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22 Jesus saith unto him, If I will that he tarry till I come, what *is that* to thee? follow thou me.

23 Then went this saying abroad among the brethren, that that disciple should not die: yet Jesus said not unto him, He shall not die; but, If I will that he tarry till I come, what *is that* to thee?

24 This is the disciple which testifieth of these things, and wrote these things: and we know that his testimony is true.

* ch. 20.
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25 * And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written. Amen.

22 Jesus saith unto him, If I will that he tarry till I come, what *is that* to thee? follow thou me. This saying therefore went forth among the brethren, that that disciple should not die: yet Jesus said not unto him, that he should not die; but, If I will that he tarry till I come, what *is that* to thee?

24 This is the disciple which beareth witness of these things, and wrote these things: and we know that his witness is true.

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THE

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES.

1 THE former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach,

2 Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen:

3 To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:

4 And, ¹being assembled together with *them*, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, ²which, *saith he*, ye have heard of me.

5 * For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

6 When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?

7 And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.

8 * But ye shall receive ¹power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

9 * And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.

10 And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel;

11 Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

12 Then returned they unto Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is from Jerusalem a sabbath day's journey.

13 And when they were come in, they went up into an upper room, where abode both Peter, and James, and John, and Andrew, Philip, and Thomas, Bartholomew, and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon Zelotes, and Judas the brother of James.

14 These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.

15 ¶ And in those days Peter stood up in the

1 THE former treatise I made, O Theophilus, concerning all that Jesus began both to do

2 and to teach, until the day in which he was received up, after that he had given commandment through the ²Holy Ghost unto the apostles whom he had chosen: to whom he also

³shewed himself alive after his passion by many proofs, appearing unto them by the space of forty days, and speaking the things

4 concerning the kingdom of God: and, ⁴being assembled together with them, he charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which,

5 *saith he*, ye heard from me: for John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized ⁵with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

6 They therefore, when they were come together, asked him, saying, Lord, dost thou at

7 this time restore the kingdom to Israel? And he said unto them, It is not for you to know times or seasons, which the Father hath ⁶set

8 within his own authority. But ye shall receive power, when the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be my witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea and Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

9 And when he had said these things, as they were looking, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. And while

10 they were looking stedfastly into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in

11 white apparel; which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye looking into heaven? this Jesus, which was received up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye beheld him going into heaven.

12 Then returned they unto Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is nigh unto

13 Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey off. And when they were come in, they went up into the upper chamber, where they were abiding; both Peter and John and James and

Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas the ⁷son of

14 James. These all with one accord continued stedfastly in prayer, ⁸with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.

15 And in these days Peter stood up in the

¹ Gr.
first.

² Or,
Holy Spirit:
and so
through-
out this
book.

³ Gr. *pre-*
sented.

⁴ Or,
eating
with
them

⁵ Or, *in*

⁶ Or,
appoint-
ed by

⁷ Or,
brother.
See
Jude 1.

⁸ Or, *with*
certain
women

¶ Or,
eating
together
with
them.
* Luke
24. 49.
* Matt. 3.
11.

* ch. 2. 1
¶ Or, *the*
power of
the Holy
Ghost
coming
upon
you.
* Luke
24. 51.

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* Pa. 41.9.	midst of the disciples, and said, (the number of names together were about an hundred and twenty,)	midst of the brethren, and said (and there was a multitude of ¹ persons gathered together,	¹ Gr. <i>nances.</i>
* Matt. 27 7.	16 Men and brethren, this scripture must needs have been fulfilled, * which the Holy Ghost by the mouth of David spake before concerning Judas, which was guide to them that took Jesus. 17 For he was numbered with us, and had obtained part of this ministry.	16 about a hundred and twenty), Brethren, it was needful that the scripture should be fulfilled, which the Holy Ghost spake before by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who was guide to them that took Jesus. For he was numbered among us, and received his	² Or, <i>lot</i>
* Ps. 69. 25.	18 * Now this man purchased a field with the reward of iniquity; and falling headlong, he burst asunder in the midst, and all his bowels gushed out.	18 ² portion in this ministry. (Now this man obtained a field with the reward of his iniquity; and falling headlong, he burst asunder in the midst, and all his bowels gushed out.	
* Ps. 109. 8.	19 And it was known unto all the dwellers at Jerusalem; insomuch as that field is called in their proper tongue, Aceldama, that is to say, The field of blood.	19 And it became known to all the dwellers at Jerusalem; insomuch that in their language that field was called Akeldama, that is, The	
* Or, office, or, charge.	20 For it is written in the book of Psalms, * Let his habitation be desolate, and let no man dwell therein * and his ³ bishoprick let another take.	20 field of blood) For it is written in the book of Psalms, Let his habitation be made desolate, And let no man dwell therein . and, His ³ office let another take.	
	21 Wherefore of these men which have companied with us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us,	21 Of the men therefore which have companied with us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and went out * among us, beginning from the baptism of John, unto the day that he was received up from us, of these must one become a witness with us of his resurrection	³ Gr. <i>oversee ship.</i>
	22 Beginning from the baptism of John, unto that same day that he was taken up from us, must one be ordained to be a witness with us of his resurrection.	22 in and went out * among us, beginning from the baptism of John, unto the day that he was received up from us, of these must one become a witness with us of his resurrection	⁴ Or, <i>over</i>
	23 And they appointed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias.	23 And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was surnamed Justus, and	
	24 And they prayed, and said, Thou, Lord, which knowest the hearts of all men, shew whether of these two thou hast chosen,	24 Matthias. And they prayed, and said, Thou, Lord, which knowest the hearts of all men, shew of these two the one whom thou hast	
	25 That he may take part of this ministry and apostleship, from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place.	25 chosen, to take the place in this ministry and apostleship, from which Judas fell away,	
	26 And they gave forth their lots; and the lot fell upon Matthias; and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.	26 that he might go to his own place. And they gave lots ⁵ for them; and the lot fell upon Matthias; and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.	⁵ Or, <i>unto</i>
	2 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.	2 And when the day of Pentecost ⁶ was now come, they were all together in one place.	⁶ Gr. <i>was being fulfilled.</i>
	2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting	2 And suddenly there came from heaven a sound as of the rushing of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.	
	3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.	3 And there appeared unto them tongues ⁷ parting asunder, like as of fire; and it sat upon each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.	⁷ Or, <i>parting among them Or, distributing themselves</i>
	4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.	4 each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.	
	5 And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven.	5 Now there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven.	
	6 Now [†] when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were [†] confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language.	6 And when this sound was heard, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speaking in his own language.	
	7 And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galileans?	7 And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying, Behold, are not all these which speak Galileans? And how hear we, every man in our own language, wherein we were born?	
	8 And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?	8 And how hear we every man in our own language, wherein we were born? Parthians and Medes and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, in Judæa and Cappadocia, in Pontus and Asia,	
	9 Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judæa, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia,	9 Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, in Judæa and Cappadocia, in Pontus and Asia,	
	10 Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes,	10 in Phrygia and Pamphylia, in Egypt and the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and sojourners in from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians, we do hear them speaking in	
	11 Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.	12 our tongues the mighty works of God. And they were all amazed, and were perplexed, saying one to another, What meaneth this?	
	12 And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this?	13 But others mocking said, They are filled with new wine.	
	13 Others mocking said, These men are full of new wine.	14 But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and spake forth unto them, saying, Ye men of Judæa, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words:	
	14 ¶ But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judæa, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words:	15 For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day.	
	15 For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day.	16 But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;	⁸ Or, <i>through</i>
	16 But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; 17 * And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh:	17 And it shall be in the last days, saith God, I will pour forth of my Spirit upon all flesh:	

† Gr. *when this voice was made.*
|| Or, *troubled in mind.*

* Is. 44. 3.
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	and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:	And your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, And your young men shall see visions, And your old men shall dream dreams:	
	18 And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:	18 Yea and on my ¹ servants and on my ² handmaidens in those days	¹ Gr. bond-men. ² Gr. bond-maidens.
* Joel 2. 31.	19 And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke:	19 And I will shew wonders in the heaven above, And signs on the earth beneath; Blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke:	
* Rom. 10. 13.	20 *The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come:	20 The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the day of the Lord come, That great and notable day:	
	21 And it shall come to pass, that *whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.	21 And it shall be, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.	
† [1611 omits and]	22 Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles ‡ and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know:	22 Ye men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God unto you by ³ mighty works and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you,	³ Gr. powers.
	23 Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain:	23 even as ye yourselves know; him, being delivered up by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye by the hand of	
* Ps. 16. 8.	24 Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pangs of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it.	24 ⁴ lawless men did crucify and slay: whom God raised up, having loosed the pangs of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it. For David saith concerning him,	⁴ Or, men without the law
	25 For David speaketh concerning him, *I foresaw the Lord always before my face, for he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved:	I beheld the Lord always before my face; For he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved:	
	26 Therefore did my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad; moreover also my flesh shall rest in hope:	26 Therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;	
	27 Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.	Moreover my flesh also shall ⁵ dwell in hope: 27 Because thou wilt not leave my soul in Hades, Neither wilt thou give thy Holy One to see corruption.	⁵ Or, tabernacle
	28 Thou hast made known to me the ways of life; thou shalt make me full of joy with thy countenance.	28 Thou hast made known unto me the ways of life; Thou shalt make me full of gladness ⁶ with thy countenance.	⁶ Or, in thy presence
Or, I may.	29 Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you *of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day.	29 Brethren, I may say unto you freely of the patriarch David, that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us unto this	
* 1 Kin. 2. 10.	30 Therefore being a prophet, *and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne:	30 day. Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins ⁷ he would set	⁷ Or, one should sit
* Ps. 132. 11.	31 He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, *that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption.	31 ⁸ one upon his throne; he foreseeing this spake of the resurrection of the Christ, that neither was he left in Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. This Jesus did God raise up,	
* Ps. 16. 10.	32 This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses	32 ⁹ whereof we all are witnesses. Being therefore ⁹ by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath poured forth this,	⁸ Or, of whom ⁹ Or, at
	33 Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.	34 which ye see and hear. For David ascended not into the heavens: but he saith himself, The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand,	
* Ps. 110. 1.	34 For David is not ascended into the heavens: but he saith himself, *The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand,	35 Till I make thine enemies the footstool of thy feet.	
	35 Until I make thy foes thy footstool.	36 Let ¹⁰ all the house of Israel therefore know assuredly, that God hath made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom ye crucified.	¹⁰ Or, every house
	36 Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.	37 Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and the rest of the apostles, Brethren, what shall we	
	37 ¶ Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?	38 do? And Peter said unto them, Repent ye, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ unto the remission of your sins; and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.	
	38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.	39 the Holy Ghost. For to you is the promise, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.	
	39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.	40 And with many other words he testified, and exhorted them, saying, Save yourselves from this crooked generation.	
	40 And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation.	41 ¶ Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.	¹¹ Or, having received
	41 ¶ Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.	42 And they continued stedfastly in the apostles'	
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doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

43 And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles.

44 And all that believed were together, and had all things common;

45 And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need.

¶ Or, at home.

46 And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart,

47 Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

3 Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, *being* the ninth hour.

2 And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple;

3 Who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked an alms

4 And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us.

5 And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them

6 Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.

7 And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.

8 And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God.

9 And all the people saw him walking and praising God:

10 And they knew that it was he which sat for alms at the Beautiful gate of the temple. and they were filled with wonder and amazement at that which had happened unto him.

11 And as the lame man which was healed held Peter and John, all the people ran together unto them in the porch that is called Solomon's, greatly wondering.

12 ¶ And when Peter saw it, he answered unto the people, Ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this? or why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk?

13 The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, hath glorified his Son Jesus; whom ye delivered up, and denied him in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let him go.

* Matt. 27. 20.

¶ Or, Author.

14 *But ye denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you;

15 And killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses.

16 And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.

17 And now, brethren, I wot that through ignorance ye did it, as *did* also your rulers.

18 But those things, which God before had shewed by the mouth of all his prophets, that Christ should suffer, he hath so fulfilled.

19 ¶ Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;

20 And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you:

21 Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath

teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and the prayers.

43 And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done ²by the apostles.

44 And all that believed were together, and had all things common;

45 And they sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all, according as any man had need.

46 And day by day, continuing stedfastly with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread at home, they did take their food with gladness and singleness of heart, praising God, and having favour with all the people.

47 And the Lord added to them day by day those that were being saved.

3 Now Peter and John were going up into the temple at the hour of prayer, *being* the ninth hour.

2 And a certain man that was lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the door of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple;

3 who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, asked to receive an alms.

4 And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him, with John, said, Look on us.

5 And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something from them.

6 But Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but what I have, that give I thee. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.

7 And he took him by the right hand, and raised him up: and immediately his feet and his ankle-bones received strength.

8 And leaping up, he stood, and began to walk; and he entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God.

9 And all the people saw him walking and praising God: and they took knowledge of him,

10 that it was he which sat for alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple: and they were filled with wonder and amazement at that which had happened unto him.

11 And as he held Peter and John, all the people ran together unto them in the porch that is called Solomon's, greatly wondering.

12 And when Peter saw it, he answered unto the people, Ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this? or why fasten ye your eyes on us, as though by our own power or godliness we had made him to walk?

13 The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, hath glorified his ⁷Servant Jesus; whom ye delivered up, and denied before the face of Pilate, when he had determined to release him.

14 But ye denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted unto you, and killed the ⁸Prince of life; whom God raised from the dead;

15 whereof we are witnesses.

16 And by faith in his name hath his name made this man strong, whom ye behold and know: yea, the faith which is through him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.

17 And now, brethren, I wot that in ignorance ye did it, as did also your rulers.

18 But the things which God foreshewed by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ should suffer, he thus fulfilled.

19 Repent ye therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, that so there may come seasons of refreshing from the presence of the Lord;

20 and that he may send the Christ who hath been appointed for you, *even* Jesus: whom the heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, whereof God

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1 Or, in fellowship

2 Or, through

3 Many ancient authorities add in Jerusalem, and great fear was upon all.

4 Or, together.

5 Or, portico

6 Or, thing

7 Or, Child: and so in ver.

26; 11. 27.

80. See Matt xii.

18: 1a.

xiii. 1;

xiii. 13;

liii. 11.

8 Or, Author

9 Or, of whom

10 Or, on the ground of

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* Deut.
18. 15.
ch. 7. 37.

spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.

22 For Moses truly said unto the fathers, * A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you.

23 And it shall come to pass, *that* every soul, which will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people.

24 Yea, and all the prophets from Sammel and those that follow after, as many as have spoken, have likewise foretold of these days.

* Gen. 12.
8.

25 Ye are the children of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying unto Abraham, * And in thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed.

26 Unto you first God, having raised up his Son Jesus, sent him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities.

† Or,
ruler.

4 And as they spake unto the people, the priests, and the ¹ captain of the temple, and the Sadducees, came upon them,

2 Being grieved that they taught the people, and preached through Jesus the resurrection from the dead.

3 And they laid hands on them, and put *them* in hold unto the next day: for it was now eventide.

4 Howbeit many of them which heard the word believed; and the number of the men was about five thousand.

5 ¶ And it came to pass on the morrow, that their rulers, and elders, and scribes,

6 And Annas the high priest, and Caiaphas, and John, and Alexander, and as many as were of the kindred of the high priest, were gathered together at Jerusalem.

7 And when they had set them in the midst, they asked, By what power, or by what name, have ye done this?

8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel,

9 If we this day be examined of the good deed done to the impotent man, by what means he is made whole;

10 Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, *even* by him doth this man stand here before you whole.

* Ps. 118.
22.
Matt. 21.
42.

11 * This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner.

12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

13 ¶ Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.

14 And beholding the man which was healed standing with them, they could say nothing against it.

15 But when they had commanded them to go aside out of the council, they conferred among themselves,

16 Saying, What shall we do to these men? for that indeed a notable miracle hath been done by them is manifest to all them that dwell in Jerusalem; and we cannot deny it.

17 But that it spread no further among the people, let us straitly threaten them, that they speak henceforth to no man in this name.

18 And they called them, and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus.

19 But Peter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye.

spake by the mouth of his holy prophets which 22 have been since the world began. Moses indeed said, A prophet shall the Lord God raise up unto you from among your brethren, ¹ like unto me; to him shall ye hearken in all things

23 whatsoever he shall speak unto you. And it shall be, that every soul, which shall not hearken to that prophet, shall be utterly de-

24 stroyed from among the people Yea and all the prophets from Samuel and them that fol-

25 lowed after, as many as have spoken, they also told of these days. Ye are the sons of the prophets, and of the covenant which God

26 made with your fathers, saying unto Abraham, And in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed. Unto you first God,

having raised up his Servant, sent him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from your iniquities.

4 And as they spake unto the people, ³ the priests and the captain of the temple and the

2 Sadducees came upon them, being sore troubled because they taught the people, and proclaimed in Jesus the resurrection from the

3 dead. And they laid hands on them, and put them in ward unto the morrow: for it was

4 now eventide. But many of them that heard the word believed; and the number of the men came to be about five thousand.

5 And it came to pass on the morrow, that their rulers and elders and scribes were ga-

6 thered together in Jerusalem; and Annas the high priest *was there*, and Caiaphas, and John, and Alexander, and as many as were of the

7 kindred of the high priest. And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, By what power, or in what name, have ye done

8 this? Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and

9 elders, if we this day are examined concerning a good deed done to an impotent man, ⁴ by

10 what means this man is ⁵ made whole; be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, *even* in ⁶ him doth this man

11 stand here before you whole. He is the stone which was set at nought of you the builders,

12 which was made the head of the corner. And in none other is there salvation: for neither is there any other name under heaven, that is given among men, wherein we must be saved.

13 Now when they beheld the boldness of Peter and John, and had perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they

14 had been with Jesus. And seeing the man which was healed standing with them, they

15 could say nothing against it. But when they had commanded them to go aside out of the

16 council, they conferred among themselves, saying, What shall we do to these men? for that indeed a notable ⁷ miracle hath been wrought through them, is manifest to all that dwell in

17 Jerusalem; and we cannot deny it. But that it spread no further among the people, let us threaten them, that they speak henceforth to

18 no man in this name. And they called them, and charged them not to speak at all nor

19 teach in the name of Jesus. But Peter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you rather than unto God, judge ye:

B. V.

¹ Or, as
heralded
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² Gr.
cove-
nanted.

³ Some
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ties read
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priests.

⁴ Or, in
whom
⁵ Or,
saved

⁶ Or, this
name

⁷ Gr.
sign.

A. V.

20 For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.

21 So when they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding nothing how they might punish them, because of the people: for all men glorified God for that which was done.

22 For the man was above forty years old, on whom this miracle of healing was shewed.

23 ¶ And being let go, they went to their own company, and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said unto them.

24 And when they heard that, they lifted up their voice to God with one accord, and said, Lord, thou art God, which hast made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is:

* Ps. 2. 1.

25 Who by the mouth of thy servant David hast said, "Why did the heathen rage, and the people imagine vain things?"

26 The kings of the earth stood up, and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord, and against his Christ.

27 For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together,

28 For to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel determined before to be done.

29 And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word,

30 By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus.

31 ¶ And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

32 And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common.

33 And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.

34 Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold,

35 And laid them down at the apostles' feet: and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need.

36 And Joses, who by the apostles was surnamed Barnabas, (which is, being interpreted, The son of consolation,) a Levite, and of the country of Cyprus,

37 Having land, sold it, and brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet.

5 But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession,

2 And kept back part of the price, his wife also being privy to it, and brought a certain part, and laid it at the apostles' feet.

¶ Or, to deceive.

3 But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart [¶] to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land?

4 Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God.

5 And Ananias hearing these words fell down, and gave up the ghost: and great fear came on all them that heard these things.

6 And the young men arose, wound him up, and carried him out, and buried him.

7 And it was about the space of three hours after, when his wife, not knowing what was done, came in.

8 And Peter answered unto her, Tell me whether ye sold the land for so much? And she said, Yea, for so much.

20 for we cannot but speak the things which we

21 saw and heard. And they, when they had further threatened them, let them go, finding nothing how they might punish them, because of the people; for all men glorified God for that which was done. For the man was more than forty years old, on whom this ¹ miracle of healing was wrought.

23 And being let go, they came to their own company, and reported all that the chief priests

24 and the elders had said unto them. And they, when they heard it, lifted up their voice to God with one accord, and said, O ² Lord, ³ thou that didst make the heaven and the earth and the

25 sea, and all that in them is. ⁴ who by the Holy Ghost, by the mouth of our father David thy servant, didst say,

Why did the Gentiles rage,
And the peoples ⁵ imagine vain things?

26 The kings of the earth set themselves in array,

And the rulers were gathered together,
Against the Lord, and against his ⁶ Anointed:

27 for of a truth in this city against thy holy Servant Jesus, whom thou didst anoint, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles

28 and the peoples of Israel, were gathered together, to do whatsoever thy hand and thy

29 counsel foreordained to come to pass. And now, Lord, look upon their threatenings: and grant unto thy ⁷ servants to speak thy word

30 with all boldness, while thou stretchest forth thy hand to heal; and that signs and wonders

31 may be done through the name of thy holy Servant Jesus. And when they had prayed,

the place was shaken wherein they were gathered together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

32 And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and soul: and not one of them said that ought of the things which he

33 possessed was his own; but they had all things common. And with great power gave the

34 apostles their witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: ⁸ and great grace was upon

35 them all. For neither was there among them any that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought

the prices of the things that were sold, and laid them at the apostles' feet: and distribution

was made unto each, according as any one had need.

36 And Joseph, who by the apostles was surnamed Barnabas (which is, being interpreted, Son of ⁹ exhortation), a Levite, a man of Cyprus

37 by race, having a field, sold it, and brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet.

5 But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession, and kept back part of the price, his wife also being privy to it, and brought a certain part, and laid it

3 at the apostles' feet. But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thy heart to ¹⁰ lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price

4 of the land? Whiles it remained, did it not remain thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thy power? How is it that thou hast

conceived this thing in thy heart? thou hast

5 not lied unto men, but unto God. And Ananias hearing these words fell down and gave up the ghost: and great fear came upon all

6 that heard it. And the ¹¹ young men arose and wrapped him round, and they carried him out and buried him.

7 And it was about the space of three hours after, when his wife, not knowing what was

8 done, came in. And Peter answered unto her, Tell me whether ye sold the land for so much. And she said, Yea, for so much.

R. V.

¹ Gr. sign.² Or, Master
³ Or, thou art he that did make⁴ The Greek text in this clause is somewhat uncertain.⁵ Or, meditate
⁶ Gr. Christ.⁷ Gr. bondservants⁸ Some ancient authorities add Christ.⁹ Or, consolation¹⁰ Or, deceive¹¹ Gr. younger.

A. V.

9 Then Peter said unto her, How is it that ye have agreed together to tempt the Spirit of the Lord? behold, the feet of them which have buried thy husband *are* at the door, and shall carry thee out.

10 Then fell she down straightway at his feet, and yielded up the ghost: and the young men came in, and found her dead, and, carrying *her* forth, buried *her* by her husband.

11 And great fear came upon all the church, and upon as many as heard these things.

12 ¶ And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people; (and they were all with one accord in Solomon's porch.

13 And of the rest durst no man join himself to them: but the people magnified them.

14 And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women.)

¶ Or,
in every
street.

15 Inasmuch that they brought forth the sick *into* the streets, and laid *them* on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them.

16 There came also a multitude *out* of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed every one.

¶ Or,
envy.

17 ¶ Then the high priest rose up, and all they that were with him, (which is the sect of the Sadducees,) and were filled with *indignation*,

18 And laid their hands on the apostles, and put them in the common prison.

19 But the angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors, and brought them forth, and said,

20 Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life.

