

Acts 13

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13 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. (Manaen was a foster brother to Herod. He had converted to Christianity)

²As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. (God wanted them to go elsewhere; so that they could use their knowledge of Greek to preach to people who spoke Greek)

³And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away. (Barnabas & Saul left to fulfill their ministry)

⁴So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed unto Seleucia; and from thence they sailed to Cyprus. (Barnabas was from Cyprus. He and Saul spoke Greek. They went to teach the Hellenists)

⁵And 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. (This is Mark John) (They preached God's Word – chapter by chapter, verse by verse; not some sermon that they wrote for the occasion)

NOTES: (THAT is what preachers should be teaching in all Christian churches today – God's Word, chapter by chapter, verse by verse, properly translated. But they don't)

(Instead, they write sermons out of their own imaginations and teach malarkey. The people who listen to these sermons learn nothing of what God says. They stay Biblically ignorant for their whole lives)

⁶And when they had gone through the isle unto Paphos, they found a certain sorcerer, a false prophet, a Jew, whose name was Barjesus: (Paphos = hot or boiling) (Sorcerer = pharmacia <Greek> – they used drugs to make people believe in their doctrines. They would hallucinate and then think that they had a vision)

(Barjesus = the son of Jesus; this is blasphemy against Jesus. This guy is a false prophet claiming to be Jesus' son. His real name was Elymas = a wise man <in the Greek>. Talk about irony. It is unwise to mock God) see Proverbs-1:7

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. (He wanted to hear the true 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. (Elymas= "wise man" - this is Barjesus, his alias, his "stage name")

(He is trying to keep Saul and Barnabas away from Sergius)

NOTES: (Satan's M.O. is to fool people into believing that he is messiah. He wants to replace Jesus as the savior. He will do whatever it takes to keep people away from hearing God's Word)

(The word anti <in the Greek> does not mean the same as our English word anti <opposite, or against>. Anti in the Greek means instead of. Antichrist will arrive first, at the 6th trump, instead of Jesus, in order to fool people into worshipping him. Jesus won't return until the 7th trump)

(Those people who have been fooled, and have worshipped antichrist, will be so ashamed of themselves, that they will pray for the mountains to fall on them; rather than to face Jesus, the true Messiah) see Revelation-6:16-17

⁹ Then Saul, (who also is called Paul,) filled with the Holy Ghost, set his eyes on him. (Paul wasn't intimidated by this fake. He immediately set out to confront this clown)

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? (Paul called him out in public)

NOTE: (In Genesis, the serpent <Satan> was more subtle than any other creature in the garden. He works through subtlety, rumors and hearsay. He pumps up people's ego in order to deceive them)

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. (He went blind for 3 months. That should give him time to reconsider messing with God. That also proved to the people that this fake was not working for God)

¹² Then the deputy, when he saw what was done, believed, being astonished at the doctrine of the Lord. (The false preacher ended up being a witness to the people; that there is a God in heaven and that these Christians were doing God's work)

¹³ Now when Paul and his company loosed from Paphos, they came to Perga in Pamphylia: and John departing from them returned to Jerusalem. (Paul and Barnabas went through a lot of trouble times. It may have been too much for Mark <John>)

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. (They preached boldly in the synagogues. They didn't hide. Their bold example converted many people into Christianity)

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. (These synagogue leaders also wanted to hear the Word of God. They were not like the Kenite priests in Jerusalem; who had just tried to murder the Apostles)

¹⁶ Then Paul stood up, and beckoning with his hand said, Men of Israel, and ye that fear God, give audience. (Listen and learn)

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. (God chose Abraham and his progeny Isaac and Jacob to bring forth Jesus – God in the flesh)

(This teaching is pretty much the same message that Stephen gave in Chapter-7. Paul was there, holding the coats of the men that murdered Stephen – Irony)

¹⁸ And about the time of forty years suffered he their manners in the wilderness. (This is Moses)

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

²⁰ And after that he gave unto them judges about the space of four hundred and fifty years, until Samuel the prophet. (The Judges)

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. (Paul was also a Benjamite) See Romans-11:1

NOTE: (They should have stuck with God as their king. They would have done far better than they did with man kings)

²² And when he had removed him, he raised up unto them David to be their king; to whom also he gave their testimony, and said, I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after mine own heart, which shall fulfil all my will. (Saul was removed because he continually defied God's commands. God replaced Saul with David. He remained loyal to God his whole life)

(As good a king as David was; he was just a man. He also made some big mistakes. But he never fell away from God, into idolatry. He remained loyal to God his whole life. God loved David for his loyalty)

²³ Of this man's seed hath God according to his promise raised unto Israel a Saviour, Jesus: (Jesus was a descendant of David, through his son Nathan)

²⁴ When John had first preached before his coming the baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel. (This is John the Baptist)

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. (John was speaking of the coming of Jesus) Luke-1

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. (Jesus is coming. Repent and get right with God)

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. (They had Jesus crucified, just as the prophets had foretold)

Psalms-22 (That was prophesied 1000 years before the fact, by King David)

NOTE: (These enemies of God ended up doing His work, without even knowing it. God knew them from the First Age. HE knew that these no good losers would resort to murder; and that is exactly what they did)

²⁸ And though they found no cause of death in him, yet desired they Pilate that he should be slain. (The Kenites were behind this. They influenced the mob to demand the death of Jesus; despite Pilate's efforts to reason with them)

