.

7 And I heard a voice saying unto me, Arise, Peter; slay and eat.

8 But I said, Not so, Lord: for nothing common or unclean hath at any time entered into my mouth.

9 But the voice answered me again from heaven, What God hath cleansed, [that] call not thou common.

10 And this was done three times: and all were drawn up again into heaven.

11 And, behold, immediately there were three men already come unto the house where I was, sent from Caesarea unto me.

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:

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;

14 Who shall tell thee words, whereby thou and all thy house shall be saved.

15 And as I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them, as on us at the beginning.

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.

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?

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.

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.

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.

21 And the hand of the Lord was with them: and a great number believed, and turned unto the Lord.

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.

1) lit, "for three"

2) or, "doubting nothing"

3) or, "an"

4) or, "after [we]"

5) or, "even"

23 who, when [he] came and saw the grace of God, rejoiced and began exhorting all to remain with the Lord with purpose of heart,

24 because he was a good man and full of [the] Holy Spirit and of faith⁶. And a large crowd was added to the Lord.

25 Then Barnabas went away to Tarsus to look for Saul;

26 and when [he] found him, he brought him to Antioch. And it happened that for a whole year they were gathered together with the church and taught a large crowd, and that the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch.

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

28 And one of them, Agabus by name, rose up [and] predicted through the Spirit that a great famine was certainly to occur over the whole world (which indeed arose in the time of Claudius Caesar).

29 So of the disciples, to the degree that any [man] was prospering financially, each [one] of them determined to send [something] for support to the brothers who were dwelling in Judea,

30 which indeed they did by sending [it] to the elders through [the] hand of Barnabas and Saul.

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6) lit, "and full of [the] Holy Spirit and of faith man"

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.

24 For he was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith: and much people was added unto the Lord.

25 Then departed Barnabas to Tarsus, for to seek Saul:

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.

27 And in these days came prophets from Jerusalem unto Antioch.

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.

29 Then the disciples, every man according to his ability, determined to send relief unto the brethren which dwell in Judaea:

30 Which also they did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul.

CHAPTER 12

1 Now at that time Herod the king stretched forth [his] hands to mistreat some of those [who were] from the church.

2 And he executed James the brother of John with [the] sword.

3 And when [he] saw that it was pleasing to the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also (now [the] days of Unleavened [Bread] were occurring),

4 whom indeed [he] seized [and] put in prison after [he] handed [him] over to four quaternions of soldiers to guard him, because [he] was intending to bring him before the people after the Passover.

5 So, then, Peter was being kept in the prison, but earnest prayer was being made to God by the church on his behalf.

6 Now when Herod was about to bring him out, on that night Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and guards before the door were guarding the prison.

7 And behold, [the] angel of [the] Lord stood by [him], and a light shone in the cell; and [he] struck the side of Peter [and] woke him up, saying, "Rise up with haste." Then his chains fell off from [his] hands.

8 And the angel said to him, "Gird yourself and put on your sandals." So he did in this manner. And he says to him, "Put on your cloak and follow me."

9 And [he] went out [and] began following him; and he did not know that that which was being done by the angel was real, but was thinking that [he] was seeing a vision.

10 And after [they] passed [the] first guard and [the] second [guard], they came to the iron gate which led to the city, which opened for them by itself; and [they] went out [and] went along one street, and immediately the angel departed from him.

11 And Peter, when [he] came to himself, said, "Now I truly know that [the] Lord sent forth his angel and rescued me from [the] hand of Herod and [from] all the expectation of the people of the Jews."

12 And when [he] realized [this], he went to the house of Mary, the mother of John who was called Mark, where many were gathered together and praying.

13 And when Peter knocked at the door of the gate, a female slave, Rhoda by name, came to answer;

14 and when [she] recognized the voice of Peter, because of joy she did not open the gate, but ran in [and] reported that Peter stood before the gate.

15 But they said to her, "You are out of your mind." But she kept firmly maintaining that [it] was so. Then they began saying, "It is his angel."

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

17 But he motioned to them with [his] hand to keep silent [and] related to them how the Lord had brought him out of the prison; and he said, "Report these [things] to James and to the brothers." Then [he] went out [and] went to another place.

18 Now when day came, there was not a small consternation among the soldiers as to what had possibly become of Peter¹.

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1) lit, "Peter had possibly become"

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1 Now about that time Herod the king stretched forth [his] hands to vex certain of the church.

2 And he killed James the brother of John with the sword.

3 And because he saw it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to take Peter also. (Then were the days of unleavened bread.)

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.

5 Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him.

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.

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.

18 Now as soon as it was day, there was no small stir among the soldiers, what was become of Peter.

19 And Herod, after [he] searched for him and did not find [him], questioned the guards [and] commanded that [they] should be led away [to execution]; then [he] went down from Judea to Caesarea [and] was staying [there].

20 Now Herod was very angry with [the] Tyrians and [the] Sidonians; so they came to him with one mind, and after [they] won over Blastus who [was] over the bedroom of the king, they began asking for peace because their country was being fed by the royal [country].

21 So on an appointed day Herod clothed himself with royal clothing and sat down upon the judgment seat [and] began delivering a public address to them;

22 then the crowd began crying out, "[The] voice of a god, and not of a man."

23 And immediately [the] angel of [the] Lord struck him because he did not give glory to God, and [he] was eaten by worms [and] breathed his last.

24 But the word of God was increasing and was being multiplied.

25 And Barnabas and Saul returned from Jerusalem after [they] completed the service, while taking along with [them] also John who was called Mark.

CHAPTER 13

1 Now there were in Antioch, in the church which was [there], some prophets and teachers: both Barnabas and Simeon who was called Niger, and Lucius the Cyrenian, and Manaen [the] foster brother of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.

2 And while they were ministering to the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me now both Barnabas and Saul for the work [to] which I have called them."

3 Then, after [they] fasted and prayed and laid [their] hands upon them, they sent [them] away.

4 So, then, these [men], after [they] were sent out by the Holy Spirit, went down to Seleucia, and from there they sailed away to Cyrus;

5 and when [they] were in Salamis, they were proclaiming the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews. (Now they had also John [as] an assistant.)

6 And after [they] went through the island as far as Paphos, they found a certain magician, a Jewish false prophet¹, belonging to whom [was] a name: Bar-Jesus,

7 who was with the proconsul, Sergius Paulus, an intelligent man. This [man] summoned Barnabas and Saul [and] wanted to hear the word of God.

8 But Elymas the magician (for his name is translated in this manner) began opposing them, because [he] was seeking to turn the proconsul away from the faith.

9 But Saul, who [was] also Paul, filled with [the] Holy Spirit and looking intently at him,

10 said, "O full of all deceit and all trickery, son of [the] devil, enemy of all righteousness, you will not stop making crooked the straight paths of [the] Lord?"

11 "And now behold, [the] hand of the Lord [is] upon you, and you will be blind with the result that [you] will not be seeing the sun until a time." And immediately mist and darkness fell upon him, and while [he] was going about he was seeking men who led by the hand.

12 Then the proconsul, when [he] saw that which had happened, believed, being amazed at the teaching about the Lord.

13 Now those [who were] around Paul set sail from Paphos [and] came to Perga of Pamphylia, but John departed from them [and] returned to Jerusalem.

14 And after [they] went on from Perga, they came to Antioch of Pisidia; and [they] went into the synagogue on the day of the Sabbath [and] sat down.

15 And after the reading of the law and the prophets, the rulers of the synagogue sent to them, saying, "Men, brothers, if there is among you a word of exhortation to the people, say [it]."

16 So Paul rose up and motioned with [his] hand [and] said, "Men, Israelites, and [you] who fear God, listen.

17 "The God of this people Israel chose our fathers, and exalted the people during [their] sojourn in [the] land of Egypt, and with a high arm led them out of it;

18 "and for a period of about forty years he put up with their ways in the wilderness;

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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.

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].

21 And upon a set day Herod, arrayed in royal apparel, sat upon his throne, and made an oration unto them.

22 And the people gave a shout, [saying, It is] the voice of a god, and not of a man.

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.

24 But the word of God grew and multiplied.

25 And Barnabas and Saul returned from Jerusalem, when they had fulfilled [their] ministry, and took with them John, whose surname was Mark.

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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.

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.

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.

16 Then Paul stood up, and beckoning with [his] hand said, Men of Israel, and ye that fear God, give audience.

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.

18 And about the time of forty years suffered he their manners in the wilderness.

1) or, "false prophet, a Jew"

19 "and after [he] destroyed seven nations in [the] land of Canaan, he distributed their land to them by lot.

20 "And after these [things] he gave [them]² judges for about four hundred and fifty years until Samuel the prophet.

21 "And then they asked for a king, and God gave them Saul [the] son of Kish, a man from [the] tribe of Benjamin, for forty years;

22 "and after [he] removed him, he raised up for them David as king, concerning whom he also said by testifying, 'I found David the [son] of Jesse [to be]³ a man according to my heart, who will carry out all my wishes.'

23 "From the seed of this [man] God raised up for Israel a Savior, Jesus⁴, according to [the] promise,

24 "after John publicly proclaimed before his⁵ entrance [the] baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel.

25 "And while John was completing [his] course, he kept saying, 'Who do you suppose that I am? I am not [he]; but behold, one is coming after me, the sandals of whose feet I am not worthy to untie.'

26 "Men, brothers, sons of [the] family of Abraham, and those among you who fear God, to you the word of this salvation was sent.

27 "For those who dwell in Jerusalem and their rulers, because [they] did not know this [man] or the sayings of the prophets which are read each [and] every Sabbath, fulfilled [them] by condemning [him];

28 "and although [they] found no basis for [a sentence of] death, they asked Pilate that he should be executed.

29 "And after they carried out all those things which were written about him, [they] took [him] down from the tree [and] laid [him] in a tomb.

30 "But God raised him up from among [the] dead,

31 "who appeared for very many days to those who had gone up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are his witnesses to the people.

32 "And we proclaim to you the gospel of the promise [which] was made to the fathers⁶,

33 "namely, that God has fulfilled this [promise] to their children—to us—by raising up Jesus, as it is also written in the second Psalm, 'You are my son; today I have begotten you.'

34 "And [regarding the fact] that he raised him up from among [the] dead, with the result that [he] is no more to return to corruption, he says as follows: 'I will give you the faithful holy [promises]⁷ of David.'

35 "Therefore he says also in another [Psalm], 'You will not permit your holy [one] to see corruption.'

36 "For indeed David, after [he] served his own generation according to the resolution of God⁸, fell asleep and was gathered⁹ to his fathers and saw corruption;

37 "but [he] whom God raised up did not see corruption.

38 "Therefore let it be known to you, men, brothers, that through this [man the] forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you,

39 "and [that] from all [things from] which you were not able to be justified¹⁰ by the law of Moses, by this [man] every man who believes is justified¹¹.

40 "Therefore watch out that that which is spoken of in the prophets does not come upon you:

41 "'Behold, [you] despisers, and marvel and be destroyed, for I am doing a deed in your days, a deed which you will certainly not believe if some [man] should describe [it] in detail to you.'"

42 And while the Jews were going out of the synagogue, the gentiles were imploring that these things should be spoken to them on the following Sabbath.

43 Now after the synagogal meeting was broken up, many of the Jews and of the worshipping proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas, who, while [they] were speaking with them, were persuading them to continue in the grace of God.