21 And when they heard *that*, they entered into the temple early in the morning, and taught. But the high priest came, and they that were with him, and called the council together, and all the senate of the children of Israel, and sent to the prison to have them brought.

22 But when the officers came, and found them not in the prison, they returned, and told,

23 Saying, The prison truly found we shut with all safety, and the keepers standing without before the doors: but when we had opened, we found no man within.

24 Now when the high priest and the captain of the temple and the chief priests heard these things, they doubted of them whereunto this would grow.

25 Then came one and told them, saying, Behold, the men whom ye put in prison are standing in the temple, and teaching the people.

26 Then went the captain with the officers, and brought them without violence: for they feared the people, lest they should have been stoned.

27 And when they had brought them, they set *them* before the council: and the high priest asked them,

* ch. 4.
18.

28 Saying, *Did not we straitly command you that ye should not teach in this name? and, behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this man's blood upon us.

29 ¶ Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men.

30 The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree.

31 Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.

32 And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him.

33 ¶ When they heard *that*, they were cut to the heart, and took counsel to slay them.

† [1611
of Law]

34 Then stood there up one in the council, a Pharisee, named Gamaliel, a doctor *†* of the law, had in reputation among all the people, and commanded to put the apostles forth a little space;

35 And said unto them, Ye men of Israel, take

9 But Peter *said* unto her, How is it that ye have agreed together to tempt the Spirit of the Lord? behold, the feet of them which have buried thy husband *are* at the door, and

10 they shall carry thee out. And she fell down immediately at his feet, and gave up the ghost: and the young men came in and found her dead, and they carried her out and buried

11 her by her husband. And great fear came upon the whole church, and upon all that heard these things.

12 And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people; and they were all with one accord

13 in Solomon's porch. But of the rest durst no man join himself to them: howbeit the

14 people magnified them; ¹and believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes

15 both of men and women; inasmuch that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that, as Peter came, by, at the least his shadow

16 might overshadow some one of them. And there also came together the multitude from the cities round about Jerusalem, bringing sick folk, and them that were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed every one.

17 But the high priest rose up, and all they that were with him (which is the sect of the Sadducees), and they were filled with

18 jealousy, and laid hands on the apostles, and put them in public ward. But an angel

19 of the Lord by night opened the prison doors, and brought them out, and said, Go ye, and

20 stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life. And when

21 they heard *this*, they entered into the temple about daybreak, and taught. But the high priest came, and they that were with him, and called the council together, and all the senate of the children of Israel, and sent to the prison-house to have them brought.

22 But the officers that came found them not in the prison; and they returned, and told,

23 saying, The prison-house we found shut in all safety, and the keepers standing at the doors: but when we had opened, we found

24 no man within. Now when the captain of the temple and the chief priests heard these words, they were much perplexed concerning

25 them whereunto this would grow. And there came one and told them, Behold, the men whom ye put in the prison are in the temple

26 standing and teaching the people. Then went the captain with the officers, and brought them, *but* without violence; for they feared

27 the people, lest they should be stoned. And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest asked

28 them, saying, We straitly charged you not to teach in this name: and behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and intend to bring this man's blood upon us. But

29 Peter and the apostles answered and said, We must obey God rather than men. The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom

30 ye slew, hanging him on a tree. Him did God exalt ²with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to

31 Israel, and remission of sins. And we are witnesses ³of these ⁴things; ⁵and so is the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him.

32 ¶ When they heard *this*, were cut to the heart, and were minded to slay them.

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34 And he said unto them, Ye men of Israel, take

R. V.

¹ Or, and there were the more added to them, believing on the Lord

² Or, at

³ Some ancient authorities add in him.

⁴ Or, sayings.

⁵ Some ancient authorities read and God

hath given the Holy Ghost to them that obey him.

A. V.

heed to yourselves what ye intend to do as touching these men.

36 For before these days rose up Theudas, boasting himself to be somebody; to whom a number of men, about four hundred, joined themselves: who was slain; and all, as many as obeyed him, were scattered, and brought to nought.

37 After this man rose up Judas of Galilee in the days of the taxing, and drew away much people after him: he also perished; and all, even as many as obeyed him, were dispersed.

38 And now I say unto you, Refrain from these men, and let them alone: for if this counsel or this work be of men, it will come to nought:

39 But if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it; lest haply ye be found even to fight against God.

40 And to him they agreed: and when they had called the apostles, and beaten them, they commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go.

41 ¶ And they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name.

42 And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.

6 And in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministration.

2 Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables.

3 Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business.

4 But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.

5 ¶ And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch:

6 Whom they set before the apostles: and when they had prayed, they laid their hands on them.

7 And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith.

8 And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles among the people.

9 ¶ Then there arose certain of the synagogue, which is called the synagogue of the Libertines, and Cyrenians, and Alexandrians, and of them of Cilicia and of Asia, disputing with Stephen.

10 And they were not able to resist the wisdom and the spirit by which he spake.

11 Then they suborned men, which said, We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses, and against God.

12 And they stirred up the people, and the elders, and the scribes, and came upon him, and caught him, and brought him to the council,

13 And set up false witnesses, which said, This man ceaseth not to speak blasphemous words against this holy place, and the law:

14 For we have heard him say, that this Jesus of Nazareth shall destroy this place, and shall change the customs which Moses delivered us.

15 And all that sat in the council, looking stedfastly on him, saw his face as it had been the face of an angel.

7 Then said the high priest, Are these things so?

2 And he said, Men, brethren, and fathers, hearken; The God of glory appeared unto our father Abraham, when he was in Mesopotamia, before he dwelt in Charran,

3 And said unto him, *Get thee out of thy

heed to yourselves as touching these men, 36 what ye are about to do. For before these days rose up Theudas, giving himself out to be somebody; to whom a number of men, about four hundred, joined themselves: who was slain; and all, as many as obeyed him,

37 were dispersed, and came to nought. After this man rose up Judas of Galilee in the days of the enrolment, and drew away some of the people after him: he also perished; and all, as many as obeyed him, were scattered abroad.

38 And now I say unto you, Refrain from these men, and let them alone: for if this counsel or this work be of men,

39 it will be overthrown: but if it is of God, ye will not be able to overthrow them; lest haply ye be found even to be fighting against

40 God. And to him they agreed. and when they had called the apostles unto them, they beat them and charged them not to speak

41 in the name of Jesus, and let them go. They therefore departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted wor-

42 thy to suffer dishonour for the Name. And every day, in the temple and at home, they ceased not to teach and to preach Jesus as the Christ.

6 Now in these days, when the number of the disciples was multiplying, there arose a murmuring of the Grecian Jews against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministration. And the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said, It is not fit that we should forsake the

2 word of God, and serve tables. Look ye out therefore, brethren, from among you seven men of good report, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint over this

3 business. But we will continue stedfastly in 4 prayer, and in the ministry of the word. And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch:

6 whom they set before the apostles: and when they had prayed, they laid their hands on them.

7 And the word of God increased: and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem exceedingly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith.

8 And Stephen, full of grace and power, wrought great wonders and signs among the 9 people. But there arose certain of them that were of the synagogue called the synagogue of the Libertines, and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of them of Cilicia

10 and Asia, disputing with Stephen. And they were not able to withstand the wisdom and

11 the Spirit by which he spake. Then they suborned men, which said, We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses, and

12 against God. And they stirred up the people, and the elders, and the scribes, and came upon him, and seized him, and brought him into

13 the council, and set up false witnesses, which said, This man ceaseth not to speak words

14 against this holy place, and the law: for we have heard him say, that this Jesus of Nazareth shall destroy this place, and shall change the customs which Moses delivered unto us.

15 And all that sat in the council, fastening their eyes on him, saw his face as it had been the face of an angel.

7 And the high priest said, Are these things so? And he said,

Brethren and fathers, hearken. The God of glory appeared unto our father Abraham, when he was in Mesopotamia, before he dwelt in

3 Haran, and said unto him, Get thee out of thy

R. V.

1 Gr. Hellenists.

2 Gr. pleasing.

3 Or, minister to tables

4 Some ancient authorities read But, brethren, look ye out from among you.

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28 Some ancient authorities read But, brethren, look ye out from among you.

¶ Or, believed.

¶ Or, rises.

* Gen. 12. 1.

A. V.

country, and from thy kindred, and come into the land which I shall shew thee.

4 Then came he out of the land of the Chaldeans, and dwelt in Charran: and from thence, when his father was dead, he removed him into this land, wherein ye now dwell.

5 And he gave him none inheritance in it, no, not so much as to set his foot on: yet he promised that he would give it to him for a possession, and to his seed after him, when *as yet* he had no child.

6 And God spake on this wise, That his seed should sojourn in a strange land; and that they should bring them into bondage, and entreat *them* evil four hundred years.

7 And the nation to whom they shall be in bondage will I judge, said God: and after that shall they come forth, and serve me in this place.

* Gen. 17.

8 And he gave him the covenant of circumcision: and so *Abraham* begat Isaac, and circumcised him the eighth day; and Isaac begat Jacob; and Jacob begat the twelve patriarchs.

* Gen. 21.

3.

* Gen. 25.

26.

* Gen. 29.

31.

* Gen. 37.

28.

* Gen. 41.

37.

9 And the patriarchs, moved with envy, sold Joseph into Egypt: but God was with him,

10 And delivered him out of all his afflictions, and gave him favour and wisdom in the sight of Pharaoh king of Egypt; and he made him governor over Egypt and all his house.

11 Now there came a dearth over all the land of Egypt and Chanaan, and great affliction: and our fathers found no sustenance.

* Gen. 42.

1.

12 But when Jacob heard that there was corn in Egypt, he sent out our fathers first.

* Gen. 45.

4.

13 And at the second time Joseph was made known to his brethren; and Joseph's kindred was made known unto Pharaoh.

14 Then sent Joseph, and called his father Jacob to him, and all his kindred, threescore and fifteen souls.

* Gen. 46.

5.

15 So Jacob went down into Egypt, and died, he, and our fathers,

* Gen. 49.

33.

16 And were carried over into Sychem, and laid in the sepulchre that Abraham bought for a sum of money of the sons of Emmor *the father of* Sychem.

17 But when the time of the promise drew nigh, which God had sworn to Abraham, the people grew and multiplied in Egypt,

18 Till another king arose, which knew not Joseph.

19 The same dealt subtilly with our kindred, and evil entreated our fathers, so that they cast out their young children, to the end they might not live.

* Ex. 2. 2.

* Heb. 11. 23.

* Or, fair to God.

20 In which time Moses was born, and was exceeding fair, and nourished up in his father's house three months:

21 And when he was cast out, Pharaoh's daughter took him up, and nourished him for her own son.

22 And Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and in deeds.

23 And when he was full forty years old, it came into his heart to visit his brethren the children of Israel.

* Ex. 2.

11.

24 And seeing one of *them* suffer wrong, he defended him, and avenged him that was oppressed, and smote the Egyptian:

25 For he supposed his brethren would have understood how that God by his hand would deliver them: but they understood not.

* Ex. 2.

12.

26 And the next day he shewed himself unto them as they strove, and would have set them at one again, saying, Sirs, ye are brethren; why do ye wrong one to another?

27 But he that did his neighbour wrong thrust him away, saying, Who made thee a ruler and a judge over us?

28 Wilt thou kill me, as thou diddest the Egyptian yesterday?

29 Then fled Moses at this saying, and was a

land, and from thy kindred, and come into the land which I shall shew thee. Then came he out of the land of the Chaldeans, and dwelt in Haran: and from thence, when his father was dead, God removed him into this

land, wherein ye now dwell: and he gave him none inheritance in it, no, not so much as to set his foot on: and he promised that he would give it to him in possession, and to his seed after him, when *as yet* he had no

child. And God spake on this wise, that his seed should sojourn in a strange land, and that they should bring them into bondage, and entreat *them* evil, four hundred years.

7 And the nation to which they shall be in bondage will I judge, said God: and after that shall they come forth, and serve me in this

place. And he gave him the covenant of circumcision: and so *Abraham* begat Isaac, and circumcised him the eighth day; and Isaac begat Jacob, and Jacob the twelve patriarchs.

9 And the patriarchs, moved with jealousy against Joseph, sold him into Egypt: and God was with him, and delivered him out of all his afflictions, and gave him favour and wisdom before Pharaoh king of Egypt; and he made him governor over Egypt and all his

house. Now there came a famine over all Egypt and Canaan, and great affliction: and

our fathers found no sustenance. But when Jacob heard that there was corn in Egypt, he sent forth our fathers the first time. And at the second time Joseph was made known to his brethren; and Joseph's race became

manifest unto Pharaoh. And Joseph sent, and called to him Jacob his father, and all

his kindred, threescore and fifteen souls. And Jacob went down into Egypt; and he died,

himself, and our fathers; and they were carried over unto Shechem, and laid in the tomb that Abraham bought for a price in silver of

the sons of ¹Hamor in Shechem. But as the time of the promise drew nigh, which God

vouchsafed unto Abraham, the people grew and multiplied in Egypt, till there arose another king over Egypt, which knew not Joseph.

19 The same dealt subtilly with our race, and evil entreated our fathers, that ²they should cast out their babes to the end they might not

live. At which season Moses was born, and was exceeding fair; and he was nourished

three months in his father's house: and when he was cast out, Pharaoh's daughter took him

up, and nourished him for her own son. And Moses was instructed in all the wisdom of the Egyptians; and he was mighty in his words

and works. But when he was well-nigh forty years old, it came into his heart to visit his

brethren the children of Israel. And seeing one of *them* suffer wrong, he defended him, and avenged him that was oppressed, smiting

the Egyptian: and he supposed that his brethren understood how that God by his hand was giving them ³deliverance; but they un-

derstood not. And the day following he appeared unto them as they strove, and would have set them at one again, saying, Sirs, ye

are brethren; why do ye wrong one to another? But he that did his neighbour wrong thrust him away, saying, Who made thee a

ruler and a judge over us? Wouldst thou kill me, as thou killedst the Egyptian yesterday?

29 And Moses fled at this saying, and became a

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¹ Gr. Emmor.² Or, he³ Gr. be preserved alive.⁴ Or, fair unto God⁵ Or, salvation

A. V.
Ex. 3. 2. stranger in the land of Madian, where he begat two sons.
 30 *And when forty years were expired, there appeared to him in the wilderness of mount Sina an angel of the Lord in a flame of fire in a bush.
 31 When Moses saw it, he wondered at the sight: and as he drew near to behold it, the voice of the Lord came unto him,
 32 *Saying, I am the God of thy fathers, the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.* Then Moses trembled, and durst not behold.
 33 Then said the Lord to him, Put off thy shoes from thy feet: for the place where thou standest is holy ground.
 34 I have seen, I have seen the affliction of my people which is in Egypt, and I have heard their groaning, and am come down to deliver them. And now come, I will send thee into Egypt.
 35 This Moses whom they refused, saying, Who made thee a ruler and a judge? the same did God send to be a ruler and a deliverer by the [†]hand of the angel which appeared to him in the bush.
 36 He brought them out, after that he had *shewed wonders and signs in the land of Egypt, and in the Red sea, *and in the wilderness forty years.
 37 ¶ This is that Moses, which said unto the children of Israel, *A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, ^{||}like unto me; him shall ye hear.
 38 *This is he, that was in the church in the wilderness with the angel which spake to him in the mount Sina, and *with our fathers: who received the lively oracles to give unto us:*
 39 To whom our fathers would not obey, but thrust *him* from them, and in their hearts turned back again into Egypt.
 40 *Saying unto Aaron, Make us gods to go before us: for *as for this Moses, which brought us out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him.*
 41 And they made a calf in those days, and offered sacrifice unto the idol, and rejoiced in the works of their own hands.
 42 Then God turned, and gave them up to worship the host of heaven; as it is written in the book of the prophets, *O ye house of Israel, have ye offered to me slain beasts and sacrifices *by the space of forty years* in the wilderness?
 43 Yea, ye took up the tabernacle of Moloch, and the star of your god Remphan, figures which ye made to worship them: and I will carry you away beyond Babylon.
 44 Our fathers had the tabernacle of witness in the wilderness, as he had appointed, speaking unto Moses, *that he should make it according to the fashion that he had seen.
 45 Which also our fathers that came after brought in with Jesus into the possession of the Gentiles, whom God drave out before the face of our fathers, unto the days of David;
 46 Who found favour before God, and desired to find a tabernacle for the God of Jacob.
 47 *But Solomon built him an house.
 48 Howbeit *the most High dwelleth not in temples made with hands; as saith the prophet,
 49 Heaven is my throne, and earth is my footstool: what house will ye build me? saith the Lord: or what is the place of my rest?
 50 Hath not my hand made all these things?
 51 ¶ Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye.
 52 Which of the prophets have not your fathers persecuted? and they have slain them which shewed before of the coming of the Just One; of whom ye have been now the betrayers and murderers:
 53 Who have received the law by the disposition of angels, and have not kept it.
 54 ¶ When they heard these things, they were

[†] [1611 hands]
 * Ex. 7. 9.
 * Ex. 16. 1.
 * Deut. 18. 15.
 || Or, as myself.
 * Ex. 19. 3.
 * Ex. 32. 1.
 * Amos 5. 25.
 * Ex. 25. 40.
 * 1 Chr. 17. 12.
 * ch. 17. 24.

sojourner in the land of Midian, where he begat two sons. And when forty years were fulfilled, an angel appeared to him in the wilderness of mount Sinai, in a flame of fire in a bush. And when Moses saw it, he wondered at the sight: and as he drew near to behold, there came a voice of the Lord, I am the God of thy fathers, the God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob. And Moses trembled, and durst not behold. And the Lord said unto him, Loose the shoes from thy feet: for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground. I have surely seen the affliction of my people which is in Egypt, and have heard their groaning, and I am come down to deliver them: and now come, I will send thee into Egypt. This Moses whom they refused, saying, Who made thee a ruler and a judge? him hath God sent to be both a ruler and a deliverer with the hand of the angel which appeared to him in the bush. This man led them forth, having wrought wonders and signs in Egypt, and in the Red sea, and in the wilderness forty years. This is that Moses, which said unto the children of Israel, A prophet shall God raise up unto you from among your brethren, ²like unto me. This is he that was in the ³church in the wilderness with the angel which spake to him in the mount Sinai, and with our fathers: who received living oracles to give unto us: to whom our fathers would not be obedient, but thrust him from them, and turned back in their hearts unto Egypt, saying unto Aaron, Make us gods which shall go before us: for as for this Moses, which led us forth out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him. And they made a calf in those days, and brought a sacrifice unto the idol, and rejoiced in the works of their hands. But God turned, and gave them up to serve the host of heaven; as it is written in the book of the prophets,
 Did ye offer unto me slain beasts and sacrifices
 Forty years in the wilderness, O house of Israel?
 43 And ye took up the tabernacle of Moloch, And the star of the god Rephan, The figures which ye made to worship them: And I will carry you away beyond Babylon.
 44 Our fathers had the tabernacle of the testimony in the wilderness, even as he appointed who spake unto Moses, that he should make it according to the figure that he had seen.
 45 Which also our fathers, in their turn, brought in with Joshua when they entered on the possession of the nations, which God thrust out before the face of our fathers, unto the days of David; who found favour in the sight of God, and asked to find a habitation for the God of Jacob. But Solomon built him a house. Howbeit the Most High dwelleth not in houses made with hands; as saith the prophet,
 49 The heaven is my throne, And the earth the footstool of my feet: What manner of house will ye build me? saith the Lord:
 Or what is the place of my rest?
 50 Did not my hand make all these things?
 51 Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye. Which of the prophets did not your fathers persecute? and they killed them which shewed before of the coming of the Righteous One; of whom ye have now become betrayers and murderers; 53 ye who received the law ⁵as it was ordained by angels, and kept it not.
 54 Now when they heard these things, they were

R. V.¹ Gr. *re-*
*decemei.*² Or, as
he rais-
ed up me
³ Or,
congr-
gation⁴ Gr.
*Jehoi.*⁵ Or, as
the ordi-
nance of
angels
Gr. unto
ordi-
nances
of an-
gels

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cut to the heart, and they gnashed on him with their teeth.

55 But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God,

56 And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God.

57 Then they cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and ran upon him with one accord,

58 And cast him out of the city, and stoned him: and the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet, whose name was Saul.

59 And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.

60 And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

8 And Saul was consenting unto his death. And at that time there was a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judæa and Samaria, except the apostles.

2 And devout men carried Stephen to his burial, and made great lamentation over him.

3 As for Saul, he made havock of the church, entering into every house, and haling men and women committed them to prison.

4 Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word.

5 Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them.

6 And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did.

7 For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with them: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed.

8 And there was great joy in that city.

9 But there was a certain man, called Simon, which beforetime in the same city used sorcery, and bewitched the people of Samaria, giving out that himself was some great one:

10 To whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, This man is the great power of God.

11 And to him they had regard, because that of long time he had bewitched them with sorceries.

12 But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.

13 Then Simon himself believed also: and when he was baptized, he continued with Philip, and wondered, beholding the miracles and signs which were done.

14 Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John:

15 Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost:

16 (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.)

17 Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.

18 And when Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money,

19 Saying, Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost.

20 But Peter said unto him, Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money.

21 Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not right in the sight of God.

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59 the feet of a young man named Saul. And they stoned Stephen, calling upon the Lord,

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5 went about preaching the word. And Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and pro-

6 claimed unto them the Christ. And the multitudes gave heed with one accord unto the things that were spoken by Philip, when they

7 heard, and saw the signs which he did. ¹For from many of those which had unclean spirits,

they came out, crying with a loud voice: and many that were palsied, and that were lame,

8 were healed. And there was much joy in that city.

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¹ Or, For many of those which had unclean spirits that cried with a loud voice came forth
² Gr. nation.

³ Gr. powers.

⁴ Some ancient authorities omit Holy.

⁵ Gr. word.

A. V.

22 Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee.

23 For I perceive that thou art in the gall of bitterness, and in the bond of iniquity.

24 Then answered Simon, and said, Pray ye to the Lord for me, that none of these things which ye have spoken come upon me.

25 And they, when they had testified and preached the word of the Lord, returned to Jerusalem, and preached the gospel in many villages of the Samaritans.

26 And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert.

27 And he arose and went: and, behold, a man of Ethiopia, an eunuch of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem for to worship,

28 Was returning, and sitting in his chariot read Esaias the prophet.

29 Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot.

30 And Philip ran thither to him, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest?

31 And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him.

32 The place of the scripture which he read was this, *He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before †his shearers, so opened he not his mouth:

33 In his humiliation his judgment was taken away: and who shall declare his generation? for his life is taken from the earth.

34 And the eunuch answered Philip, and said, I pray thee, of whom speaketh the prophet this? of himself, or of some other man?

35 Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus.

36 And as they went on *their way*, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, *here is water*; what doth hinder me to be baptized?

37 And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

38 And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.

39 And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing.

40 But Philip was found at Azotus: and passing through he preached in all the cities, till he came to Caesarea.

Θ And Saul, yet breathing out threatnings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest,

2 And desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of this way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem.

3 And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven:

4 And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?

5 And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.

6 And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.

7 And the men which journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice, but seeing no man.

* Is 53. 7.
† [1611
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shearer]

R. V.

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27 Gaza: the same is desert. And he arose and went: and behold, a man of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was over all her treasure, who

28 had come to Jerusalem for to worship; and he was returning and sitting in his chariot,

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30 thyself to this chariot. And Philip ran to him, and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet, and said, Understandest thou what thou

31 readest? And he said, How can I, except some one shall guide me? And he besought

32 Philip to come up and sit with him. Now the place of the scripture which he was reading was this,
He was led as a sheep to the slaughter;
And as a lamb before his shearers is dumb,
So he openeth not his mouth:

33 In his humiliation his judgement was taken away:
His generation who shall declare?
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I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: but rise, and enter into the city, and it shall be

told thee what thou must do. And the men that journeyed with him stood speechless,

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¹ Or, *will become gall (or, a gall) root of bitterness and a bond of iniquity.*

² Or, *at noon*

³ Some ancient authorities insert, *wholly or in part.* ver. 37. And Philip said, *If thou believest that Jesus Christ is the Son of God,*

⁴ Or, *sound*

A. V.

8 And Saul arose from the earth; and when his eyes were opened, he saw no man: but they led him by the hand, and brought him into Damascus.

