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# ACTS

## CHAPTER 1

TRULY the former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that YAHWASUA began both to do and teach, Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Sanctifying Spirit had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen out:

To whom also he showed 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 YAHWAH:

And, being assembled together with *them*, commanded them that they should not separate from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, *said he*, you all have heard of me.

For truly John baptized in water; but you all shall be baptized with the Sanctifying Spirit not many days hence. Therefore truly coming together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, if in this time will you establish accordingly from Israel the kingdom?

And he said to them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father has put in his own authority.

But you all shall receive power, after that the Sanctifying Spirit is come upon you: and you all shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

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

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

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

Then returned they unto Jerusalem from the mountain called Olives, which is from Jerusalem *a* sabbath's journey.

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 of Alpheus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judah of James.

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

And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples, (*the people were as I upon their names,*) and said, Men, brethren, this scripture must needs have been fulfilled, which the Sanctifying Spirit by the mouth of David spoke before concerning Judah, which was guide to them that took YAHWASUA.

For he was numbered with us, and had obtained part of this ministry.

Now truly 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.

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.

For it is written in the book of Psalms, Let his habitation be *a* wilderness, and let none dwell in his: and his bishopric let another take.

Wherefore of these men which have companied with us all the time that the Lord YAHWASUA went in and out among us,

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.

And they appointed two, Joseph called Barsabas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias.

And they prayed, and said, You, Lord, which know the hearts of all, show whether of these two you have chosen out,

That he may take part of this ministry and apostleship, from which Judah by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place.

And they gave forth their lots; and the lot fell upon Matthias; and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

## CHAPTER 2

AND when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

And suddenly there came *a* sound from heaven as of *a* rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

And they were all filled with the Sanctifying Spirit, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Judeans, devout men, out of every nation under heaven.

Now when this was noised abroad, the multitudes came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language.

And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galileans?

And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?

Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia,

Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Kyrene, and strangers of Rome, Judeans and proselytes,

Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of YAHWAH.

And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, What means this?

Others mocking said, These men are full of new wine.

But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said to them, You all men of Judea, and all that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words:

For these are not drunken, as you all suppose, seeing it is the third hour of the day.

But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;

And it shall come to pass in the last days, said YAHWAH, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:

And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:

And I will give wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke:

The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of YAHWAH come:

And it shall come to pass, whosoever shall call on the name of YAHWAH shall be DELIVERED.

You all men of Israel, hear these words; YAHWASUA of Nazareth, *a* man approved of YAHWAH among you by powers and wonders and signs, which YAHWAH did by him in the midst of you, as you all yourselves also know:

Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of YAHWAH, you all have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain:

Whom YAHWAH has raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it.

For David speaks concerning him, I foresaw YAHWAH always before my face, for he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved:

Therefore did my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad; moreover also my flesh shall rest in confidence:

Because you will not leave my person in the grave [*hades*], neither will you suffer your merciful One to see

corruption.

You have made known to me the Way of Life; you shall make me full of joy with your countenance.

Men, brethren, let me freely speak to you of the patriarch David, that he is both deceased and buried, and his tomb is with us unto this day.

Therefore being *a* prophet, and knowing that YAHWAH had sworn with *an* oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up the anointed to sit on his throne;

He seeing this before spoke of the resurrection of the anointed, that his person was not left in the grave [*hades*], neither his flesh did see corruption.

This YAHWASUA has YAHWAH raised up, whereof we all are witnesses.

Therefore being by the right hand of YAHWAH exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Sanctifying Spirit, he has shed forth this, which you all now see and hear.

For David is not ascended into the heavens: but he said himself, YAHWAH said to my Lord, Sit you on my right hand,

Until I make your foes your footstool.

Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that YAHWAH has made that same YAHWASUA, whom you all have crucified, both the Lord and the Anointed.

Now when they heard, they were pricked in their heart, and said to Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men, brethren, what shall we do?

Then Peter said to them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of YAHWASUA the anointed for the remission of sins, and you all shall receive the gift of the Sanctifying Spirit.

For the promise is to you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, as many as the Lord YAHWAH calls. And with many other words did he witness and exhort, saying, DELIVER yourselves from this untoward generation.

Then truly they gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added about three thousand persons.

And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

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

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

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

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

Praising YAHWAH, and having favour with all the people. And YAHWAH added to the **ekklesia** daily such as should be DELIVERED.

### CHAPTER 3

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

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;

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

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

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

Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I you: In the name of YAHWASUA the anointed of Nazareth rise up and walk.

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

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

YAHWAH.

And all the people saw him walking and praising YAHWAH:

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.

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.

And when Peter saw *it*, he answered to the people, You all men of Israel, why marvel you all at this? or why look you all so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or godliness we had made this man to walk?

The ELOHEEM of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the ELOHEEM of our fathers, has glorified his young one YAHWASUA; whom you all delivered, and denied him in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let *him* go.

But you all denied the Sanctified One and the Just, and desired *a* murderer to be granted unto you;

And killed the Origin of life, whom YAHWAH has raised again out of being dead; whereof we are witnesses.

And his name through faith in his name has made this man strong, whom you all see and know: yes, the faith which is by him has given him this perfect soundness before you all.

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

But those things, which YAHWAH before had showed by the mouth of all his prophets, that the anointed should suffer, he has so fulfilled.

Repent you all therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of YAHWAH;

And he shall send YAHWASUA the anointed, which before was preached unto you:

Whom truly heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which YAHWAH has spoken by the mouth of all his sanctified prophets since the Ages began.

For Moses truly said to the fathers that *a* prophet shall YAHWAH ELOHEEM raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall you all hearken according to all things whatsoever he speaks unto you.

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

Yes, and all the prophets from Samuel and afterwards, as many as have spoken, and have foretold these days.

You all are the children of the prophets, and of the covenant which YAHWAH made with our fathers, saying to Abraham, And in your seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed.

Unto you first YAHWAH, having raised up his young one YAHWASUA, sent him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his evil.

#### CHAPTER 4

AND as they spoke to the people, the priests, and the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees, came upon them,

Being grieved that they taught the people, and preached through YAHWASUA the resurrection out of being dead.

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

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

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

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

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

Then Peter, filled with the Sanctifying Spirit, said to them, You all rulers of the people, and elders of Israel,

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

Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of YAHWASUA the anointed of

Nazareth, whom you all crucified, whom YAHWAH raised again out of being dead, in this does he stand here before you whole.

This is the stone which was set at nought under you building, which is become into the head of the corner. Neither is there DELIVERANCE in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be DELIVERED.

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 YAHWASUA.

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

But when they had commanded them to go aside out of the council, they conferred among themselves, Saying, What shall we do to these men? for that truly *a* notable sign has been done by them *is* manifest to all them that dwell in Jerusalem; and we cannot deny *it*.

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

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

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

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

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

For the man was above forty years old, on whom this sign of healing was showed.

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

And when they heard that, they lifted up their voice to YAHWAH with one accord, and said, YAHWAH, you are ELOHEEM, which had made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is:

Who by the mouth of your young one David said, Why did the nations rage, and the people imagine vain things?

The kings of the earth stood up, and the rulers were gathered together against YAHWAH, and against His Anointed.

For of *a* truth against your sanctified young one YAHWASUA, whom you have anointed, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the nations, and the people of Israel, were gathered together,

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

And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and give unto your servants, that with all boldness they may speak your word,

By stretching forth your hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of your sanctified young one YAHWASUA.

And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Sanctifying Spirit, and they spoke the word of YAHWAH with boldness.

