

## Acts 13

King James Version (KJV)

**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)

<sup>2</sup>As 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 they could use their knowledge of Greek to preach to people)

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

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

<sup>5</sup>And 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)

<sup>6</sup>And 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) (Barjesus= the son of Jesus. This is blasphemy against Jesus. This guy is a false prophet claiming to be Jesus' offspring) (Sorcerer = pharmacia <Greek> – they used drugs to make people believe in their doctrines)

<sup>7</sup>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)

<sup>8</sup>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, by another translation. 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 from hearing God's Word)

<sup>9</sup>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)

<sup>10</sup>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) Genesis – the serpent was more subtle than any other creature in the garden. Satan works through subtlety, rumors, hearsay. He pumps up people's ego in order to deceive them)

<sup>11</sup>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 will be blind for 3 months; that should give him time to reconsider messing with God. That will also show people that this fake is not working for God)

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

<sup>13</sup>Now when Paul and his company loosed from Paphos, they came to Perga in Pamphylia: and John departing from them returned to Jerusalem.

<sup>14</sup>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)

<sup>15</sup>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. (The synagogue leaders also wanted to hear the Word of God. They were not like the Kenite priests in Jerusalem who just tried to murder the Apostles)

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

<sup>17</sup>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. (Pretty much the same message

that Stephen gave in Chapter 7) (God chose Abraham and his progeny Isaac and Jacob to bring forth Jesus – God in the flesh)

<sup>18</sup> And about the time of forty years suffered he their manners in the wilderness. (Moses)

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

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

<sup>21</sup> 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) (They should have stuck with God as their king)

<sup>22</sup> 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. David remained loyal to God his whole life)

<sup>23</sup> 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)

<sup>24</sup> When John had first preached before his coming the baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel. (John the Baptist)

<sup>25</sup> 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. Luke-1 (John was speaking of the coming of Jesus)

<sup>26</sup> 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)

<sup>27</sup> 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 crucified Jesus as the prophets had foretold) Psalms-22 (Foretold 1000 years before the fact)

<sup>28</sup> And though they found no cause of death in him, yet desired they Pilate that he should be slain. (The Kenites were behind this)

<sup>29</sup> 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

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

<sup>31</sup> 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 them 40 days after the resurrection. Many people saw Him and learned from Him)

<sup>32</sup> 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) Foretold in the Book of Joel

<sup>33</sup> 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, begotten through Mary. 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 spiritual bodies with God in the First Age)

(This is the Second Age; the age of flesh and testing)

<sup>34</sup> 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. Isaiah-55:3 (The body of Jesus <God with us> saw no corruption and was resurrected and transfigured, and ascended into Heaven)

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

<sup>36</sup> 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. Jesus was "God with us" - Immanuel) Isaiah-7:14

<sup>37</sup> 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 and He walked with the disciples 40 days until He ascended to heaven)

<sup>38</sup> 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 salvation)

<sup>39</sup> 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 10 commandments; Jesus has the power to forgive upon repentance. He fulfilled the law, He didn't change it)

(Fake preachers misunderstand this verse and claim that the 10 Commandments were done away with. They were not. Jesus fulfilled the blood ordinances on the cross. Those were done away with, not the law)

<sup>40</sup> Beware therefore, lest that come upon you, which is spoken of in the prophets;

<sup>41</sup> 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)

<sup>42</sup> 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 wanted to learn more of God's Word)

<sup>43</sup> 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 Kenites are mixed in with these Judeans <here called Jews>)

<sup>44</sup> And the next sabbath day came almost the whole city together to hear the word of God. (When they preach the Word of God, people want to hear them. This was a good thing as it also brought in the gentiles with the Jews to hear God's Word)

(Churches today do not teach God's Word. They preach sermons written by the preacher. This is all false doctrine)

<sup>45</sup> 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 had been making money in the synagogue; the apostles were interfering with their money machine)

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

<sup>46</sup> 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 that believe and follow Him; the Jews are nothing special, even if they think that they are)

(Today, the Jews still reject Jesus and Christianity. Nothing has changed)

<sup>47</sup> 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. Isaiah-49:5-8 (Foretold 600 years earlier) (God reiterated this when he gave Peter that lesson about calling gentiles unclean) Acts-10

<sup>48</sup> 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; not Paul and Barnabas; they had been shut out of the synagogue because they were gentiles; now they were being taught and accepted by Christians)

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

<sup>50</sup> 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. These were elitist Jews who thought that salvation was exclusively open to them; and the Kenites who egged them on to betray the Disciples)

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

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