44 And on the coming Sabbath almost the whole city was gathered together to hear the word of God.

45 But the Jews, when [they] saw the crowds, were filled with jealousy and began contradicting those things which were being spoken by Paul, contradicting and slandering.

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2) or, "appointed"

3) or, ","

4) or, "Jesus [as] Saviour"

5) lit, "face of his"

6) or, "that the promise to the fathers came to pass"

7) or, "decrees"

8) or, "the resolution of God in his own generation"

9) lit, "added"

10) or, "freed"

11) or, "freed"

19 And when he had destroyed seven nations in the land of Chanaan, he divided their land to them by lot.

20 And after that he gave [unto them] judges about the space of four hundred and fifty years, until Samuel the prophet.

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.

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.

23 Of this man's seed hath God according to [his] promise raised unto Israel a Saviour, Jesus:

24 When John had first preached before his coming the baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel.

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.

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.

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].

28 And though they found no cause of death [in him], yet desired they Pilate that he should be slain.

29 And when they had fulfilled all that was written 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.

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.

46 Then Paul and Barnabas spoke boldly [and] said, "It was necessary that the word of God should be spoken to you first; but because you reject it and do not consider yourselves worthy of eternal life, behold, we are turning to the gentiles.

47 "For the Lord has commanded us as follows: 'I have appointed you as [the] light of [the] gentiles, in order that you may be as a salvation to [the] end of the earth.'"

48 And the gentiles, while [they] were hearing [this], began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord, and as many as were assigned to eternal life believed;

49 and the word of the Lord was being spread through the whole region.

50 But the Jews incited the worshipping women and the prominent [women] and the most prominent [men] of the city, and stirred up a persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and drove them out from their boundaries.

51 So they shook off the dust of their feet against them [and] went to Iconium.

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

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1 Now it happened in Iconium that they went at the same [time] into the synagogue of the Jews and spoke in such a way with the result that a great multitude both of Jews and of Greeks believed.

2 But the disobedient Jews stirred up and poisoned the souls of the gentiles against the brothers.

3 So, then, they stayed [there] for a long time while speaking boldly in the Lord, who would testify to the word of his grace and would grant miracles and wonders to be performed through their hands.

4 But the multitude of the city was divided; and some were with the Jews, but others [were] with the apostles.

5 And when a strong tendency both from the gentiles and from [the] Jews, with their rulers, to mistreat and to stone them arose,

6 [they] became aware of [it and] fled to the cities of Lycaonia—Lystra and Derbe—and the surrounding [region],

7 and there they were proclaiming the gospel.

8 Now a certain man in Lystra, powerless with respect to the feet, who had been crippled from [the] womb of his mother, who had never walked, was sitting.

9 This [man] was listening to Paul speaking, who, when [he] looked intently at him and saw that he had faith to be restored to health,

10 said with [his] voice raised, "Stand up straight on your feet." And he began leaping and walking.

11 And the crowds, when [they] saw [that] which Paul had done, lifted up their voice, saying in [the] Lycaonian [language], "The gods have become like men [and] have come down to us."

12 And they began calling Barnabas Zeus and Paul Hermes, because he was the leader of speech.

13 Then the priest of Zeus, whose¹ [temple] was before their city, brought bulls² and garlands to the gates [and] wanted, with the crowds, to offer sacrifice [to them].

14 But the apostles Barnabas and Paul, when [they] heard of [this], tore their garments [and] rushed into the crowd, crying out

15 and saying, "Men, why are you doing these [things]? We also are men with the same nature as you, proclaiming the gospel to you in order that [you] may turn from these worthless [things] to the living God, who made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all the [things which are] in them;

16 "who in past generations permitted all nations to walk in their own ways;

17 "yet he did not leave himself without witness by doing good, by giving us rains from the heavens³ and fruitful seasons, with the result that [he] would fill our hearts with food and gladness."

18 However, while [they] were saying these [things], with difficulty they restrained the crowds from offering sacrifice to them.

19 Then Jews from Antioch and Iconium came, and [they] won over the crowds and stoned Paul [and] dragged [him] out of the city, because [they] thought that he was dead.

20 But when the disciples encircled him, [he] rose up [and] went into the city. And on the next [day] he went away with Barnabas to Derbe.

1) lit "who"
2) or, "oxen"

3) or, "heaven"

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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.

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.

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.

49 And the word of the Lord was published throughout all the region.

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.

51 But they shook off the dust of their feet against them, and came unto Iconium.

52 And the disciples were filled with joy, and with the Holy Ghost.

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.

2 But the unbelieving Jews stirred up the Gentiles, and made their minds evil affected against the brethren.

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.

4 But the multitude of the city was divided: and part held with the Jews, and part with the apostles.

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.

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.

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.

21 And after [they] proclaimed the gospel to that city and made many [men] into disciples, they returned to Lystra and Iconium and Antioch

22 for the purpose of strengthening the souls of the disciples by exhorting [them] to persevere in the faith, and that through many tribulations it was necessary for us to come into the kingdom of God.

23 And after [they] appointed elders for them in each church, [they] prayed with fasts [and] entrusted them to the Lord in whom they believed.

24 Then [they] passed through Pisidia [and] came to Pamphylia;

25 and after [they] spoke the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia,

26 and from there they sailed away to Antioch, where⁴ they had been entrusted to the grace of God for the work which they had completed.

27 And after [they] arrived and gathered the church together, they reported as many [things] as God had done with⁵ them, and that he had opened [the] door of faith to the gentiles.

28 And they were staying there for not a short time⁶ with the disciples.

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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,

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.

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.

24 And after they had passed throughout Pisidia, they came to Pamphylia.

25 And when they had preached the word in Perga, they went down into Attalia:

26 And thence sailed to Antioch, from whence they had been recommended to the grace of God for the work which they fulfilled.

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.

28 And there they abode long time with the disciples.

4) lit, "from where"

5) or, "for"

6) or, "spending not a short time there"

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1 Now some [men] came down from Judea [and] began teaching the brothers, "If you are not circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you are not able to be saved."

2 Therefore when not a small dissension and debate arose among Paul and Barnabas with them, they instructed Paul and Barnabas and several other [men] from among them to go up to Jerusalem to the apostles and elders¹ concerning this question.

3 So, then, after [they] were sent on their way by the church, they were passing through Phoenicia and Samaria, while describing in detail the conversion of the gentiles, and were bringing great joy to all the brothers.

4 And when [they] came to Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the church and the apostles and the elders, and they reported as many [things] as God had done with² them.

5 But some of those [who were] from the sect of the Pharisees, who believed, rose up, saying, "It is necessary to circumcise them and to command [them] to keep the law of Moses."

6 So the apostles and the elders were gathered together to deliberate³ about this matter.

7 And after much debate took place, Peter rose up [and] said to them, "Men, brothers, you know that from ancient days God chose among us that through my mouth the gentiles should hear the word of the gospel and believe.

8 "And the knower of hearts—God—bore witness to them by giving them the Holy Spirit, just as [he gave him] also to us;

9 "and he did not make a distinction at all between both us and them by cleansing their hearts by faith.

10 "Now therefore why are you testing God by putting upon the neck of the disciples a yoke which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear?

11 "But we believe that [we] are saved through the grace of [the] Lord Jesus Christ, according to which manner they⁴ also [are saved]."

12 And the whole multitude kept silent and were listening to Barnabas and Paul relating miracles and wonders, as many as God had done among the gentiles through them.

13 And after they stopped speaking, James answered, saying, "Men, brothers, listen to me.

14 "Simeon related how God had first visited to take from among [the] gentiles a people for his name.

15 "And the words of the prophets agree with this, just as it is written,

16 "'After these [things] I will return; and I will rebuild the tent of David which is fallen, and I will rebuild those things of it which are torn down, and I will restore it,

17 "'in order that the remnant of men may seek out the Lord, and all the gentiles upon whom my name is called⁵, says [the] Lord, who does all these [things].'

18 "Known to God from eternity have been all his deeds.

19 "Therefore I conclude that [we] should not cause unnecessary trouble for those from among the gentiles who turn to God,

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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.

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.

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 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:

1) or, "the apostles and elders in Jerusalem"

2) or, "for"

3) lit, "see"

4) lit, "those"

5) lit, "called upon them"

20 "but that [we] should write to them that [they] should abstain from the pollutions of idols, and [from] sexual immorality, and [from] that which is strangled, and [from] blood.

21 "For from ancient generations Moses has had in each city those who proclaim him, because [he] is read in the synagogues each [and] every Sabbath."

22 Then it seemed good to the apostles and to the elders, with the whole church, to choose men from among them [and] to send [them] to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas—Judas who was called Barsabas, and Silas, leading men among the brothers.

23 [They] wrote these [things] through their hand: "The apostles and the elders and the brothers, to the brothers in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia who [are] from [the] gentiles: greetings.

24 "Because we heard that some of us had gone out⁶ [and] had confused you with words, with the result that [they] were upsetting your souls, saying that [you] should be circumcised and should keep the law, to whom we did not give orders,

25 "it seemed good to us, when [we] became of one mind, to choose [men and] to send [them] to you with our beloved [ones]—Barnabas and Paul,

26 "men who have risked their lives for the sake of the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

27 "Therefore we have sent Judas and Silas, in order that they also may report the same [things] by word [of mouth].

28 "For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us for no more burden except these necessary [things] to be laid upon you⁷,

29 "namely, that [you] should abstain from [things] sacrificed to idols, and from blood, and from [that] which is strangled, and from sexual immorality; from which if [you] keep yourselves free, you will do well. Farewell."

30 So, then, after [they] were dismissed, they came to Antioch; and after [they] gathered the multitude together, they delivered the letter.

31 And after [they] read [it], they rejoiced over the comfort.

32 And Judas and Silas, because they also were prophets, exhorted and strengthened the brothers with a long speech;

33 and after [they] spent time [there], they were dismissed with peace by the brothers to the apostles.

34 However, it seemed good to Silas to remain there.

35 Now Paul and Barnabas were staying in Antioch for the purpose of teaching and proclaiming, with many others also, the gospel of the word of the Lord.

36 And after several days, Paul said to Barnabas, "Let [us] return now [and] visit our brothers in each [and] every city in which we proclaimed the word of the Lord, [and see] how they are."

37 And Barnabas resolved to take along with [them] John who was called Mark,

38 but Paul was insisting not to take along with [them] this man who had withdrawn from them from Pamphylia and had not gone with them to the work⁸.

39 Therefore a sharp disagreement arose, with the result that they separated from one another and that Barnabas took Mark with [him and] sailed away to Cyprus;

40 but Paul chose Silas [and] departed after [he] was entrusted by the brothers to the grace of God.

41 And he was passing through Syria and Cilicia for the purpose of strengthening the churches.

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6) or, "had gone out from us"

7) or, "to lay upon you no more burden except these necessary [things]"

8) lit, "him who had withdrawn from them from Pamphylia and had not gone with them to the work, not to take this [man] along with [them]"

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

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

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:

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:

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 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 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.

CHAPTER 16

1) or, "woman, a believing Jew" or, "Jewish woman, a believer"
2) lit, "father, a Greek"

CHAPTER 16

1 Then he came to Derbe and Lystra. And behold, a certain disciple was there, Timothy by name, [the] son of a certain believing Jewish woman¹, but of a Greek father²,

2 who would be favorably testified of by the brothers in Lystra and Iconium.

