

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- a rocky island in the Med, off of Zidon. This 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 God's Holy Spirit. 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 that 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 that that 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 prophesy. (Prophecy = to teach – they taught the Word of God) (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 = 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)

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. 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)

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

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 believing in Him; John-3:16)

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, animal sacrifice and other blood ordinances. Jesus fulfilled the blood ordinances on the cross for all time)

²² What is it therefore? the multitude must needs come together: for they will hear that thou art come. (They weren't happy about converting 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 <10 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 Israelites only)

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)

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 who believe)

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 supposed he did. This was a mob, acting on rumors and hearsay. Paul gave gentiles the salvation of Jesus Christ where ever 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 as they did to Jesus) (The Roman guard heard the commotion)

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 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. (Violent 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 to pick him up and carry him away to protect him from the mob)

³⁶ For the multitude of the people followed after, crying, Away with him. (Shouting slogans – the tool of the left wing fools 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)

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

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)