

Acts 17

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17 Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where was a synagogue of the Jews: (Paul's epistles to the Thessalonians were written to these people in his later days)

²And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three sabbath days reasoned with them out of the scriptures, (He taught scripture; not made up "sermons" about what happened with Lydia, or what a great "prophet" he is. Paul was a true disciple of Jesus. He stayed loyal to God's Word, and was blessed for it)

NOTE: (If you go to church every Sunday to hear a sermon, God sees no value in this. We were told to learn His Word chapter by chapter, verse by verse; and then, to live it)

³Opening 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. (Jesus went through all of that in order to defeat death – which is the devil) Hebrews-12:14-15

(Satan will die for his part in the murdering of Jesus Christ. He is called death in the Old Testament, because he murders souls by pulling them away from God's salvation. Lies and deception are his M.O.)

⁴And 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. (Many people believed the teaching and became Christians. People instinctively know it when they hear the truth)

⁵But 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. (These Jews are really Kenites)

(The scriptures, that Paul is teaching, are drawing people away from these false preachers. They formed a mob in order to lynch Paul and Silas. This is typical Kenite behavior – intimidation first, and then murder if necessary)

NOTE: (The devil is a murderer of souls. His son, Cain was the murderer of Abel. And so, his descendants continue that practice even today. Jesus said – You shall know them by their deeds) see Matthew-7:16-20

⁶And 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; (They were intimidating people in order to force them to turn on Paul and Silas. They were some religious community. They are pathetic. They use lies and intimidation to turn Christians against each other)

⁷Whom Jason hath received: and these all do contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, one Jesus. (Paul never said Jesus was king of this world. In fact, Jesus taught – render to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's)

NOTE: (Christians were no threat to the Romans. The Romans saw Christianity as a silly superstition. They were a threat to these Kenites <masquerading as priests>. They were running the synagogue and getting rich off of the peoples' tithes and donations. These men were not descendants of Aaron and rightful priests. The church had been corrupted centuries before Jesus came)

⁸And they troubled the people and the rulers of the city, when they heard these things. (The city government didn't want trouble from the Romans. Insurrection would have brought in the Roman army)

⁹And when they had taken security of Jason, and of the other, they let them go. (The Romans let them get out on bail. The Romans thought Christianity and Judaism were just superstition)

(The Christians were peaceful people who paid their taxes to Caesar every year. It was the Jewish synagogue leaders who were the threat to Christians; not the Romans)

¹⁰And the brethren immediately sent away Paul and Silas by night unto Berea: who coming thither went into the synagogue of the Jews. (Paul never hid from those corrupt priests. He taught in the synagogue boldly; and converted many people)

¹¹These 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. (They were checking

Paul out, in the scriptures to be sure that he was teaching the truth; as we should do with any preacher)

NOTES: (People today are too lazy to do that. They take the preacher's word for it; and let themselves be led into believing traditions of man, that God hates – rapture doctrine, Easter, eating an apple in the Garden of Eden, etc. These are all traditions of men that make void the Word of God)

(The truth is that Eve had a baby by Satan <Cain>, and another by Adam <Abel>. They were fraternal twins – one mother, two fathers. There is no rapture. We are told to stand against antichrist, and allow the Holy Spirit to speak through us. Easter is a pagan holiday to the pagan goddess Ishtar – a “goddess” of fertility. We are supposed to celebrate Passover)

¹² Therefore many of them believed; also of honourable women which were Greeks, and of men, not a few. (Many people became Christians)

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. (That is all that these corrupt Jews had left – to stir up trouble against Paul and Silas. They couldn't argue with them because Paul and Silas were preaching the truth)

NOTE: (These Jews were Paul's biggest antagonists; not the Romans. They wanted the Word of God stopped; so that they could continue making money by teaching false doctrine in their synagogues)

¹⁴ And then immediately the brethren sent away Paul to go as it were to the sea: but Silas and Timotheus abode there still. (They must have been after Paul, so Silas and Timothy remained there to continue teaching the people)

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. (Paul wanted their help to convert the people in Athens to Christianity. Athens was ripe with heathenism, atheism and witchcraft)

¹⁶ Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was stirred in him, when he saw the city wholly given to idolatry. (Teaching the Word of God was sorely needed here in Athens. Yet they were some of the best educated people in the world)

NOTE: (Even today, the so-called intellectuals make the best atheists. Their ego gets the best of them. They believe that Christianity is just a superstition; practiced by the ignorant)

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. (disputed = reasoned- better translation)

(Paul debated with them to get them to see a new point of view. He didn't force anyone to convert. Debating by speaking the truth is the best way to allow people to come out of ignorance)

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. (This is a mix of so-called intellectuals who would gather every day to argue their different beliefs. None of them were Christians)