3 Paul wanted this [man] to go with him, and [he] took [him and] circumcised him because of the Jews who were in those places, for they all knew his father, that he was a Greek.

4 And while they were passing through the cities, they were handing down to them the decrees to observe, which had been decided upon by the apostles and the elders who [were] in Jerusalem.

5 So, then, the churches were being strengthened in the faith and were increasing in number each day.

CHAPTER 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.

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6 And after [they] passed through Phrygia and the Galatian region because [they] had been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia,

7 after [they] came to Mysia, they were trying to go to Bithynia, but the Spirit did not permit them;

8 And after [they] passed through Mysia, they went down to Troas.

9 Now a vision appeared to Paul during the night: a certain man, a Macedonian, was standing, inviting him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia [and] help us."

10 And after he saw the vision, immediately we sought to go out to Macedonia because [we] were concluding that the Lord had called us to proclaim the gospel to them.

11 Therefore [we] set sail from Troas [and] ran a straight course to Samothrace, and on the following [day] to Neapolis,

12 and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia, a colony. And we were staying in this city for several days.

13 And on the day of the Sabbath, we went out of the city to [the]³ river, where a place of prayer was accustomed⁴ to be; and [we] sat down [and] began speaking to the women who had assembled [there].

14 And a certain woman, Lydia by name, a merchant dealing in purple cloth from [the] city of Thyatira, a woman⁵ who was worshipping God, was listening [to us], whose heart the Lord had opened to pay attention to those things which were being said by Paul.

15 And after she and her household were baptized, she invited [us], saying, "If you have judged me to be a believer in⁶ the Lord, come into my house [and] stay [there]." And she prevailed upon us.

16 Now it happened while we were going to [the] place of prayer, that a certain female slave who had [the] spirit of Python met us, who would bring much profit to her masters by practicing divination.

17 This [woman] followed Paul and us [and] kept crying out, saying, "These men are [the] slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to us [the] way of salvation."

18 And she kept doing this for many days. But Paul became greatly annoyed and turned [and] said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out from her." And it came out at that very time.

19 Then her masters, when [they] saw that the hope of their profit had come out, took hold of Paul and Silas [and] dragged [them] into the marketplace before the rulers;

20 and they brought them to the chief magistrates [and] said, "These men, because [they] are Jews, are causing trouble to our city

21 "and are proclaiming customs which it is not lawful for us, because [we] are Romans, to accept or to practice."

22 Then the crowd joined in the attack against them, and the chief magistrates tore off their garments [and] began commanding [them] to beat [them] with rods;

23 and after [they] inflicted many blows upon them, they threw [them] into prison while⁷ [they] commanded the jailer to guard them securely,

24 who, because [he] had⁸ received such a command, threw them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks.

25 And about midnight Paul and Silas were praying [and] singing hymns of praise to God, and the prisoners were listening to them.

26 Then suddenly a great earthquake occurred, with the result that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and the bonds of all [the prisoners] were loosened.

27 And the jailer, when [he] became awake and saw the doors of the prison opened, drew a sword [and] was about to kill himself, because [he] was thinking that the prisoners had escaped.

28 But Paul cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Do no harm to yourself, for we all are here."

29 Then he asked for lights [and] rushed in, and [he] began⁹ trembling [and] fell down before Paul and Silas;

30 then [he] brought them out [and] said, "Sirs, what must I¹⁰ do in order that I may be saved?"

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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;

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,

20 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 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?

3) or, "a"
4) or, "thought"

5) or omit

6) or, "faithful to"

7) or, "after"

8) or, "after [he]"

9) lit, "became"

10) lit, "it is necessary for me to"

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31 And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and you and your household will be saved."
32 Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all those [who were] in his house.
33 And at that time of the night [he] took them [and] washed [them] from [their] wounds; then he and his whole [household] were baptized immediately;
34 and [he] brought them up into his house [and] set a table before [them]; and he exulted with his whole household because [he] believed in God.
35 Now when day came, the chief magistrates sent the lictors, saying, "Release those men."
36 And the jailer reported these words to Paul, [saying], "The chief magistrates have sent [orders] that you should be released. Therefore come out now [and] go in peace."
37 But Paul said to them, "[They] beat us in public, uncondemned—although [we] are men, Romans¹¹—[and] threw [us] into prison; and now they are sending us away secretly? By no means; rather, let [them] come themselves [and] bring us out."
38 And the lictors reported these words to the chief magistrates. Then they became afraid when [they] heard that they were Romans;
39 so [they] came [and] spoke to them in a friendly manner¹², and [they] brought [them] out [and] kept asking [them] to go away from the city.
40 So after [they] came out of the prison, they went into [the house of] Lydia; and when [they] saw the brothers, they exhorted them; then they departed.

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31 And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, 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.

11) or, "men who are Romans"

12) or, "comforted them"

CHAPTER 17

1 Now after [they] traveled through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where the synagogue of the Jews was.
2 And according to that which was accustomed to Paul, he went in to them; and for three Sabbaths he was conversing with them from the scriptures
3 for the purpose of explaining [them] and demonstrating that it had been necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise up from among [the] dead, and that "this [man]—Jesus, whom I proclaim to you—is the Christ."
4 And some of them, and a great multitude of the worshipping Greeks, and not a few of the most prominent women, were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas.
5 But the disobedient Jews became jealous and took along several wicked men from the [crowd] in the marketplace and formed a mob [and] began setting the city in an uproar, and [they] attacked the house of Jason [and] were seeking them to bring [them] to the popular assembly;
6 and when [they] did not find them, they began dragging Jason and several brothers before the politarchs, crying out, "The men who troubled the world, these¹ have come here also,
7 "whom Jason has welcomed; and these all act contrary to the decrees of Caesar by saying that there is another king—Jesus."
8 However, they confused the crowd and the politarchs while [they] were hearing these [things];
9 and after [they] received bail from Jason and the rest, they released them.
10 Then the brothers immediately sent both Paul and Silas away to Berea during the night, who, after [they] arrived, went into the synagogue of the Jews.
11 Now these [Jews] were more open-minded than those [who were] in Thessalonica, who welcomed the word with all goodwill with the result of examining the scriptures each day [to see] whether these [things] might be so.
12 So, then, many of them, and not a few of the prominent Greek women and men, believed.
13 But when the Jews from Thessalonica learned that the word of God had been proclaimed by Paul in Berea also, they came there also for the purpose of inciting the crowds.
14 And then the brothers immediately sent Paul away to go intentionally to the sea, but both Silas and Timothy were staying there.

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1 Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where was a synagogue of the Jews:
2 And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three sabbath days reasoned with them out of the scriptures,
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.
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.
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.
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;
7 Whom Jason hath received: and these all do contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, [one] Jesus.
8 And they troubled the people and the rulers of the city, when they heard these things.
9 And when they had taken security of Jason, and of the other, they let them go.
10 And the brethren immediately sent away Paul and Silas by night unto Berea: who coming [thither] went into the synagogue of the Jews.
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.
12 Therefore many of them believed; also of honourable women which were Greeks, and of men, not a few.
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 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.

1) or, "These men who troubled the world"

15 And those who were conducting Paul brought him as far as Athens; and after [they] received a command for Silas and Timothy, namely, that they should come to him as quickly as possible, they departed.

16 Now while Paul was waiting for them in Athens, his spirit was being provoked within him because² [he] was seeing that the city was full of idols.

17 So, then, he was conversing in the synagogue with the Jews and with the worshippers, and in the marketplace each [and] every day with those who happened to be present.

18 Then some of the Epicureans and of the Stoic philosophers began conversing with him; and some were saying, "What would this scavenger want to say?" And others [were saying], "He seems to be a proclaimer of foreign divinities," because he was proclaiming the gospel of Jesus and of the resurrection to them.

19 So [they] took hold of him [and] brought [him] before the Areopagus, saying, "May we³ know what this new teaching [is] which is being proclaimed by you?"

20 "For you are bringing some astonishing [things] to our ears; therefore we want to know what these [things] could mean⁴."

21 (Now all [the] Athenians and the sojourning strangers would spend their time in no other [thing] except saying and hearing some newer [thing].)

22 So Paul stood in [the] midst of the Areopagus [and] said, "Men, Athenians, I perceive you as very religious in all [things]."

23 "For while [I] was passing through and looking carefully at the objects of your worship, I found also an altar on which it was inscribed, 'TO AN UNKNOWN GOD.' Therefore [the God] to whom you show profound devotion being ignorant, this [God] I proclaim to you.

24 "The God who made the world and all the [things which are] in it, this [God], because [he] is [the] Lord of [the] heavens and of [the] earth, does not dwell in temples made by hands,

25 "nor is he served by [the] hands of men because [he] needs some[thing]—because [he] himself gives life and breath and all [things] to all [men];

26 "and he caused from one blood every nation of men to dwell upon the whole face of the earth when [he] determined times which were appointed beforehand and the fixed boundaries of their dwelling place,

27 "in order that [they] might seek the Lord, whether perhaps they might grope for him and find [him], although [he] is not far from each one of us.

28 "For in him we live and move and exist, as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we are also his offspring⁵.'

29 "Therefore because⁶ [we] are [the] offspring of God, we ought not to think that the divine [being] is like gold or silver or stone, an image [formed] by [the] skill and [the] imagination of man.

30 "So, then, God, although [he] overlooked the times of ignorance, now commands all men everywhere to repent,

31 "because he set a day on which he intends to judge the world with justice by a man whom he appointed, after [he] furnished proof to all [men] by raising him up from among [the] dead."

32 Now when [they] heard about [the] resurrection from among [the] dead, some began mocking, but others said, "We will hear you again about this."

33 Then Paul simply went out of their midst.

34 But some men joined him [and] believed, among whom also [were] Dionysius the Areopagite, and a woman, Damaris with name, and others with them.

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2) or, "while"

3) lit, "Are we able to"

4) lit, "to mean"

5) lit, "[the] offspring of this [one]"
6) or, "if"

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 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.

CHAPTER 18

1 And after these [things] Paul departed from Athens [and] went to Corinth.

2 And after [he] found a certain Jew, Aquila by name, a [man] from Pontus by nation, who had recently come from Italy (because Claudius had ordered all the Jews to depart from Rome), and Priscilla his wife, he went to them;

3 and because [he] was practicing the same trade, he was staying and working with them (for they were tentmakers by trade).

4 And he was conversing in the synagogue each [and] every Sabbath and was trying to convince Jews and Greeks.

CHAPTER 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.

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5 Now when both Silas and Timothy came down from Macedonia, Paul was being impelled by the Spirit while [he] was testifying to the Jews [that] the Christ [was] Jesus¹.

6 But while they were opposing and slandering [him], [he] shook out [his] garments [and] said to them, "Your blood [be] upon your heads; I [am] guiltless; from now on I will go to the gentiles."

7 So [he] departed from there [and] went to² [the] house of a certain [man], Justus by name, a man who was worshipping God, whose house was next door to the synagogue.

8 And Crispus, the ruler of the synagogue, believed in the Lord with his whole household; and many of the Corinthians, because³ [they] were hearing about [this]⁴, began believing and being baptized.