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

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

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,

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

And Joseph, who by the apostles was surnamed Barnabas, (*which is, being interpreted, The son of consolation,*) *a* Levite, of the kindred of Cyprus,

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

## CHAPTER 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* at the apostles' feet.

But Peter said, Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Sanctifying Spirit, and to keep back *part* of the price of the land?

While it remained, was it not your own? and after it was sold, was it not in your own authority? why have you conceived this thing in your heart? you have not lied unto men, but unto YAHWAH.

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

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

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

And Peter answered to her, Tell me whether you all sold the land for so much? And she said, Yes, for so much.

Then Peter said to her, How is it that you all have agreed together to tempt the Spirit of YAHWAH? behold, the feet of them which have buried your husband *are* at the door, and shall carry you out.

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

And great fear came upon all the **ekklesia**, and upon as many as heard these things.

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

*And of the rest dared no one join himself to them: but the people made them great.*

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

Insomuch 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.

There came also multitudes *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.

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,

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

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

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

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.

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

Saying, The prison truly found we shut with all safety, and the keepers standing outside before the doors: but when we had opened, we found no one inside.

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.

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

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

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

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

Then Peter and the *other* apostles answered and said, We ought to obey YAHWAH rather than men.

The YAHWAH of our fathers raised up YAHWASUA, whom you all slew and hanged on *a* tree.  
Him YAHWAH lifted up with his right hand, the Origin and DELIVERER, to give repentance to Israel, and remission of sins.  
And we are his witnesses of these things; and *so is* also the Sanctifying Spirit, whom YAHWAH has given to them that obey him.  
When they heard *that*, they were cut *to the heart*, and took counsel to slay them.  
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;  
And said to them, You all men of Israel, take heed to yourselves what you all intend to do about these men.  
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.  
After this man rose up Judah 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.  
And now I say to you, Stand away from these men, and allow them: that if this counsel or this work be of men, it will come to nought:  
But if it be of YAHWAH, you all cannot overthrow it; lest haply you all be found even to fight against YAHWAH.  
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 YAHWASUA, and let them go.  
And truly they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name.  
And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach YAHWASUA the anointed.

## CHAPTER 6

AND in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose *a* grumbling of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministrations.  
Then the twelve called the multitudes of the disciples, and said, It is not reasonable that we should leave the word of YAHWAH, and serve tables.  
Wherefore, brethren, look you all out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Sanctifying Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business.  
But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.  
And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose out Stephen, *a* man full of faith and of the Sanctifying Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas *a* proselyte of Antioch:  
Whom they set before the apostles: and when they had prayed, they laid *their* hands on them.  
And the word of YAHWAH increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and *a* great company of the priests were obedient to the faith.  
And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and signs among the people.  
Then there arose certain of the synagogue, which is called *the synagogue* of the Libertines, and Kyrenians, and Alexandrians, and of them of Cilicia and of Asia, disputing with Stephen.  
And they were not able to resist the wisdom and the spirit by which he spoke.  
Then they suborned men, which said, We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses, and *against* God.  
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,  
And set up false witnesses, which said, This man ceases not to speak blasphemous words against this sanctified

place, and the law:

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

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

## CHAPTER 7

THEN said the high priest, Are these things so?

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

And said to him, Get you out of your country, and from your kindred, and come into the land which I shall show you.

Then came he out of the land of the Chaldeans, and dwelt in Charran: and from thence, when his father had died, he removed him into this land, wherein you all now dwell.

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.

And YAHWAH spoke thus, That his seed should sojourn in *a* strange land; and that they should bring them into bondage, and entreat *them* evil four hundred years.

And the nation to whom they shall be in bondage will I judge, said YAHWAH: 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 *begat* the twelve patriarchs.

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

And plucked 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.

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

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

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

Then sent Joseph, and called his father Jacob to *him*, and all his kindred, seventy-five persons.

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

And were carried over into Shechem, and laid in the tomb that Abraham bought for *a* sum of money of the sons of Ephron *the father* of Shechem.

But when the time of the promise drew near, which YAHWAH had sworn to Abraham, the people grew and multiplied in Egypt,

Till another king arose, which knew not Joseph.

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.

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

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 was powerful in words and in deeds.

And when he was full 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, and smote the Egyptian:

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

And the next day he showed himself unto them as they strove, and would have set them at one again, saying,

Sirs, you all are brethren; why do you all wrong one to another?

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

Will you kill me, as you did the Egyptian yesterday?

Then fled Moses at this saying, and was *a* stranger in the land of Median, where he begat two sons.

And when forty years were expired, there appeared to him in the wilderness of the mountain of Sinai *an* angel of YAHWAH in *a* flame of fire in *a* bush.

When Moses saw *it*, he wondered at the sight: and as he drew near to behold *it*, the voice of YAHWAH came unto him,

*Saying*, I *am* the ELOHEEM of your fathers, the ELOHEEM of Abraham, and the ELOHEEM of Isaac, and the ELOHEEM of Jacob. Then Moses trembled, and dared not behold.

Then said YAHWAH to him, Put off your shoes from your feet: for the place where you stand is sanctified ground.

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 pluck them out. And now come, I will send you into Egypt.

This Moses whom they refused, saying, Who made you *a* ruler and *a* judge? the same did YAHWAH send *to be* *a* ruler and *a* deliverer by the hand of the angel which appeared to him in the bush.

He brought them out, after that he had showed wonders and signs in the land of Egypt, and in the Red sea, and in the wilderness forty years.

This is that Moses, which said to the children of Israel, A prophet shall YAHWAH ELOHEEM raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall you all hearken.

This is he, that was in the **ekklesia** in the wilderness with the angel which spoke to him in the mountain of Sinai, and *with* our fathers: who received the lively oracles to give unto us:

To whom our fathers would not obey, but thrust *him* from them, and in their hearts turned back again into Egypt,

Saying to 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.

And they made *a* calf in those days, and offered sacrifice unto the idol, and rejoiced in the works of their own hands.

Then YAHWAH turned, and delivered them to worship the host of heaven; as it is written in the book of the prophets, O you all house of Israel, have you all offered to me slain beasts and sacrifices *by the space of* forty years in the wilderness?

Yes, you all took up the tabernacle of Moloch, and the star of your god Remphan, examples which you all made to worship them: and I will carry you away beyond Babylon.

Our fathers had the tabernacle of witness in the wilderness, as he had appointed, speaking to Moses, that he should make it according to the examples that he had seen.

Which also our fathers that came after brought in with YAHWASUA into the possession of the nations, whom YAHWAH drave out before the face of our fathers, unto the days of David;

Who found favour before YAHWAH, and desired to find *a* tabernacle for the ELOHEEM of Jacob.

But Solomon built him *a* house.

Howbeit the most High dwells not in temples made with hands; as said the prophet,

Heaven *is* my throne, and earth *is* my footstool: what house will you all build me? said YAHWAH: or what *is* the place of my rest?

Has not my hand made all these things?

You all stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, you all do always resist the Sanctifying Spirit: as your fathers *did*, so *do* you all.

Which of the prophets have not your fathers pursued? and they have slain them which showed before of the coming of the Just One; of whom you all have been now the betrayers and murderers:

Who have received the law by the disposition of angels, and have not kept *it*.  
When they heard these things, they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed on him with *their* teeth.  
But he, being full of the Sanctifying Spirit, looked up steadfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of YAHWAH, and YAHWASUA standing on the right hand of YAHWAH,  
And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Adam standing on the right hand of YAHWAH.  
Then they cried out with *a* loud voice, and stopped their ears, and ran upon him with one accord,  
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.  
And they stoned Stephen, calling upon and saying, Lord YAHWASUA, receive my spirit.  
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.