(Philosophers have always been the "preachers" of atheism and debaters. Today they are usually the "higher critics" who will tell you that the Bible is not true; but rather just stories to set an example for us)

(babbler = picker – like a bird that picks when it eats. They claimed that Paul was picking and choosing verses here and there in order to establish some new doctrine. Paul was teaching right from the Bible and from the teachings of Jesus)

(Epicureans believed – live for today, there is no life after death)

(Stoics ran with the old Jewish teachings before Jesus fulfilled the blood ordinances. They practiced traditions of men that had been added to the organized religion over the centuries. They didn't believe that Jesus was God with us. They didn't believe in His teachings and that with repentance, sins are forgiven)

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

(This was the place to debate philosophies and religions. They yapped all day long with each other, but never resolved anything)

²⁰ For thou bringest certain strange things to our ears: we would know therefore what these things mean. (At least they are asking – unlike the closed minded Jews who didn't even want to hear what Paul had to say)

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.) (They did nothing but debate every new religion that appeared on the scene. Their debates never went anywhere or amounting to anything)

NOTES: (Philosophers have been responsible for some of the greatest tragedies over the centuries)

Example: (Socrates, Plato, Karl Marx, Pol Pot, Mao Zedung, Kim Il-sung, Ho Chi Minh, Fidel Castro and many others. They lead people away from God, into atheism, socialism and communism. The liberal left in the US today are also a good example)

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. (Christianity is not a religion; it is a reality. Christ lived, died resurrected and did many miracles. The disciples saw it all first hand as did many people that were there. This wasn't superstition. It was proof)

NOTE: (Pastors who teach traditions of men instead of God's Word – chapter by chapter, verse by verse, are teaching superstition. They read one verse from the Bible, out of context; and then write a sermon around it. People hear that and think that they know what God taught. It isn't. These people remain biblically ignorant)

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. (They even had an altar to the "unknown God" to cover all of their bases)

(This was the beginning of – all religions are worthy = "politically correct inclusion". This will be antichrist's message when he appears on Earth. It is all lies, but the left will eat it up. They call Christians "right wing bigots" because we refuse to accept sexual perversion and atheism)

(The truth is absolute. You are either right, or you are wrong. It is not a negotiation. Jesus said – I came to cause a division) Luke-12:51-53

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; (To the heathen or the atheists, Yahoveh could be the "unknown God")

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; (God doesn't need anything from us. All He wants from us is our love; just as He loves us)

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; (The word "blood" was added by the English translators. It should be "dust". The word blood is not in any of the manuscripts. Of one <in the Greek> means dust or clay or earth)

NOTES: (All people in the flesh are made of the earth, as is our food. The races are different from each other, but we are all of the same organic material – DNA, etc... That's just common sense)

(The people who try to destroy individuality and peoples' culture are the racists. We all have our own blood lines. They are our heritage and our progeny, after we are dead. We should all be proud of our heritage)

See Genesis (God said – Jacob I loved. Esau I hated. That was because Esau cared nothing about his heritage. He sold his birthright to Jacob for a bowl of porridge)

(God set bounds for all the races to live on their own land with their people and their traditions. The politically correct left would call this racist and against multiculturalism. The truth isn't racist. Multiculturalism is a socialist concept)

(All people deserve to live freely, in their own cultures and traditions, with God's blessings. God loves all races and peoples equally) See Genesis-1:31

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: (God is close to us, but He expects us to invite Him in; so that we can live righteously in His grace. If we seek Him, He will answer)

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. (offspring = genos<Greek> - we are of the same kind – the same genome)

Note: (How do we know that God looks like us? Jesus said – if you've seen Me, you've seen the father. Jesus was God, in flesh form) see John-14:9

Also (God said - Let us make man in our image) Genesis-1:26-28

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. (offspring = genos<Greek> - we are of the same kind)

(If you've seen Jesus, you've seen the Father. God is not some rock, stick or some other idol. Yahoveh is the living God – the Father – the Creator of all things)

³⁰ And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent: (God overlooked ignorance in the past. But after the resurrection of Jesus, He calls all to believe and to repent. It is time for heathenism and atheism to end)

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. (Jesus Christ- Immanuel - God with us. The miracles that He performed, as well as His own resurrection should be proof to anyone that Jesus is God with us)

³² And when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked: and others said, We will hear thee again of this matter. (The truth is absolute, not relative. It always causes division between those who believe and those who don't)

³³ So Paul departed from among them. (God doesn't force people to become Christians. It is up to the individual. Jesus said – whosoever will believe upon Me, the same shall be saved) Romans-10:13

Note: (By contrast – the Muslims force people to join every day – join us or die. Islam is the religion of the devil. Jesus said – you will know them by their actions, not by their words) Matthew-7:20

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. (Some of them had their spiritual eyes open)