9 Then the Lord said to Paul through a vision in [the] night, **Do not be afraid, but speak and do not keep silent,**

10 **"for I am with you, and no one will attack you in order to harm you, for many people belong to me in this city."**

11 So he stayed [there] for a year and six months for the purpose of teaching the word of God among them.

12 Now while Gallio was proconsul of Achaia, the Jews rose up against Paul with one mind and brought him before the judgment seat,

13 saying, "This [man] induces men to worship God [in a way] contrary to the law."

14 But when Paul was about to open [his] mouth, Gallio said to the Jews, "Jews, if, then, it were some crime or wicked villainy, I would in reason accept your complaint;

15 "but if it is a question about teaching and names and a law which [is] your own, you yourselves shall see to [it], for I do not want to be [the] judge of these [things]."

16 So he drove them away from the judgment seat.

17 Then all the Greeks took hold of Sosthenes, the ruler of the synagogue, [and] began beating [him] in front of the judgment seat; but none of these [things] were a concern to Gallio.

18 And Paul, after [he] stayed [there] yet further for many days, said farewell to the brothers [and] began sailing away to Syria (and Priscilla and Aquila [were] with him) after [he] had his head sheared in Cenchrea, for he had a vow.

19 And he came to Ephesus; and he left them⁵ behind there, but [he] himself went into the synagogue [and] conversed with the Jews.

20 And while they were asking [him] to stay for a longer time with them, he did not consent;

21 but he said farewell to them, saying, "It is certainly necessary for me to keep the coming festival in Jerusalem, but I will return to you again, if God should desire." Then he set sail from Ephesus;

22 and after [he] put in at Caesarea, [he] went up and greeted the church [and] went down to Antioch.

23 And after [he] spent some time [there], he departed for the purpose of going one [place] after the other through the Galatian region and Phrygia for the purpose of strengthening all the disciples.

24 Now a certain Jew, Apollos by name, an Alexandrian by nation, an eloquent⁶ man who was well versed in the scriptures, came to Ephesus.

25 This [man] had been instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in spirit, he was speaking and teaching accurately those [things which were] about the Lord, although [he] knew only the baptism of John;

26 so this [man] began to speak boldly in the synagogue. But Aquila and Priscilla, when [they] heard him, took him aside and explained the way of God to him more accurately.

27 And when he wanted to cross over to Achaia, the brothers encouraged [him and] wrote to the disciples to welcome him, who, after [he] arrived, greatly helped those who believed through grace⁷,

28 for he was conclusively refuting the Jews vigorously in public by demonstrating through the scriptures that the Christ was Jesus⁸.

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1) or, "Jesus [was] the Christ"

2) or, "into"

3) or, "while"
4) or, "him"

5) lit, "those [ones]"

6) or, "a learned"

7) or, "the grace"

8) or, "Jesus was the Christ"

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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 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 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.

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.

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:

28 For he mightily convinced the Jews, [and that] publicly, shewing by the scriptures that Jesus was Christ.

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1 Now it happened that, while Apollos was in Corinth, Paul went through the upper regions [and] came to Ephesus; and when [he] found some disciples,

2 he said to them, "Did you receive [the] Holy Spirit when [you] believed?" And they said to him, "[No], but we did not even hear whether¹ there was a Holy Spirit."

3 So he said to them, "Into what, then, were you baptized?" And they said, "Into the baptism of John."

4 Then Paul said, "John indeed baptized with [the] baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe in him who was coming after him, that is, in the² Christ Jesus."

5 And when [they] heard [this], they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus;

6 and when Paul laid [his] hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they began speaking in languages and prophesying.

7 And all the men were about twelve.

8 Then [he] went into the synagogue [and] began speaking boldly for three months, with the result that [he] was³ conversing and convincing [them] of those [things which were] about the kingdom of God.

9 But while some were being⁴ hardened and being disobedient, with the result that [they] were speaking evil of the Way in the presence of the multitude, [he] withdrew from them [and] separated the disciples, with the result that [he] was conversing each day in the lecture hall of a certain Tyrannus.

10 And this went on for two years, with the result that all those who were inhabiting Asia, both Jews and Greeks, heard the word of the Lord Jesus.

11 And God was doing powerful deeds which were not ordinary through the hands of Paul,

12 with the result that even facecloths or aprons were taken from his skin to those who were sick, and that the diseases departed from them and the evil spirits came out from them.

13 Then some of the Jewish exorcists, who would go from place to place, tried to name the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had the evil spirits, saying, "We adjure you by this Jesus whom Paul proclaims."

14 (Now there were certain [men], [the] seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish chief⁵ priest, who were doing this.)

15 But the evil spirit answered [and] said, "This Jesus I know, and this Paul I am acquainted with; but who are you?"

16 Then the man in whom the evil spirit was began leaping upon them and gained dominion over them [and] prevailed against them, with the result that [they] fled out of that house naked and wounded.

17 And this became known to all those who were inhabiting Ephesus, both Jews and Greeks; and fear fell upon them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was being magnified.

18 Therefore many of those who believed began coming for the purpose of confessing and disclosing their deeds.

19 And many of those who had practiced the magic [arts] brought [their] books together [and] began burning [them] up in the presence of all [men]; and they counted up the value of them and found [it to be] fifty thousand [pieces] of silver.

20 In this manner the word of the Lord was increasing and prevailing with might.

21 Now when⁶ these [things] were completed, Paul purposed in [his] spirit to pass through Macedonia and Achaia [and] to go to Jerusalem, saying, "After I am there, it is necessary for me to see Rome also."

22 So after [he] sent two of those who were serving him—Timothy and Erastus—to Macedonia, he himself stayed for a time in Asia.

23 And at that time not a small disturbance concerning the Way arose.

24 For a certain [man], Demetrius by name, a silversmith, who would make silver shrines of Artemis, would bring not a small profit to the craftsmen,

25 whom [he] gathered together, and the workers [who were occupied] with such [things], [and] said, "Men, you know that our prosperity comes as a result of this business;

1) or, "that"

2) or omit

3) or, "for the purpose of"

4) or omit

5) or, "high"

6) or, "after"

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 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 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 "and you see and hear that this Paul convinced [and] turned away a large crowd, not only in Ephesus but in almost all Asia, by saying that the [gods] which are made by hands are not gods.

27 "So not only is this branch of business of ours in danger of coming into disrepute, but also the temple of the great goddess Artemis [is in danger] of being considered as nothing, and [she is in danger] of even being torn down inevitably with respect to her majesty, whom⁷ all Asia and the world worship."

28 And when [they] heard [this] and became filled with rage, they began crying out, saying, "Great [is] Artemis of [the] Ephesians."

29 Then the whole city was filled with confusion; and they rushed into the theater with one mind after [they] seized Gaius and Aristarchus, Macedonians, traveling companions with Paul.

30 But when Paul wanted to go into the popular assembly, the disciples were not permitting him;

31 and even some of the Asiarchs, who were friendly to him, sent to him [and] began imploring [him] not to venture⁸ into the theater.

32 So, then, some were crying out one [thing], [some were crying out] another [thing]⁹, for the gathering was confused, and the majority did not know why¹⁰ they had come together.

33 And they made Alexander come forward from the crowd because the Jews were pushing him forward, and Alexander waved [his] hand [and] wanted to make a defense before the popular assembly.

34 But when [they] recognized that he was a Jew, one outcry from all arose, with the result that for about two hours [they] were crying out, "Great [is] Artemis of [the] Ephesians."

35 Then the city clerk, after [he] quiets the crowd, says, "Men, Ephesians, why, what man is there who does not know that the city of [the] Ephesians is [the] honorary temple keeper of the great goddess Artemis and of the [image which] fell down from Zeus?"

36 "Therefore because these [things] are undeniable, it is necessary for you to be quiet¹¹ and to do no reckless [thing].

37 "For you brought these men [here], [although they are] neither temple robbers nor blaspheme¹² your goddess.

38 "If, then, Demetrius and the craftsmen with him have a complaint against any [man], court [sessions] are held and there are proconsuls; let them accuse one another [there].

39 "But if you seek after any[thing] concerning other [matters], it shall be settled in the lawful assembly.

40 "For indeed we are in danger of being accused of a riot because of this very¹³ [day], because no cause concerning which we will be able to give an account of this disorderly gathering exists."

41 And after [he] said these [things], he dismissed the gathering.

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7) or, "which"

8) lit, "cause himself to go"

9) lit, "others were crying out some other [thing]"

10) lit, "because of what"

11) or, "calm"

12) or, "men who blaspheme"

13) lit, "the today"

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.

30 And when Paul would have entered in unto the people, the disciples suffered him not.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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?

36 Seeing then that these things cannot be spoken against, ye ought to be quiet, and to do nothing rashly.

37 For ye have brought hither these men, which are neither robbers of churches, nor yet blasphemers of your goddess.

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.

39 But if ye inquire any thing concerning other matters, it shall be determined in a lawful assembly.

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.

41 And when he had thus spoken, he dismissed the assembly.

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1 Now after the uproar ceased, Paul summoned and took leave of the disciples [and] departed to go to Macedonia.

2 And after [he] went through those regions and exhorted them with a long speech, he came to Greece;

3 and after [he] spent three months [there], because a plot was made against him by the Jews while [he] was intending to set sail for Syria, a decision to return through Macedonia was made.

4 And Sopater [the] Berean, and Aristarchus and Secundus of [the] Thessalonians, and Gaius [the] Derbean and Timothy, and [the] Asians Tychicus and Trophimus, were accompanying him as far as Asia.

5 These [men] went on ahead [and] were waiting for us in Troas;

6 and we sailed away from Philippi after the days of Unleavened [Bread], and within five days we came to them to Troas, where we stayed for seven days.

7 And on the first [day] of the week, when the disciples were gathered together to break bread, Paul began conversing with them because [he] was intending to depart on the next [day]; so¹ he was prolonging [his] message until midnight.

8 Now there were many lamps in the upper [room] where they were gathered together.

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1) or, "and"

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1 And after the uproar was ceased, Paul called unto [him] the disciples, and embraced [them], and departed for to go into Macedonia.

2 And when he had gone over those parts, and had 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.

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9 And a certain young man, Eutychus by name, who was sitting in the window, who was being brought down by deep sleep while Paul was conversing for a long [time], was brought down by the sleep [and] fell down from the third story and was picked up dead.

10 Then Paul went down [and] fell upon him and embraced [him and] said, "Do not be troubled, for his life is in him."

11 And after [he] went up and broke and ate bread, and talked for a long [time] until dawn, in this manner he departed.

12 And they brought the youth alive and were comforted not to a moderate degree.

13 Then we went on ahead to the ship [and] set sail for Assos because [we] were intending to take Paul on board from there, for he had arranged [it] in this manner because [he] himself was intending to travel by land².

14 And when he met us in Assos, [we] took him on board [and] went to Mitylene;

15 and after [we] sailed away from there, on the following [day] we came opposite Chios; and on the next [day] we came near to Samos; and after [we] stayed in Trogyllium, we came to Miletus on the [day] after.

16 For Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus in order that it might not happen for him to spend time in Asia, for he was hurrying to be in Jerusalem, if it was possible for him, on the day of Pentecost.

17 And from Miletus [he] sent to Ephesus [and] summoned the elders of the church.

18 And when they came to him, he said to them, "You know in what way I was with you for the whole time from [the] first day on which I set foot in Asia,

19 "by serving the Lord with all humility and many tears and temptations³ which happened to me through the plots of the Jews;

20 "how I shrank from proclaiming to you and from teaching you in public and from [house] to house none of those things which were beneficial,

21 "by testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of the repentance toward God and faith which [is] in our Lord Jesus Christ.