## CHAPTER 8

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

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

As for Saul, he made havock of the **ekklesia**, entering into every house, and drawing both men and women delivering into prison.

Therefore truly scattered abroad they went every where preaching the word.

Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached the anointed to them.

And the multitudes with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spoke, hearing and seeing the signs which he did.

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.

And there was great joy in that city.

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

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

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

But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of YAHWAH, and the name of YAHWASUA the anointed, they were baptized, both men and women.

Then Simon himself believed also: and when he was baptized, he continued with Philip, and wondered, beholding the powers and great signs being done.

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

Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Sanctifying Spirit:

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

Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Sanctifying Spirit.

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

Saying, Give me also this authority, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Sanctifying Spirit.

But Peter said to him, Your money perish with you, because you have thought that the gift of YAHWAH may be purchased with money.

You have neither part nor lot in this matter: for your heart is not right in the sight of YAHWAH.

Repent therefore of this your wickedness, and pray YAHWAH, if perhaps the thought of your heart may be forgiven you.

For I perceive that you are in the gall of bitterness, and *in* the bond of iniquity.

Then answered Simon, and said, Pray you all to YAHWAH for me, that none of these things which you all have spoken come upon me.

Therefore truly they having witnessed and preached the word of the Lord, returned to Jerusalem, and preached the gospel in many villages of the Samaritans.

And the angel of YAHWAH spoke to Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goes down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, this is *a* wilderness.

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

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

Then the Spirit said to Philip, Go near, and join yourself to this chariot.

And Philip ran there to *him*, and heard him read the prophet Isaiah, and said, Understand you what you read?

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.

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 shearer, so opened he not his mouth:

In his humiliation his judgment was taken away: and who shall declare his gene-race-aion? For his life is taken from the land.

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

Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached to him YAHWASUA.

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

And Philip said, If you believe with all your heart, you may. And he answered and said, I believe that YAHWASUA the anointed is the Son of YAHWAH.

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.

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

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

## CHAPTER 9

AND Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest,

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.

And as he journeyed, he drew near Damascus: and suddenly there shone round about him light from heaven:

And he fell to the earth, and heard *a* voice saying to him, Saul, Saul, why persecute you me?

And he said, Who are you, Lord? And the Lord said, I am YAHWASUA whom you persecute: *it is* hard for you to kick against the pricks.

And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what will you have me to do? And the Lord *said to* him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told you what you must do.

But the men which journeyed with him stood speechless, truly hearing *a* voice, but seeing no one.

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

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

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.

And the Lord *said to* him, Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and inquire in the house of Judah for *one* called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold, he prays,

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

Then Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he has done to your sanctified at Jerusalem:

And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all that call on your name.

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

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

And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, YAHWASUA, that appeared unto you in the way as you came, has sent me, that you might receive your sight, and be filled with the Sanctifying Spirit.

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

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

And immediately he preached the anointed in the synagogues, that he is the Son of YAHWAH.

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 here for that intent, that he might bring them bound unto the chief priests?

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

And after that many days were fulfilled, the Judeans took counsel to kill him:

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

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

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.

But Barnabas took him, and brought *him* to the apostles, and declared to 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 YAHWASUA.

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

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

But the brethren knowing, brought him into Cæsarea, and they sent him forth into Tarsus.

Therefore truly the **ekklesiaes** had rest throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria, and were edified; and walking in the fear of YAHWAH, and in the comfort of the Sanctifying Spirit, were multiplied.

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

And there he found *a* certain man named Æneas, which had reclined upon his bed eight years, and was paralyzed.

And Peter said to him, Æneas, YAHWASUA the anointed heals you: arise, and make your bed. And he arose immediately.

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

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

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.

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

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 showing 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 *him* to the body said, Tabitha, arise. And she opened her eyes: and when she saw Peter, she sat up.

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

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

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

## CHAPTER 10

THERE was *a* certain man in Cæsarea called Cornelius, *a* centurion of the band called the Italian *band*, *A* devout *man*, and one that feared YAHWAH with all his house, which gave much alms to the people, and prayed to YAHWAH always.

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

And when he looked on him, he was afraid, and said, What is it, Lord? And he said to him, Your prayers and your alms are come up for *a* memorial before YAHWAH.

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

He lodges with one Simon *a* tanner, whose house is by the sea side: he shall tell you what you ought to do.

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

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

On the morrow, as they went on their journey, and drew near unto the city, Peter went up upon the housetop to pray about the sixth hour:

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

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:

Wherein were all manner of fourfooted animals of the earth, and beasts, and moving things, and birds of heaven.

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

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

And out of the voice unto him the second time, What YAHWAH has cleansed, call not defiled.

This was done three times: and the vessel was received up again into heaven.

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 inquiry for Simon's house, and stood before the gate,

And called, and asked whether Simon, which was surnamed Peter, were lodged there.

While Peter thought on the vision, the Spirit said to him, Behold, three men seek you.

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

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

And they said, Cornelius the centurion, *a* just man, and one that fears YAHWAH, and of good report among the whole nation of the Judeans, was warned from YAHWAH by *a* sanctified angel to send for you into his house, and to hear words of you.

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

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

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

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

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

And he said to them, You all know how that it is *an* unlawful thing for *a* man that is *a* Judean to keep company, or come unto one of another tribe; but YAHWAH has showed me that I should not call any man common or unclean.

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

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,

And said, Cornelius, your prayer is heard, and your alms are had in remembrance in the sight of YAHWAH.

Dispatch therefore to Joppa, and call here Simon, whose surname is Peter; he is lodged in the house of Simon *a* tanner by the sea side: who, when he comes, shall speak to you.

Therefore I presently dispatched to you; and you have well done that you are come. Now therefore are we all here present before YAHWAH, to hear all things that are commanded you of YAHWAH.

Then Peter opened *his* mouth, and said, Of *a* truth I perceive that YAHWAH is no respecter of faces:

But in every nation he that fears him, and works righteousness, is accepted with him.

The word which was sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by YAHWASUA the anointed: (*he is Lord of all,*)

That word, *I say*, you all know, which was published throughout all Judea, and began from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached;

How YAHWAH anointed YAHWASUA of Nazareth with the Sanctifying Spirit and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for YAHWAH was with him.

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

Him YAHWAH raised up the third day, and gave him openly;

Not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before of YAHWAH, *even* to us, we ate and drank with him, with him who rose again out of being dead.

And he commanded us to preach to the people, and to witness that it is he which was ordained of YAHWAH *to be* the Judge of the living and those being dead.

To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believes into him shall receive remission of sins.

While Peter yet spoke these words, the Sanctifying Spirit fell on all them which heard the word.

And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the nations also was poured out the gift of the Sanctifying Spirit.

For they heard them speak with tongues, and made great YAHWAH. Then answered Peter,

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

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

## CHAPTER 11

AND the apostles and brethren that were in Judea heard that the nations had also received the word of YAHWAH.

And when Peter was come up to Jerusalem, they that were of the circumcision contended with him, Saying, You went in to men uncircumcised, and did eat with them.

But Peter rehearsed *the matter* from the beginning, and expounded *it* by order to them, saying, 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:

Upon the which when I had fastened my eyes, I considered, and saw fourfooted animals of the earth, and beasts, and moving things, and birds of heaven.

And I heard *a* voice saying to me, Arise, Peter; slay and eat.

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

But out of the voice it answered me the second time out of heaven, What YAHWAH has cleansed, call not defiled.

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

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

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

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

Who shall tell you words, whereby you and all your house shall be DELIVERED.

And as I began to speak, the Sanctifying Spirit fell on them, as on us at the beginning.

