

Acts 20

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

²And when he had gone over those parts, and had given them much exhortation, he came into Greece,

³And 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. (They still want Paul's life. Kenites are definitely mixed into the bunch. Intimidation and murder are their method of operation – from Cain on down to present times)

⁴And 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. (Sopater = savior of his father; Berea = well watered; Aristarchus = the best ruler; Secundus = fortunate; Gaius = lord; Tychicus = faithful; Trophimus = nutritious)

(They were there to help Paul against the Kenites that wanted to murder him. Luke was also with Paul; as he was throughout his journeys)

⁵These going before tarried for us at Troas.

⁶And 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. (We - Paul and Luke, who was Paul's scribe; this is the same Luke that penned the Gospel of Luke) (days of unleavened bread = the Passover)

⁷And 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. (Paul spoke for hours in front of a packed house. There were 3 levels in the temple)

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

⁹And 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. (God will perform another miracle through Paul; to document that Paul is His chosen vessel – sent to preach His Word)

Acts-9:15 (Paul was sent to teach to the kings and queens, the Jews and the Gentiles <3 levels>)

¹⁰ And Paul went down, and fell on him, and embracing him said, Trouble not yourselves; for his life is in him. (God will work another miracle through Paul, for the young man)

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. (The young man came back to life by God's miracle)

(God performed all these miracles through Paul, so as to prove to the people that Paul really was teaching the truth. And he was doing it with God's approval)

¹² And they brought the young man alive, and were not a little comforted. (They were greatly comforted and rejoiced. Paul didn't revive the man, God did)

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. (They walked so that he could make the rounds; to check up on the churches and help where he could)

¹⁴ And when he met with us at Assos, we took him in, and came to Mitylene. (Mitylene = mutilated; Assos = approaching)

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. (They were making the rounds, coming closer to the Ephesians)

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.

NOTES: (In those days there was no New Testament. Paul and Luke wrote a good part of it as they traveled, converting people and setting up churches)

(As for the Old Testament, the scrolls were only located at the temples. Because most people couldn't read or write, the scrolls were read aloud to the people who went to worship God)

(There was no mass or service. Worshipping God was done by reading the Word, chapter by chapter, verse by verse, from the scrolls. They would take communion afterwards. There was no "ceremony" like we see in churches, today. Those are traditions of men)

¹⁷ And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus, and called the elders of the church. (The letters to the Ephesians were written to these people)

Ephesians-4:1 (I chose you before the foundations of the world)

(There were some of the Elect, living at Ephesus. They were chosen by God during the First Age. They knew about the three world Ages. They were well learned in the scriptures. These people are the true Bible scholars)

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, this befell me by the lying in wait of the Jews: (These Jews were the Kenites who were trying to kill Paul)

²⁰ And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have shewed you, and have taught you publicly, and from house to house, (Paul openly shared with them all the knowledge that he had concerning God's Word. He held back nothing; regardless of the fact that the Kenites in that area were trying to kill him)

²¹ Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ. (Paul spoke many languages – including Hebrew and Greek)

²² And now, behold, I go bound in the spirit unto Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there: (As a Nazarite, Paul was bound to be in Jerusalem on Pentecost Day. No doubt that the Kenite priests in Jerusalem knew that he is coming)

²³ Save that the Holy Ghost witnesseth in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions abide me. (God has been protecting him wherever he has been)

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. (The God said that He would protect Paul. Paul had faith that God would do it) Acts-10:18

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. (This is good bye. Paul knows he probably won't be back to see them again)

(The disciples were trying to convince Paul not to go to Jerusalem, because the Kenites "priests" <appointed by a Roman governor> were still gunning for him; just as they had done to Jesus. Great religious community, right; having murdered Jesus; and now planning the murder of Paul)

²⁶ Wherefore I take you to record this day, that I am pure from the blood of all men. (He taught all the people who wanted to learn, openly and freely. He fulfilled the ministry that God assigned to him)

²⁷ For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God. (Paul taught the Word of God boldly and without fear of the Kenites)

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. (Our salvation wasn't free for Jesus. It cost Him His life. Jesus- Immanuel - is God with us. Jesus defeated death<Satan> at His crucifixion)

(Paul is telling these ministers to feed the flock – teach the Word of God, chapter by chapter, verse by verse; not by some made up sermons, like you hear in so many churches today. They read one verse from the Bible, and then preach a sermon written by men for an hour. That is not what God wants them to teach)

²⁹ For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. (These guys are holy Joes; looking for an ego boost and some easy money; by trying to take the ministry over)

(They write sermons which change the Word of God. This is called traditions of men. The same thing happens today in most churches. They read one or two verses from God's Word and then talk for an hour from their own imagination)

³⁰ Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them. (Stick to the word of God, not sermons and traditions of men)

(Unfortunately, Paul was right. Most churches today don't teach the Word of God, chapter by chapter, verse by verse. They think that they can "improve" God's Word with their sermons)

³¹ Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears. (Stay vigilant – stick to the Word; rebuke the "wolves in sheep's clothing")

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. (Now, you are in God's hands. Teach His Word only; and nothing else)

³³ I have coveted no man's silver, or gold, or apparel. (Paul earned his own living by working as a tentmaker. He didn't sponge off of his students or the people that they taught)

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

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. (Paul taught all that God had given him. He shared all knowledge that he received from God) (Help other people when you can)

³⁶ And when he had thus spoken, he kneeled down, and prayed with them all. (Paul was asking for God's blessings upon them and their church)

³⁷ And they all wept sore, and fell on Paul's neck, and kissed him, (This was good bye. They knew that Paul was in great danger when he returned to Jerusalem. The Kenites were waiting for him there)

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. (Paul was off to Jerusalem, where the Kenites were lying in wait for him. As a Nazarite, Paul had to be in Jerusalem on Pentecost)

NOTE: (Paul served as a great example to us. He went from persecuting Christians; to repenting; to becoming one of the greatest Bible teachers that ever lived. He never strayed away from God, regardless of the many Kenites that tried to murder him. That's probably the reason that God performed so many miracles through Paul. It was because he was worthy. God could trust Paul to stay true)