22 "And now, behold, I am going bound by the Spirit⁴ to Jerusalem, although [I] do not know those things which will happen to me in it,

23 "except that the Holy Spirit testifies in each city, saying that bonds and afflictions await me.

24 "But I make account of nothing for myself, nor do I consider my life precious to myself, in order that [I] may finish my course with joy and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, namely, to testify of the gospel of the grace of God.

25 "And now, behold, I know that you all, among whom I went about for the purpose of proclaiming the kingdom of God, will no longer see my face.

26 "Therefore I testify to you on this very⁵ day that I [am] free from the blood of [you] all,

27 "for I did not shrink from proclaiming to you the whole resolution of God.

28 "Therefore beware for yourselves and for the whole flock, among which the Holy Spirit made you [into] overseers to shepherd the church of God, which he acquired through his own blood.

29 "For I know this, namely, that after my departure ferocious wolves will come in among you, with the result that [they] will not be sparing the flock,

30 "and [that] from among you yourselves men who speak perverted [things] to draw away the disciples after them will rise up.

31 "Therefore stay alert, with the result that [you] remember that for three years, night and day, I did not stop admonishing each one with tears.

32 "And now, brothers, I entrust 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.

33 "I desired [the] silver or [the] gold or [the] clothing of no one;

34 "and you yourselves know that these hands served my needs and those who were with me.

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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 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.

29 For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock.

30 Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them.

31 Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears.

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.

33 I have coveted no man's silver, or gold, or apparel.

34 Yea, ye yourselves know, that these hands have ministered unto my necessities, and to them that were with me.

2) or, "on foot"

3) or, "trials"

4) or, "because [I] am bound by the Spirit, I am going"

5) lit, "the today"

35 "With respect to all [things] I showed you that by laboring in this manner it is necessary [for you] to help those who are weak⁶ and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, namely, that he said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."
36 And after [he] said these [things], [he] set down his knees [and] prayed with them all⁷.
37 Then loud weeping from [them] all occurred; and [they] fell upon the neck of Paul [and] began kissing him
38 in pain especially because of the statement which he had said, namely, that they were no longer to see his face. Then they began escorting him to the ship.

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 6) or, "in need"
 7) or, "with them all [and] prayed"

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.
36 And when he had thus spoken, he kneeled down, and prayed with them all.
37 And they all wept sore, and fell on Paul's neck, and kissed him,
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.

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1 And after it happened that we set sail after [we] tore ourselves from them, [we] ran a straight course [and] came to Cos, and on the next [day we came] to Rhodes, and from there [we came] to Patara;
2 and after [we] found a ship which was going to cross over to Phoenicia, [we] went on board [and] set sail.
3 And after [we] caught sight of Cyprus and left it on the left, we kept sailing to Syria and put in at Tyre, for the ship was going to unload [its] cargo there.
4 And after [we] found disciples, we stayed there for seven days, who kept telling Paul through the Spirit not to go up to Jerusalem.
5 And when it happened that we completed the days, [we] departed [and] began traveling while [they] all, with women¹ and children, were escorting us as far as outside the city; and [we] set down [our] knees upon the beach [and] prayed;
6 then [we] took leave of one another [and] went up into the ship, and they² returned to their own [homes].
7 And after [we] completed³ the voyage from Tyre, we came to Ptolemais; and [we] greeted the brothers [and] stayed with them for one day.
8 And on the next [day] we [who were] around Paul departed [and] came to Caesarea; and [we] went into the house of Philip the evangelist, who was [one] of⁴ the seven, [and] stayed with him.
9 Now four daughters, virgins who would prophesy, belonged to this [man].
10 And while we were staying [there] for very many days, a certain prophet, Agabus by name, came down from Judea;
11 and [he] came to us and took off the belt of Paul and bound his own hands and feet [with it and] said, "The Holy Spirit says these [things]: 'In this manner the Jews will bind in Jerusalem⁵ and will hand over into [the] hands of [the] gentiles the man to whom this belt belongs."
12 And when we heard these [things], both we and the local [residents] began imploring him not to go up to Jerusalem.
13 But Paul answered, "What are you doing by weeping and breaking my heart? For I am ready⁶ not only to be bound, but also to die in Jerusalem because of the name of the Lord Jesus."
14 And because he was not allowing himself to be persuaded, we remained silent, saying, "Let the will of the Lord be done."
15 And after these days [we] packed up [and] began going up to Jerusalem;
16 and also [some] of the disciples from Caesarea went with us for the purpose of bringing [us] to a certain Mnason, a Cypriot, a disciple of long standing, with whom we should be shown hospitality.
17 And when we came to Jerusalem, the brothers welcomed us gladly.
18 And on the following [day] Paul went in with us to James, and all the elders were present.
19 And after [he] greeted them, he began relating [one] by one each [one of those things] which God had done among the gentiles through his ministry.
20 And when [they] heard [this], they began glorifying the Lord; and they said to him, "You see, brother, how many myriads of Jews there are who believe, and they all are zealots of the law;
21 "and they were informed about you that you teach all the Jews [who are dispersed] throughout the nations abandonment from Moses by telling them not to circumcise [their] children or to walk according to the customs.

1) or, "wives"
 2) lit, "those"
 3) or, "continued"
 4) or, "belonged to"
 5) or, "in Jerusalem will bind"
 6) lit, "readily"

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:
2 And finding a ship sailing over unto Phenicia, we went aboard, and set forth.
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.
4 And finding disciples, we tarried there seven days: who said to Paul through the Spirit, that he should not go up to Jerusalem.
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] 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 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, then, is [to be done]? It is certainly necessary for a multitude to come together, for they will hear that you have come.

23 "Therefore do this which we tell you: four men who have a vow upon them belong to us.

24 "Take these [men and] allow yourself to be purified with them, and pay their expenses⁷ in order that they may have their heads shaved and [that] all [men] may know that none [of those things] of which they are informed about you exist⁸, but [that] you yourself also conform by observing the law.

25 "And we wrote about the gentiles who believe after [we] decided that they should observe no such [thing], except that they should be on their guard both against that which is sacrificed to an idol, and against blood, and [that] which is strangled, and sexual immorality."

26 Then Paul took the men on the next day [and]⁹ allowed himself to be purified with them [and] went into the temple for the purpose of announcing the completion of the days of purification, until [the time] when the offering was offered for each one of them.

27 Now when the seven days were about to be completed, the Jews from Asia, when [they] saw him in the temple, began stirring up the whole crowd and laid [their] hands upon him,

28 crying out, "Men, Israelites, help; this is the man who teaches all [men] everywhere against the people and the law and this place, and furthermore he brought Greeks into the temple and has defiled this holy place."

29 (For they had previously seen Trophimus the Ephesian in the city with him, whom they were assuming that Paul had brought into the temple.)

30 And the whole city was aroused, and the people ran together¹⁰; and [they] take hold of Paul [and] began dragging him out of the temple, and immediately the doors were shut.

31 And while [they] were seeking to kill him, a report that all Jerusalem was stirred up came up to the military tribune of the cohort,

32 who immediately took soldiers and centurions [and] ran down to them; and when [they] saw the military tribune and the soldiers, they stopped beating Paul.

33 Then the military tribune drew near [and] took hold of him and commanded [him] to be bound with two chains; and he began inquiring who he might be and what he had done.

34 And among the crowd some began crying out one [thing], [others began crying out] another [thing]¹¹. And when¹² [he] was not able to find out the truth because of the clamor, he commanded him to be brought into the barracks.

35 And when he came to the steps, it happened that he was being carried by the soldiers because of the violence of the crowd,

36 for the multitude of the people were following [them], crying out, "Take him away."

37 And when [he] is about to be brought into the barracks, Paul says to the military tribune, "Is it permitted for me to say something [to you]?" And he said, "Do¹³ you have knowledge in the Greek language?"

38 "Then you are not the Egyptian who before these days raised a revolt and led the four thousand men of the Assassins out into the wilderness?"

39 And Paul said, "I am a man, a Jew, a Tarsian from Cilicia, a citizen of not an unimportant city; but I ask of you, permit me to speak to the people."

40 And when he permitted [him], Paul stood upon the steps [and] motioned to the people with [his] hand. And when a great silence occurred, he addressed [them] in the Aramaic language, saying,

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1 "Men, brothers and fathers, listen to my present defense to you."

2 Now when [they] heard that he was addressing them in the Aramaic language, they showed silence even more. Then he says,

3 "I am a man, a Jew, born in Tarsus of Cilicia, but brought up in this city, educated at the feet of Gamaliel¹ according to [the] strictness of the paternal law, with the result that [I] was a zealot of God, just as you all are today;

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7) lit, "spend [money] on them"

8) or, "there is nothing [with respect to those things] of which they are informed about you"

9) or, "[and] on the next day"

10) lit, "a running together of the people occurred"

11) lit, "others began crying out some other [thing]"
12) or, "because"

13) or omit

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1) or, "city at the feet of Gamaliel, educated"

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 keep-est 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.)

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 on the stairs, and beckoned with the hand unto the people. And when there was made a great silence, he spake unto [them] in the Hebrew tongue, saying,

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1 Men, brethren, and fathers, hear ye my defence [which I make] now unto you.

2 (And when they heard that he spake in the Hebrew tongue to them, they kept the more silence: and he saith,)

3 I am verily a man [which am] a Jew, born in Tarsus, [a city] in Cilicia, yet brought up in this city at the feet of Gamaliel, [and] taught according to the perfect manner of the law of the fathers, and was zealous toward God, as ye all are this day.

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4 "who persecuted this Way to the point of death by binding and handing over to prisons both men and women,

5 "as **also**² the high priest and the whole council of elders bear witness about me, from whom [I] also received letters to the brothers [and] began traveling to Damascus for the purpose of bringing even those who were there bound to Jerusalem, in order that they might be punished.

6 "And it happened to me while [I] was traveling and drawing near to Damascus, that about midday a bright light suddenly shone from **the heavens**³ around me;

7 "and I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to me, '**Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?**'

8 "And I answered, 'Who are you, sir?' And he said to me, '**I am Jesus the Nazarene, whom you are persecuting.**'

9 "Now those who were with me saw the light and became terrified, but they did not **hear**⁴ the voice of him who was speaking to me.

10 "And I said, 'What should I do, Lord?' And the Lord said to me, '**Rise up [and] go into Damascus, and there it will be told to you about all [the things] which it is instructed for you to do.**'

11 "And **because**⁵ I [could] not see because of the brightness of that light, [I] was being led by the hand by those who were with me [and] came into Damascus.

12 "Then a certain Ananias, a devout man according to the law, who would be favorably testified of by all the Jews who were dwelling [there],

13 "came to me and stood by [me and] said to me, 'Saul, brother, look up.' And at that very time I looked up toward him.

14 "Then he said, 'The God of our fathers appointed you to know his will and to see the Righteous [One] and to hear a declaration from his mouth,

15 "because you will be a witness for him to all men [of those things] which you have seen and heard.

16 "And now why are you delaying? Rise up [and] have yourself baptized and allow your sins to be washed away **by**⁶ calling upon the name of the Lord.'