But remembered I the word of the Lord, how that he said, John truly baptized with water; but you all shall be baptized with the Sanctifying Spirit.

Forasmuch then as YAHWAH gave them the like gift as *he did* unto us, who believed into the Lord YAHWASUA the anointed; what was I, that I could withstand YAHWAH?

When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified YAHWAH, saying, Then has YAHWAH also to the nations given repentance into life.

Therefore truly they scattered abroad from the afflictions that arose upon Stephen travelled as far as Phenice, and Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching the word to none but to the Judeans only.

And some of them were men of Cyprus and Kyrene, which, when they were come to Antioch, spoke to the Grecians, preaching the Lord YAHWASUA.

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

Then tidings of these things came unto the ears of the **ekklesia** which was in Jerusalem: and they sent forth Barnabas, that he should go as far as Antioch.

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

For he was *a* good man, and full of the Sanctifying Spirit and of faith: and many multitudes was added unto the Lord.

Then departed Barnabas to Tarsus, for to seek Saul:

And when he had found him, he brought him into Antioch. And it came to pass all year they gathered among the **ekklesia**, and they taught many multitudes to call the first in Antioch, the disciples, anointees.

And in these days down came prophets from Jerusalem into Antioch.

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

Then the disciples, every man according to his ability, determined to dispatch relief unto the brethren which dwelt in Judea:

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

## CHAPTER 12

NOW about that time Herod the king stretched forth *his* hands to vex certain of the **ekklesia**.

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

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

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.

Therefore truly Peter was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the **ekklesia** unto YAHWAH for him.

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.

And, behold, the angel of YAHWAH came upon *him*, and *a* light shone 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.

And the angel said to him, Gird yourself, and bind on your sandals. And so he did. And he said to him, Cast your garment about you, and follow me.

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

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

And when Peter was come to himself, he said, Now I know of *a* surety, that YAHWAH has sent his angel, and has plucked me out of the hand of Herod, and *from* all the expectation of the people of the Judeans.

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.

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

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.

And they said to her, You are mad. But she constantly affirmed that it was even so. Then said they, It is his angel.

But Peter continued knocking: and when they had opened *the door*, and saw him, they were astonished.

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

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

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 Judea to Cæsarea, and *there* abode.

And Herod was highly displeased with them of Tyre and Zidon: 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*.

And upon *a* set day Herod, arrayed in royal apparel, sat upon his official seat, and made *an* oration to them.

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

And immediately the angel of YAHWAH smote him, because he gave not YAHWAH the glory: and he was eaten of worms, and gave up the spirit.

But the word of YAHWAH grew and multiplied.

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

## CHAPTER 13

NOW there were in the **ekklesia** that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Kyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.

As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Sanctifying Spirit said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.

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

Therefore truly they, being sent forth under the Sanctifying Spirit, departed unto Seleucia; and from thence they sailed to Cyprus.

And when they were at Salamis, they preached the word of YAHWAH in the synagogues of the Judeans: and they had also John to *their* minister.

And when they had gone through the isle unto Paphos, they found *a* certain wise man [*magi*], *a* false prophet [*pseudoprophetes*], *a* Judean, whose name was Bar-Jesus:

Which was with the deputy of the country, Sergius Paulus, *a* learned man; who called for Barnabas and Saul, and desired to hear the word of YAHWAH.

But the wise man [*magi*], Elymas (*for so is his name by interpretation*), withstood them, seeking to turn away the deputy from the faith.

Then Saul, (*who also is called Paul*,) filled with the Sanctifying Spirit, set his eyes on him,

And said, O full of all deceit and all mischief, son of the devil, enemy of all righteousness, you will not cease to pervert the right ways of YAHWAH?

And now, behold, the hand of YAHWAH *is* upon you, and you shall 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.

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

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

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

And after the reading of the law and the prophets the rulers of the synagogue sent unto them, saying, *You all* men *and* brethren, if you all have any word of exhortation for the people, say on.

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

YAHWAH of the people of Israel chose out our fathers, and exalted the people when they dwelt as strangers in the land of Egypt, and with *a* high arm brought he them out of it.

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

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

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

And afterwards they desired *a* king: and YAHWAH gave unto them Saul the son of Kis, *a* man of the tribe of Benjamin, by the space of forty years.

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

Of this man's seed has YAHWAH according to *his* promise raised unto Israel *a* DELIVERER, YAHWASUA:

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

And as John fulfilled his course, he said, Whom think you all that I am? I am not *he*. But, behold, there comes one after me, whose shoes of *his* feet I am not worthy to loose.

Men *and* brethren, children of the kindred of Abraham, and whosoever among you fears YAHWAH, to you is the word of this DELIVERANCE sent.

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, they have fulfilled *them* in condemning *him*.

And though they found no accusation of death, yet desired they Pilate that he should be killed.

And when they had fulfilled all that was written of him, he was taken down from the tree to be laid into *a* grave.

But YAHWAH raised him again out of being dead:

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

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

YAHWAH has fulfilled the same unto us their children, in that he has raised up YAHWASUA again; as it is also written in the second psalm, You are my Son, this day have I begotten you.

And as concerning that he raised him up again out of being dead, *now* no more to return to corruption, he said thus, I will give you the sure mercies of David.

Wherefore he said also in another *psalm*, You shall not suffer your Sanctified One to see corruption.

For truly David, after he had served his own gene-race-aion by the will of YAHWAH, fell on sleep, and was laid unto his fathers, and saw corruption:

But he, whom YAHWAH raised again, saw no corruption.

Be it known to you therefore, men *and* brethren, that through this man is preached to you the remission of sins: And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which you all could not be justified by the law of Moses.

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

Behold, you all despisers, and wonder, and vanish: for I work *a* work in your days, *a* work which you all shall in no wise believe, though *a* man declare it to you.

And when the Judeans were gone out of the synagogue, the nations besought that these words might be preached to them the next sabbath.

Now when the congregation was broken up, many of the Judeans and religious proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas: who, speaking to them, persuaded them to continue in the grace of YAHWAH.

And the next sabbath came almost the whole city together to hear the word of YAHWAH.

But when the Judeans saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy, and spoke against those things which were spoken by Paul, contradicting and blaspheming.

Then Paul and Barnabas waxed bold, and said, It was necessary that the word of YAHWAH should first have been spoken to you: but seeing you all put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of Life Eternal, behold, we turn to the nations.

For so has YAHWAH commanded us, *saying*, I have set you to be *a* light of the nations, that you should be for DELIVERANCE unto the ends of the earth.

And when the nations heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord: and as many as were ordained to Life Eternal believed.

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

But the Judeans 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.

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

And the disciples were filled with joy, and with the Sanctifying Spirit.

## CHAPTER 14

AND it came to pass in Iconium, that they went both together into the synagogue of the Judeans, and so spoke, that many multitudes both of the Judeans and also of the Greeks believed.

But the unbelieving Judeans stirred up the nations, and made their person evil affected against the brethren.

Therefore truly *a* long time they abode speaking boldly in the Lord, which gave witness unto the word of his

grace, and given signs and wonders to be done by their hands.

But the multitudes of the city were truly divided: and those were with the Judeans, but with the apostles.

And when there was *an* assault made both of the nations, and also of the Judeans with their rulers, to treat shamefully, and to stone them,

They were ware of *it*, and accordingly escaped unto Lystra and Derbe, cities of Lycaonia, and unto the region that lies round about:

And there they preached the gospel.

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

The same heard Paul speak: who steadfastly beholding him, and perceiving that he had faith to be DELIVERED,

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

And when the multitudes 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.