9 And he was three days without sight, and neither did eat nor drink.

10 ¶ And there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias; and to him said the Lord in a vision, Ananias. And he said, Behold, I am here, Lord.

11 And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and enquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold, he prayeth,

12 And hath seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in, and putting his hand on him, that he might receive his sight.

13 Then Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he hath done to thy saints at Jerusalem:

14 And here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that call on thy name.

15 But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel:

16 For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake.

17 And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost.

18 And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized.

19 And when he had received meat, he was strengthened. Then was Saul certain days with the disciples which were at Damascus.

20 And straightway he preached Christ in the synagogues, that he is the Son of God.

21 But all that heard him were amazed, and said; Is not this he that destroyed them which called on this name in Jerusalem, and came hither for that intent, that he might bring them bound unto the chief priests?

22 But Saul increased the more in strength, and confounded the Jews which dwelt at Damascus, proving that this is very Christ.

23 ¶ And after that many days were fulfilled, the Jews took counsel to kill him:

24 * But their laying await was known of Saul. And they watched the gates day and night to kill him.

25 Then the disciples took him by night, and let him down by the wall in a basket.

26 And when Saul was come to Jerusalem, he assayed to join himself to the disciples: but they were all afraid of him, and believed not that he was a disciple.

27 But Barnabas took him, and brought him to the apostles, and declared unto them how he had seen the Lord in the way, and that he had spoken to him, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus.

28 And he was with them coming in and going out at Jerusalem.

29 And he spake boldly in the name of the Lord Jesus, and disputed against the Grecians: but they went about to slay him.

30 ¶ Which when the brethren knew, they brought him down to Cæsarea, and sent him forth to Tarsus.

31 Then had the churches rest throughout all Judæa and Galilee and Samaria, and were edified; and walking in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, were multiplied.

32 ¶ And it came to pass, as Peter passed throughout all quarters, he came down also to the saints which dwelt at Lydda.

33 And there he found a certain man named Æneas, which had kept his bed eight years, and was sick of the palsy.

* 2 Cor.
11. 32.

R. V.

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14 and here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that call upon thy name.

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16 the children of Israel: for I will shew him how many things he must suffer for my

17 name's sake. And Ananias departed, and entered into the house; and laying his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, who appeared unto thee in the way which thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mayest receive thy sight, and be filled with

18 the Holy Ghost. And straightway there fell from his eyes as it were scales, and he received his sight; and he arose and was

19 baptized; and he took food and was strengthened.

And he was certain days with the disciples

20 which were at Damascus. And straightway in the synagogues he proclaimed Jesus, that

21 he is the Son of God. And all that heard him were amazed, and said, Is not this he that in Jerusalem made havock of them which called on this name? and he had come hither for this intent, that he might bring them

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24 Jews took counsel together to kill him: but their plot became known to Saul. And they watched the gates also day and night that

25 they might kill him: but his disciples took him by night, and let him down through the wall, lowering him in a basket.

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33 saints which dwelt at Lydda. And there he found a certain man named Æneas, which had kept his bed eight years; for he was palsied.

¹ Gr.
vessel of
election.

² Gr.
Hellen-
ists.

³ Gr.
builded
up.
⁴ Or, by

A. V.

34 And Peter said unto him, *Æneas*, Jesus Christ maketh thee whole: arise, and make thy bed. And he arose immediately.

35 And all that dwell at Lydda and Saron saw him, and turned to the Lord.

36 ¶ Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha, which by interpretation is called Dorcas: this woman was full of good works and almsdeeds which she did.

37 And it came to pass in those days, that she was sick, and died: whom when they had washed, they laid her in an upper chamber.

38 And forasmuch as Lydda was nigh to Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent unto him two men, desiring him that he would not ¹delay to come to them.

¶ Or, be
grieved.

39 Then Peter arose and went with them. When he was come, they brought him into the upper chamber: and all the widows stood by him weeping, and shewing the coats and garments which Dorcas made, while she was with them.

40 But Peter put them all forth, and kneeled down, and prayed; and turning him to the body said, Tabitha, arise. And she opened her eyes: and when she saw Peter, she sat up.

41 And he gave her his hand, and lifted her up, and when he had called the saints and widows, presented her alive.

42 And it was known throughout all Joppa; and many believed in the Lord.

43 And it came to pass, that he tarried many days in Joppa with one Simon a tanner.

10 There was a certain man in Cæsarea called Cornelius, a centurion of the band called the Italian band,

2 A devout man, and one that feared God with all his house, which gave much alms to the people, and prayed to God alway.

3 He saw in a vision evidently about the ninth hour of the day an angel of God coming in to him, and saying unto him, Cornelius.

4 And when he looked on him, he was afraid, and said, What is it, Lord? And he said unto him, Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God.

5 And now send men to Joppa, and call for one Simon, whose surname is Peter:

6 He lodgeth with one Simon a tanner, whose house is by the sea side: he shall tell thee what thou oughtest to do.

7 And when the angel which spake unto Cornelius was departed, he called two of his household servants, and a devout soldier of them that waited on him continually;

8 And when he had declared all these things unto them, he sent them to Joppa.

9 ¶ On the morrow, as they went on their journey, and drew nigh unto the city, Peter went up upon the [†]housetop to pray about the sixth hour:

† [1611
house]

10 And he became very hungry, and would have eaten: but while they made ready, he fell into a trance,

11 And saw heaven opened, and a certain vessel descending unto him, as it had been a great sheet knit at the four corners, and let down to the earth:

12 Wherein were all manner of fourfooted beasts of the earth, and wild beasts, and creeping things, and fowls of the air.

13 And there came a voice to him, Rise, Peter; kill, and eat.

14 But Peter said, Not so, Lord; for I have never eaten any thing that is common or unclean.

15 And the voice spake unto him again the second time, What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common.

16 This was done thrice: and the vessel was received up again into heaven.

34 And Peter said unto him, *Æneas*, Jesus Christ healeth thee: arise, and make thy bed. And 35 straightway he arose. And all that dwell at Lydda and in Sharon saw him, and they turned to the Lord.

36 Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha, which by interpretation is called ¹Dorcas: this woman was full of good

37 works and almsdeeds which she did. And it came to pass in those days, that she fell sick, and died: and when they had washed her,

38 they laid her in an upper chamber. And as Lydda was nigh unto Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men unto him, intreating him, Delay not to come on

39 unto us. And Peter arose and went with them. And when he was come, they brought him into the upper chamber: and all the

40 widows stood by him weeping, and shewing the coats and garments which Dorcas made, while she was with them. But Peter put them

all forth, and kneeled down, and prayed; and turning to the body, he said, Tabitha, arise. And she opened her eyes; and when she saw

41 Peter, she sat up. And he gave her his hand, and raised her up; and calling the saints

42 and widows, he presented her alive. And it became known throughout all Joppa: and

43 many believed on the Lord. And it came to pass, that he abode many days in Joppa with one Simon a tanner.

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2 called the Italian ²band, a devout man, and one that feared God with all his house, who

gave much alms to the people, and prayed 3 to God alway. He saw in a vision openly,

as it were about the ninth hour of the day, an angel of God coming in unto him, and

4 saying to him, Cornelius. And he, fastening his eyes upon him, and being affrighted, said, What is it, Lord? And he said unto him,

Thy prayers and thine alms are gone up for 5 a memorial before God. And now send men

to Joppa, and fetch one Simon, who is sur- 6 named Peter: he lodgeth with one Simon a

7 tanner, whose house is by the sea side. And when the angel that spake unto him was

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waited on him continually; and having re- 9 hearsed all things unto them, he sent them

to Joppa. 9 Now on the morrow, as they were on their

journey, and drew nigh unto the city, Peter 10 went up upon the housetop to pray, about

the sixth hour: and he became hungry, and 11 desired to eat: but while they made ready,

he fell into a trance; and he beholdeth the 12 heaven opened, and a certain vessel descend-

ing, as it were a great sheet, let down by 13 four corners upon the earth: wherein were

all manner of fourfooted beasts and creep- 14 ing things of the earth and fowls of the

15 heaven. And there came a voice to him, 16 Rise, Peter; kill and eat. But Peter said,

Not so, Lord; for I have never eaten any- 17 thing that is common and unclean. And

a voice came unto him again the second 18 time, What God hath cleansed, make not

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¹ That is,
Gazelle.

² Or,
cohort

A. V.

17 Now while Peter doubted in himself what this vision which he had seen should mean, behold, the men which were sent from Cornelius had made enquiry for Simon's house, and stood before the gate, 18 And called, and asked whether Simon, which was surnamed Peter, were lodged there.

19 ¶ While Peter thought on the vision, the Spirit said unto him, Behold, three men seek thee.

20 Arise therefore, and get thee down, and go with them, doubting nothing: for I have sent them.

21 Then Peter went down to the men which were sent unto him from Cornelius; and said, Behold, I am he whom ye seek: what is the cause wherefore ye are come?

22 And they said, Cornelius the centurion, a just man, and one that feareth God, and of good report among all the nation of the Jews, was warned from God by an holy angel to send for thee into his house, and to hear words of thee.

23 Then called he them in, and lodged them. And on the morrow Peter went away with them, and certain brethren from Joppa accompanied him.

24 And the morrow after they entered into Cæsarea. And Cornelius waited for them, and had called together his kinsmen and near friends.

25 And as Peter was coming in, Cornelius met him, and fell down at his feet, and worshipped him.

26 But Peter took him up, saying, Stand up; I myself also am a man.

27 And as he talked with him, he went in, and found many that were come together.

28 And he said unto them, Ye know how that it is an unlawful thing for a man that is a Jew to keep company, or come unto one of another nation; but God hath shewed me that I should not call any man common or unclean.

29 Therefore came I unto you without gainsaying, as soon as I was sent for: I ask therefore for what intent ye have sent for me?

30 And Cornelius said, Four days ago I was fasting until this hour; and at the ninth hour I prayed in my house, and, behold, a man stood before me in bright clothing,

31 And said, Cornelius, thy prayer is heard, and thine alms are had in remembrance in the sight of God.

32 Send therefore to Joppa, and call hither Simon, whose surname is Peter; he is lodged in the house of one Simon a tanner by the sea side: who, when he cometh, shall speak unto thee.

33 Immediately therefore I sent to thee; and thou hast well done that thou art come. Now therefore are we all here present before God, to hear all things that are commanded thee of God.

34 ¶ Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, *Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons:

35 But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him.

36 The word which God sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (he is Lord of all:)

37 That word, I say, ye know, which was published throughout all Judæa, and began from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached;

38 How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

39 And we are witnesses of all things which he did both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem: whom they slew and hanged on a tree:

40 Him God raised up the third day, and shewed him openly;

41 Not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before of God, even to us, who did eat and drink with him after he rose from the dead.

42 And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was ordained of God to be the Judge of quick and dead.

43 *To him give all the prophets witness, that

* Deut.
10. 17.
Rom. 2.
11.
1 Pet. 1.
17.

* Jer. 31.
34.
Mic. 7. 18.

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17 Now while Peter was much perplexed in himself what the vision which he had seen might mean, behold, the men that were sent by Cornelius, having made inquiry for Simon's

18 house, stood before the gate, and called and asked whether Simon, which was surnamed

19 Peter, were lodging there. And while Peter thought on the vision, the Spirit said unto

20 him, Behold, three men seek thee. But arise, and get thee down, and go with them, nothing

21 doubting: for I have sent them. And Peter went down to the men, and said, Behold, I

22 am he whom ye seek: what is the cause wherefore ye are come? And they said, Corne-

23 lius a centurion, a righteous man and one that feareth God, and well reported of by all

24 the nation of the Jews, was warned of God by a holy angel to send for thee into his

25 house, and to hear words from thee. So he called them in and lodged them.

And on the morrow he arose and went forth with them, and certain of the brethren from

26 Joppa accompanied him. And on the morrow they entered into Cæsarea. And Cornelius

27 was waiting for them, having called together his kinsmen and his near friends. And when

28 it came to pass that Peter entered, Cornelius met him, and fell down at his feet, and wor-

29 shipped him. But Peter raised him up, saying, Stand up; I myself also am a man. And as

30 he talked with him, he went in, and findeth many come together: and he said unto them,

Ye yourselves know ²how that it is an unlawful thing for a man that is a Jew to join

31 himself or come unto one of another nation; and yet unto me hath God shewed that I

32 should not call any man common or unclean: wherefore also I came without gainsaying,

33 when I was sent for. I ask therefore with what intent ye sent for me. And Cornelius

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39 thou art come. Now therefore we are all here present in the sight of God, to hear all

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45 John preached; even Jesus of Nazareth, how that God anointed him with the Holy Ghost

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47 devil; for God was with him. And we are witnesses of all things which he did both in

48 the country of the Jews, and in Jerusalem; whom also they slew, hanging him on a tree.

49 Him God raised up the third day, and gave him to be made manifest, not to all the people,

50 but unto witnesses that were chosen before of God, even to us, who did eat and drink with

51 him after he rose from the dead. And he charged us to preach unto the people, and to

52 testify that this is he which is ordained of God to be the Judge of quick and dead.

53 To him bear all the prophets witness, that

¹ Some ancient authorities read he.

² Or, how unlawful it is for a man &c.

³ Many ancient authorities read He sent the word unto.

⁴ Or, the gospel.

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through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.

44 ¶ While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word.

45 And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost.

46 For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter,

47 Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?

48 And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.

11 And the apostles and brethren that were in Judæa heard that the Gentiles had also received the word of God.

2 And when Peter was come up to Jerusalem, they that were of the circumcision contended with him,

3 Saying, Thou wentest in to men uncircumcised, and didst eat with them.

4 But Peter rehearsed the matter from the beginning, and expounded it by order unto them, saying,

5 I was in the city of Joppa praying: and in a trance I saw a vision, A certain vessel descend, as it had been a great sheet, let down from heaven by four corners; and it came even to me:

6 Upon the which when I had fastened mine eyes, I considered, and saw fourfooted beasts of the earth, and wild beasts, and creeping things, and fowls of the air.

7 And I heard a voice saying unto me, Arise, Peter: slay and eat.

8 But I said, Not so, Lord: for nothing common or unclean hath at any time entered into my mouth.

9 But the voice answered me again from heaven, What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common.

10 And this was done three times: and all were drawn up again into heaven.

11 And, behold, immediately there were three men already come unto the house where I was, sent from Cæsarea unto me.

12 And the spirit bade me go with them, nothing doubting. Moreover these six brethren accompanied me, and we entered into the man's house:

13 And he shewed us how he had seen an angel in his house, which stood and said unto him, Send men to Joppa, and call for Simon, whose surname is Peter;

14 Who shall tell thee words, whereby thou and all thy house shalt be saved.

15 And as I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them,* as on us at the beginning.

16 Then remembered I the word of the Lord, how that he said,* John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost.

17 Forasmuch then as God gave them the like gift as he did unto us, who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ; what was I, that I could withstand God?

18 When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life.

19 ¶ Now they which were scattered abroad upon the persecution that arose about Stephen travelled as far as Phenice, and Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching the word to none but unto the Jews only.

20 And some of them were men of Cyprus and Cyrene, which, when they were come to Antioch, spake unto the Grecians, preaching the Lord Jesus.

21 And the hand of the Lord was with them: and a great number believed, and turned unto the Lord.

22 ¶ Then tidings of these things came unto the ears of the church which was in Jerusalem: and

through his name every one that believeth on him shall receive remission of sins.

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11 cleansed, make not thou common. And this was done thrice: and all were drawn up again

12 into heaven. And behold, forthwith three men stood before the house in which we were,

13 having been sent from Cæsarea unto me. And the Spirit bade me go with them, making no

distinction. And these six brethren also accompanied me; and we entered into the man's

14 house: and he told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house, and saying, Send

to Joppa, and fetch Simon, whose surname is

15 Peter; who shall speak unto thee words, whereby thou shalt be saved, thou and all thy house.

16 And as I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them, even as on us at the beginning. And

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of the church which was in Jerusalem: and

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* ch. 2. 4.

* John 1.

26.

* ch. 8. 1.

¹ Or, in

² Many ancient authorities read *Grecian Jews*.

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they sent forth Barnabas, that he should go as far as Antioch.

23 Who, when he came, and had seen the grace of God, was glad, and exhorted them all, that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord.

24 For he was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith: and much people was added unto the Lord.

25 Then departed Barnabas to Tarsus, for to seek Saul:

26 And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves ¹¹ with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.

27 ¶ And in these days came prophets from Jerusalem unto Antioch.

28 And there stood up one of them named Agabus, and signified by the spirit that there should be great dearth throughout all the world: which came to pass in the days of Claudius Cæsar.

29 Then the disciples, every man according to his ability, determined to send relief unto the brethren which dwell in Judæa:

30 Which also they did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul.

¹¹ Or, in the church.

¹¹ Or, began.

¹¹ Or, instant and earnest prayer was made.

¹¹ Or, to ask who was there.

12 Now about that time Herod the king ¹² stretched forth his hands to vex certain of the church.

2 And he killed James the brother of John with the sword.

3 And because he saw it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to take Peter also. (Then were the days of unleavened bread.)

4 And when he had apprehended him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four quaternions of soldiers to keep him; intending after Easter to bring him forth to the people.

5 Peter therefore was kept in prison: but ¹³ prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him.

6 And when Herod would have brought him forth, the same night Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains: and the keepers before the door kept the prison.

7 And, behold, the angel of the Lord came upon him, and a light shined in the prison: and he smote Peter on the side, and raised him up, saying, Arise up quickly. And his chains fell off from his hands.

8 And the angel said unto him, Gird thyself, and bind on thy sandals. And so he did. And he saith unto him, Cast thy garment about thee, and follow me.

9 And he went out, and followed him; and wist not that it was true which was done by the angel; but thought he saw a vision.

10 When they were past the first and the second ward, they came unto the iron gate that leadeth unto the city; which opened to them of his own accord: and they went out, and passed on through one street; and forthwith the angel departed from him.

11 And when Peter was come to himself, he said, Now I know of a surety, that the Lord hath sent his angel, and hath delivered me out of the hand of Herod, and from all the expectation of the people of the Jews.

12 And when he had considered the thing, he came to the house of Mary the mother of John, whose surname was Mark; where many were gathered together praying.

13 And as Peter knocked at the door of the gate, a damsel came ¹⁴ to hearken, named Rhoda.

14 And when she knew Peter's voice, she opened not the gate for gladness, but ran in, and told how Peter stood before the gate.

15 And they said unto her, Thou art mad. But she constantly affirmed that it was even so. Then said they, It is his angel.

16 But Peter continued knocking: and when they

they sent forth Barnabas as far as Antioch: 23 who, when he was come, and had seen the grace of God, was glad; and he exhorted them all,

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sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two

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² Gr. in.

³ Gr. the inhabited earth.

⁴ Gr. for ministry.

⁵ Or, through

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had opened *the door*, and saw him, they were astonished.

17 But he, beckoning unto them with the hand to hold their peace, declared unto them how the Lord had brought him out of the prison. And he said, Go shew these things unto James, and to the brethren. And he departed, and went into another place.

18 Now as soon as it was day, there was no small stir among the soldiers, what was become of Peter.

19 And when Herod had sought for him, and found him not, he examined the keepers, and commanded that they should be put to death. And he went down from Judæa to Cæsarea, and there abode.

20 ¶ And Herod ¹was highly displeased with them of Tyre and Sidon: but they came with one accord to him, and, having made Blastus [†]the king's chamberlain their friend, desired peace; because their country was nourished by the king's country.

21 And upon a set day Herod, arrayed in royal apparel, sat upon his throne, and made an oration unto them.

22 And the people gave a shout, saying, *It is the voice of a god*, and not of a man.

23 And immediately the angel of the Lord smote him, because he gave not God the glory: and he was eaten of worms, and gave up the ghost.

24 ¶ But the word of God grew and multiplied.

25 And Barnabas and Saul returned from Jerusalem, when they had fulfilled *their* ¹ministry, and took with them John, whose surname was Mark.

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, ²which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.

2 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.

3 And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.

4 ¶ So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed unto Seleucia; and from thence they sailed to Cyprus.

5 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.

6 And when they had gone through the isle unto Paphos, they found a certain sorcerer, a false prophet, a Jew, whose name was Bar-jesus:

7 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.

8 But Elymas the sorcerer (for so is his name by interpretation) withstood them, seeking to turn away the deputy from the faith.

9 Then Saul, (who also is called Paul,) filled with the Holy Ghost, set his eyes on him,

10 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?

11 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.

12 Then the deputy, when he saw what was done, believed, being astonished at the doctrine of the Lord.

18 Now when Paul and his company loosed from Paphos, they came to Perga in Pamphylia: and John departing from them returned to Jerusalem.

14 ¶ But when they departed from Perga, they came to Antioch in Pisidia, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and sat down.

15 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.

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17 But he, beckoning unto them with the hand to hold their peace, declared unto them how the Lord had brought him forth out of the prison. And he said, Tell these things unto James, and to the brethren. And he departed, and went

18 to another place. Now as soon as it was day, there was no small stir among the soldiers,

19 what was become of Peter. And when Herod had sought for him, and found him not, he examined the guards, and commanded that they should be ¹put to death. And he went down from Judæa to Cæsarea, and tarried there.

20 Now he was highly displeased with them of Tyre and Sidon: and they came with one accord to him, and, having made Blastus the king's chamberlain their friend, they asked for peace, because their country was fed from the

21 king's country. And upon a set day Herod arrayed himself in royal apparel, and sat on the ²throne, and made an oration unto them.

22 And the people shouted, saying, The voice of 23 a god, and not of a man. And immediately an angel of the Lord smote him, because he gave not God the glory: and he was eaten of worms, and gave up the ghost.

24 But the word of God grew and multiplied.

25 And Barnabas and Saul returned ³from Jerusalem, when they had fulfilled their ministration, taking with them John whose surname was Mark.

13 Now there were at Antioch, in the church that was *there*, prophets and teachers, Barnabas, and Symeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen the foster-

2 brother of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. And 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. Then, when they had fasted and prayed and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.

4 So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, went down to Seleucia; and from thence they

5 sailed to Cyprus. And when they were at Salamis, they proclaimed the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews: and they had

6 also John as their attendant. And when they had gone through the whole island unto Paphos, they found a certain ⁴sorcerer, a false prophet,

7 a Jew, whose name was Bar-Jesus; which was with the proconsul, Sergius Paulus, a man of understanding. The same called unto him Barnabas and Saul, and sought to hear the

8 word of God. But Elymas the ⁴sorcerer (for so is his name by interpretation) withstood them, seeking to turn aside the proconsul from

9 the faith. But Saul, who is also called Paul, filled with the Holy Ghost, fastened his eyes

10 on him, and said, O full of all guile and all villany, thou son of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to per-

11 vert the right ways of the Lord? And now, behold, the hand of the Lord is upon thee, and thou shalt be blind, not seeing the sun

12 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. Then

the proconsul, when he saw what was done, believed, being astonished at the teaching of the Lord.

13 Now Paul and his company set sail from Paphos, and came to Perga in Pamphylia: and John departed from them and returned to Jeru-

14 salem. But they, passing through from Perga, came to Antioch of Pisidia; and they went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and

15 sat down. And after the reading of the law and the prophets the rulers of the synagogue sent unto them, saying, Brethren, if ye have any word of exhortation for the people, say on.