17 "And it happened to me after [I] returned to Jerusalem and while I was praying in the temple, that I fell into a trance

18 "and saw him saying to me, '**Hurry and get out of Jerusalem with haste, because they will not accept your testimony about me.**'

19 "But I said, 'Lord, they know that I was imprisoning and beating from [synagogue] to synagogue those who believed in you,

20 "and [that] while the blood of Stephen your witness was being shed, I myself also was standing by and approving of his execution and guarding the **cloaks**⁷ of those who were executing him.'

21 "Then he said to me, '**Go, because I will send you far away to [the] gentiles.**'"

22 Now they were listening to him as far as this statement; then they lifted up their voices, saying, "Take such a [man] away from the earth, for [it is] not proper for him to live."

23 And while they were crying out and taking off [their] **cloaks**⁸ and throwing dust into the air,

24 the military tribune commanded him to be brought into the barracks, saying that he should be given a hearing by scourging in order that he might find out for what reason they were crying out against him in this manner.

25 And after they stretched him out **for**⁹ the thongs, Paul said to the centurion who stood [there], "Is it lawful for you to scourge a Roman and uncondemned man?"

26 And the centurion, when [he] heard [this], went [and] reported [it] to the military tribune, saying, "Take care what you are about to do, for this man is a Roman."

27 Then the military tribune came [and] said to him, "Tell me, are you a Roman?" And he said, "Yes."

28 And the military tribune answered, "I acquired this citizenship for a large sum of money." And Paul said, "But I have even been born [a citizen]."

29 Then those who were about to give him a hearing immediately kept away from him; and the military tribune also became afraid when [he] found out that he was a Roman and because he had bound him.

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2) or, "both"

3) or, "heaven"

4) or, "understand"

5) or, "when"

6) or, "because [you] called"

7) or, "garments"

8) or, "garments"

9) or, "with"

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4 And I persecuted this way unto the death, binding and delivering into prisons both men and women.

5 As also the high priest doth bear me witness, and all the estate of the elders: from whom also I received letters unto the brethren, and went to Damascus, to bring them which were there bound unto Jerusalem, for to be punished.

6 And it came to pass, that, as I made my journey, and was come nigh unto Damascus about noon, suddenly there shone from heaven a great light round about me.

7 And I fell unto the ground, and heard a voice saying unto me, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?

8 And I answered, Who art thou, Lord? And he said unto me, I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom thou persecutest.

9 And they that were with me saw indeed the light, and were afraid; but they heard not the voice of him that spake to me.

10 And I said, What shall I do, Lord? And the Lord said unto me, Arise, and go into Damascus; and there it shall be told thee of all things which are appointed for thee to do.

11 And when I could not see for the glory of that light, being led by the hand of them that were with me, I came into Damascus.

12 And one Ananias, a devout man according to the law, having a good report of all the Jews which dwell [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.

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,

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?

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.

27 Then the chief captain came, and said unto him, Tell me, art thou a Roman? He said, Yea.

28 And the chief captain answered, With a great sum obtained I this freedom. And Paul said, But I was [free] born.

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.

30 So on the next [day], because [he] wanted to find out the truth—why he was being accused by the Jews—he loosed him from the bonds and commanded the chief priests and their whole Sanhedrin to come; then [he] brought Paul down [and] set [him] before them.

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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.

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1 And Paul looked intently at the Sanhedrin [and] said, "Men, brothers, I have conducted my life before God with all good conscience¹ to this day."

1) or, "with all good conscience before God"

1 And Paul, earnestly beholding the council, said, Men [and] brethren, I have lived in all good conscience before God until this day.

2 Then the high priest Ananias commanded those who stood by him to strike his mouth.

2 And the high priest Ananias commanded them that stood by him to smite him on the mouth.

3 Then Paul said to him, "God is to strike you, [you] white-washed wall; although you are sitting for the purpose of judging me according to the law, yet you command me to be struck although [you] are acting contrary to the law?"

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?

4 And those who stood by said, "Are you reviling the high priest of God?"

4 And they that stood by said, Revilest thou God's high priest?

5 And Paul said, "I did not know, brothers, that he was high priest, for it is written, 'You shall not speak evil against a ruler of your people.'"

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.

6 Then Paul, when [he] perceived that one² party belonged to [the] Sadducees and the other [party belonged] to [the] Pharisees, cried out in the presence of the Sanhedrin, "Men, brothers, I am a Pharisee, [the] son of a Pharisee; I am being judged concerning [the] hope and [the] resurrection of [the] dead."

2) lit, "the one"

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.

7 And when he said this, a dissension occurred between the Pharisees and the Sadducees, and the multitude was divided.

7 And when he had so said, there arose a dissension between the Pharisees and the Sadducees: and the multitude was divided.

8 (For indeed [the] Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, nor angel, nor spirit; but [the] Pharisees acknowledge [them] all.)

8 For the Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, neither angel, nor spirit: but the Pharisees confess both.

9 Then a great clamor occurred, and the scribes of the party of the Pharisees rose up [and] began contending sharply, saying, "We find no evil [thing] in this man; and if a spirit or an angel spoke to him, let us not fight against God."

9 And there arose a great cry: and the scribes [that 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 a great dissension occurred, the military tribune, because [he] was concerned that Paul should be torn to pieces by them, commanded the troop to come down [and] to take him away from their midst and to bring [him] into the barracks.

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 on the following night the Lord stood by him [and] said, "Have courage, Paul, for as you testified of those [things which were] about me in Jerusalem, in this manner it is necessary for you to bear witness also in Rome."

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 Now when day came, some of the Jews formed a conspiracy [and] put themselves under a curse by saying that [they] would neither eat nor drink until [the time] when they had killed Paul.

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 Now those who had formed this conspiracy were more than forty,

13 And they were more than forty which had made this conspiracy.

14 who went to the chief priests and to the elders [and] said, "With a curse we put ourselves under a curse to taste nothing until [the time] when we have killed Paul.

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 you, inform with the Sanhedrin the military tribune that he should bring him down to you tomorrow, as if [you] were intending to determine those [things which are] about him more exactly; and before he draws near, we are ready to assassinate him."

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 inquire something more perfectly concerning him: and we, or ever he come near, are ready to kill him.

16 But the son of the sister of Paul, when [he] heard about the ambush, went and came into the barracks [and] reported [it] to 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 [and] said, "Take this young man to the military tribune, for he has some[thing] to report to him."

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, then, he took him [and] brought [him] to the military tribune and says, "The prisoner Paul called me [and] asked [me] to bring this young man to you because [he] has some[thing] to say to you."

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.

19 Then the military tribune took hold of his³ hand and withdrew privately⁴ [and] began inquiring, "What is [that] which you have to report to me?"

3) or, "him by the hand"
4) lit, "by himself"

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 agreed with one another to ask you that you should bring Paul down before the Sanhedrin⁵ tomorrow, as if [they] were intending to inquire some[thing] about him more exactly.

5) or, "into the council room"

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 inquire somewhat of him more perfectly.

21 "But you, do not be persuaded by them, for more than forty men from among them are lying in wait for him, who put themselves under a curse neither to eat nor to drink until [the time] when they have assassinated him; and now they are ready, with the result that [they] are waiting for the assurance of agreement from you."
 22 So, then, the military tribune dismissed the young man after [he] instructed [him] to tell no one "that you reported these [things] to me."
 23 Then [he] summoned two certain [men] of the centurions [and] said, "Prepare two hundred soldiers and seventy horsemen and two hundred spearmen in order that they may go as far as Caesarea from [the] third hour of the night,"
 24 and that [they] should provide animals in order that [they] might put Paul upon [them and] bring [him] safely to Felix the governor;
 25 after [he] wrote a letter which contained this text:
 26 "Claudius Lysias, to the most excellent governor Felix: greetings.
 27 "This man, when [he] was seized by the Jews and was about to be killed by them, [I] came upon [them] with the troop [and] rescued him because [I] had learned that he was a Roman.
 28 "And because [I] wanted to find out the reason for which they were accusing him, I brought him down before their Sanhedrin⁶,
 29 "whom I found being accused because of questions concerning their law, but having no accusation worthy of death or bonds.
 30 "And when a plot was made known to me, that [it] was certainly to be directed against the man by the Jews, I sent [him] to you immediately after [I] instructed also the accusers to say those [things which were] against him before you. Farewell."
 31 So, then, the soldiers, according to that which was ordered them, took Paul [and] brought [him] to Antipatris during the night;
 32 and on the next [day they] permitted the horsemen to go on with him [and] returned to the barracks,
 33 who, when [they] came into Caesarea and delivered the letter to the governor, presented Paul also to him.
 34 And the governor, when [he] read [it] and asked what province he was from and learned that [he was] from Cilicia,
 35 said, "I will give you a hearing when your accusers also arrive." So he commanded him to be guarded in the praetorium of Herod.

6) or, "into their council room"

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.
 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 the epistle to the governor, presented Paul also before him.
 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;
 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.

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1 Now after five days the high priest Ananias came down with the elders and an attorney, a certain Tertullus, who brought formal charges against Paul to the governor.
 2 And after he was called in, Tertullus began to accuse [him], saying, "Because [we] experience much peace through you, and because right actions are performed for this nation through your foresight,
 3 "we acknowledge [this] both in every [way] and everywhere, most excellent Felix, with all thankfulness.
 4 "But in order that I may not hinder you any further, I implore you to hear us briefly with your clemency.
 5 "For [we] found this man [to be] a pestilence, and a causer of dissension among all the Jews who [are] throughout the world, and a ringleader of the sect of the Nazarenes,
 6 "who even tried to profane the temple, whom we both arrested and wanted to judge according to our law;
 7 "but Lysias the military tribune came by [and] took [him] away from our hands with much force
 8 "after [he] commanded his accusers to come before you, from whom, when [you] examine [him], you yourself will be able to find out about all these [things] of which we are accusing him."
 9 And the Jews also agreed by asserting that these [things] were so.
 10 Then Paul, when the governor nodded to him to speak, answered, "Because [I] know that you have been a judge to this nation for many years, I more cheerfully speak in my own defense about those [things which are] about myself,
 11 "because you are able to find out that not more than twelve days have passed to me from [the time] when I went up for the purpose of worshipping in Jerusalem.

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.
 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,
 3 We accept [it] always, and in all places, most noble Felix, with all thankfulness.
 4 Notwithstanding, that I be not further tedious unto thee, I pray thee that thou wouldest hear us of thy clemency a few words.
 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:
 6 Who also hath gone about to profane the temple: whom we took, and would have judged according to our law.
 7 But the chief captain Lysias came [upon us], and with great violence took [him] away out of our hands,
 8 Commanding his accusers to come unto thee: by examining of whom thyself mayest take knowledge of all these things, whereof we accuse him.
 9 And the Jews also assented, saying that these things were so.
 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:
 11 Because that thou mayest understand, that there are yet but twelve days since I went up to Jerusalem for to worship.

12 "And neither in the temple, nor in the synagogues, nor throughout the city did they find me conversing with any [man] or causing a disturbance among [the] crowd;

13 "nor are they able to prove [those things] of which they are now accusing me.

14 "But I confess this to you, namely, that according to the Way, which they call a sect, in this manner I serve the paternal God because [I] believe all those things which are written throughout the law and in [the] prophets,

15 "with the result that [I] have a hope in God, which these [men] themselves also wait for, that [the] resurrection of [the] dead, both [the] just and [the] unjust, is certainly to occur.