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

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

*Which* when the apostles, Barnabas and Paul, heard *of*, they tore their clothes, and ran in among the multitudes, crying out,

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

Who in times past allowed all nations to walk in their own ways.

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.

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

And there came there Judeans from Antioch and Iconium, who persuaded the multitudes, and, having stoned Paul, drew him out of the city, supposing he was deceased.

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.

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

Confirming the persons of the disciples, *and* exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much affliction enter into the kingdom of YAHWAH.

And when they had ordained them elders in every **ekklesia**, and had prayed with fasting, they committed them to the Lord, on whom they believed.

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

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

And thence sailed to Antioch, from where they had been delivered to the grace of YAHWAH for the work which they fulfilled.

And when they were come, and had gathered the **ekklesia** together, they rehearsed all that YAHWAH had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith unto the nations.

And there they abode long time with the disciples.

## CHAPTER 15

AND certain men which came down from Judea taught the brethren, *and said*, Except you all be circumcised after the manner of Moses, you all cannot be DELIVERED.

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.

Therefore truly being brought on their way under the **ekklesia**, they passed through Phenice and Samaria, declaring the conversion of the nations: and they caused great joy unto all the brethren.

And when they were come to Jerusalem, they were received of the **ekklesia**, and of the apostles and elders, and they declared all things that YAHWAH had done with them.

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.

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

And when there had been much disputing, Peter rose up, and said to them, Men, brethren, you all know how that *a* good while ago YAHWAH chose out among us, that the nations by my mouth should hear the word of the gospel, and believe.

And YAHWAH, which knows the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Sanctifying Spirit, even as unto us;

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

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

But we believe that through the grace of the Lord YAHWASUA the anointed we shall be DELIVERED, even as they.

Then all the multitudes kept silence, and gave audience to Barnabas and Paul, declaring what signs and wonders YAHWAH had worked among the nations by them.

And after they had held their peace, James answered saying, Men *and* brethren, hearken unto me:

Simon *Peter* has declared how YAHWAH at the first did visit the nations, to take out of them *a* people for his name.

And to this agree the words of the prophets; as it is written,

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:

That the residue of men might seek after YAHWAH, and all the nations, upon whom my name is called, said YAHWAH, who does all these things.

Known unto YAHWAH are all his works from the beginning of the Ages.

Wherefore my sentence is, that we trouble not them, which from among the nations are turned to YAHWAH:

But that we write unto them, that they abstain from pollutions of idols, and *from* whoredoms, and *from* things strangled, and *from* blood.

For Moses of old time has in every city them that preach him, being read in the synagogues every sabbath.

Then pleased it the apostles and elders, with the whole, the **ekklesia**, to dispatch chosen out men of their own company to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; Judah surnamed Barsabas, and Silas, chief men among the brethren:

And they wrote *letters* by them after this manner; The apostles and elders and brethren *send* greeting unto the brethren which are of the nations in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia:

Forasmuch as we have heard, that certain which went out from us have troubled you with words, subverting your persons, saying, *You all must* be circumcised, and keep the law: to whom we gave no *such* commandment: It seemed good unto us, being assembled with one accord, to dispatch chosen out men unto you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul,

Men that have delivered their persons for the name of our Lord YAHWASUA the anointed.

We have sent therefore Judah and Silas, who shall also tell *you* the same things by mouth.

For it seemed good to the Sanctifying Spirit, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary

things;

Abstain from offerings to idols, and from blood, and from things strangled, and from whoredoms: from which if you all keep yourselves, you all shall do well. Fare you all well.

Therefore truly released, they came to Antioch: and when they had gathered the multitudes together, they delivered the epistle:

*Which* when they had read, they rejoiced for the consolation.

And Judah and Silas, being prophets also themselves, exhorted the brethren with many words, and confirmed *them*.

And after they had waited *there a* space, they were let go in peace from the brethren unto the apostles.

Notwithstanding it pleased Silas to dwell there still.

Paul also and Barnabas continued in Antioch, teaching and preaching the word of the Lord, with many others also.

And some days after Paul said to 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.

And Barnabas determined to take with them John, whose surname was Mark.

But Paul thought not good to take him with them, who departed from them from Pamphylia, and went not with them to the work.

And the contention was so sharp between them, that they departed asunder one from the other: and so Barnabas took Mark, and sailed unto Cyprus;

And Paul chose Silas, and departed, being delivered by the brethren unto the grace of YAHWAH.

And he went through Syria and Cilicia, confirming the **ekklesiaes**.

## CHAPTER 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* Judean, and believed; but his father *was a* Greek:

Which was well reported of by the brethren that were at Lystra and Iconium.

Him would Paul have to go forth with him; and took and circumcised him because of the Judeans which were in those quarters: for they knew all that his father was *a* Greek.

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.

Therefore truly the **ekklesiaes** was established in the faith, and increased in number daily.

Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the region of Galatia, and were forbidden of the Sanctifying Spirit to preach the word in Asia,

After they were come to Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia: but the Spirit allowed them not.

And they passing by Mysia came down to Troas.

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.

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 to them.

Therefore loosing from Troas, we came with *a* straight course to Samothracia, and the next *day* to Neapolis;

And from thence to Philippi, which is the chief city of that part of Macedonia, *and a* colony: and we were in that city dwelling certain days.

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 spoke to the women which resorted *there*.

And *a* certain woman named Lydia, *a* seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, which worshipped YAHWAH, heard *us*: whose heart YAHWAH opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul.

And when she was baptized, and her household, she besought *us*, saying, If you all have judged me to be

faithful to YAHWAH, come into my house, and dwell. And she constrained us.

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:

The same followed Paul and us, and cried, saying, These men are the servants of the most high God, which show unto us the way of DELIVERANCE.

And this did she many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command you in the name of YAHWASUA the anointed to come out of her. And he came out the same hour.

And when her masters saw that the confidence of their gains was gone, they caught Paul and Silas, and drew *them* into the marketplace unto the rulers,

And brought them to the magistrates, saying, These men, being Judeans, do exceedingly trouble our city,

And teach customs, which are not lawful for us to receive, neither to observe, being Romans.

And the multitudes rose up together against them: and the magistrates rent off their clothes, and commanded to beat *them*.

And when they had laid many stripes upon them, they cast *them* into prison, charging the jailor to keep them safely:

Who, having received such *a* charge, thrust them into the inner prison, and made their feet fast in the stocks.

And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, praising YAHWAH: but the prisoners listened to them.

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.

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 escaped.

But Paul cried with *a* loud voice, saying, Do yourself no harm: for we are all here.

Then he called for *a* light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas,

And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be DELIVERED?

And they said, Believe on the Lord YAHWASUA the anointed, and you shall be DELIVERED, and your house.

And they spoke to him the word of the Lord, and to all that 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, instantly.

And when he had brought them into his house, he committed food to them, and rejoiced, believing into YAHWAH with all his house.

And when it was day, the magistrates sent the sergeants, saying, Let those men go.

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.

But Paul said to them, They have beaten us openly uncondemned, being Romans, and have cast *us* into prison; and now do they thrust us out secretly? nay to this; but let them come themselves and fetch us out.

And the sergeants told these words to the magistrates: and they feared, when they heard that they were Romans.

And they came and besought them, and brought *them* out, and desired *them* to depart out of the city.

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.

## CHAPTER 17

NOW when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where was *a* synagogue of the Judeans:

And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three sabbaths reasoned with them out of the scriptures,

Opening and committing, that the anointed must needs have suffered, and risen again out of being dead; and that this YAHWASUA, whom I preach to you, is the anointed.