R. V.

¹ Gr. led away to death.

² Or, judgment-seat

³ Many ancient authorities read to Jerusalem.

⁴ Gr. Magus: as in Matt. ii. 1, 7, 16.

⁵ Or, until

¶ Or, bare an hostile mind, intending war.

† Gr. that was over the king's bed-chamber.

¶ Or, charge, ch. ii. 29, 30.

¶ Or, Herod's foster-brother.

A. V.

* Ex. 1. 1.
* Ex. 13.
14, 16.
* Ex. 16.
35.

† Gr.

ἐτροφο-
φορησεν,
perhaps
for ἐτρο-
φοφορη-
σεν,

[bore,
or, fed
them.]
as a

nurse
beareth,
or, feed-
eth her
child,
Deut. 1.
31.

* Macc.

7. 27, ac-
cording to
the LXX.

and so
Chrysos-
tom.

* Josh.

14. 1.

* Judg.

2. 16.

* 1 Sam.

8. 5.

* 1 Sam.

16. 13.

* Ps. 89.

20.

* Is. 11. 1.

* Matt.

3. 1.

* John 1.

20.

* Matt.

27. 22.

* Matt.

28. 6.

* Ps. 2. 7.

Heb. 1. 5.

* Is. 55. 3.

† Gr.

τὰ ἁγία,

holy,

or, just

things :

which

word the

LXX.

both

in the

place of

Is. 55. 3.

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many

others,

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which

is in the

Hebrew,

merces.

* Ps. 16.

10.

|| Or,

after he

had in

his own

age serv-
ed the
will of
God.

* 1 Kin. 2.

10.

* Hab. 1.

5.

|| Or, in

the week

between,

or, in the

sabbath

between.

16 Then Paul stood up, and beckoning with his hand said, Men of Israel, and ye that fear God, give audience.

17 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.

18 *And about the time of forty years †suffered he their manners in the wilderness.

19 And when he had destroyed seven nations in the land of Chanaan, *he divided their land to them by lot.

20 And after that *he gave unto them judges about the space of four hundred and fifty years, until Samuel the prophet.

21 *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.

22 And when he had removed him, *he raised up unto them David to be their king ; to whom also he gave testimony, and said, *I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after mine own heart, which shall fulfil all my will.

23 *Of this man's seed hath God according to his promise raised unto Israel a Saviour, Jesus :

24 *When John had first preached before his coming the baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel.

25 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.

26 Men and brethren, children of the stock of Abraham, and whosoever among you feareth God, to you is the word of this salvation sent.

27 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.

28 *And though they found no cause of death in him, yet desired they Pilate that he should be slain.

29 And when they had fulfilled all that was written of him, they took him down from the tree, and laid him in a sepulchre.

30 *But God raised him from the dead :

31 And he was seen many days of them which came up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are his witnesses unto the people.

32 And we declare unto you glad tidings, how that the promise which was made unto the fathers,

33 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.

34 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.

35 Wherefore he saith also in another psalm, *Thou shalt not suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

36 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.

37 But he, whom God raised again, saw no corruption.

38 ¶ Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins :

39 And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses.

40 Beware therefore, lest that come upon you, which is spoken of *in the prophets ;

41 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.

42 And when the Jews were gone out of the synagogue, the Gentiles besought that these words might be preached to them *the next sabbath.

16 And Paul stood up, and beckoning with the hand said,

Men of Israel, and ye that fear God, hearken.

17 The God of this people Israel chose our fathers, and exalted the people when they sojourned in the land of Egypt, and with a high arm

18 led he them forth out of it. And for about the time of forty years ¹ suffered he their man-

19 ners in the wilderness. And when he had destroyed seven nations in the land of Canaan, he gave them their land for an inheritance, for

20 about four hundred and fifty years : and after these things he gave them judges until Samuel

21 the prophet. And afterward they asked for a king : and God gave unto them Saul the son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, for

22 the space of forty years. And when he had removed him, he raised up David to be their king ; to whom also he bare witness, and said, I have found David the son of Jesse, a

man after my heart, who shall do all my ² will

23 Of this man's seed hath God according to promise brought unto Israel a Saviour, Jesus ;

24 when John had first preached ³ before his coming the baptism of repentance to all the

25 people of Israel. And as John was fulfilling his course, he said, What suppose ye that I am ? I am not *he*. But behold, there cometh one after me, the shoes of whose feet I am

26 not worthy to unloose. Brethren, children of the stock of Abraham, and those among you that fear God, to us is the word of this salva-

27 tion sent forth. For they that dwell in Jerusalem, and their rulers, because they knew him not, nor the voices of the prophets which are read every sabbath, fulfilled them by condemn-

28 ing him. And though they found no cause of death in him, yet asked they of Pilate that he

29 should be slain. And when they had fulfilled all things that were written of him, they took him down from the tree, and laid him in a

30 tomb. But God raised ⁴ him from the dead.

31 and he was seen for many days of them that came up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are now his witnesses unto the people

32 And we bring you good tidings of the promise made unto the fathers, how that God hath

33 fulfilled the same unto our children, in that he raised up Jesus ; as also it is written in the second psalm, Thou art my Son, this day have

34 I begotten thee. And as concerning that he raised him up from the dead, now no more to return to corruption, he hath spoken on this

wise, I will give you the holy and sure blessings

35 of David. Because he saith also in another psalm, Thou wilt not give thy Holy One to see

36 corruption. For David, after he had ⁴ in his own generation served the counsel of God, fell

37 on sleep, and was laid unto his fathers, and saw corruption : but he whom God raised up saw

38 no corruption. Be it known unto you therefore, brethren, that through this man is proclaimed

39 unto you remission of sins : and by him every one that believeth is justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the

40 law of Moses. Beware therefore, lest that come upon you, which is spoken in the prophets ;

41 Behold, ye despisers, and wonder, and ⁵ perish ; For I work a work in your days,

A work which ye shall in no wise believe, if one declare it unto you.

42 And as they went out, they besought that these words might be spoken to them the next sabbath.

R. V.

¹ Many ancient authorities read bare he them as a nursing-father in the wilderness. See Deut. 1. 31.

² Gr wills.

³ Gr. before the face of his entering in.

⁴ Or, served his own generation by the counsel of God, fell on sleep Or, served his own generation, fell on sleep by the counsel of God ⁵ Or, vanish away

A. V.

43 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.

44 ¶ And the next sabbath day came almost the whole city together to hear the word of God.

45 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.

46 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.

* 1s. 49. 6.

47 For so hath the Lord commanded us, *saying*, *I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles, that thou shouldst be for salvation unto the ends of the earth.

48 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.

49 And the word of the Lord was published throughout all the region.

50 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.

* Matt. 10. 14.

51 * But they shook off the dust of their feet against them, and came unto Iconium.

52 And the disciples were filled with joy, and with the Holy Ghost.

14 And it came to pass in Iconium, that they went both together into the synagogue of the Jews, and so spake, that a great multitude both of the Jews and also of the Greeks believed.

2 But the unbelieving Jews stirred up the Gentiles, and made their minds evil affected against the brethren.

3 Long time therefore abode they speaking boldly in the Lord, which gave testimony unto the word of his grace, and granted signs and wonders to be done by their hands.

4 But the multitude of the city was divided: and part held with the Jews, and part with the apostles.

5 And when there was an assault made both of the Gentiles, and also of the Jews with their rulers, to use them despitefully, and to stone them,

6 They were ware of it, and fled unto Lystra and Derbe, cities of Lycaonia, and unto the region that lieth round about:

7 And there they preached the gospel.

8 ¶ And there sat a certain man at Lystra, impotent in his feet, being a cripple from his mother's womb, who never had walked:

9 The same heard Paul speak: who stedfastly beholding him, and perceiving that he had faith to be healed,

10 Said with a loud voice, Stand upright on thy feet. And he leaped and walked.

11 And when the people saw what Paul had done, they lifted up their voices, saying in the speech of Lycaonia, The gods are come down to us in the likeness of men.

12 And they called Barnabas, Jupiter; and Paul, Mercurius, because he was the chief speaker.

13 Then the priest of Jupiter, which was before their city, brought oxen and garlands unto the gates, and would have done sacrifice with the people.

14 *Which* when the apostles, Barnabas and Paul, heard of, they rent their clothes, and ran in among the people, crying out,

15 And saying, Sirs, why do ye these things? We also are men of like passions with you, and preach unto you that ye should turn from these vanities unto the living God, * which made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all things that are therein:

* Gen. 1.
1.
Ps. 146. 6.
Rev. 14.
7.

43 Now when the synagogue broke up, many of the Jews and of the devout proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas: who, speaking to them, urged them to continue in the grace of God.

44 And the next sabbath almost the whole city was gathered together to hear the word of God.

45 But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with jealousy, and contradicted the things which were spoken by Paul, and ²blas-

phemed. And Paul and Barnabas spake out boldly, and said, It was necessary that the word of God should first be spoken to you. Seeing ye thrust it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles.

47 For so hath the Lord commanded us, *saying*, I have set thee for a light of the Gentiles, That thou shouldst be for salvation unto the uttermost part of the earth.

48 And as the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of God: and as many as

49 were ordained to eternal life believed. And the word of the Lord was spread abroad through-

50 out all the region. But the Jews urged on the devout women of honourable estate, and the chief men of the city, and stirred up a persecu-

51 tion against Paul and Barnabas, and cast them out of their borders. But they shook off the

52 dust of their feet against them, and came unto Iconium. And the disciples were filled with

joy and with the Holy Ghost.

14 And it came to pass in Iconium, that they entered together into the synagogue of the Jews, and so spake, that a great multitude

2 both of Jews and of Greeks believed. But the Jews that were disobedient stirred up the souls

3 against the brethren. Long time therefore they tarried *there* speaking boldly in the Lord,

4 which bare witness unto the word of his grace, granting signs and wonders to be done by

5 their hands. But the multitude of the city was divided; and part held with the Jews, and

6 part with the apostles. And when there was made an onset both of the Gentiles and of the

7 Jews with their rulers, to entreat them shame-

8 fully, and to stone them, they became aware of it, and fled unto the cities of Lycaonia, Lystra

9 and Derbe, and the region round about: and there they preached the gospel.

8 And at Lystra there sat a certain man, impotent in his feet, a cripple from his mother's

9 womb, who never had walked. The same heard Paul speaking: who, fastening his eyes upon

10 him, and seeing that he had faith to be ³made

11 whole, said with a loud voice, Stand upright on thy feet. And he leaped up and walked.

12 And when the multitudes saw what Paul had done, they lifted up their voice, saying in the speech

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13 the chief speaker. And the priest of ⁴Jupiter whose temple was before the city, brought oxen

and garlands unto the gates, and would have

14 done sacrifice with the multitudes. But when the apostles, Barnabas and Paul, heard of it, they

rent their garments, and sprang forth among

15 the multitude, crying out and saying, Sirs, why do ye these things? We also are men of like

⁶passions with you, and bring you good tidings, that ye should turn from these vain things

unto the living God, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea, and all that in them is:

R. V.

¹ Many ancient authorities read the Lord.
² Or, railed

³ Or, saved

⁴ Gr. Zeus.
⁵ Gr. Hermes

⁶ Or, nature

A. V.

* Ps. 81.
12.

16 *Who in times past suffered all nations to walk in their own ways

17 Nevertheless he left not himself without witness, in that he did good, and gave us rain from heaven, and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness.

18 And with these sayings scarce restrained they the people, that they had not done sacrifice unto them.

19 ¶ And there came thither *certain* Jews from Antioch and Iconium, who persuaded the people, *and, having stoned Paul, drew him out of the city, supposing he had been dead.

* 2 Cor.
11. 25.

20 Howbeit, as the disciples stood round about him, he rose up, and came into the city: and the next day he departed with Barnabas to Derbe.

21 And when they had preached the gospel to that city, and had taught many, they returned again to Lystra, and to Iconium, and Antioch,

22 Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.

23 And when they had ordained them elders in every church, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord, on whom they believed.

24 And after they had passed throughout Pisidia, they came to Pamphylia.

25 And when they had preached the word in Perga, they went down into Attalia:

26 And thence sailed to Antioch, from whence they had been recommended to the grace of God for the work which they fulfilled.

27 And when they were come, and had gathered the church together, they rehearsed all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith unto the Gentiles.

28 And there they abode long time with the disciples.

* Gal. 5
2.

15 And certain men which came down from Judea taught the brethren, and said, *Except ye be circumcised after the manner of Moses, ye cannot be saved.

2 When therefore Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and disputation with them, they determined that Paul and Barnabas, and certain other of them, should go up to Jerusalem unto the apostles and elders about this question.

3 And being brought on their way by the church, they passed through Phenice and Samaria, declaring the conversion of the Gentiles: and they caused great joy unto all the brethren.

4 And when they were come to Jerusalem, they were received of the church, and of the apostles and elders, and they declared all things that God had done with them.

5 But there rose up certain of the sect of the Pharisees which believed, saying, That it was needful to circumcise them, and to command them to keep the law of Moses.

6 ¶ And the apostles and elders came together for to consider of this matter.

7 And when there had been much disputing, Peter rose up, and said unto them, *Men and brethren, ye know how that a good while ago God made choice among us, that the Gentiles by my mouth should hear the word of the gospel, and believe.

8 And God, which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as he did unto us;

9 *And put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith.

10 Now therefore why tempt ye God, *to put a yoke upon the neck of the disciples, which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear?

11 But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved, even as they.

* ch. 10.
20.
& 11. 18.* ch. 10.
43.
1 Cor. 12.
* Matt.
23. 4.

R. V.

16 who in the generations gone by suffered all the nations to walk in their own ways. And yet he left not himself without witness, in that he did good, and gave you from heaven rains and fruitful seasons, filling your hearts with food and gladness. And with these sayings scarce restrained they the multitudes from doing sacrifice unto them.

19 But there came Jews thither from Antioch and Iconium: and having persuaded the multitudes, they stoned Paul, and dragged him out of the city, supposing that he was dead. But as the disciples stood round about him, he rose up, and entered into the city: and on the morrow he went forth with Barnabas to Derbe.

21 And when they had preached the gospel to that city, and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra, and to Iconium, and to Antioch, confirming the souls of the disciples, exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that through many tribulations we must enter

23 into the kingdom of God. And when they had appointed for them elders in every church, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them

24 to the Lord, on whom they had believed. And they passed through Pisidia, and came to Pam-

25 phylia. And when they had spoken the word 26 in Perga, they went down to Attalia; and thence they sailed to Antioch, from whence

they had been committed to the grace of God 27 for the work which they had fulfilled. And when they were come, and had gathered the church together, they rehearsed all things that

God had done with them, and how that he had 28 opened a door of faith unto the Gentiles. And they tarried no little time with the disciples.

15 And certain men came down from Judea and taught the brethren, saying, Except ye be circumcised after the custom of Moses, ye cannot

2 be saved. And when Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and questioning with them, the brethren appointed that Paul and Barna-

bas, and certain other of them, should go up to Jerusalem unto the apostles and elders about 3 this question. They therefore, being brought on

their way by the church, passed through both Phenicia and Samaria, declaring the conversion of the Gentiles: and they caused great joy unto

4 all the brethren. And when they were come to Jerusalem, they were received of the church and the apostles and the elders, and they rehearsed

5 all things that God had done with them. But there rose up certain of the sect of the Pharisees who believed, saying, It is needful to circumcise them, and to charge them to keep the law of Moses.

6 And the apostles and the elders were gathered together to consider of this matter. And when there had been much questioning, Peter rose up, and said unto them,

Brethren, ye know how that ¹a good while ago God made choice among you, that by my mouth the Gentiles should hear the word of 8 the gospel, and believe. And God, which knoweth the heart, bare them witness, giving them

9 the Holy Ghost, even as he did unto us; and he made no distinction between us and them,

10 cleansing their hearts by faith. Now therefore why tempt ye God, that ye should put a yoke upon the neck of the disciples, which neither

11 our fathers nor we were able to bear? But we believe that we shall be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, in like manner as they.

1 Gr.
from
early
days.

A. V.

12 ¶ Then all the multitude kept silence, and gave audience to Barnabas and Paul, declaring what miracles and wonders God had wrought among the Gentiles by them.

13 ¶ And after they had held their peace, James answered, saying, Men and brethren, hearken unto me:

14 Simeon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name.

15 And to this agree the words of the prophets; as it is written,

16 *After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up.

17 That the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord, who doeth all these things.

18 Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world.

19 Wherefore my sentence is, that we trouble not them, which from among the Gentiles are turned to God:

20 But that we write unto them, that they abstain from pollutions of idols, and from fornication, and from things strangled, and from blood.

21 For Moses of old time hath in every city them that preach him, being read in the synagogues every sabbath day.

22 Then pleased it the apostles and elders, with the whole church, to send chosen men of their own company to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; namely, Judas surnamed Barsabbas, and Silas, chief men among the brethren:

23 And †they wrote letters by them after this manner; The apostles and elders and brethren send greeting unto the brethren which are of the Gentiles in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia:

24 Forasmuch as we have heard, that certain which went out from us have troubled you with words, subverting your souls, saying, Ye must be circumcised, and keep the law: to whom we gave no such commandment:

25 It seemed good unto us, being assembled with one accord, to send chosen men unto you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul,

26 Men that have hazarded their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

27 We have sent therefore Judas and Silas, who shall also tell you the same things by mouth.

28 For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things;

29 That ye abstain from meats offered to idols, and from blood, and from things strangled, and from fornication: from which if ye keep yourselves, ye shall do well. Fare ye well.

30 So when they were dismissed, they came to Antioch: and when they had gathered the multitude together, they delivered the epistle:

31 Which when they had read, they rejoiced for the †consolation.

32 And Judas and Silas, being prophets also themselves, exhorted the brethren with many words, and confirmed them.

33 And after they had tarried there a space, they were let go in peace from the brethren unto the apostles.

34 Notwithstanding it pleased Silas to abide there still.

35 Paul also and Barnabas continued in Antioch, teaching and preaching the word of the Lord, with many others also.

36 ¶ And some days after Paul said unto Barnabas, Let us go again and visit our brethren in every city where we have preached the word of the Lord, and see how they do.

37 And Barnabas determined to take with them John, whose surname was Mark.

38 But Paul thought not good to take him with them, who departed from them from Pamphylia, and went not with them to the work.

* Amos
9. 11.

† [1611
omits
they]

¶ Or,
exhorta-
tion.

12 And all the multitude kept silence; and they hearkened unto Barnabas and Paul rehearsing what signs and wonders God had

13 wrought among the Gentiles by them. And after they had held their peace, James answered, saying,

14 Brethren, hearken unto me: Symeon hath rehearsed how first God did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name

15 And to this agree the words of the prophets; as it is written,

16 After these things I will return,

And I will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen;

And I will build again the ruins thereof, And I will set it up.

17 That the residue of men may seek after the Lord,

And all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called,

18 Saith the Lord, ¹who maketh these things known from the beginning of the world.

19 Wherefore my judgement is, that we trouble not them which from among the Gentiles turn

20 to God; but that we ²write unto them, that they abstain from the pollutions of idols, and from fornication, and from what is strangled,

21 and from blood. For Moses from generations of old hath in every city them that preach him, being read in the synagogues every sabbath.

22 Then it seemed good to the apostles and the elders, with the whole church, to choose men out of their company, and send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; namely, Judas called Barsabbas, and Silas, chief men

23 among the brethren: and they wrote *thus* by them, The apostles and the elder brethren unto the brethren which are of the Gentiles in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia,

24 greeting: Forasmuch as we have heard that certain ³which went out from us have troubled you with words, subverting your souls;

25 to whom we gave no commandment; it seemed good unto us, having come to one accord, to choose out men and send them unto you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul,

26 men that have hazarded their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We have sent therefore Judas and Silas, who themselves also shall tell you the same things by

28 word of mouth. For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things;

29 that ye abstain from things sacrificed to idols, and from blood, and from things strangled, and from fornication; from which if ye keep yourselves, it shall be well with you. Fare ye well.

30 So they, when they were dismissed, came down to Antioch; and having gathered the multitude together, they delivered the epistle

31 And when they had read it, they rejoiced for

32 the †consolation. And Judas and Silas, being themselves also prophets, ⁵exhorted the brethren with many words, and confirmed them.

33 And after they had spent some time *there*, they were dismissed in peace from the brethren

35 unto those that had sent them forth. ⁶But Paul and Barnabas tarried in Antioch, teaching and preaching the word of the Lord, with many others also.

36 And after some days Paul said unto Barnabas, Let us return now and visit the brethren in every city wherein we proclaimed

the word of the Lord, and see how they fare. And Barnabas was minded to take with them John also, who was called Mark.

38 But Paul thought not good to take with them him who withdrew from them from Pamphylia, and went not with them to the work.

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¹ Or, who doeth these things which were known

² Or, enjoin them

³ Some ancient authorities omit which went out.

⁴ Or, exhortation

⁵ Or, comforted

⁶ Some ancient authorities insert, with variations, ver. 34 But it seemed good unto Silas to abide there.

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39 And the contention was so sharp between them, that they departed assunder one from the other: and so Barnabas took Mark, and sailed unto Cyprus;

40 And Paul chose Silas, and departed, being recommended by the brethren unto the grace of God.

41 And he went through Syria and Cilicia, confirming the churches.

* Rom.
16. 21.

16 Then came he to Derbe and Lystra: and, behold, a certain disciple was there, * named Timothy, the son of a certain woman, which was a Jewess, and believed; but his father was a Greek: 2 Which was well reported of by the brethren that were at Lystra and Iconium.

3 Him would Paul have to go forth with him; and took and circumcised him because of the Jews which were in those quarters: for they knew all that his father was a Greek.

* ch. 15.
28.

4 And as they went through the cities, they delivered them the decrees for to keep, * that were ordained of the apostles and elders which were at Jerusalem.

5 And so were the churches established in the faith, and increased in number daily.

6 Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the region of Galatia, and were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia,

7 After they were come to Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia: but the Spirit suffered them not.

8 And they passing by Mysia came down to Troas.

9 And a vision appeared to Paul in the night; There stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us.

10 And after he had seen the vision, immediately we endeavoured to go into Macedonia, assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us for to preach the gospel unto them.

11 Therefore loosing from Troas, we came with a straight course to Samothracia, and the next day to Neapolis;

|| Or, the first.

12 And from thence to Philippi, which is the chief city of that part of Macedonia, and a colony: and we were in that city abiding certain days.

13 And on the sabbath we went out of the city by a river side, where prayer was wont to be made; and we sat down, and spake unto the women which resorted thither.

14 ¶ And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, which worshipped God, heard us: whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul.

15 And when she was baptized, and her household, she besought us, saying, If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house, and abide there. And she constrained us.

|| Or, of Python.

16 ¶ And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met us, which brought her masters much gain by soothsaying:

17 The same followed Paul and us, and cried, saying, These men are the servants of the most high God, which shew unto us the way of salvation.

18 And this did she many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour.

|| Or, court.

19 ¶ And when her masters saw that the hope of their gains was gone, they caught Paul and Silas, and drew them into the marketplace unto the rulers,

20 And brought them to the magistrates, saying, These men, being Jews, do exceedingly trouble our city,

21 And teach customs, which are not lawful for us to receive, neither to observe, being Romans.

* 2 Cor.
11. 24.
1 Thes.
2. 2.

22 And the multitude rose up together against them: and the magistrates rent off their clothes, and commanded to beat them.

23 And when they had laid many stripes upon

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39 And there arose a sharp contention, so that they parted assunder one from the other, and Barnabas took Mark with him, and sailed

40 away unto Cyprus; but Paul chose Silas, and went forth, being commended by the brethren to the grace of the Lord. And he went

41 through Syria and Cilicia, confirming the churches.

