

Acts 18

King James Version (KJV)

18 After these things Paul departed from Athens, and came to Corinth; (Continuing to spread the Word of God)

²And 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. (Aquila = an eagle)

³And because he was of the same craft, he abode with them, and wrought: for by their occupation they were tentmakers. (Paul also made a living as a tentmaker. He didn't live off of peoples' tithes)

⁴And he reasoned in the synagogue every sabbath, and persuaded the Jews and the Greeks. (He taught there)

⁵And when Silas and Timotheus were come from Macedonia, Paul was pressed in the spirit, and testified to the Jews that Jesus was Christ. (That is Christianity – God came into the flesh as Jesus Christ to open salvation to all that want to believe in Him)

⁶And 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. (Salvation is open to all that will hear of it. Those that refuse God will answer for their own actions)

⁷And he departed thence, and entered into a certain man's house, named Justus, one that worshipped God, whose house joined hard to the synagogue. (Justus- called Titus in some translations)

⁸And 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. (They became Christians)

⁹Then spake the Lord to Paul in the night by a vision, Be not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy peace: (God strengthened Paul)

¹⁰For I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee: for I have much people in this city. (God reassured Paul that there were many people here waiting to learn His Word)

¹¹ And he continued there a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them. (It is believed that during this time, Paul scribed the Books to the Thessalonians and the Book of Hebrews)

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, (Gallio= one who lives by milk) (Achaia = trouble)

¹³ Saying, This fellow persuadeth men to worship God contrary to the law. (Roman law) (Here we go again. They keep insisting that Paul is preaching treason to Caesar)

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: (Gallio isn't listening to them because he doesn't consider this "offence" to be a crime)

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. (Romans considered the Jewish religion and Christianity to be just superstition)

¹⁶ And he drave them from the judgment seat. (He threw them out)

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. (The Romans stayed out of it. It was a religion matter)

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. (The vow of a Nazarite – Paul had to be in Jerusalem by Pentecost day) Numbers-6:18

¹⁹ And he came to Ephesus, and left them there: but he himself entered into the synagogue, and reasoned with the Jews. (He taught the Ephesians the Word of God)

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. (Paul, a Nazarite had to be in Jerusalem for Pentecost)

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. (Checking up on the churches and helping them in the teaching of God's Word)

²⁴ And a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man, and mighty in the scriptures, came to Ephesus. (An educated man that believed in God and knew the Old Testament Books)

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. (He didn't know Jesus or His works. He hadn't heard that Christ had come and defeated death)

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. (They taught him the Gospel of Jesus Christ. They brought him up to date on Christianity)

Isaiah-7:14 (He knew that Messiah would come, but he didn't know that He had come)

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: (He helped them in the teaching of God's Word)

²⁸ For he mightily convinced the Jews, and that publicly, shewing by the scriptures that Jesus was Christ. (He became a great teacher of God's Word because already he knew the scriptures very well)