And some of them believed, and consorted with Paul and Silas; and of the devout Greeks many multitudes, and of the chief women not *a few*.

But the Judeans which believed not, moved with envy, took unto them certain lewd fellows of the baser sort, and gathered *a multitude*, and set all the city on *an uproar*, and assaulted the house of Jason, and sought to bring them out to the people.

And when they found them not, they drew Jason and certain brethren unto the rulers of the city, crying, These that have turned all lands upside down are come here also;

Whom Jason has received: and these all do before the decrees of Cæsar, saying that there is another king, *one YAHWASUA*.

And they troubled the multitudes and the rulers of the city, when they heard these things.

And when they had taken security of Jason, and of the other, they let them go.

And the brethren immediately sent away Paul and Silas by night unto Berea: who coming *there* went into the synagogue of the Judeans.

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.

Therefore truly many of them believed; also of honourable women which were Greeks, and of men, not *a few*.

But when the Judeans of Thessalonica had knowledge that the word of YAHWAH was preached of Paul at Berea, they came there also, and stirred up the multitudes.

And then immediately the brethren sent away Paul to go as it were to the sea: but Silas and Timothy abode there still.

And they that conducted Paul brought him unto Athens: and receiving *a commandment* unto Silas and Timothy for to come to him with all speed, they departed.

Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was stirred in him, when he saw the city wholly given to idolatry.

Truly he disputed in the synagogue with the Judeans, and with the devout *individuals*, and in the market daily with them that met with him.

Then certain philosophers of the Epicureans, and of the Stoics, encountered him. And some said, What will this babbler say? other some, He seems to be *a setter forth* of strange gods: because he preached to them YAHWASUA, and the resurrection.

And they took him, and brought him unto Areopagus, saying, May we know what this new doctrine, whereof you speak, *is*?

For you bring certain strange things to our hearing: we would know therefore what these things mean.

*(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.)*

Then Paul stood in the midst of Mars' hill, and said, *You all* men of Athens, I perceive that in all things you all are too superstitious.

For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found *an altar* with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore you all ignorantly worship, him declare I to you.

YAHWAH that made the World and all things therein, seeing that he is The Lord of heaven and earth, dwells not in temples made with hands;

Neither is healed with men's hands, as though he needed anything, seeing he gives to all life, and breath, and all are made one, out of both blood and nations of all men, to dwell upon the face of all the earth, and the times were ordained, and the bounds were appointed before for their habitation

That they should seek YAHWAH, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us:

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.

Forasmuch then as we are the kindred of YAHWAH, we ought not to think that YAHWAH is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's thoughts.

Therefore truly YAHWAH looked beyond the time of this ignorance, now commanding all men every where to repent:

Because he has appointed *a* day, in which he will judge all lands in righteousness by *that* man whom he has ordained; *whereof* he has given assurance unto all *men*, in that he has raised him again out of being dead.

But hearing of the resurrection of those being dead, they truly mocked, but they said, We will hear you again about this.

So Paul departed from among them.

Howbeit certain men clave unto him, and believed: among the which *was* Dionysius the Areopagite, and *a* woman named Damaris, and others with them.

## CHAPTER 18

AFTER these things Paul separated from Athens, and came to Corinth;

And found *a* certain Judean named Aquila, Pontus kindred, lately come from Italy, with his wife Priscilla; (*because that Claudius had commanded all Judeans to separate from Rome,*) and came unto them.

And because he was of the same craft, he abode with them, and worked: for by their occupation they were tentmakers.

And he reasoned in the synagogue every sabbath, and persuaded the Judeans and the Greeks.

And when Silas and Timothy were come from Macedonia, Paul was pressed in the spirit, and witnessed to the Judeans *of* YAHWASUA the anointed.

And when they opposed themselves, and blasphemed, he shook *his* raiment, and said to them, Your blood *be* upon your own heads; I *am* clean: from henceforth I will go unto the nations.

And he departed thence, and entered into *a* certain *man's* house, named Justus, *one* that worshipped YAHWAH, whose house joined hard to the synagogue.

And Crispus, the chief ruler of the synagogue, believed into the Lord with all his house; and many of the Corinthians hearing believed, and were baptized.

Then spoke the Lord to Paul in the night by *a* vision, Be not afraid, but speak, and be not silent:

For I am with you, and no one shall set on you to hurt you: for I have much people in this city.

And he continued *there* *a* year and six months, teaching the word of YAHWAH among them.

And when Gallio was the deputy of Achaia, the Judeans made insurrection with one accord against Paul, and brought him to the official seat,

Saying, This *fellow* persuades men to worship God contrary to the law.

But Paul about to open the mouth, Gallio said to the Judeans, Therefore truly if it were *a* matter of wrong or evil lewdness, O *you all* Judeans, reason would that I should bear with you:

But if it be *a* question of words and names, and *of* your law, look you all *to it*; for I will be no judge of such *matters*.

And he drave them from the official seat.

Then all the Greeks took Sosthenes, the chief ruler of the synagogue, and beat *him* before the official seat. And Gallio cared for none of those things.

And Paul *after this* waited *there* yet *a* good while, and then took his leave of the brethren, and sailed thence into Syria, and with him Priscilla and Aquila; having shorn *his* head in Cenchrea: for he had *a* vow.

And he came to Ephesus, and left them there: but he himself entered into the synagogue, and reasoned with the Judeans.

When they desired *him* to wait longer time with them, he consented not;

But bade them farewell, saying, I must by all means keep this feast that comes in Jerusalem: but I will return again unto you, if YAHWAH will. And he sailed from Ephesus.

And when he had landed at Cæsarea, and gone up, and saluted the **ekklesia**, he went down to Antioch. And after he had spent some time *there*, he departed, and went over *all* the country of Galatia and Phrygia in order, strengthening all the disciples. And *a* certain Judean named Apollos, born at Alexandria, *an* eloquent man, *and* powerful in the scriptures, came to Ephesus. This man was instructed in the Way of YAHWAH; and being fervent in the spirit, he spoke and taught diligently the things of YAHWAH, knowing only the baptism of John. And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue: whom when Aquila and Priscilla had heard, they took him unto *them*, and expounded to him the Way of YAHWAH more perfectly. 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: For he mightily convinced the Judeans, *and that* publicly, showing by the scriptures that YAHWASUA was the anointed.

## CHAPTER 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, He said to them, Have you all received the Sanctifying Spirit since you all believed? And they said to him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Sanctifying Spirit. And he said to them, To what then were you all baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism. But Paul said, John truly baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying to the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on the anointed YAHWASUA. When they heard *this*, they were baptized in the name of the Lord YAHWASUA. And when Paul had laid *his* hands upon them, the Sanctifying Spirit came on them; and they spoke with tongues, and prophesied. And all the men were about twelve. And he went into the synagogue, and spoke boldly for the space of three months, disputing and persuading the things concerning the kingdom of YAHWAH. But when different ones were hardened, and believed not, but spoke evil of that way before the multitudes, he departed from them, and separated the disciples, disputing daily in the school of one Tyrannus. And this continued by the space of two years; so that all they which dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord YAHWASUA, both Judeans and Greeks. And did not YAHWAH bring forth powers by the hands of Paul, So that from his body were brought unto the sick veils or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them? Then certain of the vagabond Judeans, exorcists, took upon them to call over them which had evil spirits the name of the Lord YAHWASUA, saying, We adjure you by YAHWASUA whom Paul preaches. And there were seven sons of *one* Sceva, *a* Judean, *and* chief of the priests, which did so. And the evil spirit answered and said, YAHWASUA I know, and Paul I know; but who are you all? And the man in whom the evil spirit, he leaped upon them, and exercise lordship over them, accordingly he prevailed over them, so that they escaped out of that house naked and wounded. And this was known to all the Judeans and Greeks also dwelling at Ephesus; and fear fell on them all, and the name of the Lord YAHWASUA was made great. And many that believed came, and confessed, and showed their deeds. 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. So mightily grew the word of YAHWAH and prevailed.