16 And he came also to Derbe and to Lystra: and behold, a certain disciple was there, named Timothy, the son of a Jewess which believed;

2 but his father was a Greek. The same was well reported of by the brethren that were at

3 Lystra and Iconium. Him would Paul have to go forth with him; and he took and circumcised him because of the Jews that were

4 in those parts: for they all knew that his father was a Greek. And as they went on their way through the cities, they delivered

5 them the decrees for to keep, which had been ordained of the apostles and elders that were at Jerusalem. So the churches were strengthened

6 in the faith, and increased in number daily.

6 And they went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden of the Holy

7 Ghost to speak the word in Asia; and when they were come over against Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia; and the Spirit of

8 Jesus suffered them not; and passing by Mysia, they came down to Troas. And a vision

9 appeared to Paul in the night; There was a man of Macedonia standing, beseeching him, and saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help

10 us. And when he had seen the vision, straightway we sought to go forth into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us for to preach

11 the gospel unto them.

11 Setting sail therefore from Troas, we made a straight course to Samothrace, and the day

12 following to Neapolis; and from thence to Philippi, which is a city of Macedonia, the first of

13 the district, a Roman colony: and we were in this city tarrying certain days. And on the

14 sabbath day we went forth without the gate by a river side, where we supposed there was a

15 place of prayer; and we sat down, and spake unto the women which were come together.

14 And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, one that worshipped God, heard us: whose heart the Lord

15 opened, to give heed unto the things which were spoken by Paul. And when she was baptized,

16 and her household, she besought us, saying, If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house, and abide there. And she constrained us.

16 And it came to pass, as we were going to the place of prayer, that a certain maid having a

17 spirit of divination met us, which brought her masters much gain by soothsaying. The same

18 following after Paul and us cried out, saying, These men are servants of the Most High God, which proclaim unto you the way of

19 salvation. And this she did for many days. But Paul, being sore troubled, turned and said to the spirit, I charge thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And it came out

20 that very hour.

19 But when her masters saw that the hope of their gain was gone, they laid hold on Paul and

20 Silas, and dragged them into the marketplace before the rulers, and when they had brought

21 them unto the magistrates, they said, These men, being Jews, do exceedingly trouble our

22 city, and set forth customs which it is not lawful for us to receive, or to observe, being Romans.

22 And the multitude rose up together against them: and the magistrates rent their garments

23 off them, and commanded to beat them with rods.

23 And when they had laid many stripes upon

1 Gr. a spirit, a Python.

2 Gr. bondservants.

3 Or, a way

4 Gr. come out.

5 Gr. praetors

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them, they cast *them* into prison, charging the jailor to keep them safely:

24 Who, having received such a charge, thrust them into the inner prison, and made their feet fast in the stocks.

25 ¶ And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them.

26 And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed.

27 And the keeper of the prison awaking out of his sleep, and seeing the prison doors open, he drew out his sword, and would have killed himself, supposing that the prisoners had been fled.

28 But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm: for we are all here.

29 Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas,

30 And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved?

31 And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.

32 And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house.

33 And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed *their* stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway.

34 And when he had brought them into his house, he set meat before them, and rejoiced, believing in God with all his house.

35 And when it was day, the magistrates sent the sergeants, saying, Let those men go.

36 And the keeper of the prison told this saying to Paul, The magistrates have sent to let you go: now therefore depart, and go in peace.

37 But Paul said unto them, They have beaten us openly uncondemned, being Romans, and have cast us into prison; and now do they thrust us out privily? nay verily; but let them come themselves and fetch us out.

38 And the sergeants told these words unto the magistrates: and they feared, when they heard that they were Romans.

39 And they came and besought them, and brought *them* out, and desired *them* to depart out of the city.

* ver. 14.

40 And they went out of the prison, *and entered into the house of Lydia: and when they had seen the brethren, they comforted them, and departed.

17 Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where was a synagogue of the Jews:

2 And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three sabbath days reasoned with them out of the scriptures,

3 Opening 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.

4 And 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.

5 ¶ But 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.

6 And 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;

7 Whom Jason hath received: and these all do contrary to the decrees of Cæsar, saying that there is another king, *one* Jesus.

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them, they cast them into prison, charging 24 the jailor to keep them safely: who, having received such a charge, cast them into the inner prison, and made their feet fast in the stocks.

25 But about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns unto God, and the 26 prisoners were listening to them; and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison-house were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened; and

27 every one's bands were loosed. And the jailor being roused out of sleep, and seeing the prison doors open, drew his sword, and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had

28 escaped. But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm: for we are all here.

29 And he called for lights, and sprang in, and, trembling for fear, fell down before Paul and

30 Silas, and brought them out, and said, Sirs, 31 what must I do to be saved? And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus, and thou shalt be

32 saved, thou and thy house. And they spake the word of ¹ the Lord unto him, with all that

33 were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, immediately.

34 And he brought them up into his house, and set ² meat before them, and rejoiced greatly, with all his house, ³ having believed in God.

35 But when it was day, the ⁴ magistrates sent 36 the ⁵ sergeants, saying, Let those men go. And the jailor reported the words to Paul, saying, The ⁴ magistrates have sent to let you go: now

37 therefore come forth, and go in peace. But Paul said unto them, They have beaten us publicly, uncondemned, men that are Romans, and have cast us into prison; and do they now cast us out privily? nay verily; but let them come

38 themselves and bring us out. And the ⁶ sergeants reported these words unto the ⁴ magistrates: and they feared, when they heard that

39 they were Romans; and they came and besought them; and when they had brought them out, they asked them to go away from

40 the city. And they went out of the prison, and entered into the house of Lydia: and when they had seen the brethren, they ⁶ comforted them, and departed.

17 Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where was a synagogue of the Jews:

2 and Paul, as his custom was, went in unto them, and for three ⁷ sabbath days reasoned

3 with them from the scriptures, opening and alleging, that it behoved the Christ to suffer, and to rise again from the dead; and that this Jesus, whom, *said he*, I proclaim unto you,

4 is the Christ. And some of them were persuaded, and consorted with Paul and Silas; and of the devout Greeks a great multitude, and of

5 the chief women not a few. But the Jews, being moved with jealousy, took unto them certain vile fellows of the rabble, and gathering a crowd, set the city on an uproar; and assaulting the house of Jason, they sought

6 to bring them forth to the people. And when they found them not, they dragged Jason and certain brethren before the rulers of the city, crying, These that have turned ⁸ the world upside down are come hither also;

7 whom Jason hath received: and these all act contrary to the decrees of Cæsar, saying that there is another king, *one* Jesus

¹ Some ancient authorities read God.

² Gr. a table.

³ Or, having believed God.

⁴ Gr. prætors.

⁵ Gr. tutors.

⁶ Or, exhorted

⁷ Or, weeks

⁸ Gr. the inhabited earth.

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8 And they troubled the people and the rulers of the city, when they heard these things.

9 And when they had taken security of Jason, and of the other, they let them go.

10 ¶ And the brethren immediately sent away Paul and Silas by night unto Berea: who coming thither went into the synagogue of the Jews.

11 These 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.

12 Therefore many of them believed; also of honourable women which were Greeks, and of men, not a few.

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.

14 And then immediately the brethren sent away Paul to go as it were to the sea: but Silas and Timotheus abode there still.

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.

16 ¶ Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was stirred in him, when he saw the city [¶]wholly given to idolatry.

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.

18 Then certain philosophers of the Epicureans, and of the Stoicks, encountered him. And some said, What will this "babblers" say? other some, He seemeth to be a setter forth of strange gods: because he preached unto them Jesus, and the resurrection.

19 And they took him, and brought him unto "Areopagus, saying, May we know what this new doctrine, whereof thou speakest, is?

20 For thou bringest certain strange things to our ears: we would know therefore what these things mean.

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.)

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.

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.

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;

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;

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;

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:

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.

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.

30 And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent:

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.

32 ¶ And when they heard of the resurrection of

8 And they troubled the multitude and the rulers of the city, when they heard these things. And when they had taken security from Jason and the rest, they let them go.

10 And the brethren immediately sent away Paul and Silas by night unto Berea: who when they were come thither went into the

11 synagogue of the Jews. Now these were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, examining the scriptures daily, whether these

12 things were so. Many of them therefore believed; also of the Greek women of honourable

13 estate, and of men, not a few. But when the Jews of Thessalonica had knowledge that the word of God was proclaimed of Paul at Berea also, they came thither likewise, stirring up

14 and troubling the multitudes. And then immediately the brethren sent forth Paul to go as far as to the sea: and Silas and Timothy abode

15 there still. But they that conducted Paul brought him as far as Athens: and receiving a commandment unto Silas and Timothy that they should come to him with all speed, they departed.

16 Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him, as he be-

17 held the city full of idols. So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with

18 them that met with him. And certain also of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers encountered him. And some said, What would this babblers say? other some, He seemeth to be a setter forth of strange gods: because

19 he preached Jesus and the resurrection. And they took hold of him, and brought him ²unto

³the Areopagus, saying, May we know what this new teaching is, which is spoken by thee?

20 For thou bringest certain strange things to our ears: we would know therefore what these

21 things mean. (Now all the Athenians and the strangers sojourning there ⁴spent their time in nothing else, but either to tell or to hear some

22 new thing.) And Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus, and said,

Ye men of Athens, in all things I perceive

23 that ye are somewhat ⁵superstitious. For as I passed along, and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, ⁶TO AN UNKNOWN GOD.

What therefore ye worship in ignorance, this

24 set I forth unto you. The God that made the world and all things therein, he, being

Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in

25 ⁷temples made with hands; neither is he served by men's hands, as though he needed anything, seeing he himself giveth to all life,

26 and breath, and all things; and he made of one every nation of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, having determined their

appointed seasons, and the bounds of their

27 habitation; that they should seek God, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he is not far from each one of us:

28 for in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain even of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring.

29 Being then the offspring of God, we ought not to think that ⁸the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and

30 device of man. The times of ignorance therefore God overlooked; but now he ⁹commandeth men that they should all everywhere

31 repent: inasmuch as he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge ¹⁰the world in righteousness ¹¹by ¹²the man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.

32 Now when they heard of the resurrection of

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¶ Or, full of idols.

¶ Or, base fellow.

¶ Or, Mars' hill. It was the highest court in Athens.

¶ Or, the court of the Areopagites.

¶ Or, gods that ye worship, 2 Thess. 2. 4.

*ch. 7. 48.

*Pa. 50. 8.

* Ia. 40. 18.

¶ Or, offered faith.

¹ Gr. demons.

² Or, before

³ Or, the hill of Mars

⁴ Or, had leisure for nothing else

⁵ Or, religious

⁶ Or, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD.

⁷ Or, sanctuaries

⁸ Or, that which is divine

⁹ Some ancient authorities read declar-eth to men.

¹⁰ Gr. the inhabited earth.

¹¹ Gr. in.

¹² Or, a man

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	<p>the dead, some mocked : and others said, We will hear thee again of this <i>matter</i>. 33 So Paul departed from among them. 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.</p>	<p>the dead, some mocked ; but others said, We 33 will hear thee concerning this yet again. Thus 34 Paul went out from among them. But certain men clave unto him, and believed : among whom also was Dionysius the Areopagite, and a woman named Damaris, and others with them.</p>	
* Rom. 16. 3.	<p>18 After these things Paul departed from Athens, and came to Corinth ; 2 And found a certain Jew named <i>Aquila</i>, born in Pontus, lately come from Italy, with his wife <i>Priscilla</i> ; (because that <i>Claudius</i> had commanded all Jews to depart from Rome :) and came unto them 3 And because he was of the same craft, he abode with them, and wrought : for by their occupation they were tentmakers. 4 And he reasoned in the synagogue every sabbath, and persuaded the Jews and the Greeks. 5 And when <i>Silas</i> and <i>Timotheus</i> were come from Macedonia, Paul was pressed <i>†</i> in the spirit, and testified to the Jews that <i>Jesus</i> was Christ. 6 And when they opposed themselves, and blasphemed, <i>he</i> 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. 7 ¶ And he departed thence, and entered into a certain man's house, named <i>Justus</i>, one that worshipped God, whose house joined hard to the synagogue.</p>	<p>18 After these things he departed from Athens, 2 and came to Corinth. And he found a certain Jew named <i>Aquila</i>, a man of Pontus by race, lately come from Italy, with his wife <i>Priscilla</i>, because <i>Claudius</i> had commanded all the Jews to depart from Rome : and he came unto them ; 3 and because he was of the same trade, he abode with them, and they wrought ; for by 4 their trade they were tentmakers. And he reasoned in the synagogue every sabbath, and 1 persuaded Jews and Greeks. 5 But when <i>Silas</i> and <i>Timothy</i> came down from Macedonia, Paul was constrained by the word, testifying to the Jews that <i>Jesus</i> was the 6 Christ. And when they opposed themselves, and 2 blasphemed, he shook out his raiment, and said unto them, Your blood be upon your own heads ; I am clean : from henceforth I 7 will go unto the Gentiles. And he departed thence, and went into the house of a certain man named <i>Titus Justus</i>, one that worshipped God, whose house joined hard to the synagogue. 8 And <i>Crispus</i>, the ruler of the synagogue, 3 believed in the Lord with all his house ; and many of the Corinthians hearing believed, and 9 were baptized. And the Lord said unto Paul in the night by a vision, Be not afraid, but 10 speak, and hold not thy peace : for I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to harm thee : for I have much people in this city.</p>	1 Gr sought to persuade.
† [1611 in spirit]			2 Or, raised
* Matt. 10. 14.	<p>8 * And <i>Crispus</i>, the chief ruler of the synagogue, believed on the Lord with all his house ; and many of the Corinthians hearing believed, and were baptized. 9 Then spake the Lord to Paul in the night by a vision, Be not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy peace : 10 For I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee : for I have much people in this city.</p>	<p>11 And he dwelt <i>there</i> a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them. 12 But when <i>Gallio</i> was proconsul of Achaia, the Jews with one accord rose up against Paul, and brought him before the judgement-seat, 13 saying, This fellow persuadeth men to worship God contrary to the law. 14 And when Paul was now about to open his mouth, <i>Gallio</i> 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 : 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 <i>matters</i>. 16 And he drave them from the judgment seat. 17 Then all the Greeks took <i>Sosthenes</i>, the chief ruler of the synagogue, and beat him before the judgment seat. And <i>Gallio</i> cared for none of those things.</p>	3 Gr. believed the Lord.
* 1 Cor. 1. 14.	<p>11 And he <i>†</i> continued <i>there</i> a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them 12 ¶ And when <i>Gallio</i> was the deputy of Achaia, the Jews made insurrection with one accord against Paul, and brought him to the judgment seat, 13 Saying, This fellow persuadeth men to worship God contrary to the law. 14 And when Paul was now about to open his mouth, <i>Gallio</i> 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 : 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 <i>matters</i>. 16 And he drave them from the judgment seat. 17 Then all the Greeks took <i>Sosthenes</i>, the chief ruler of the synagogue, and beat him before the judgment seat. And <i>Gallio</i> cared for none of those things.</p>	<p>11 And he dwelt <i>there</i> a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them. 12 But when <i>Gallio</i> was proconsul of Achaia, the Jews with one accord rose up against Paul, and brought him before the judgement-seat, 13 saying, This man persuadeth men to worship God contrary to the law. But when Paul was about to open his mouth, <i>Gallio</i> said unto the Jews, If indeed it were a matter of wrong or of wicked villany, O ye Jews, reason would that I 15 should bear with you : but if they are questions about words and names and your own law, look to it yourselves ; I am not minded to be a judge 16 of these matters. And he drave them from the 17 judgement-seat. And they all laid hold on <i>Sosthenes</i>, the ruler of the synagogue, and beat him before the judgement-seat. And <i>Gallio</i> cared for none of these things.</p>	
† Gr. sat there.	<p>18 ¶ And Paul <i>after this</i> tarried <i>there</i> yet a good while, and then took his leave of the brethren, and sailed thence unto Syria, and with him <i>Priscilla</i> and <i>Aquila</i> ; having shorn his head in Cenchrea : for he had a vow. 19 And he came to Ephesus, and left them there : but he himself entered into the synagogue, and reasoned with the Jews. 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. 22 And when he had landed at Cæsarea, and gone up, and saluted the church, he went down to Antioch. 23 And after he had spent some time <i>there</i>, he departed, and went over all the country of Galatia and Phrygia in order, strengthening all the disciples. 24 ¶ * And a certain Jew named <i>Apollos</i>, born at</p>	<p>18 And Paul, having tarried after this yet many days, took his leave of the brethren, and sailed thence for Syria, and with him <i>Priscilla</i> and <i>Aquila</i> ; having shorn his head in Cenchrea : 19 for he had a vow. And they came to Ephesus, and he left them there : but he himself entered into the synagogue, and reasoned with the 20 Jews. And when they asked him to abide a 21 longer time, he consented not ; but taking his leave of them, and saying, I will return again unto you, if God will, he set sail from Ephesus. 22 And when he had landed at Cæsarea, he went up and saluted the church, and went down to 23 Antioch. And having spent some time <i>there</i>, he departed, and went through the region of Galatia and Phrygia in order, establishing all the disciples. 24 Now a certain Jew named <i>Apollos</i>, an</p>	
* 1 Cor. 4. 19. James 4. 15.	<p>22 And when he had landed at Cæsarea, and gone up, and saluted the church, he went down to Antioch. 23 And after he had spent some time <i>there</i>, he departed, and went over all the country of Galatia and Phrygia in order, strengthening all the disciples. 24 ¶ * And a certain Jew named <i>Apollos</i>, born at</p>	<p>24 Now a certain Jew named <i>Apollos</i>, an</p>	
* 1 Cor. 1. 12.			

A. V.

Alexandria, an eloquent man, and mighty in the scriptures, came to Ephesus.

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.

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.

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:

28 For he mightily convinced the Jews, and that publicly, shewing by the scriptures that Jesus was Christ.

19 And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples,

2 He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost.

3 And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism.

4 Then said Paul, *John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.

5 When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

6 And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.

7 And all the men were about twelve.

8 And he went into the synagogue, and spake boldly for the space of three months, disputing and persuading the things concerning the kingdom of God.

9 But when divers were hardened, and believed not, but spake evil of that way before the multitude, he departed from them, and separated the disciples, disputing daily in the school of one Tyrannus.

10 And this continued by the space of two years; so that all they which dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks.

11 And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul:

12 So that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them.

13 ¶ Then certain of the vagabond Jews, exorcists, took upon them to call over them which had evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, We adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preacheth.

14 And there were seven sons of one Sceva, a Jew, and chief of the priests, which did so.

15 And the evil spirit answered and said, Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are ye?

16 And the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, and overcame them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.

17 And this was known to all the Jews and Greeks also dwelling at Ephesus; and fear fell on them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified.

18 And many that believed came, and confessed, and shewed their deeds.

19 Many [†] of them also which used curious arts brought their books together, and burned them before all men: and they counted the price of them, and found it fifty thousand pieces of silver.

20 So mightily grew the word of God and prevailed.

21 ¶ After these things were ended, Paul purposed in the spirit, when he had passed through

Alexandrian by race, ¹a learned man, came to Ephesus; and he was mighty in the scriptures. This man had been ²instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in spirit, he spake and taught carefully the things concerning Jesus, knowing only the baptism of

26 John: and he began to speak boldly in the synagogue. But when Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him unto them, and expounded unto him the way of God more

27 carefully. And when he was minded to pass over into Achaia, the brethren encouraged him, and wrote to the disciples to receive him: and when he was come, he ³helped them much which had believed through grace: for

28 he powerfully confuted the Jews, ⁴and that publicly, shewing by the scriptures that Jesus was the Christ.

19 And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper country came to Ephesus, and found

2 certain disciples: and he said unto them, Did ye receive the Holy Ghost when ye believed? And they said unto him, Nay, we did not so much as hear whether ⁵the Holy Ghost was

3 given. And he said, Into what then were ye baptized? And they said, Into John's baptism.

4 And Paul said, John baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should

5 come after him, that is, on Jesus. And when they heard this, they were baptized into the

6 name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues,

7 and prophesied. And they were in all about twelve men.

8 And he entered into the synagogue, and spake boldly for the space of three months, reasoning and persuading as to the things

9 concerning the kingdom of God. But when some were hardened and disobedient, speaking evil of the Way before the multitude, he departed from them, and separated the

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of two years; so that all they which dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord, both

11 Jews and Greeks. And God wrought special

12 ⁶miracles by the hands of Paul: inasmuch that unto the sick were carried away from

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13 spirits went out. But certain also of the strolling Jews, exorcists, took upon them to

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14 jure you by Jesus whom Paul preacheth. And there were seven sons of one Sceva,

15 a Jew, a chief priest, which did this. And the evil spirit answered and said unto them,

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16 are ye? And the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, and mastered

both of them, and prevailed against them,

so that they fled out of that house naked

17 and wounded. And this became known to all, both Jews and Greeks, that dwelt at

Ephesus; and fear fell upon them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magni-

18 fied. Many also of them that had believed came, confessing, and declaring their

19 deeds. And not a few of them that practised ⁸curious arts brought their books to-

gether, and burned them in the sight of all: and they counted the price of them, and found it fifty thousand pieces of silver.

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21 Now after these things were ended, Paul purposed in the spirit, when he had passed through

B. V.

¹ Or, an eloquent man
² Gr. taught by word of mouth

³ Or, helped much through grace them which had believed
⁴ Or, shewing publicly
⁵ Or, there is a Holy Ghost

⁶ Gr. powers

⁷ Or, recognise

⁸ Or, magical

*Matt. 8.
11.

† [1611
also of
them]

A. V.

Macedonia and Achaia, to go to Jerusalem, saying, After I have been there, I must also see Rome.

22 So he sent into Macedonia two of them that ministered unto him, Timotheus and Erastus; but he himself stayed in Asia for a season.

23 And the same time there arose no small stir about that way.

24 For a certain man named Demetrius, a silversmith, which made silver shrines for Diana, brought no small gain unto the craftsmen;

25 Whom he called together with the workmen of like occupation, and said, Sirs, ye know that by this craft we have our wealth.

26 Moreover ye see and hear, that not alone at Ephesus, but almost throughout all Asia, this Paul hath persuaded and turned away much people, saying that they be no gods, which are made with hands:

27 So that not only this our craft is in danger to be set at nought; but also that the temple of the great goddess Diana should be despised, and her magnificence should be destroyed, whom all Asia and the world worshippeth.

28 And when they heard these sayings, they were full of wrath, and cried out, saying, Great is Diana of the Ephesians.

29 And the whole city was filled with confusion: and having caught Gaius and Aristarchus, men of Macedonia, Paul's companions in travel, they rushed with one accord into the theatre.

30 And when Paul would have entered in unto the people, the disciples suffered him not.

31 And certain of the chief of Asia, which were his friends, sent unto him, desiring him that he would not adventure himself into the theatre.

32 Some therefore cried one thing, and some another: for the assembly was confused; and the more part knew not wherefore they were come together.

33 And they drew Alexander out of the multitude, the Jews putting him forward. And Alexander beckoned with the hand, and would have made his defence unto the people.

34 But when they knew that he was a Jew, all with one voice about the space of two hours cried out, Great is Diana of the Ephesians.

35 And when the townclerk had appeased the people, he said, Ye men of Ephesus, what man is there that knoweth not how that the city of the Ephesians is a worshipper of the great goddess Diana, and of the image which fell down from Jupiter?

36 Seeing then that these things cannot be spoken against, ye ought to be quiet, and to do nothing rashly.

37 For ye have brought hither these men, which are neither robbers of churches, nor yet blasphemers of your goddess.

38 Wherefore if Demetrius, and the craftsmen which are with him, have a matter against any man, the law is open, and there are deputies: let them implead one another.

