

Acts 21

King James Version (KJV)

21 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: (we - Paul and Luke)

² And finding a ship sailing over unto Phenicia, we went aboard, and set forth. (Phenicia = the palm tree)

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. (Tyre is a rocky island in the Med, off the coast of Zidon. It was the trading port of call for the Kenites. It was the center of their empire of commerce and corruption)

⁴ And finding disciples, we tarried there seven days: who said to Paul through the Spirit, that he should not go up to Jerusalem. (These guys are misguided disciples. They think that they are protecting Paul. The Spirit here is not Holy Spirit of God. It was the spirit of man. Sometimes, the good intentions on man can inadvertently go against the will of God)

(God told Paul to go to Jerusalem. He should obey God, not men)

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. (Thanking God for these people who cared about them, and were compatriots in Christianity)

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. (The seven were those who were sent out to spread the ministry, in chapter-6. Stephen was also one of these seven. Philip's ministry was in Gaza and Caesarea)

⁹ And the same man had four daughters, virgins, which did prophecy. (Prophecy - also means to teach – they taught the Word of God. They were evangelist teachers and preachers) Joel-2:28

NOTE: (Today, backwards ministers, preachers, even the Catholic Pope tell people that women cannot be priests. God says that they can. Beware of any organized religion, and their traditions of men, that make void the Word of God)

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

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. (These Gentiles are the Roman guard. He was warning Paul that he would be arrested)

(The girt, in the Gospel armor is the truth – the Word of God) see Ephesians-6:14

¹² And when we heard these things, both we, and they of that place, besought him not to go up to Jerusalem. (Again, misguided people were getting in the way of Paul's ministry. God told Paul to go to Jerusalem. He should go)

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. (Paul was a man of great faith in God)

¹⁴ And when he would not be persuaded, we ceased, saying, The will of the Lord be done. (As it should be) Acts-9:15-16

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. (God sent Paul out in the world to bring the message of Jesus' salvation to the Jews, the kings and the Gentiles) Acts-9:15

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: (They're not getting the message. The law remains; but Jesus added salvation into the law, by our believing in Him) John-3:16

(Jesus fulfilled the ordinances when He was crucified. The Law <the Ten Commandments> remains and will always remain. These people are not differentiating between the two)

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. (The Jews are the worst. They are resisting Jesus over and over; in favor of the old ways of animal sacrifice and other blood ordinances. Jesus fulfilled the blood ordinances on the cross for all time. Offering an animal sacrifice after that would be an insult to God)

²² What is it therefore? the multitude must needs come together: for they will hear that thou art come. (They weren't happy about Paul having converted Gentiles)

²³ Do therefore this that we say to thee: We have four men which have a vow on them;

²⁴ Them take, and purify thyself with them, and be at charges with them, that they may shave their heads: and all may know that those things, whereof they were informed concerning thee, are nothing; but that thou thyself also walkest orderly, and keepest the law. (The legalist Jews can't make the adjustment to Jesus' teachings, so they are missing out. Jesus didn't end the law <Ten Commandments>. HE only ended the blood ordinances. They just can't get over that)

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. (They were against bringing in the Gentiles. They were elitists who thought that God belonged to the Israelites only)

NOTES: (All people are God's children. HE chose the Israelites to bring Jesus into the world as a flesh man. That was a promise that He made to Abraham. After that, His salvation is open to all people, all over the world – through Jesus Christ – the Savior)

(Jesus went to the great gulf, after His crucifixion, and taught the people that had died before He arrived. HE saved all those that chose Him. God is fair to everyone)

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. (Fulfilling the vow of a Nazarite)

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, (The temple was supposed to be a sanctuary. These hypocrites only obey the laws when it suits them. Zealot Jews have long been enemies of Christianity. They still are today)

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. (The old law was only for the Jews to enter the temple. Jesus opened salvation to all people who believe in Him)

²⁹ (For they had seen before with him in the city Trophimus an Ephesian, whom they supposed that Paul had brought into the temple.) (Paul never brought Gentiles into the temple. They only supposed that he did)

(This was a mob, acting on rumors and hearsay. Paul gave Gentiles the salvation of Jesus Christ wherever they were)

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. (Leave it to the religious community to falsely accuse one another; to the point of arrest and murder)

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. (Mob murder is the M.O. of the Kenites; just like they did to Jesus)

(The Roman guard heard the commotion. God will use them to intervene and save Paul)

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. (By the Holy Spirit, the Romans will end up saving Paul from the Jews and the Kenites)

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. (Paul did nothing against Roman law. This is a Jewish lynch mob trying to murder a Roman citizen)

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. (He took Paul away from the riotous mob)

(These people are a violent mob of religious nuts; like Muslims today. They couldn't even get their false accusations straight)

³⁵ And when he came upon the stairs, so it was, that he was borne of the soldiers for the violence of the people. (They had beaten Paul so badly that the soldiers had to pick him up and carry him away; in order to protect him from the mob)

³⁶ For the multitude of the people followed after, crying, Away with him. (They were shouting slogans – the main tool of the left wing fools, even today)

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? (That was another man; not Paul. Paul had just arrived in Jerusalem. Further, he was no Egyptian. He was a Jew <of Benjamin>, and a Roman citizen)

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. (Paul's mother was from the tribe of Benjamin, and his father was a Roman citizen. He lived in Judea so he's calling himself a Jew but he was also a Roman citizen by birth) Romans-11:1

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, (Paul used this opportunity to speak to the mob that was trying to lynch him)