After these things were ended, Paul purposed in the spirit, when he had passed through Macedonia and Achaia, to go to Jerusalem, saying, After I have been there, I must also see Rome.

So he sent into Macedonia two of them that ministered unto him, Timothy and Erastus; but he himself stayed in Asia for *a* season.

And the same time there arose no small stir about that way.

For *a* certain *man* named Demetrius, *a* silversmith, which made silver shrines for Diana, brought no small gain unto the craftsmen;

Whom he called together with the workers of like occupation, and said, Sirs, you all know that by this craft we have our wealth.

Moreover you all see and hear, that not alone at Ephesus, but almost throughout all Asia, this Paul has persuaded and turned away many multitudes, saying that they be no gods, which are made with hands:

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 these lands worships.

And when they heard *these sayings*, they were full of fierceness, and cried out, saying, Great *is* Diana of the Ephesians.

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.

And when Paul would have entered in unto the people, the disciples allowed him not.

And certain of the chief of Asia, which were his friends, dispatched unto him, desiring that he would not adventure himself into the theatre.

Therefore truly they cried some things, others: for the **ekklesia** was confused; and the more part knew not wherefore they were come together.

And they drew Alexander out of the multitude, the Judeans putting him forward. And Alexander beckoned with the hand, and would have made his defence unto the people.

But when they knew that he was *a* Judean, all with one voice about the space of two hours cried out, Great *is* Diana of the Ephesians.

And when the scribe had appeased the multitudes, he said, *You all* men of Ephesus, what man is there that knows 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?

Seeing then that these things cannot be spoken against, you all ought to be quiet, and to do nothing rashly.

For you all have brought here these men, which are neither robbers of temples, nor yet blasphemers of your goddess.

Therefore truly 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.

But if you all inquire anything concerning other matters, it shall be determined in the lawful **ekklesia**.

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.

And when he had thus spoken, he dismissed the **ekklesia**.

## CHAPTER 20

AND after the uproar was ceased, Paul called unto *him* the disciples, and embraced *them*, and departed for to go into Macedonia.

And when he had gone over those parts, and had given them much exhortation, he came into Greece,

And *there* abode three months. And when the Judeans laid wait for him, as he was about to sail into Syria, he purposed to return through Macedonia.

And there accompanied him into Asia Sopater of Berea; and of the Thessalonians, Aristarchus and Secundus; and Gaius of Derbe, and Timothy; and of Asia, Tychicus and Trophimus.

These going before waited 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 abode seven days.

And upon the first *day* of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached to them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight.

And there were many lights in the upper chamber, where they were gathered together.

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.

And Paul went down, and fell on him, and embracing *him* said, Trouble not yourselves; for his person is in him. 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.

And they brought the young one alive, and were not *a* little comforted.

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 afoot.

And when he met with us at Assos, we took him in, and came to Mitylene.

And we sailed thence, and came the next *day* over against Chios; and the next *day* we arrived at Samos, and waited at Trogyllium; and the next *day* we came to Miletus.

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.

And from Miletus he dispatched to Ephesus, and called the elders of the **ekklesia**.

And when they were come to him, he said to them, You all know, from the first day that I came into Asia, after what manner I have been with you at all seasons,

Serving the Lord with all humility of mind, and with many tears, and temptations, which befell me by the lying in wait of the Judeans:

*And* how I kept back nothing that was profitable *to you*, but have showed you, and have taught you publicly, and from house to house,

Witnessing both to the Judeans, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward YAHWAH, and faith toward our Lord YAHWASUA the anointed.

And now, behold, I go bound in the spirit unto Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there:

But that the Sanctifying Spirit witnesses in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions dwell on me.

But none of these things move me, neither count I my person dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord YAHWASUA, to witness the gospel of the grace of YAHWAH.

And now, behold, I know that you all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of YAHWAH, shall see my face no more.

Wherefore I take you to record this day, that I *am* pure from the blood of all *men*.

For I have not shunned to declare to you all the counsel of YAHWAH.

Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Sanctifying Spirit has made you overseers, to feed the **ekklesia** of YAHWAH, which he has purchased with his own blood.

For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock.

Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them.

Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears.

And now, brethren, I commit you to YAHWAH, 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.

I have coveted no one's silver, or gold, or apparel.

Yes, you all yourselves know, that these hands have ministered unto my necessities, and to them that were with

me.

I have showed you all things, how that so laboring you all ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord YAHWASUA, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.

And when he had thus spoken, he kneeled down, and prayed with them all.

And all began a lot of weeping, and falling upon Paul's neck, fervently kissed him,

Sorrowing most of all for the words which he spoke, that they should see his face no more. And they accompanied him unto the ship.

## CHAPTER 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:

And finding *a* ship sailing over unto Phoenicia, we went aboard, and set forth.

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.

And finding disciples, we waited there seven days: who said to Paul through the Spirit, that he should not go up to Jerusalem.

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.

And when we had taken our leave one of another, we took ship; and they returned home again.

And when we had finished *our* course from Tyre, we came to Ptolemais, and saluted the brethren, and abode with them one day.

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.

And the same man had four daughters, virgins, which did prophesy.

And as we waited *there* many days, there came down from Judea *a* certain prophet, named Agabus.

And when he was come unto us, he took Paul's girdle, and bound his own hands and feet, and said, Thus said the Sanctifying Spirit, So shall the Judeans at Jerusalem bind the man that owns this girdle, and shall deliver *him* into the hands of the nations.

And when we heard these things, both we, and they of that place, besought him not to go up to Jerusalem.

Then Paul answered, What mean you all to weep and to break my heart? for I am ready not to be bound only, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord YAHWASUA.

And when he would not be persuaded, we ceased, saying, The will of YAHWAH be done.

And after those days we took up our carriages, and went up to Jerusalem.

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.

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.

And when he had saluted them, he declared particularly what things YAHWAH had worked among the nations by his ministry.

And when they heard *it*, they glorified YAHWAH, and said to him, You see, brother, how many thousands of Judeans there are which believe; and they are all zealous of the law:

And they are informed of you, that you teach all the Judeans which are among the nations to forsake Moses, saying that they ought not to circumcise *their* children, neither to walk after the customs.

What is it therefore? the multitude must needs come together: for they will hear that you are come.

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

Them take, and purify yourself with them, and be at charges with them, that they may shave *their* heads: and all may know that those things, whereof they were informed concerning you, are nothing; but *that* you yourself

also walk orderly, and keep the law.

But about the nations which believe, we have written *and* concluded that they observe no such thing, except only that they keep themselves from *things* offered to idols, and from blood, and from strangled, and from whoredoms.

Then Paul took the men, and the next day purifying himself with them entered into the temple, to signify the accomplishment of the days of purification, until that *an* offering should be offered for every one of them.

And when the seven days were almost ended, the Judeans which were of Asia, when they saw him in the temple, stirred up all the multitudes, and laid hands on him,

Crying out, Men of Israel, help: This is the man, that teaches all *men* every where against the people, and the law, and this place: and further brought Greeks also into the temple, and has defiled this sanctified place.

*(For they had seen before with him in the city Trophimus an Ephesian, whom they supposed that Paul had brought into the temple.)*

And all the city was moved, and the people ran together: and they took Paul, and drew him out of the temple: and immediately the doors were shut.