39 But if ye enquire any thing concerning other matters, it shall be determined in a lawful assembly.

40 For we are in danger to be called in question for this day's uproar, there being no cause whereby we may give an account of this concourse.

41 And when he had thus spoken, he dismissed the assembly.

20 And after the uproar was ceased, Paul called unto him the disciples, and embraced them, and departed for to go into Macedonia.

2 And when he had gone over those parts, and had given them much exhortation, he came into Greece.

3 And there abode three months. And when the Jews laid wait for him, as he was about to sail into Syria, he purposed to return through Macedonia.

4 And there accompanied him into Asia Sopater of Berea; and of the Thessalonians, Aristarchus

Macedonia and Achaia, to go to Jerusalem, saying, After I have been there, I must also see Rome. And having sent into Macedonia two of them that ministered unto him, Timothy and Erastus, he himself stayed in Asia for a while.

23 And about that time there arose no small stir concerning the Way. For a certain man

named Demetrius, a silversmith, which made silver shrines of Diana, brought no little

25 business unto the craftsmen; whom he gathered together, with the workmen of like occupation, and said, Sirs, ye know that by

26 this business we have our wealth. And ye see and hear, that not alone at Ephesus, but almost throughout all Asia, this Paul hath

persuaded and turned away much people, saying that they be no gods, which are

27 made with hands: and not only is there danger that this our trade come into disrepute; but also that the temple of the

great goddess Diana be made of no account, and that she should even be deposed from her magnificence, whom all Asia and

28 the world worshippeth. And when they heard this, they were filled with wrath, and

cried out, saying, Great is Diana of the Ephesians. And the city was filled with the

29 confusion: and they rushed with one accord into the theatre, having seized Gaius and

Aristarchus, men of Macedonia, Paul's companions in travel. And when Paul was minded

31 to enter in unto the people, the disciples suffered him not. And certain also of the

chief officers of Asia, being his friends, sent unto him, and besought him not to adventure

32 himself into the theatre. Some therefore cried one thing, and some another: for the assembly was in confusion; and the more

part knew not wherefore they were come together. And they brought Alexander out

of the multitude, the Jews putting him forward. And Alexander beckoned with the hand,

and would have made a defence unto the people. But when they perceived that he was

34 a Jew, all with one voice about the space of two hours cried out, Great is Diana of the

35 Ephesians. And when the townclerk had quieted the multitude, he saith, Ye men of Ephesus, what man is there who knoweth not how that

the city of the Ephesians is temple-keeper of the great Diana, and of the image which fell

36 down from Jupiter? Seeing then that these things cannot be gainsaid, ye ought to be

37 quiet, and to do nothing rash. For ye have brought hither these men, which are neither

robbers of temples nor blasphemers of our goddess. If therefore Demetrius, and the

craftsmen that are with him, have a matter against any man, the courts are open, and there

are proconsuls: let them accuse one another. But if ye seek anything about other

39 matters, it shall be settled in the regular assembly. For indeed we are in danger to be

accused concerning this day's riot, there being no cause for it: and as touching it we shall not be able to give account of this

41 course. And when he had thus spoken, he dismissed the assembly.

20 And after the uproar was ceased, Paul having sent for the disciples and exhorted them, took leave of them, and departed for to go into Macedonia. And when he had gone through those parts, and had given them much exhortation, he came into Greece. And when he had spent three months there, and a plot was laid against him by the Jews, as he was about to set sail for Syria, he determined to return through Macedonia. And there accompanied him as far as Asia Sopater of Berea, the son of Pyrrhus; and of the Thessalonians, Aristarchus

R. V.

¹ Gr. Artemis.

² Gr. the inhabited earth.

³ Gr. Aristarchus.

⁴ Or, And some of the multitude instructed Alexander

⁵ Or, heaven

⁶ Or, court days are kept

⁷ Or, accused of riot concerning this day

⁸ Many ancient authorities omit as far as Asia

[†] Gr. the temple keeper.

[‡] Or, the court days are kept.
[§] Or, ordinary.

A. V.

and Secundus; and Gaius of Derbe, and Timotheus; and of Asia, Tychicus and Trophimus.

5 These going before tarried for us at Troas.

6 And we sailed away from Philippi after the days of unleavened bread, and came unto them to Troas in five days; where we abode seven days.

7 And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight.

8 And there were many lights in the upper chamber, where they were gathered together.

9 And there sat in a window a certain young man named Eutychus, being fallen into a deep sleep: and as Paul was long preaching, he sunk down with sleep, and fell down from the third loft, and was taken up dead.

10 And Paul went down, and fell on him, and embracing him said, Trouble not yourselves; for his life is in him.

11 When he therefore was come up again, and had broken bread, and eaten, and talked a long while, even till break of day, so he departed.

12 And they brought the young man alive, and were not a little comforted.

13 ¶ And we went before to ship, and sailed unto Assos, there intending to take in Paul: for so had he appointed, minding himself to go aloft.

14 And when he met with us at Assos, we took him in, and came to Mitylene.

15 And we sailed thence, and came the next day over against Chios; and the next day we arrived at Samos, and tarried at Trogyllium; and the next day we came to Miletus.

16 For Paul had determined to sail by Ephesus, because he would not spend the time in Asia: for he hasted, if it were possible for him, to be at Jerusalem the day of Pentecost.

17 ¶ And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus, and called the elders of the church.

18 And when they were come to him, he said unto them, Ye know, from the first day that I came into Asia, after what manner I have been with you at all seasons,

19 Serving the Lord with all humility of mind, and with many tears, and temptations, which befell me by the lying in wait of the Jews:

20 And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have shewed you, and have taught you publicly, and from house to house,

21 Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.

22 And now, behold, I go bound in the spirit unto Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there:

23 Save that the Holy Ghost witnesseth in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions shall abide me.

24 But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.

25 And now, behold, I know that ye all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, shall see my face no more.

26 Wherefore I take you to record this day, that I am pure from the blood of all men.

27 For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God.

28 ¶ Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

29 For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock.

30 Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them.

31 Therefore watch, and remember, that by the

and Secundus; and Gaius of Derbe, and Timothy; and of Asia, Tychicus and Trophimus. But these ¹ had gone before, and were waiting for us at Troas. And we sailed away from Philippi after the days of unleavened bread, and came unto them to Troas in five days; where we tarried seven days.

7 And upon the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread, Paul discoursed with them, intending to depart on the morrow; and prolonged his

8 speech until midnight. And there were many lights in the upper chamber, where we

9 were gathered together. And there sat in the window a certain young man named Eutychus, borne down with deep sleep; and as Paul discoursed yet longer, being borne down by his sleep he fell down from the

10 third story, and was taken up dead. And Paul went down, and fell on him, and embracing him said, Make ye no ado; for his

11 life is in him. And when he was gone up, and had broken the bread, and eaten, and had talked with them a long while, even

12 till break of day, so he departed. And they brought the lad alive, and were not a little comforted.

13 But we, going before to the ship, set sail for Assos, there intending to take in Paul: for so had he appointed, intending himself

14 to go ² by land. And when he met us at Assos, we took him in, and came to Mitylene. And sailing from thence, we came the following

day over against Chios; and the next day we touched at Samos; and ³ the day after we

16 came to Miletus. For Paul had determined to sail past Ephesus, that he might not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hastening, if it were possible for him, to be at Jerusalem the day of Pentecost.

17 And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus, and called to him the ⁴ elders of the church. And when they were come to him, he said unto them,

Ye yourselves know, from the first day that I set foot in Asia, after what manner I was

19 with you all the time, serving the Lord with all lowliness of mind, and with tears, and with trials which befell me by the plots of

20 the Jews: how that I shrank not from declaring unto you anything that was profitable, and teaching you publicly, and from

21 house to house, testifying both to Jews and to Greeks repentance toward God, and faith

22 toward our Lord Jesus ⁵ Christ. And now, behold, I go bound in the spirit unto Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall

23 befall me there: save that the Holy Ghost testifieth unto me in every city, saying that

24 bonds and afflictions abide me. But I hold not my life of any account, as dear unto myself, ⁶ so that I may accomplish my course, and the ministry which I received from the

Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God. And now, behold, I know that ye all, among whom I went about preaching the king-

26 dom, shall see my face no more. Wherefore I testify unto you this day, that I am pure

27 from the blood of all men. For I shrank not from declaring unto you the whole counsel of God. Take heed unto yourselves, and

28 to all the flock, in the which the Holy Ghost hath made you ⁷ bishops, to feed the church of ⁸ God, which he ⁹ purchased with his own

29 blood. I know that after my departing grievous wolves shall enter in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your

own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them.

31 Wherefore watch ye, remembering that by the

R. V.

¹ Many ancient authorities read *came, and were waiting.*

² Or, *on foot*

³ Many ancient authorities insert *having tarried at Trogyllium.*
⁴ Or, *presbyters*

⁵ Many ancient authorities omit *Christ.*

⁶ Or, *in comparison of accomplishing my course*

⁷ Or, *overseers*

⁸ Many ancient authorities read *the Lord.*
⁹ Or, *acquired.*

^{*} ch. x.
42, 46.

[†] Or, *went for me.*

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space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears.

32 And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.

33 I have coveted no man's silver, or gold, or apparel.

34 Yea, ye yourselves know, *that these hands have ministered unto my necessities, and to them that were with me.

35 I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.

36 ¶ And when he had thus spoken, he kneeled down, and prayed with them all.

37 And they all wept sore, and fell on Paul's neck, and kissed him,

38 Sorrowing most of all for the words which he spake, that they should see his face no more. And they accompanied him unto the ship.

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:

2 And finding a ship sailing over unto Phenicia, we went aboard, and set forth.

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.

4 And finding disciples, we tarried there seven days: who said to Paul through the Spirit, that he should not go up to Jerusalem.

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.

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 Cæsarea: and we entered into the house of Philip the evangelist, *which was one of the seven; and abode with him.

9 And the same man had four daughters, virgins, which did prophesy.

10 And as we tarried there many days, there came down from Judæa a certain prophet, named Agabus.

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.

12 And when we heard these things, both we, and they of that place, besought him not to go up to Jerusalem.

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.

14 And when he would not be persuaded, we ceased, saying, The will of the Lord be done.

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 Cæsarea, 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.

20 And when they heard it, they glorified the Lord,

space of three years I ceased not to admonish every one night and day with tears. And now I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you the inheritance among

33 all them that are sanctified. I coveted no

34 man's silver, or gold, or apparel. Ye yourselves know that these hands ministered unto my necessities, and to them that were with

35 me. In all things I gave you an example, how that so labouring ye ought to help the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.

36 And when he had thus spoken, he kneeled

37 down, and prayed with them all. And they all wept sore, and fell on Paul's neck, and

38 kissed him, sorrowing most of all for the word which he had spoken, that they should behold his face no more. And they brought him on his way unto the ship.

21 And when it came to pass that we were parted from them, and had set sail, we came with a straight course unto Cos, and the next day unto Rhodes, and from thence unto Pa-

2 tara: and having found a ship crossing over unto Phenicia, we went aboard, and set sail

3 And when we had come in sight of Cyprus, leaving it on the left hand, we sailed unto

Syria, and landed at Tyre: for there the ship was to unlade her burden. And having found the disciples, we tarried there seven days: and these said to Paul through the Spirit, that he

5 should not set foot in Jerusalem. And when it came to pass that we had accomplished the days, we departed and went on our journey; and they all, with wives and children, brought us on our way, till we were out of the city: and kneeling down on the beach, we prayed,

6 and bade each other farewell; and we went on board the ship, but they returned home again.

7 And when we had finished the voyage from Tyre, we arrived at Ptolemais; and we saluted the brethren, and abode with them one day.

8 And on the morrow we departed, and came unto Cæsarea: and entering into the house of Philip the evangelist, who was one of the

9 seven, we abode with him. Now this man had four daughters, virgins, which did pro-

10 phesy. And as we tarried there many days, there came down from Judæa a certain pro-

11 phet, named Agabus. And coming to us, and taking Paul's girdle, he bound his own feet and hands, 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.

12 And when we heard these things, both we and they of that place besought him not to

13 go up to Jerusalem. Then Paul answered, What do ye, weeping and breaking my heart? for I am ready not to be bound only, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the

14 Lord Jesus. And when he would not be persuaded, we ceased, saying, The will of the Lord be done.

15 And after these days we took up our baggage, and went up to Jerusalem. And there went with us also certain of the disciples from Cæsarea, bringing with them one Mnason of Cyprus, an early disciple, with whom we should lodge.

17 And when we were come to Jerusalem, the brethren received us gladly. 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 rehearsed one by one the things which God had wrought among the Gentiles by his ministry.

20 And they, when they heard it, glorified God;

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¹ Some ancient authorities read the Lord.

* 1 Cor.

4. 12.

1 Thess.

2. 9.

2 Thess.

3. 8.

* ch. 6. 5.

² Or, some

³ Or, made ready

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and said unto him, Thou seest, brother, how many thousands of Jews there are which believe; and they are all zealous of the law:

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.

22 What is it therefore? the multitude must needs come together: for they will hear that thou art come.

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 ¹shave 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.

25 As touching the Gentiles which believe, ²we 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.

26 Then Paul took the men, and the next day purifying himself with them entered into the temple, ³to signify the accomplishment of the days of purification, until that an offering should be offered for every one of them.

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.

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.

29 (For they had seen before with him in the city Trophimus an Ephesian, whom they supposed that Paul had brought into the temple.)

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

35 And when he came upon the stairs, so it was, that he was borne of the soldiers for the violence of the people.

36 For the multitude of the people followed after, crying, Away with him.

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 ⁴Art not thou that Egyptian, which before these days madest an uproar, and leddest out into the wilderness four thousand men that were murderers?

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.

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,

and they said unto him, Thou seest, brother, how many ¹thousands there are among the Jews of them which have believed; and they

21 are all zealous for the law: and they have been informed concerning thee, that thou teachest all the Jews which are among the Gentiles to forsake Moses, telling them not to circumcise their children, neither to walk after the cus-

22 toms. What is it therefore? they will certainly

23 hear that thou art come. Do therefore this that we say to thee: We have four men which

24 have a vow on them; these take, and purify thyself with them, and be at charges for them, that they may shave their heads: and all shall know that there is no truth in the things whereof they have been informed concerning thee; but that thou thyself also walkest or-

25 derly, keeping the law. But as touching the Gentiles which have believed, we ²wrote, giving judgement that they should keep themselves from things sacrificed to idols, and from blood, and from what is strangled, and from fornication. Then Paul ³took the men, and the next day purifying himself with them went into the temple, declaring the fulfilment of the days of purification, until the offering was offered for every one of them.

27 And when the seven days were almost completed, the Jews from Asia, when they saw him in the temple, stirred up all the multitude,

28 and laid hands on him, crying out, Men of Israel, help: This is the man, that teacheth all men everywhere against the people, and the law, and this place: and moreover he brought Greeks also into the temple, and hath defiled

29 this holy place. For they had before seen with him in the city Trophimus the Ephesian, whom they supposed that Paul had brought into the

30 temple. And all the city was moved, and the people ran together: and they laid hold on Paul, and dragged him out of the temple: and

31 straightway the doors were shut. And as they were seeking to kill him, tidings came up to the ⁴chief captain of the ⁵band, that all Jerusa-

32 lem was in confusion. And forthwith he took soldiers and centurions, and ran down upon them: and they, when they saw the chief cap-

33 tain and the soldiers, left off beating Paul. Then the chief captain came near, and laid hold on him, and commanded him to be bound with two chains; and inquired who he was, and what he

34 had done. And some shouted one thing, some another, among the crowd: and when he could not know the certainty for the uproar, he com-

35 manded him to be brought into the castle. And when he came upon the stairs, so it was, that he was borne of the soldiers for the violence

36 of the crowd; for the multitude of the people followed after, crying out, Away with him.

37 And as Paul was about to be brought into the castle, he saith unto the chief captain, May I say something unto thee? And he said, Dost

38 thou know Greek? Art thou not then the Egyptian, which before these days stirred up to sedition and led out into the wilderness the

39 four thousand men of the Assassins? But Paul said, I am a Jew, of Tarsus in Cilicia, a citizen of no mean city: and I beseech thee, give me

40 leave to speak unto the people. And when he had given him leave, Paul, standing on the stairs, beckoned with the hand unto the people; and when there was made a great silence, he spake unto them in the Hebrew language, saying,

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¹ Gr. myriads.

² Or, enjoined Many ancient authorities read sent.

³ Or, took the men the next day, and purifying himself &c.

⁴ Or, military tribune Gr. chiliarch: and so throughout this book.

⁵ Or, cohort

* Num. 6 18. ch. 18. 18.

* ch 15. 20.

* Num. 6. 13.

* ch. 5. 36

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* ch. 21.
39.

* ch. 8. 3.

* ch. 7.
58.

22 Men, brethren, and fathers, hear ye my defence *which I make* now unto you.

2 (And when they heard that he spake in the Hebrew tongue to them, they kept the more silence: and he saith.)

3 * I am verily a man *which am* a Jew, born in Tarsus, a city in Cilicia, yet brought up in this city at the feet of Gamaliel, and taught according to the perfect manner of the law of the fathers, and was zealous toward God, as ye all are this day.

4 * And I persecuted this way unto the death, binding and delivering into prisons both men and women.

5 As also the high priest doth bear me witness, and all the estate of the elders: from whom also I received letters unto the brethren, and went to Damascus, to bring them which were there bound unto Jerusalem, for to be punished.

6 And it came to pass, that, as I made my journey, and was come nigh unto Damascus about noon, suddenly there shone from heaven a great light round about me.

7 And I fell unto the ground, and heard a voice saying unto me, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?

8 And I answered, Who art thou, Lord? And he said unto me, I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom thou persecutest.

9 And they that were with me saw indeed the light, and were afraid; but they heard not the voice of him that spake to me.

10 And I said, What shall I do, Lord? And the Lord said unto me, Arise, and go into Damascus; and there it shall be told thee of all things which are appointed for thee to do.

11 And when I could not see for the glory of that light, being led by the hand of them that were with me, I came into Damascus.

12 And one Ananias, a devout man according to the law, having a good report of all the Jews which dwelt *there*,

13 Came unto me, and stood, and said unto me, Brother Saul, receive thy sight. And the same hour I looked up upon him.

14 And he said, The God of our fathers hath chosen thee, that thou shouldest know his will, and see that Just One, and shouldest hear the voice of his mouth.

15 For thou shalt be his witness unto all men of what thou hast seen and heard.

16 And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.

17 And it came to pass, that, when I was come again to Jerusalem, even while I prayed in the temple, I was in a trance;

18 And saw him saying unto me, Make haste, and get thee quickly out of Jerusalem: for they will not receive thy testimony concerning me.

19 And I said, Lord, they know that I imprisoned and beat in every synagogue them that believed on thee:

20 * And when the blood of thy martyr Stephen was shed, I also was standing by, and consenting unto his death, and kept the raiment of them that slew him.

21 And he said unto me, Depart: for I will send thee far hence unto the Gentiles.

22 And they gave him audience unto this word, and *then* lifted up their voices, and said, Away with such a fellow from the earth: for it is not fit that he should live.

23 And as they cried out, and cast off *their* clothes, and threw dust into the air,

24 The chief captain commanded him to be brought into the castle, and bade that he should be examined by scourging; that he might know wherefore they cried so against him.

25 And as they bound him with thongs, Paul said unto the centurion that stood by, Is it lawful

22 Brethren and fathers, hear ye the defence which I now make unto you.

2 And when they heard that he spake unto them in the Hebrew language, they were the more quiet: and he saith,

3 I am a Jew, born in Tarsus of Cilicia, but brought up in this city, at the feet of Gamaliel, instructed according to the strict manner of the law of our fathers, being zealous for God,

4 even as ye all are this day: and I persecuted this Way unto the death, binding and deliver-

5 ing into prisons both men and women. As also the high priest doth bear me witness, and all the estate of the elders: from whom also I received letters unto the brethren, and jour-

neyed to Damascus, to bring them also which were there unto Jerusalem in bonds, for to be

6 punished. And it came to pass, that, as I made my journey, and drew nigh unto Da-

mascus, about noon, suddenly there shone from heaven a great light round about me.

7 And I fell unto the ground, and heard a voice saying unto me, Saul, Saul, why persecutest

8 thou me? And I answered, Who art thou, Lord? And he said unto me, I am Jesus of

9 Nazareth, whom thou persecutest. And they that were with me beheld indeed the light, but

they heard not the voice of him that spake to

10 me. And I said, What shall I do, Lord? And the Lord said unto me, Arise, and go into

Damascus; and there it shall be told thee of all things which are appointed for thee to do.

11 And when I could not see for the glory of that light, being led by the hand of them that were

12 with me, I came into Damascus. And one Ananias, a devout man according to the law,

well reported of by all the Jews that dwelt

13 there, came unto me, and standing by me said unto me, Brother Saul, receive thy sight. And

14 in that very hour I ¹looked up on him. And he said, The God of our fathers hath appointed

thee to know his will, and to see the Righteous

15 One, and to hear a voice from his mouth. For thou shalt be a witness for him unto all men

16 of what thou hast seen and heard. And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and

17 wash away thy sins, calling on his name. And it came to pass, that, when I had returned to

Jerusalem, and while I prayed in the temple,

18 I fell into a trance, and saw him saying unto me, Make haste, and get thee quickly out of

Jerusalem: because they will not receive of

19 thee testimony concerning me. And I said, Lord, they themselves know that I imprisoned

and beat in every synagogue them that be-

20 lieved on thee: and when the blood of Stephen thy witness was shed, I also was standing by,

and consenting, and keeping the garments of

21 them that slew him. And he said unto me, Depart: for I will send thee forth far hence

unto the Gentiles.

22 And they gave him audience unto this word; and they lifted up their voice, and said, Away

with such a fellow from the earth: for it is

23 not fit that he should live. And as they cried out, and threw off their garments, and cast

24 dust into the air, the chief captain commanded him to be brought into the castle,

bidding that he should be examined by scourging, that he might know for what cause

25 they so shouted against him. And when they had tied him up ²with the thongs, Paul said unto the centurion that stood by, Is it lawful

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¹ Or, received my sight and looked upon him

² Or, for

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for you to scourge a man that is a Roman, and uncondemned?

26 When the centurion heard *that*, he went and told the chief captain, saying, Take heed what thou doest: for this man is a Roman.

27 Then the chief captain came, and said unto him, Tell me, art thou a Roman? He said, Yea.

28 And the chief captain answered, With a great sum obtained I this freedom. And Paul said, But I was *free* born.

|| Or,
tortured
him.

29 Then straightway they departed from him which should have ^{||} examined him: and the chief captain also was afraid, after he knew that he was a Roman, and because he had bound him.

30 On the morrow, because he would have known the certainty wherefore he was accused of the Jews, he loosed him from *his* bands, and commanded the chief priests and all their council to appear, and brought Paul down, and set him before them.

23 And Paul, earnestly beholding the council, said, Men and brethren, I have lived in all good conscience before God until this day.

2 And the high priest Ananias commanded them that stood by him to smite him on the mouth.

† [1611
saith]

3 Then [†] said Paul unto him, God shall smite thee, *thou* whited wall: for sittest thou to judge me after the law, and commandest me to be smitten contrary to the law?

4 And they that stood by said, Revilest thou God's high priest?

* Ex. 22.
28.

5 Then said Paul, I wist not, brethren, that he was the high priest: for it is written, * Thou shalt not speak evil of the ruler of thy people.

* Phil. 3.
5.
* ch. 24.
21.

6 But when Paul perceived that the one part were Sadducees, and the other Pharisees, he cried out in the council, Men and brethren, * I am a Pharisee, the son of a Pharisee: * of the hope and resurrection of the dead I am called in question.