16 "So because of this I myself do my best to have a blameless conscience toward God and men throughout all [times].

17 "Now after very many years I came for the purpose of giving alms for my nation and offerings,

18 "under which [circumstances] some Jews from Asia found me purified in the temple, not with a crowd or with a disturbance,

19 "who ought to have been present before you and to have brought charges, if they should have any[thing] against me¹.

20 "Or let these [men] themselves say whether they found any crime in me when I stood before the Sanhedrin,

21 "other than [they found in me] concerning this one utterance which I cried out while [I] stood among them: 'I am being judged by you today concerning [the] resurrection of [the] dead.'"

22 Then Felix, when [he] heard these [things], put them off because [he] knew more accurately those [things which were] about the Way, saying, "When Lysias the military tribune comes down, I will decide your case²,"

23 and ordering the centurion that Paul should be guarded and have some freedom, and that [he] should prevent none of his friends from serving or coming to him.

24 And after several days Felix, when [he] came with Drusilla his wife, [who] was a Jew, summoned Paul and heard him concerning the faith in Christ.

25 And while he conversing about righteousness and self-control and the judgment which was certainly to occur, Felix became terrified [and] responded, "Go away for now³; and when [I] have an opportunity, I will summon you,"

26 but at the same time also hoping that money would be given to him by Paul, in order that he might release him; therefore [he] would also summon him more⁴ often [and] would talk with him.

27 But when a space of two years was completed, Felix received a successor: Porcius Festus; and because [he] wanted to grant favors to the Jews, Felix left Paul bound.

CHAPTER 24

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, 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.

1) lit, "for whom to be present before you and to bring charges, if they should have any[thing] against me, ought to have been"

2) lit, "the [things] with respect to you"

3) lit, "for that which is now"

4) or, "very"

CHAPTER 25

1 Now Festus, after [he] set foot in the province, after three days went up to Jerusalem from Caesarea.

2 Then the high priest and the most prominent [men] among the Jews brought formal charges against Paul to him and began imploring him

3 by asking a favor against him, namely, that he should summon him to Jerusalem—because [they] were planning an ambush to assassinate him along the way.

4 But¹ Festus responded that Paul was being guarded in Caesarea and that [he] himself was intending to go [there] shortly²;

5 he says, "Therefore let the powerful [men] among you go down [there] with [me and] bring charges against him, if any wrong [thing] is in this man."

6 And after [he] stayed among them for more than ten days, [he] went down to Caesarea [and] on the next [day] sat down upon the judgment seat [and] commanded Paul to be brought in.

7 And after he came, the Jews who had come down from Jerusalem stood around [him] while [they] were bringing many serious³ charges against Paul, which they were not able to prove,

8 while he was saying in his own defense, "Neither against the law of the Jews, nor against the temple, nor against Caesar did I sin with respect to any[thing]."

9 Then Festus, because [he] wanted to grant a favor to the Jews, answered Paul [and] said⁴, "Are you willing to go up to Jerusalem [and] to be judged before me there concerning these [things]?"

CHAPTER 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?

1) or, "So, then,"
2) lit, "in a short time"

3) lit, "many and serious"

4) or, "[and] said to Paul"

10 But Paul said, "I am standing before the judgment seat of Caesar, where it is necessary for me to be judged. I did not do wrong to [the] Jews at all, as you also know very well⁵.

11 "For if I am in the wrong and have done any[thing] worthy of death, I do not refuse to die; but if none [of those things] of which these [men] are accusing me exist⁶, no one is able to give me to them. I appeal to Caesar."

12 Then Festus, after [he] conferred with the council, responded, "To Caesar you have appealed; to Caesar you shall go."

13 Now after several days passed, Agrippa the king and Bernice came to Caesarea for the purpose of paying their respects to Festus.

14 And while they were staying there for very many days, Festus laid the case of⁷ Paul before the king, saying, "There is a certain man who has been left [here as] a prisoner by Felix,

15 "about whom, when I was in Jerusalem, the chief priests and the elders of the Jews brought a formal report, with the result that [they] were asking for a punishment against him,

16 "to whom I answered that it was not a custom for Romans to hand over any man to destruction before the accused met the accusers [face] to face and received an opportunity for a defense against the accusation.

17 "Therefore when they came together here with [me], [I] made no postponement [and] on the next [day] sat down upon the judgment seat [and] commanded the man to be brought in,

18 "against whom the accusers, when [they] stood up, began bringing no accusation [of those things] which I had been suspecting,

19 "but had some questions with him about their own religion and about a certain Jesus—a man who was dead, whom Paul was asserting [to be] alive.

20 "Now because [I] was perplexed with respect to the investigation about this [man⁸], I asked whether he might be willing to go to Jerusalem and to be judged there concerning these [things].

21 "But when Paul appealed for him to be kept for the decision of the Sebastos⁹, I commanded him to be guarded until [the time] when I send him to Caesar."

22 Then Agrippa said to Festus, "I myself also could almost wish to hear the man." And he says, "Tomorrow you will hear him."

23 Therefore on the next [day], when Agrippa and Bernice came with great pomp and came into the audience hall both with the military tribunes and with the prominent men of the city¹⁰, and when Festus commanded, Paul was brought in.

24 Then Festus says, "Agrippa King, and all [you] men who are present with us, you see this [man] about whom the whole multitude of the Jews appealed to me both in Jerusalem and here, crying out that [it] was not necessary for him to live any longer.

25 "But when [I] found that he had done nothing worthy of death, and because this [man] himself had even appealed to the Sebastos¹¹, I decided to send him,

26 "about whom I do not have any definite [thing] to write to the lord; therefore I brought him before you [all], and especially before you, King Agrippa, in order that after the preliminary hearing takes place, I might have some[thing] to write,

27 "for it seems unreasonable to me, if [I] send a prisoner, not also to indicate the charges against him."

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5) or, "better"

6) or, "there is nothing [with respect to those things] of which these [men] are accusing me"

7) lit. "[things] with respect to"

8) or, "matter"

9) or, "Revered"

10) lit. "men of the city who were according to prominence"

11) or, "Revered"

10 Then said Paul, I stand at Caesar's judgment seat, 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

27 For it seemeth to me unreasonable to send a prisoner, and not withal to signify the crimes [laid] against him.

CHAPTER 26

1 So Agrippa said to Paul, "It is permitted for you to speak on your own behalf." Then Paul began speaking in his own defense after [he] stretched out [his] hand:

2 "I consider myself fortunate, King Agrippa, because [I] intend to speak in my own defense before you today concerning all [those things] of which I am accused by [the] Jews;

3 "because [I] know that you are especially an expert in all the customs and questions [which are] according to [the] Jews; therefore I ask you to listen to me patiently.

4 "So, then, all the Jews know my manner of life which [was] from youth, which from [the] beginning was developed among my nation in Jerusalem,

5 "because if they should be willing to testify, [they] have known me beforehand from the beginning¹, namely, that I lived [as] a Pharisee according to the strictest sect of our religion.

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1) or, "for a long time"

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1 Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Thou art permitted to speak for thyself. Then Paul stretched forth the hand, and answered for himself:

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:

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.

4 My manner of life from my youth, which was at the first among mine own nation at Jerusalem, know all the Jews;

5 Which knew me from the beginning, if they would testify, that after the most straitest sect of our religion I lived a Pharisee.

6 "And now I stand being judged on the basis of [the] hope of the promise [which] was made by God to the fathers,

7 "to which [promise] our twelve tribes hope to attain while [they] serve [God] with earnestness night and day; because of which hope I am accused by the Jews, King Agrippa.

8 "Why is it considered unbelievable in the sight of you [all] if² God raises up [the] dead?

9 "So, then, I thought to myself that [it] was necessary [for me] to do many opposing [things] against the name of Jesus the Nazarene,

10 "which I also did in Jerusalem; and I locked up many of the saints in prisons after [I] received the authority from the chief priests; and while they were being executed, I cast a vote³ against [them].

11 "And while [I] was often punishing them in all the synagogues, I would try to force [them] to blaspheme; and because [I] was exceedingly enraged at them, I would persecute [them] as far as even in the foreign⁴ cities;

12 "while under which [circumstances I] was also traveling to Damascus with authority and commission which [were] from the chief priests,

13 "at midday, [O] King, I saw along the way a light shining from the heavens, superior to the brightness of the sun, around me and those who were traveling with me.

14 "And after we all fell down to the ground, I heard a voice speaking to me and saying in the Aramaic language, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me? [it is] hard for you to kick against [the] goads.'

15 "And I said, 'Who are you, sir?' And he said, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.'

16 "Now rise up and stand upon your feet, for I appeared to you for this [purpose], namely, to appoint you [as] a servant and a witness both [of those things] which you saw and [of those things] in which I will appear to you

17 "for the purpose of rescuing you from the people and [from] the gentiles, to whom I am now sending you

18 "to open their eyes and to turn [them] from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, in order that they may receive [the] forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith which [is] in me.'

19 "For which reason, King Agrippa, I did not become disobedient to the heavenly vision,

20 "but I would declare to those [who were] in Damascus first and in Jerusalem, and in the whole region of Judea and to the gentiles, that [they] should repent and turn to God with the result that [they] do deeds in keeping with repentance.

21 "Because of these [things] the Jews seized me in the temple [and] were trying to kill [me] with their violent hands.

22 "Therefore because [I] experienced help which [was] from God, I have stood to this day testifying both to [the] small [one] and to [the] great [one], saying nothing except [those things] both of which the prophets spoke [as] being necessary to happen and [of which] Moses [spoke as being necessary to happen],

23 "namely, that the Christ [would be] subject to suffering, that [because he would be the] first out of [the] resurrection from among [the] dead, he was to proclaim light to the people and to the gentiles."

24 Now while he was saying these [things] in his own defense, Festus said with [his] voice raised, "Paul, you are out of your mind; much learning is⁵ turning you to madness."

25 But he says, "I am not out of my mind, most excellent Festus, but am uttering words of truth and rationality.

26 "For the king knows about these [things], to whom I am also speaking boldly⁶, for I am not persuaded that any [one] of these [things] escapes his notice at all, for this has not been done in a corner.

27 "King Agrippa, do you believe the prophets? I know that you believe [them]."

28 And Agrippa said to Paul, "You are trying to persuade me to become a Christian in a short [time]⁷."

29 And Paul said, "I would pray to God that whether in a short [time] or in a long [time] not only you but also all those who are listening to me today should become such as I am, except for these bonds."

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2) or, "that"

3) lit, "voting-pebble"

4) lit, "outside"

5) lit, "the many letters are"

6) lit, "speaking boldly"

7) or, "Are you trying to persuade me to become a Christian in a short [time]?"

6 And now I stand and am judged for the hope of the promise made of God unto our fathers:

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.

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 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 after he said these [things], the king and the governor and Bernice and those who were sitting with them rose up,
 31 and [they] withdrew [and] began speaking to one another, saying, "This man is doing nothing worthy of death or bonds."
 32 Then Agrippa said to Festus, "This man could⁸ have been released if he had not appealed to Caesar."

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8) lit, "would be able to"

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.