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. Isaiah-53

³⁰ But God raised him from the dead: (Jesus is God, in the flesh. Death has no power over God) Psalms-23

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. (Jesus was with the apostles for 40 days after the resurrection. Many people saw Him and learned from Him. Jesus didn't hide. HE taught boldly and publicly. HE performed miracles in the sight of many people)

³² And we declare unto you glad tidings, how that the promise which was made unto the fathers, (God's Holy Spirit would come to them after Jesus returned to Heaven. As prophesied in the Book of Joel)

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. Psalms-2 (Jesus is God, in the flesh. God begat Himself, through Mary, as Jesus)

NOTES: (God came into the flesh the same way that all men come into the flesh. Let us create man in our image. We were in our spiritual bodies with God in the First Age. HE created the office of Jesus. And through His power, we created ourselves in the flesh. That is why the Bible teaches that we "pass through the flesh" and then return to the Father in heaven)

(We are now in the Second Age; the Age of living in the flesh. It is the Age of testing. We are born innocent to decide – do we follow the ways of God, or the ways of the world)

(At the First Advent, Jesus came to us innocent, as a babe, to teach and set an example of how to lead a good life in the grace of God. HE

will return at the Second Advent as King of kings, Lord of lords, to defeat the enemy)

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. (The body of Jesus <God with us> saw no corruption. HE resurrected transfigured, and then ascended into Heaven – in the sight of the people) see Isaiah-55:3

³⁵ Wherefore he saith also in another psalm, Thou shalt not suffer thine Holy One to see corruption. Psalms-16:20

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: (David was just a man, like us. His body saw corruption, just like ours do)

(Jesus was "God with us" - Immanuel) see Isaiah-7:14

³⁷ But he, whom God raised again, saw no corruption. (This was done by God to prove to mankind that Jesus was God, with us, in the flesh. Jesus' body was transfigured in His resurrection. He walked with the disciples 40 days afterwards, until He ascended to heaven)

³⁸ Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins: (Only God can forgive sins and give us salvation)

³⁹ And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses. (We all break the law eventually – the Ten Commandments. Jesus has the power to forgive us upon repentance)

Note: (Ignorant preachers misunderstand this verse and claim that the Ten Commandments were done away with. They were not. Jesus only fulfilled the blood ordinances <of the Old Testament> on the cross. Those ordinances were done away with, not the law)

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. Habakuk-1:5 (Despisers of the truth)

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. (The Gentiles also wanted to learn more of God's Word)

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. (the Jews – the Judeans – better translation) (Many Kenites were mixed in with these Judeans <here called Jews>)

Revelation-3:9 (Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship - This verse will be fulfilled during the Millennium Period. Today, they are still scheming and working in the shadows; trying to destroy Christianity. They will fail)

⁴⁴ And the next sabbath day came almost the whole city together to hear the word of God. (When they preached the Word of God, people wanted to hear them. This was a good thing because it brought in the Gentiles with the Jews to hear God's Word)

NOTE: (Christian churches today do not teach God's Word – chapter by chapter, verse by verse. Instead, they preach sermons written by the preacher. This is all false doctrine)

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. (Jews = Judeans – Kenites had infiltrated this bunch. They hated what Paul and Barnabas were doing; because they had been making money in the synagogue. Now, these apostles were interfering with their money machine)

(The elitists thought that God's salvation was only for the Jews. They were wrong. The Kenites pushed this prejudice in order to get the Jews back into the synagogue; in order to replenish the money coffers with their tithes)

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. (God's Word is open to all peoples who believe and follow Him. The Jews didn't want to hear Paul preach God's Word, so they preached to the Gentiles)

NOTES: (Today, the Jews still reject Jesus and Christianity. Nothing has changed. The Jews are nothing special; even if they think that they are. God loves all people equally)

(Abraham and his descendants were special, because God used them to bring forth Jesus, into the world as a flesh man <Messiah>. Afterwards, the Jews are like everyone else. Calling themselves "God's chosen people" is just their egos, seeking attention from other people. They need to get over themselves, and join the Christian church of Jesus Christ)

(Paul and the Apostles were special, because God chose them to preach the Word. They didn't volunteer, and they didn't think that they were special)

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. (Prophesied 600 years earlier) Isaiah-49:5-8

(God reiterated this lesson, when He gave Peter that lesson about calling Gentiles unclean) Acts-10

(The Apostles didn't volunteer. God chose them to do this job, because He knew that He could trust them to get it done. We were all with God during the First Age. HE knows us all from that time)

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. (They glorified God's Word. They didn't glorify Paul and Barnabas)

(These people had been shut out of the synagogue because they were Gentiles. Now they were being taught God's Word, and accepted by the Christians. Jesus said "whosoever will believe, the same shall be saved")

⁴⁹ And the word of the Lord was published throughout all the region. (Taught chapter by chapter, verse by verse, unchanged; not some church quarterly or newsletter; not by some sermon written by a preacher)

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. (Yes – devout and

honorable – to the established “religion”. Not to the true Word of God; not to the doctrine of Jesus Christ)

(These were elitist Jews who thought that salvation was exclusively open to them. They were also the Kenites who egged them on to betray the disciples of Jesus. They used the women to incite the crowd to reject Paul and Barnabas)

⁵¹ But they shook off the dust of their feet against them, and came unto Iconium. (God will judge those who refuse His Word) see Mathew-10:13-18

⁵² And the disciples were filled with joy, and with the Holy Ghost. (They continued to teach whoever wanted to learn God’s Word)