7 And when he had so said, there arose a dissension between the Pharisees and the Sadducees: and the multitude was divided.

* Matt.
22. 23.

8 * For the Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, neither angel, nor spirit: but the Pharisees confess both.

9 And there arose a great cry: and the scribes *that were* of the Pharisees' part arose, and strove, saying, We find no evil in this man: but if a spirit or an angel hath spoken to him, let us not fight against God.

10 And when there arose a great dissension, the chief captain, fearing lest Paul should have been pulled in pieces of them, commanded the soldiers to go down, and to take him by force from among them, and to bring *him* into the castle.

11 And the night following the Lord stood by him, and said, Be of good cheer, Paul: for as thou hast testified of me in Jerusalem, so must thou bear witness also at Rome.

12 And when it was day, certain of the Jews banded together, and bound themselves ^{||} under a curse, saying that they would neither eat nor drink till they had killed Paul.

13 And they were more than forty which had made this conspiracy.

14 And they came to the chief priests and elders, and said, We have bound ourselves under a great curse, that we will eat nothing until we have slain Paul.

15 Now therefore ye with the council signify to the chief captain that he bring him down unto you to morrow, as though ye would enquire something more perfectly concerning him: and we, or ever he come near, are ready to kill him.

16 And when Paul's sister's son heard of their lying in wait, he went and entered into the castle, and told Paul.

17 Then Paul called one of the centurions unto *him*, and said, Bring this young man unto the chief captain: for he hath a certain thing to tell him.

|| Or,
with an
oath of
execra-
tion.

for you to scourge a man that is a Roman, and uncondemned? And when the centurion heard it, he went to the chief captain, and told him, saying, What art thou about to do? for this man

27 is a Roman. And the chief captain came, and said unto him, Tell me, art thou a Roman? And

28 he said, Yea. And the chief captain answered, With a great sum obtained I this citizenship

29 And Paul said, But I am a *Roman* born. They then which were about to examine him straight-

way departed from him: and the chief captain also was afraid, when he knew that he was a Roman, and because he had bound him.

30 But on the morrow, desiring to know the certainty, wherefore he was accused of the Jews, he loosed him, and commanded the chief priests and all the council to come together, and brought Paul down, and set him before them.

23 And Paul, looking stedfastly on the council, said, Brethren, I have lived before God in all

2 good conscience until this day. And the high priest Ananias commanded them that stood by

3 him to smite him on the mouth. Then said Paul unto him, God shall smite thee, *thou* whited

wall: and sittest thou to judge me according to the law, and commandest me to be smitten

4 contrary to the law? And they that stood by

5 said, Revilest thou God's high priest? And Paul said, I wist not, brethren, that he was

high priest: for it is written, Thou shalt not

6 speak evil of a ruler of thy people. But when Paul perceived that the one part were Sad-

ducees, and the other Pharisees, he cried out in the council, Brethren, I am a Pharisee, a

son of Pharisees: touching the hope and resurrection of the dead I am called in question.

7 And when he had so said, there arose a dissension between the Pharisees and Sadducees.

8 and the assembly was divided. For the Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, nei-

ther angel, nor spirit: but the Pharisees con-

9 fess both. And there arose a great clamour: and some of the scribes of the Pharisees' part

stood up, and strove, saying, We find no evil in this man: and what if a spirit hath spoken

10 to him, or an angel? And when there arose a great dissension, the chief captain, fearing lest

Paul should be torn in pieces by them, commanded the soldiers to go down and take him

by force from among them, and bring him into the castle.

11 And the night following the Lord stood by him, and said, Be of good cheer: for as thou

hast testified concerning me at Jerusalem, so must thou bear witness also at Rome.

12 And when it was day, the Jews banded together, and bound themselves under a curse,

saying that they would neither eat nor drink till they had killed Paul. And they were more

13 than forty which made this conspiracy. And they came to the chief priests and the elders,

and said, We have bound ourselves under a great curse, to taste nothing until we have killed

15 Paul. Now therefore do ye with the council signify to the chief captain that he bring him

down unto you, as though ye would judge of his case more exactly: and we, or ever he come

16 near, are ready to slay him. But Paul's sister's son heard of their lying in wait, ¹ and he came

17 and entered into the castle, and told Paul. And Paul called unto him one of the centurions, and said, Bring this young man unto the chief captain: for he hath something to tell him.

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1 Or,
having
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them,
and he
entered
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18 So he took him, and brought him to the chief captain, and said, Paul the prisoner called me unto him, and prayed me to bring this young man unto thee, who hath something to say unto thee.

19 Then the chief captain took him by the hand, and went with him aside privately, and asked him, What is that thou hast to tell me?

20 And he said, The Jews have agreed to desire thee that thou wouldest bring down Paul to-morrow into the council, as though they would enquire somewhat of him more perfectly.

21 But do not thou yield unto them: for there lie in wait for him of them more than forty men, which have bound themselves with an oath, that they will neither eat nor drink till they have killed him: and now are they ready, looking for a promise from thee.

22 So the chief captain then let the young man depart, and charged him, See thou tell no man that thou hast shewed these things to me.

23 And he called unto him two centurions, saying, Make ready two hundred soldiers to go to Cæsarea, and horsemen threescore and ten, and spearmen two hundred, at the third hour of the night:

24 And provide them beasts, that they may set Paul on, and bring him safe unto Felix the governor.

25 And he wrote a letter after this manner:

26 Claudius Lysias unto the most excellent governor Felix sendeth greeting.

27 This man was taken of the Jews, and should have been killed of them: then came I with an army, and rescued him, having understood that he was a Roman.

28 And when I would have known the cause wherefore they accused him, I brought him forth into their council:

29 Whom I perceived to be accused of questions of their law, but to have nothing laid to his charge worthy of death or of bonds.

30 And when it was told me how that the Jews laid wait for the man, I sent straightway to thee, and gave commandment to his accusers also to say before thee what they had against him. Farewell.

31 Then the soldiers, as it was commanded them, took Paul, and brought him by night to Antipatris.

32 On the morrow they left the horsemen to go with him, and returned to the castle:

33 Who, when they came to Cæsarea, and delivered the epistle to the governor, presented Paul also before him.

34 And when the governor had read the letter, he asked of what province he was. And when he understood that he was of Cilicia;

35 I will hear thee, said he, when thine accusers are also come. And he commanded him to be kept in Herod's judgment hall.

24 And after five days Ananias the high priest descended with the elders, and with a certain orator named Tertullus, who informed the governor against Paul.

2 And when he was called forth, Tertullus began to accuse him, saying, Seeing that by thee we enjoy great quietness, and that very worthy deeds are done unto this nation by thy providence,

3 We accept it always, and in all places, most noble Felix, with all thankfulness.

4 Notwithstanding, that I be not further tedious unto thee, I pray thee that thou wouldest hear us of thy clemency a few words.

5 For we have found this man a pestilent fellow, and a mover of sedition among all the Jews throughout the world, and a ringleader of the sect of the Nazarenes:

6 Who also hath gone about to profane the temple: whom we took, and would have judged according to our law.

7 But the chief captain Lysias came upon us, and with great violence took him away out of our hands,

8 Commanding his accusers to come unto thee:

18 So he took him, and brought him to the chief captain, and said, Paul the prisoner called me unto him, and asked me to bring this young man unto thee, who hath something

19 to say to thee. And the chief captain took him by the hand, and going aside asked him privately, What is that thou hast to tell me?

20 And he said, The Jews have agreed to ask thee to bring down Paul to-morrow unto the council, as though thou wouldest enquire some-

21 what more exactly concerning him. Do not thou therefore yield unto them: for there lie in wait for him of them more than forty men,

which have bound themselves under a curse, neither to eat nor to drink till they have slain him: and now are they ready, looking for

22 the promise from thee. So the chief captain let the young man go, charging him, Tell no man that thou hast signified these things to

23 me. And he called unto him two of the centurions, and said, Make ready two hundred soldiers to go as far as Cæsarea, and horsemen

threescore and ten, and spearmen two hundred, at the third hour of the night: and he bade

24 them provide beasts, that they might set Paul thereon, and bring him safe unto Felix the

25 governor. And he wrote a letter after this form:

26 Claudius Lysias unto the most excellent governor Felix, greeting. This man was seized

27 by the Jews, and was about to be slain of them, when I came upon them with the soldiers, and rescued him, having learned that

28 he was a Roman. And desiring to know the cause wherefore they accused him, I brought

29 him down unto their council: whom I found to be accused about questions of their law, but to have nothing laid to his charge worthy of

30 death or of bonds. And when it was shewn to me that there would be a plot against the man, I sent him to thee forthwith, charging

his accusers also to speak against him before thee.¹

31 So the soldiers, as it was commanded them, took Paul, and brought him by night to Antipatris. But on the morrow they left the horse-

32 men to go with him, and returned to the castle: and they, when they came to Cæsarea, and delivered the letter to the governor, presented

34 Paul also before him. And when he had read it, he asked of what province he was; and

35 when he understood that he was of Cilicia, I will hear thy cause, said he, when thine accusers also are come: and he commanded him to be kept in Herod's palace.

24 And after five days the high priest Ananias came down with certain elders, and with an orator, one Tertullus; and they informed

2 the governor against Paul. And when he was called, Tertullus began to accuse him, saying,

Seeing that by thee we enjoy much peace, and that by thy providence evils are corrected

3 for this nation, we accept it in all ways and in all places, most excellent Felix, with all thankfulness. But, that I be not further tedious

4 unto thee, I intreat thee to hear us of thy 5 clemency a few words. For we have found this man a pestilent fellow, and a mover of

insurrections among all the Jews throughout the world, and a ringleader of the sect of the

6 Nazarenes: who moreover assayed to profane the temple: on whom also we laid hold:⁶

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¹ Some ancient authorities omit I brought him down unto their council

² Many ancient authorities add Farewell.

³ Gr. Prætorium.

⁴ Gr. the inhabited earth.

⁵ Some ancient authorities insert and we would have judged him according to our law

⁶ But the chief captain Lysias came, and with great violence took him away out of our hands,

⁷ commanding his accusers to come before thee.

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by examining of whom thyself mayest take knowledge of all these things, whereof we accuse him.

9 And the Jews also assented, saying that these things were so.

10 Then Paul, after that the governor had beckoned unto him to speak, answered, Forasmuch as I know that thou hast been of many years a judge unto this nation, I do the more cheerfully answer for myself:

11 Because that thou mayest understand, that there are yet but twelve days since I went up to Jerusalem for to worship.

12 And they neither found me in the temple disputing with any man, neither raising up the people, neither in the synagogues, nor in the city:

13 Neither can they prove the things whereof they now accuse me.

14 But this I confess unto thee, that after the way which they call heresy, so worship I the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the law and [†]in the prophets:

15 And have hope toward God, which they themselves also allow, that there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust.

16 And herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offence toward God, and toward men.

17 Now after many years I came to bring alms to my nation, and offerings.

18 * Whereupon certain Jews from Asia found me purified in the temple, neither with multitude, nor with tumult.

19 Who ought to have been here before thee, and object, if they had ought against me.

20 Or else let these same *here* say, if they have found any evil doing in me, while I stood before the council,

21 Except it be for this one voice, that I cried standing among them, * Touching the resurrection of the dead I am called in question by you this day.

22 And when Felix heard these things, having more perfect knowledge of *that* way, he deferred them, and said, When Lysias the chief captain shall come down, I will know the uttermost of your matter.

23 And he commanded a centurion to keep Paul, and to let *him* have liberty, and that he should forbid none of his acquaintance to minister or come unto him.

24 And after certain days, when Felix came with his wife Drusilla, which was a Jewess, he sent for Paul, and heard him concerning the faith in Christ.

25 And as he reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come, Felix trembled, and answered, Go thy way for this time; when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee.

26 He hoped also that money should have been given him of Paul, that he might loose him: wherefore he sent for him the oftener, and communed with him.

27 But after two years Porcius Festus came into Felix' room: and Felix, willing to shew the Jews a pleasure, left Paul bound.

25 Now when Festus was come into the province, after three days he ascended from Cæsarea to Jerusalem.

2 Then the high priest and the chief of the Jews informed him against Paul, and besought him,

3 And desired favour against him, that he would send for him to Jerusalem, laying wait in the way to kill him.

4 But Festus answered, that Paul should be kept at Cæsarea, and, that he himself would depart shortly *thither*.

5 Let them therefore, said he, which among you are able, go down with *me*, and accuse this man, if there be any wickedness in him.

8 from whom thou wilt be able, by examining him thyself, to take knowledge of all these 9 things, whereof we accuse him. And the Jews also joined in the charge, affirming that these things were so.

10 And when the governor had beckoned unto him to speak, Paul answered,

Forasmuch as I know that thou hast been of many years a judge unto this nation, I do cheer- 11 fully make my defence: seeing that thou canst take knowledge, that it is not more than twelve

days since I went up to worship at Jerusalem: 12 and neither in the temple did they find me dis- puting with any man or stirring up a crowd, nor

13 in the synagogues, nor in the city. Neither can they prove to thee the things whereof they now

14 accuse me. But this I confess unto thee, that after the Way which they call ¹a sect, so serve

I the God of our fathers, believing all things which are according to the law, and which are 15 written in the prophets: having hope toward

God, which these also themselves ²look for, that there shall be a resurrection both of the just

16 and unjust. Herein do I also exercise myself to have a conscience void of offence toward God and

17 men always. Now after ³many years I came to 18 bring alms to my nation, and offerings: ⁴amidst

which they found me purified in the temple, with no crowd, nor yet with tumult: but *there*

19 *were* certain Jews from Asia—who ought to have been here before thee, and to make accusation,

20 if they had aught against me. Or else let these men themselves say what wrong-doing they

21 found, when I stood before the council, except it be for this one voice, that I cried standing among

22 them, Touching the resurrection of the dead I am called in question before you this day.

23 But Felix, having more exact knowledge concerning the Way, deferred them, saying,

When Lysias the chief captain shall come 24 down, I will determine your matter. And he

gave order to the centurion that he should be kept in charge, and should have indul- 25 gence; and not to forbid any of his friends

to minister unto him.

24 But after certain days, Felix came with Drusilla, ⁵his wife, which was a Jewess, and

sent for Paul, and heard him concerning the 25 faith in Christ Jesus. And as he reasoned of

righteousness, and ⁶temperance, and the judge- ment to come, Felix was terrified, and answer- 26 ed, Go thy way for this time; and when I

have a convenient season, I will call thee un- 27 to me. He hoped withal that money would

be given him of Paul: wherefore also he sent for him the oftener, and communed with him.

27 But when two years were fulfilled, Felix was succeeded by Porcius Festus; and desiring to gain favour with the Jews, Felix left Paul

in bonds.

25 Festus therefore, ⁷having come into the province, after three days went up to Jerusalem

2 from Cæsarea. And the chief priests and the principal men of the Jews informed him against

3 Paul; and they besought him, asking favour against him, that he would send for him to

Jerusalem; laying wait to kill him on the way.

4 Howbeit Festus answered, that Paul was kept in charge at Cæsarea, and that he himself was

5 about to depart *thither* shortly. Let them there- fore, saith he, which are of power among you,

go down with *me*, and if there is anything amiss in the man, let them accuse him.

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† [1611
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* ch. 21.
27.

* ch. 23.6.

¹ Or,
heresy

² Or,
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³ Or,
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⁴ Or,
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⁵ Gr.
*his own
wife.*

⁶ Or, *self-
control*

⁷ Or,
*having
entered
upon his
province*

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¶ Or, as some copies read, no more than eight or ten days.
† [1611 in]

6 And when he had tarried among them more than ten days, he went down unto Cæsarea; and the next day sitting on the judgment seat commanded Paul to be brought.

7 And when he was come, the Jews which came down from Jerusalem stood round about, and laid many and grievous complaints against Paul, which they could not prove.

8 While he answered for himself, Neither against the law of the Jews, neither against the temple, nor yet against Cæsar, have I offended any thing at all.

9 But Festus, willing to do the Jews a pleasure, answered Paul, and said, Wilt thou go up to Jerusalem, and there be judged of these things before me?

10 Then said Paul, I stand at Cæsar's judgment seat, where I ought to be judged: to the Jews have I done no wrong, as thou very well knowest.

11 For if I be an offender, or have committed anything worthy of death, I refuse not to die: but if there be none of these things whereof these accuse me, no man may deliver me unto them: I appeal unto Cæsar.

12 Then Festus, when he had conferred with the council, answered, Hast thou appealed unto Cæsar? unto Cæsar shalt thou go.

13 And after certain days king Agrippa and Bernice came unto Cæsarea to salute Festus.

14 And when they had been there many days, Festus declared Paul's cause unto the king, saying, There is a certain man left in bonds by Felix:

15 About whom, when I was at Jerusalem, the chief priests and the elders of the Jews informed me, desiring to have judgment against him.

16 To whom I answered, It is not the manner of the Romans to deliver any man to die, before that he which is accused have the accusers face to face, and have licence to answer for himself concerning the crime laid against him.

17 Therefore, when they were come hither, without any delay on the morrow I sat on the judgment seat, and commanded the man to be brought forth.

18 Against whom when the accusers stood up, they brought none accusation of such things as I supposed:

19 But had certain questions against him of their own superstition, and of one Jesus, which was dead, whom Paul affirmed to be alive.

20 And because I doubted of such manner of questions, I asked him whether he would go to Jerusalem, and there be judged of these matters.

21 But when Paul had appealed to be reserved unto the hearing of Augustus, I commanded him to be kept till I might send him to Cæsar.

22 Then Agrippa said unto Festus, I would also hear the man myself. To-morrow, said he, thou shalt hear him.

23 And on the morrow, when Agrippa was come, and Bernice, with great pomp, and was entered into the place of hearing, with the chief captains, and principal men of the city, at Festus' commandment Paul was brought forth.

24 And Festus said, King Agrippa, and all men which are here present with us, ye see this man, about whom all the multitude of the Jews have dealt with me, both at Jerusalem, and also here, crying that he ought not to live any longer.

25 But when I found that he had committed nothing worthy of death, and that he himself hath appealed to Augustus, I have determined to send him.

26 Of whom I have no certain thing to write unto my lord. Wherefore I have brought him forth before you, and specially before thee, O king Agrippa, that, after examination had, I might have somewhat to write.

27 For it seemeth to me unreasonable to send a prisoner, and not withal to signify the crimes laid against him.

¶ Or, I was doubtful how to enquire hereof.
¶ Or, judgment.

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6 And when he had tarried among them not more than eight or ten days, he went down unto Cæsarea; and on the morrow he sat on the judgement-seat, and commanded Paul to

7 be brought. And when he was come, the Jews which had come down from Jerusalem stood round about him, bringing against him many and grievous charges, which they could not

8 prove; while Paul said in his defence, Neither against the law of the Jews, nor against the temple, nor against Cæsar, have I sinned

9 at all. But Festus, desiring to gain favour with the Jews, answered Paul, and said, Wilt thou go up to Jerusalem, and there be judged

10 of these things before me? But Paul said, I am standing before Cæsar's judgement-seat, where I ought to be judged: to the Jews have I done no wrong, as thou also very well knowest.

11 If then I am a wrong-doer, and have committed anything worthy of death, I refuse not to die: but if none of those things is true, whereof these accuse me, no man can give me up unto them. I appeal unto Cæsar.

12 Then Festus, when he had conferred with the council, answered, Thou hast appealed unto Cæsar: unto Cæsar shalt thou go.

13 Now when certain days were passed, Agrippa the king and Bernice arrived at Cæsarea, and saluted Festus. And as they tarried

14 there many days, Festus laid Paul's case before the king, saying, There is a certain

15 man left a prisoner by Felix: about whom, when I was at Jerusalem, the chief priests and the elders of the Jews informed me,

16 asking for sentence against him. To whom I answered, that it is not the custom of the Romans to give up any man, before that the accused have the accusers face to face, and have had opportunity to make his defence

17 concerning the matter laid against him. When therefore they were come together here, I made no delay, but on the next day sat down on the judgement-seat, and commanded

18 the man to be brought. Concerning whom, when the accusers stood up, they brought no charge of such evil things as I supposed;

19 but had certain questions against him of their own religion, and of one Jesus, who was dead, whom Paul affirmed to be

20 alive. And I, being perplexed how to inquire concerning these things, asked whether he would go to Jerusalem, and there be judged of these matters. But when Paul had

21 appealed to be kept for the decision of the emperor, I commanded him to be kept till I should send him to Cæsar. And Agrippa said unto Festus, I also could wish to hear the man myself. To-morrow, saith he, thou shalt hear him.

22 So on the morrow, when Agrippa was come, and Bernice, with great pomp, and they were entered into the place of hearing, with the chief captains, and the principal men of the city, at the command of Festus Paul was

23 brought in. And Festus saith, King Agrippa, and all men which are here present with us, ye behold this man, about whom all the multitude of the Jews made suit to me, both at Jerusalem and here, crying that he

24 ought not to live any longer. But I found that he had committed nothing worthy of death: and as he himself appealed to the emperor I determined to send him. Of whom I have no certain thing to write unto my lord. Wherefore I have brought him forth before you, and specially before thee, king Agrippa, that, after examination had, I may have somewhat to write. For it seemeth to me unreasonable, in sending a prisoner, not withal to signify the charges against him.

1 Gr. grant me by favour and so in ver. 16

2 Or, having saluted

3 Or, superstition

4 Gr. the Augustus.

5 Or, was wishing

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26 Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Thou art permitted to speak for thyself. Then Paul stretched forth the hand, and answered for himself:

2 I think myself happy, king Agrippa, because I shall answer for myself this day before thee touching all the things whereof I am accused of the Jews:

3 Especially because I know thee to be expert in all customs and questions which are among the Jews: wherefore I beseech thee to hear me patiently.

4 My manner of life from my youth, which was at the first among mine own nation at Jerusalem, know all the Jews;

5 Which knew me from the beginning, if they would testify, that after the most straitest sect of our religion I lived a Pharisee.

6 And now I stand and am judged for the hope of the promise made of God unto our fathers:

7 Unto which promise our twelve tribes, instantly serving God day and night, hope to come. For which hope's sake, king Agrippa, I am accused of the Jews.

8 Why should it be thought a thing incredible with you, that God should raise the dead?

9 I verily thought with myself, that I ought to do many things contrary to the name of Jesus of Nazareth.

* ch. 8. 3.

10 Which thing I also did in Jerusalem: and many of the saints did I shut up in prison, having received authority from the chief priests; and when they were put to death, I gave my voice against them.

11 And I punished them oft in every synagogue, and compelled them to blaspheme; and being exceedingly mad against them, I persecuted them even unto strange cities.

* ch. 9. 2.

12 Whereupon as I went to Damascus with authority and commission from the chief priests,

13 At midday, O king, I saw in the way a light from heaven, above the brightness of the sun, shining round about me and them which journeyed with me.

14 And when we were all fallen to the earth, I heard a voice speaking unto me, and saying in the Hebrew tongue, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.

15 And I said, Who art thou, Lord? And he said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest.

16 But rise, and stand upon thy feet: for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee;

17 Delivering thee from the people, and from the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee,

18 To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.

19 Whereupon, O king Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision:

20 But shewed first unto them of Damascus, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the coasts of Judea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance.

21 For these causes the Jews caught me in the temple, and went about to kill me.

22 Having therefore obtained help of God, I continue unto this day, witnessing both to small and great, saying none other things than those which the prophets and Moses did say should come:

23 That Christ should suffer, and that he should be the first that should rise from the dead, and should shew light unto the people, and to the Gentiles.