CHAPTER 27

1 Now when it was decided that we should sail away to Italy, they began handing over both Paul and some other prisoners to [the] centurion of [the] Sebastos¹ cohort, Julius by name.
 2 And after [we] went on board an Adramyttian ship because [we] were to sail to the places along Asia, we set sail, while Aristarchus, a Macedonian, a Thessalonian, was with us.
 3 And on the next [day] we put in at Sidon; and Julius treated Paul benevolently [and] permitted [him] to go to [his] friends [and] to experience care.
 4 And after [we] set sail from there, we sailed under the lee of Cyprus because the winds were contrary;
 5 and after [we] sailed through the sea which [was] along Cilicia and Pamphylia, we put in at Myra of Lycia.
 6 And there the centurion found an Alexandrian ship which was sailing to Italy [and] put us on board it.
 7 And while [we] were sailing slowly in the course of many days and moved with difficulty to Cnidus, we sailed under the lee of Crete to Salmone because the wind was not permitting us to go farther;
 8 and while [we] were coasting along it with difficulty, we came to a certain place which was called Good Harbors, near which was a city, Lasea.
 9 Now because much time had passed and the voyage was now dangerous because even the fast had already passed, Paul began advising [them] strongly,
 10 saying to them, "Men, I perceive that the voyage is certainly to be with damage and heavy loss not only of the cargo and the ship, but also of our lives."
 11 But the centurion was persuaded by the shipmaster and the shipowner² rather than by those things which were being said by Paul.
 12 And because the harbor was unsuitable for wintering in, the majority made a resolution to set sail from there also if somehow they should be able to get to Phoenix, a harbor of Crete which was looking to [the] southwest and to [the] northwest, [and] to spend the winter [there].
 13 Now when a south wind began to blow gently, because [they] thought that [they] had attained [their] purpose, [they] weighed [anchor and] began coasting very near³ along Crete.
 14 But after not a long [time], a hurricane-force wind, which was called Euroclydon, rushed down from it;
 15 and when the ship was caught and was not able to look directly at the wind, [we] gave [ourselves] up to [it and] began being driven along.
 16 And when [we] ran under the lee of a certain small island which was called Clauda, we were able with difficulty to be in control of the boat,
 17 after [they] hoisted which up, they began using supports for the purpose of undergirding the ship; and because [they] were fearing that they should run aground on the Syrtis, [they] let down the gear [and] in this manner were being driven along.
 18 And because we were being violently tossed in the storm, on the next [day] they began making a jettison;
 19 and on the third [day] we threw out the equipment of the ship with our own hands.
 20 And because neither sun nor stars were appearing for very many days, and not a small storm was continuously lying upon [us], all hope that we should be saved was finally being taken away.
 21 And because a great lack of appetite existed, Paul then stood up in their midst [and] said, "Men, [you] ought to have listened to me [and] not to have set sail from Crete and to have avoided this damage and loss⁴.
 22 "And now I strongly advise you to be cheerful, for no loss of life except the ship will occur from among you.
 23 "For on this night an angel of the God to whom I belong, whom I also serve, approached me,

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1) or, "Revered"

2) or, "captain"

3) or, "nearer"

4) lit, "[for you] to listen to me [and] not to set sail from Crete and to avoid this damage and loss ought to have been"

CHAPTER 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 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 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, 'Do not be afraid, Paul; it is necessary for you to appear before Caesar; and behold, God has graciously given you all those who are sailing with you.'

25 "Therefore be cheerful, men, for I believe God that it will occur as follows, according to which manner it has been spoken to me.

26 "But it is necessary for us to run aground on some island."

27 Now when [the] fourteenth night came, while we were being driven about in the Adriatic Sea, about [the] middle of the night the sailors began suspecting that some land was approaching them.

28 So [they] took a sounding [and] found [it to be] twenty fathoms; and after [they] went on for a short [distance] and took a sounding again, they found [it to be] fifteen fathoms;

29 and because [they] were fearing that we should somehow run aground on rocky places, [they] threw out four anchors from [the] stern [and] began wishing for day to come.

30 And while the sailors were seeking to escape from the ship, and after [they] let down the boat into the sea under pretext as if [they] were intending to lay out anchors from [the] bow,

31 Paul said to the centurion and to the soldiers, "If these [men] do not remain in the ship, you are not able to be saved."

32 Then the soldiers cut the ropes of the boat and permitted it to drift away.

33 And until [the time] when day was about to come, Paul began exhorting [them] all to take food, saying, "While [you] are waiting, today on [the] fourteenth day you have been continuing without eating by taking nothing for yourselves.

34 "Therefore I exhort you to take some food, for this is to the advantage of your preservation, for a hair will fall from the head of none of you."

35 And after [he] said these [things] and took bread, he gave thanks to God in the presence of [them] all; then [he] broke [it and] began to eat.

36 Then [they] all became cheerful [and] themselves also took some food for themselves.

37 (Now we all the souls in the ship were two hundred [and] seventy-six.)

38 And after [they] were filled with food, they began lightening the ship by throwing out the wheat⁵ into the sea.

39 And when day came, they did not recognize the land; but they were noticing a certain bay which had a beach, on which they resolved to run the ship ashore if they should be able.

40 So [they] removed the anchors from around [the stern and] began leaving [them] in the sea, while at the same time [they] loosened the bands of the rudders; then [they] hoisted up the foresail to the [breeze] which was blowing [and] began holding a course for the beach.

41 But [they] hit against a place with the sea on both sides [and] ran the ship aground; and the bow became fixed [and] remained immovable, but the stern began being broken up by the force of the waves.

42 Then a resolution of the soldiers was that they should kill the prisoners in order that no man might swim away [and] escape.

43 But the centurion, because [he] wanted to save Paul, hindered them in [their] intention, and commanded those who were able to swim to throw themselves down first [and] to get away to the land,

44 and the rest [to follow]—some [to follow] upon planks⁶, and others [to follow] upon some [pieces] which [were] part of the ship. And in this manner it happened that [they] all were brought safely to the land.

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1 And after [they] were brought safely through, they then found out that the island was called Malta.

2 And the barbarians were showing us a kindness which was not ordinary, for [they] kindled a fire [and] received us all because of the rain which had begun¹ and because of the cold.

3 But after Paul gathered up and put a bundle of brushwood² upon the fire, a viper came out because of the heat [and] fastened [itself] on his hand.

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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 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.

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.

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.

5) or, "grain"

6) or, "boards"

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1 And when they were escaped, then they knew that the island was called Melita.

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.

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.

1) or, "was imminent"
2) or, "dry wood"

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4 And when the barbarians saw the beast hanging from his hand, they began saying to one another, "This man is certainly a murderer, whom Justice did not permit to live, although [he] had been brought safely from the sea."

5 However³, he shook off the beast into the fire [and] suffered no harm;

6 but they were expecting that he was to swell up⁴ or to suddenly fall down dead. But while⁵ they were waiting for a long [time] and were seeing that no unusual [thing] was happening to him, [they] changed their minds [and] began saying that he was a god.

7 Now in the [regions which were] around that place, pieces of land belonged to the most prominent [man] of the island, Publius by name, who welcomed us [and] showed [us] hospitality in a friendly manner for three days.

8 And it happened that the father of Publius was lying down while [he] was being distressed by fevers and by dysentery, to whom Paul came in and prayed [and] laid [his] hands upon him [and] healed him.

9 Then after this happened, the rest also who had sicknesses on the island began coming and being healed,

10 who also honored us with many honors; and when [we] were about to set sail, they gave [us] those [things which were] for [our] need.

11 So after three months we set sail in an Alexandrian ship [which was] marked by [the] Dioscuri, which had spent the winter at the island.

12 And after [we] put in at Syracuse, we stayed [there] for three days,

13 from which [we] went around [and] came to Rhegium. And after one day, after a south wind came up, on the second day we came to Puteoli,

14 where [we] found brothers [and] were implored to stay with them for seven days; and in this manner we went to Rome.

15 And the brothers, when [they] heard about those [things which were] about us, came out from there as far as [the] Forum of Appius and [the] Three Taverns for a meeting with us, when [he] saw whom, Paul gave thanks to God [and] took courage.

16 And when we came to Rome, the centurion handed over the prisoners to the commander of the Praetorian Guard⁶, but it was permitted for Paul to stay by himself with the soldier who was guarding him.

17 Now it happened after three days that Paul summoned those who were [the] most prominent [men] among the Jews; and after they came together, he began saying to them, "Men, brothers, although [I] had done nothing opposed to the people or to the paternal customs, I was handed over [as] a prisoner from Jerusalem into the hands of the Romans,

18 "who, after [they] examined me, wanted to release [me], because no basis for [a sentence of] death was against me.

19 "But because the Jews were speaking against [this], I was compelled to appeal to Caesar, [although I did] not [appeal] as if [I] had some[thing] to accuse my nation of.

20 "Therefore because of this reason, I requested to see you⁷ and to speak with [you], for I am wearing this chain because of the hope of Israel."

21 And they said to him, "Neither did we receive from Judea letters about you, nor did any [one] of the brothers who had come [here] report or say any evil [thing] about you.

22 "But we consider [it] proper to hear from you [those things] which you think; for indeed concerning this sect, it is known to us that everywhere it is spoken against."

23 So after [they] set a day for him, many more⁸ [men] were coming to him to the guest lodging, to whom from morning until evening he began explaining [the matter] by testifying of the kingdom of God and by trying to convince them of those [things which were] about Jesus both from the law of Moses and from the prophets.

24 And some were being persuaded by those things which were being said, but others were disbelieving;

25 and while [they] were in disagreement with one another, they began leaving after Paul said one statement: "The Holy Spirit spoke correctly to our fathers through Isaiah the prophet,

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3) or, "So, then"

4) or, "burn with fever"

5) or, "because"

6) or, "a camp"

7) or, "summoned you to see [you]"

8) or, "very many"

KJV

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.

5 And he shook off the beast into the fire, and felt no harm.

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.

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.

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.

9 So when this was done, others also, which had diseases in the island, came, and were healed:

10 Who also honoured us with many honours; and when we departed, they laded [us] with such things as were necessary.

11 And after three months we departed in a ship of Alexandria, which had wintered in the isle, whose sign was Castor and Pol-lux.

12 And landing at Syracuse, we tarried [there] three days.

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:

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.

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,

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26 "saying, 'Go to this people and say, "With hearing you will hear, but will certainly not understand; and seeing you will see, but will certainly not perceive;

27 ""for the heart of this people has become dull, and they hear with [their] ears with difficulty, and they have closed their eyes, in order that they may not see with [their] eyes and hear with [their] ears and understand with [their] heart and turn, and [that] I may [not] heal them."

28 "Therefore let it be known to you that the salvation of God was sent to the gentiles; they themselves will also listen."

29 And after he said these [things], the Jews departed, with the result that [they] were having a great debate among themselves.

30 Then Paul stayed for a space of two whole years in his own rented lodging; and he would welcome all those who were coming in to him

31 for the purpose of proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching those [things which were] about the Lord Jesus Christ with all openness⁹, without hindrance.

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26 Saying, Go unto this people, and say, Hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and not perceive:

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.

28 Be it known therefore unto you, that the salvation of God is sent unto the Gentiles, and [that] they will hear it.

29 And when he had said these words, the Jews departed, and had great reasoning among themselves.

30 And Paul dwelt two whole years in his own hired house, and received all that came in unto him,

31 Preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence, no man forbidding him.

⁹) or, "boldness"