24 And as he thus spake for himself, Festus

26 And Agrippa said unto Paul, Thou art permitted to speak for thyself. Then Paul stretched forth his hand, and made his defence:

2 I think myself happy, king Agrippa, that I am to make my defence before thee this day touching all the things whereof I am accused

3 by the Jews: especially because thou art expert in all customs and questions which are among the Jews: wherefore I beseech

4 thee to hear me patiently. My manner of life then from my youth up, which was from the beginning among mine own nation, and at

5 Jerusalem, know all the Jews; having knowledge of me from the first, if they be willing to testify, how that after the straitest sect of

6 our religion I lived a Pharisee. And now I stand here to be judged for the hope of the

7 promise made of God unto our fathers; unto which promise our twelve tribes, earnestly serving God night and day, hope to attain. And concerning this hope I am accused by

8 the Jews, O king! Why is it judged incredible with you, if God doth raise the dead?

9 I verily thought with myself, that I ought to do many things contrary to the name of Jesus of Nazareth. And this I also did in Jerusalem:

and I both shut up many of the saints in prisons, having received authority from the chief priests, and when they were put to death,

11 I gave my vote against them. And punishing them oftentimes in all the synagogues, I strove to make them blaspheme; and being exceedingly mad against them, I persecuted them

12 even unto foreign cities. Whereupon as I journeyed to Damascus with the authority and

13 commission of the chief priests, at midday, O king, I saw on the way a light from heaven, above the brightness of the sun, shining round

about me and them that journeyed with me.

14 And when we were all fallen to the earth, I heard a voice saying unto me in the Hebrew language, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? it is hard for thee to kick against the

15 goad. And I said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest.

16 But arise, and stand upon thy feet: for to this end have I appeared unto thee, to appoint thee a minister and a witness both of the things wherein thou hast seen me, and of the things wherein I will appear unto thee;

17 delivering thee from the people, and from the Gentiles, unto whom I send thee, to open their eyes, that they may turn from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive remission of sins and an inheritance among them that are sanctified by faith in me. Wherefore, O king Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision:

20 but declared both to them of Damascus first, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the country of Judea, and also to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, doing

21 works worthy of repentance. For this cause the Jews seized me in the temple, and assayed

22 to kill me. Having therefore obtained the help that is from God, I stand unto this day testifying both to small and great, saying nothing but what the prophets and Moses did say should come; how that the Christ must suffer, and how that he first by the resurrection of the dead should proclaim light both to the people and to the Gentiles.

23 And as he thus made his defence, Festus

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¹ Or, because thou art especially expert

² Or, On which errand

³ Or, guade.

⁴ Many ancient authorities read which thou hast seen.

⁵ Or, to turn them

⁶ Or, their repentance

⁷ Or, if Or, whether

⁸ Or, is subject to suffering

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said with a loud voice, Paul, thou art beside thyself; much learning doth make thee mad.

25 But he said, I am not mad, most noble Festus; but speak forth the words of truth and soberness.

26 For the king knoweth of these things, before whom also I speak freely: for I am persuaded that none of these things are hidden from him; for this thing was not done in a corner.

27 King Agrippa, believest thou the prophets? I know that thou believest.

28 Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian.

29 And Paul said, I would to God, that not only thou, but also all that hear me this day, were both almost, and altogether such as I am, except these bonds.

30 And when he had thus spoken, the king rose up, and the governor, and Bernice, and they that sat with them:

31 And when they were gone aside, they talked between themselves, saying, This man doeth nothing worthy of death or of bonds.

32 Then said Agrippa unto Festus, This man might have been set at liberty, if he had not appealed unto Cæsar.

27 And when it was determined that we should sail into Italy, they delivered Paul and certain other prisoners unto one named Julius, a centurion of Augustus' band.

2 And entering into a ship of Adramyttium, we launched, meaning to sail by the coasts of Asia; one Aristarchus, a Macedonian of Thessalonica, being with us.

3 And the next day we touched at Sidon. And Julius courteously entreated Paul, and gave him liberty to go unto his friends to refresh himself.

4 And when we had launched from thence, we sailed under Cyprus, because the winds were contrary.

5 And when we had sailed over the sea of Cilicia and Pamphylia, we came to Myra, a city of Lycia.

6 And there the centurion found a ship of Alexandria sailing into Italy; and he put us therein.

7 And when we had sailed slowly many days, and scarce were come over against Cnidus, the wind not suffering us, we sailed under ¹Crete, over against Salmone;

8 And, hardly passing it, came unto a place which is called The fair havens; nigh whereunto was the city of Lasea.

9 Now when much time was spent, and when sailing was now dangerous, because the fast was now already past, Paul admonished them,

10 And said unto them, Sirs, I perceive that this voyage will be with ¹hurt and much damage, not only of the lading and ship, but also of our lives.

11 Nevertheless the centurion believed the master and the owner of the ship, more than those things which were spoken by Paul.

12 And because the haven was not commodious to winter in, the more part advised to depart thence also, if by any means they might attain to Phenice, and there to winter; which is an haven of Crete, and lieth toward the south west and north west.

13 And when the south wind blew softly, supposing that they had obtained their purpose, loosing thence, they sailed close by Crete.

14 But not long after there ¹arose against it a tempestuous wind, called Euroclydon.

15 And when the ship was caught, and could not bear up into the wind, we let her drive.

16 And running under a certain island which is called Clauda, we had much work to come by the boat:

17 Which when they had taken up, they used

¹ Or, Candy.

¹ Or, inquiry.

¹ Or, beat.

saith with a loud voice, Paul, thou art mad; thy much learning doth turn thee to madness.

25 But Paul saith, I am not mad, most excellent Festus; but speak forth words of truth and

26 soberness. For the king knoweth of these things, unto whom also I speak freely: for I am persuaded that none of these things is hidden from him; for this hath not been done

27 in a corner. King Agrippa, believest thou the

28 prophets? I know that thou believest. And Agrippa said unto Paul, With but little persuasion thou wouldest fain make me a Christian.

29 And Paul said, I would to God, that whether with little or with much, not thou only, but also all that hear me this day, might become such as I am, except these bonds.

30 And the king rose up, and the governor, and

31 Bernice, and they that sat with them: and when they had withdrawn, they spake one to another, saying, This man doeth nothing worthy of death

32 or of bonds. And Agrippa said unto Festus, This man might have been set at liberty, if he had not appealed unto Cæsar.

27 And when it was determined that we should sail for Italy, they delivered Paul and certain other prisoners to a centurion named Julius,

2 of the Augustan ¹band. And embarking in a ship of Adramyttium, which was about to sail unto the places on the coast of Asia, we put to sea, Aristarchus, a Macedonian of Thes-

3 salonica, being with us. And the next day we touched at Sidon: and Julius treated Paul kindly, and gave him leave to go unto his

4 friends and ²refresh himself. And putting to sea from thence, we sailed under the lee of

5 Cyprus, because the winds were contrary. And when we had sailed across the sea which is off Cilicia and Pamphylia, we came to Myra,

6 a city of Lycia. And there the centurion found a ship of Alexandria sailing for Italy; and he

7 put us therein. And when we had sailed slowly many days, and were come with difficulty over against Cnidus, the wind not ³further

suffering us, we sailed under the lee of Crete, 8 over against Salmone; and with difficulty coasting along it we came unto a certain place called Fair Havens; nigh whereunto was the city of Lasea.

9 And when much time was spent, and the voyage was now dangerous, because the Fast was now already gone by, Paul admonished

10 them, and said unto them, Sirs, I perceive that the voyage will be with injury and much loss, not only of the lading and the ship, but

11 also of our lives. But the centurion gave more heed to the master and to the owner of the ship, than to those things which were spoken

12 by Paul. And because the haven was not commodious to winter in, the more part advised to put to sea from thence, if by any means they could reach Phenice, and winter there;

which is a haven of Crete, looking ⁴north-east 13 and south-east. And when the south wind blew softly, supposing that they had obtained their purpose, they weighed anchor and sailed along

14 Crete, close in shore. But after no long time there beat down from it a tempestuous wind,

15 which is called Euracilo: and when the ship was caught, and could not face the wind, we

16 gave way to it, and were driven. And running under the lee of a small island called ⁵Cauda, we were able, with difficulty, to secure the boat:

17 and when they had hoisted it up, they used

R. V.

¹ Or, cohort

² Or, receive attention.

³ Or, suffering us to get there

⁴ Or, down the south-west wind and down the north-west wind.

⁵ Many ancient authorities read Clauda.

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helps, undergirding the ship; and, fearing lest they should fall into the quicksands, strake sail, and so were driven.

18 And [†]we being exceedingly tossed with a tempest, the next day they lightened the ship;

19 And the third day we cast out with our own hands the tackling of the ship.

20 And when neither sun nor stars in many days appeared, and no small tempest lay on us, all hope that we should be saved was then taken away.

21 But after long abstinence Paul stood forth in the midst of them, and said, Sirs, ye should have hearkened unto me, and not have loosed from Crete, and to have gained this harm and loss.

22 And now I exhort you to be of good cheer: for there shall be no loss of *any man's* life among you, but of the ship.

23 For there stood by me this night the angel of God, whose I am, and whom I serve,

24 Saying, Fear not, Paul; thou must be brought before Cæsar: and, lo, God hath given thee all them that sail with thee.

25 Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer: for I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me.

26 Howbeit we must be cast upon a certain island.

27 But when the fourteenth night was come, as we were driven up and down in Adria, about midnight the shipmen deemed that they drew near to some country;

28 And sounded, and found it twenty fathoms: and when they had gone a little further, they sounded again, and found it fifteen fathoms.

29 Then fearing lest we should have fallen upon rocks, they cast four anchors out of the stern, and wished for the day.

30 And as the shipmen were about to flee out of the ship, when they had let down the boat into the sea, under colour as though they would have cast anchors out of the foreship,

31 Paul said to the centurion and to the soldiers, Except these abide in the ship, ye cannot be saved.

32 Then the soldiers cut off the ropes of the boat, and let her fall off.

33 And while the day was coming on, Paul besought them all to take meat, saying, This day is the fourteenth day that ye have tarried and continued fasting, having taken nothing.

34 Wherefore I pray you to take *some* meat: for this is for your health: for there shall not an hair fall from the head of any of you.

35 And when he had thus spoken, he took bread, and gave thanks to God in presence of them all: and when he had broken it, he began to eat.

36 Then were they all of good cheer, and they also took *some* meat.

37 And we were in all in the ship two hundred threescore and sixteen souls.

38 And when they had eaten enough, they lightened the ship, and cast out the wheat into the sea.

39 And when it was day, they knew not the land: but they discovered a certain creek with a shore, into the which they were minded, if it were possible, to thrust in the ship.

40 And when they had [‡]taken up the anchors, they committed themselves unto the sea, and loosed the rudder bands, and hoised up the mainsail to the wind, and made toward shore.

41 And falling into a place where two seas met, they ran the ship aground; and the forepart stuck fast, and remained unmoveable, but the hinder part was broken with the violence of the waves.

42 And the soldiers' counsel was to kill the prisoners, lest any of them should swim out, and escape.

43 But the centurion, willing to save Paul, kept them from their purpose; and commanded that they which could swim should cast themselves first into the sea, and get to land:

44 And the rest, some on boards, and some on broken pieces of the ship. And so it came to pass, that they escaped all safe to land.

† Or, cut the anchors, they left them in the sea, &c.

helps, undergirding the ship; and, fearing lest they should be cast upon the Syrtis, they lowered the gear, and so were driven.

18 And as we laboured exceedingly with the storm, the next day they began to throw

19 the freight overboard; and the third day they cast out with their own hands the ¹tackling

20 of the ship. And when neither sun nor stars shone upon us for many days, and no small tempest lay on us, all hope that we should

21 be saved was now taken away. And when they had been long without food, then Paul stood forth in the midst of them, and said, Sirs, ye should have hearkened unto me, and not have set sail from Crete, and have got-

22 ten this injury and loss. And now I exhort you to be of good cheer: for there shall be no loss of life among you, but *only* of the

23 ship. For there stood by me this night an angel of the God whose I am, whom also I

24 serve, saying, Fear not, Paul; thou must stand before Cæsar: and lo, God hath granted thee

25 all them that sail with thee. Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer: for I believe God, that it shall be even so as it hath been spoken unto

26 me. Howbeit we must be cast upon a certain island.

27 But when the fourteenth night was come, as we were driven to and fro in the sea of Adria, about midnight the sailors surmised that they were drawing near to some country;

28 and they sounded, and found twenty fathoms: and after a little space, they sounded again,

29 and found fifteen fathoms. And fearing lest haply we should be cast ashore on rocky ground, they let go four anchors from the

30 stern, and ²wished for the day. And as the sailors were seeking to flee out of the ship, and had lowered the boat into the sea, under colour as though they would lay out anchors

31 from the foreship, Paul said to the centurion and to the soldiers, Except these abide in the

32 ship, ye cannot be saved. Then the soldiers cut away the ropes of the boat, and let her

33 fall off. And while the day was coming on, Paul besought them all to take some food, saying, This day is the fourteenth day that ye wait and continue fasting, having taken

34 nothing. Wherefore I beseech you to take some food: for this is for your safety: for there shall not a hair perish from the head

35 of any of you. And when he had said this, and had taken bread, he gave thanks to God in the presence of all: and he brake it, and

36 began to eat. Then were they all of good cheer, and themselves also took food. And

37 we were in all in the ship ³two hundred threescore and sixteen souls. And when they

38 had eaten enough, they lightened the ship, throwing out the wheat into the sea. And when

39 it was day, they knew not the land: but they perceived a certain bay with a beach, and they took counsel whether they could ⁴drive the

40 ship upon it. And casting off the anchors, they left them in the sea, at the same time loosing the bands of the rudders; and hoisting up the foresail to the wind, they made for

41 the beach. But lighting upon a place where two seas met, they ran the vessel aground; and the foreship struck and remained unmoveable, but the stern began to break up by the

42 violence of the waves. And the soldiers' counsel was to kill the prisoners, lest any of them

43 should swim out, and escape. But the centurion, desiring to save Paul, stayed them from their purpose; and commanded that they which could swim should cast themselves overboard,

44 and get first to the land: and the rest, some on planks, and some on other things from the ship. And so it came to pass, that they all escaped safe to the land.

R. V.

1 Or, furniture

2 Or, prayed

3 Some ancient authorities read about threescore and sixteen souls.

4 Some ancient authorities read bring the ship safe to shore.

A. V.

28 And when they were escaped, then they knew that the island was called Melita.

2 And the barbarous people shewed us no little kindness: for they kindled a fire, and received us every one, because of the present rain, and because of the cold.

3 And when Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks, and laid them on the fire, there came a viper out of the heat, and fastened on his hand.

4 And when the barbarians saw the venomous beast hang on his hand, they said among themselves, No doubt this man is a murderer, whom, though he hath escaped the sea, yet vengeance suffereth not to live.

5 And he shook off the beast into the fire, and felt no harm.

6 Howbeit they looked when he should have swollen, or fallen down dead suddenly: but after they had looked a great while, and saw no harm come to him, they changed their minds, and said that he was a god.

7 In the same quarters were possessions of the chief man of the island, whose name was Publius; who received us, and lodged us three days courteously.

8 And it came to pass, that the father of Publius lay sick of a fever and of a bloody flux: to whom Paul entered in, and prayed, and laid his hands on him, and healed him.

9 So when this was done, others also, which had diseases in the island, came, and were healed:

10 Who also honoured us with many honours; and when we departed, they laded us with such things as were necessary.

11 And after three months we departed in a ship of Alexandria, which had wintered in the isle, whose sign was Castor and Pollux.

12 And landing at Syracuse, we tarried there three days.

13 And from thence we fetched a compass, and came to Rhegium: and after one day the south wind blew, and we came the next day to Puteoli:

14 Where we found brethren, and were desired to tarry with them seven days: and so we went toward Rome.

15 And from thence, when the brethren heard of us, they came to meet us as far as Appii forum, and The three taverns: whom when Paul saw, he thanked God, and took courage.

16 And when we came to Rome, the centurion delivered the prisoners to the captain of the guard: but Paul was suffered to dwell by himself with a soldier that kept him.

17 And it came to pass, that after three days Paul called the chief of the Jews together: and when they were come together, he said unto them, Men and brethren, though I have committed nothing against the people, or customs of our fathers, yet was I delivered prisoner from Jerusalem into the hands of the Romans.

18 Who, when they had examined me, would have let me go, because there was no cause of death in me.

19 But when the Jews spake against it, I was constrained to appeal unto Cæsar; not that I had ought to accuse my nation of.

20 For this cause therefore have I called for you, to see you, and to speak with you: because that for the hope of Israel I am bound with this chain.

21 And they said unto him, We neither received letters out of Judæa concerning thee, neither any of the brethren that came shewed or spake any harm of thee.

22 But we desire to hear of thee what thou thinkest: for as concerning this sect, we know that every where it is spoken against.

23 And when they had appointed him a day, there came many to him into his lodging;

28 And when we were escaped, then we knew 2 that the island was called ¹Melita. And the barbarians shewed us no common kindness: for they kindled a fire, and received us all, because of the present rain, and because of the cold.

3 But when Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks, and laid them on the fire, a viper came out ²by reason of the heat, and fastened on his

4 hand. And when the barbarians saw the beast hanging from his hand, they said one to another, No doubt this man is a murderer, whom,

though he hath escaped from the sea, yet Justice hath not suffered to live. Howbeit he

shook off the beast into the fire, and took no

6 harm. But they expected that he would have swollen, or fallen down dead suddenly: but when they were long in expectation, and beheld nothing amiss come to him, they changed their minds, and said that he was a god.

7 Now in the neighbourhood of that place were lands belonging to the chief man of the island, named Publius; who received us, and

8 entertained us three days courteously. And it was so, that the father of Publius lay sick of fever and dysentery: unto whom Paul entered in, and prayed, and laying his hands

9 on him healed him. And when this was done, the rest also which had diseases in the island

10 came, and were cured: who also honoured us with many honours; and when we sailed, they put on board such things as we needed.

11 And after three months we set sail in a ship of Alexandria, which had wintered in the island, whose sign was ³The Twin Bro-

12 thers. And touching at Syracuse, we tarried there three days. And from thence we ⁴made

a circuit, and arrived at Rhegium: and after one day a south wind sprang up, and on the

14 second day we came to Puteoli: where we found brethren, and were intreated to tarry with them seven days: and so we came to

15 Rome. And from thence the brethren, when they heard of us, came to meet us as far as The Market of Appius, and The Three Taverns: whom when Paul saw, he thanked God, and took courage.

16 And when we entered into Rome, ⁵Paul was suffered to abide by himself with the soldier that guarded him.

17 And it came to pass, that after three days he called together ⁶those that were the chief of the Jews: and when they were come together, he said unto them, I, brethren, though

I had done nothing against the people, or the customs of our fathers, yet was delivered prisoner from Jerusalem into the hands of the

18 Romans: who, when they had examined me, desired to set me at liberty, because there was

19 no cause of death in me. But when the Jews spake against it, I was constrained to appeal unto Cæsar; not that I had ought to accuse

20 my nation of. For this cause therefore did I ⁷intreat you to see and to speak with me:

for because of the hope of Israel I am bound with this chain. And they said unto him, We

neither received letters from Judæa concerning thee, nor did any of the brethren come hither and report or speak any harm of thee.

22 But we desire to hear of thee what thou thinkest: for as concerning this sect, it is known to us that everywhere it is spoken against.

23 And when they had appointed him a day, they came to him into his lodging in great number;

B. V.

¹ Some ancient authorities read Melitene.

² Or, from the heat

³ Gr. Dioscuri.

⁴ Some ancient authorities read east loose.

⁵ Some ancient authorities insert the centurion delivered the prisoners to the captain of the prætorian guard. but

⁶ Or, those that were of the Jews first

⁷ Or, call for you, to see and to speak with you

A. V.

to whom he expounded and testified the kingdom of God, persuading them concerning Jesus, both out of the law of Moses, and out of the prophets, from morning till evening.

24 And some believed the things which were spoken, and some believed not.

25 And when they agreed not among themselves, they departed, after that Paul had spoken one word, Well spake the Holy Ghost by Esaias the prophet unto our fathers,

26 Saying, *Go unto this people, and say, Hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and not perceive:

27 For the heart of this people is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes have they closed; lest they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.

28 Be it known therefore unto you, that the salvation of God is sent unto the Gentiles, and that they will hear it.

29 And when he had said these words, the Jews departed, and had great reasoning among themselves.

30 And Paul dwelt two whole years in his own hired house, and received all that came in unto him.

31 Preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence, no man forbidding him.

* Is. 6. 9.
Matt. 13.
14.
Mark 4.
12.
Luko 8.
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John 12.
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Rom. 11.
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to whom he expounded *the matter*, testifying the kingdom of God, and persuading them concerning Jesus, both from the law of Moses and from the prophets, from morning till evening.

24 ing. And some believed the things which were

25 spoken, and some disbelieved. And when they agreed not among themselves, they departed,

after that Paul had spoken one word, Well spake the Holy Ghost ¹ by Isaias the prophet

26 unto your fathers, saying,

Go thou unto this people, and say,
By hearing ye shall hear, and shall in no wise understand;
And seeing ye shall see, and shall in no wise perceive:

27 For this people's heart is waxed gross, And their ears are dull of hearing, And their eyes they have closed;

Lest haply they should perceive with their eyes, And hear with their ears, And understand with their heart, And should turn again, And I should heal them.

28 Be it known therefore unto you, that this salvation of God is sent unto the Gentiles: they will also hear.²

30 And he abode two whole years in his own hired dwelling, and received all that went in

31 unto him, preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching the things concerning the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness, none forbidding him.

R. V.

¹ Or, through

² Some ancient authorities insert ver 29 And when he had said these words, the Jews departed, having much disputing among themselves.

THE EPISTLE OF PAUL THE APOSTLE TO THE ROMANS.

1 PAUL, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, *separated unto the gospel of God,

2 (Which he had promised afore by his prophets in the holy scriptures.)

3 Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh;

4 And [†]declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:

5 By whom we have received grace and apostleship, [‡]for obedience to the faith among all nations, for his name:

6 Among whom are ye also the called of Jesus Christ:

7 To all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

8 First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world.

9 For God is my witness, whom I serve [§]with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers;

10 Making request, if by any means now at length I might have a prosperous journey by the will of God to come unto you.

11 For I long to see you, that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift, to the end ye may be established;

12 That is, that I may be comforted together ^{||}with you by the mutual faith both of you and me.

13 Now I would not have you ignorant, brethren, that oftentimes I purposed to come unto you, (but was let hitherto,) that I might have some fruit ^{||}among you also, even as among other Gentiles.

1 PAUL, a ¹servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of

2 God, which he promised afore ²by his prophets in the holy scriptures, concerning his

3 Son, who was born of the seed of David according to the flesh, who was ³declared to be

4 the Son of God ⁴with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection of the

5 dead; even Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we received grace and apostleship, unto

6 obedience ⁵of faith among all the nations, for his name's sake: among whom are ye also,

7 called to be Jesus Christ's: to all that are in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

8 First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, ⁶that your faith is proclaimed

9 throughout the whole world. For God is my witness, whom I serve in my spirit in the gospel

of his Son, how unceasingly I make mention

10 of you, always in my prayers making request, if by any means now at length I may be prospered ⁷by the will of God to come unto you.

11 For I long to see you, that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift, to the end ye may be

12 established; that is, that I with you may be comforted in you, each of us by the other's

13 faith, both yours and mine. And I would not have you ignorant, brethren, that oftentimes

I purposed to come unto you (and was hindered hitherto), that I might have some fruit in you also, even as in the rest of the Gentiles.

¹ Gr. bond-servant
² Or, through
³ Gr. determined.
⁴ Or, in

⁵ Or, to the faith

⁶ Or, because

⁷ Gr. in

* Acts 13. 2.

† Gr. determined.

‡ Or, to the obedience of faith.

|| Or, in my spirit.

|| Or, in you.

|| Or, in you.