And as they went about to kill him, tidings came unto the chief captain of the band, that all Jerusalem was in *an* uproar.

Who presently took soldiers and centurions, and ran down unto them: and when they saw the chief captain and the soldiers, they left beating of Paul.

Then the chief captain drew near, and took him, and commanded *him* to be bound with two chains; and demanded who he was, and what he had done.

And some cried one thing, some another, among the multitudes: and when he could not know the certainty for the tumult, he commanded him to be carried into the castle.

And when he came upon the stairs, so it was, that he was borne of the soldiers for the violence of the multitudes.

For the multitudes of the people followed after, crying, Away with him.

And as Paul was to be led into the castle, he said to the chief captain, May I speak to you? Who said, Can you speak Greek?

Are not you that Egyptian, which before these days made *an* uproar, and led out into the wilderness four thousand men that were murderers?

But Paul said, truly I am *a* man, *a* Judean of Tarsus, *a* city in Cilicia, *a* citizen of no mean city: and, I beseech you, permit me to speak to the people.

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 spoke to *them* in the Hebrew tongue, saying,

## CHAPTER 22

MEN, brethren, and fathers, hear now my defence to you.

*(They heard that he spoke the Hebrew tongue to them, they kept the more silence: and he said,)*

Truly I am *a* man, *a* Judean, born in Tarsus of Cilicia, yet brought up in this city by the feet of Gamaliel, instructed according to the exactness of the law of the fathers, being zealous of God, as all of you are today.

Which followed after this way until death, to bind and deliver into prisons both men and women.

And as the high priest bears me witness, and all the elders: and by whom I received letters unto the brethren, and went to Damascus, to bring them which were there bound unto Jerusalem, that to punish.

And it came to pass, that, as I made my journey, and drew near unto Damascus about noon, suddenly there shone from heaven *a* great light round about me.

And I fell unto the ground, and heard *a* voice saying to me, Saul, Saul, why persecute you me?

And I answered, Who are you, Lord? And he said to me, I am YAHWASUA of Nazareth, whom you persecute.

But they being with me truly saw the Light, and were afraid; but they heard not the voice of him that spoke to

me.

And I said, What shall I do, Lord? And the Lord said to me, Arise, and go into Damascus; and there it shall be told you of all things which are appointed for you to do.

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.

And one Ananias, *a* devout man according to the law, having *a* good report of all the Judeans which dwelt *there*,

Came unto me, and stood, and said to me, Brother Saul, receive your sight. And the same hour I looked up upon him.

And he said, YAHWAH ELOHEEM of our fathers has chosen you, that you should know his will, and see that Just One, and should hear the voice of his mouth.

For you shall be his witness unto all men of what you have seen and heard.

And now why tarry you? arise, and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.

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;

And saw him saying to me, Make haste, and get you quickly out of Jerusalem: for they will not receive your witness concerning me.

And I said, Lord, they know that I imprisoned and beat in every synagogue them that believed on you:

And when the blood of your witness Stephen was shed, I also was standing by, and consenting unto his death, and kept the raiment of them that slew him.

And he said to me, Depart: for I will send you far hence unto the nations.

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.

And as they cried out, and cast off *their* clothes, and threw dust into the air,

The chief captain commanded him to be brought into the castle, and bade that he should be examined by whipping; so that he might know the accusations through their crying.

And as they bound him with thongs, Paul said to the centurion that stood by, Is it lawful for you to whip *a* man that is *a* Roman, and uncondemned?

When the centurion heard *that*, he went and told the chief captain, saying, Take heed what you do: for this man is *a* Roman.

Then the chief captain came, and said to him, Tell me, are you *a* Roman? He said, Yes.

And the chief captain answered, With *a* great sum obtained I this freedom. And Paul said, But I was *free* born.

Then immediately 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.

On the morrow, because he would have known the certainty wherefore he was accused of the Judeans, 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.

## CHAPTER 23

AND Paul, earnestly beholding the council, said, Men *and* brethren, I have lived in all good conscience before YAHWAH until this day.

And the high priest Ananias commanded them that stood by him to beat his mouth.

Then said Paul to him, YAHWAH shall beat you, *you* whitewashed wall: for sit you to judge me after the law, and command me to be smitten contrary to the law?

And they that stood by said, Revil you God's high priest?

Then said Paul, I knew not, brethren, that he was the high priest: for it is written, You shall not speak evil of the ruler of your people.

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 confidence and resurrection of those being dead I am called in question.

And when he had so said, there arose *a* dissension between the Pharisees and the Sadducees: and the multitudes was divided.

For truly the Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, neither angel, nor spirit: but the Pharisees confess both. 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 has spoken to him, let us not fight against God.

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.

And the night following the Lord stood by him, and said, Be of good courage, Paul: for as you have witnessed of me in Jerusalem, so must you bear witness also at Rome.

And when it was day, certain of the Judeans 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 than forty which had made this conspiracy.

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.

Now therefore you all with the council signify to the chief captain that he bring him down unto you tomorrow, as though you all would inquire something more perfectly concerning him: and we, or ever he draws near, are ready to kill him.

And when Paul's sister's son heard of their lying in wait, he went and entered into the castle, and told Paul.

Then Paul called one of the centurions unto *him*, and said, Bring this young man unto the chief captain: for he has *a* certain thing to tell him.

Therefore truly 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 you, who has something to say to you.

Then the chief captain took him by the hand, and went *with him* aside privately, and asked *him*, What is that you have to tell me?

And he said, The Judeans have agreed to desire you that you would bring down Paul tomorrow into the council, as though they would inquire somewhat of him more perfectly.

But do not you 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 you.

Therefore the chief captain truly let the young man depart, and charged *him*, *See you* tell no one that you have showed these things to me.

And he called unto *him* two centurions, saying, Make ready two hundred soldiers to go to Cæsarea, and seventy horsemen, and two hundred spearmen, at the third hour of the night;

And provide *an* animal that they may set Paul on to DELIVER through unto Felix the governor.

And he wrote *a* letter after this example:

Claudius Lysias unto the most excellent governor Felix *sends* greeting.

This man was taken of the Judeans, and should have been killed of them: then came I with *an* army, and plucked him out, having understood that he was *a* Roman.

And when I would have known the cause wherefore they accused him, I brought him forth into their council:

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.

And when it was told me how that the Judeans laid wait for the man, presently I dispatched to you, and gave commandment to his accusers also to say before you what *they had* against him. Farewell.

Therefore truly the soldiers, as it was commanded them, took Paul, and brought *him* by night to Antipatris. On the morrow they allowed the horsemen to go with him, and returned to the castle: Who, when they came to Cæsarea, and delivered the epistle to the governor, presented Paul also before him. And when the governor had read *the letter*, he asked of what province he was. And when he understood that *he was* of Cilicia; I will hear you, said he, when your accusers are also come. And he commanded him to be kept in Herod's judgment hall.

## CHAPTER 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.

And when he was called forth, Tertullus began to accuse *him*, saying, Seeing that by you we enjoy great quietness, and that very worthy deeds are done unto this nation by your providence,

We accept *it* always, and in all places, most noble Felix, with all thankfulness.

Notwithstanding, that I be not further tedious unto you, I pray you that you would hear us of your clemency *a* few words.

For we have found this man *a* pestilent *fellow*, and *a* mover of sedition among all the Judeans throughout all lands, and *a* ringleader of the sect of Nazareth:

Who also has gone about to profane the temple: whom we took, and would have judged according to our law.

But the chief captain Lysias came *upon us*, and with great violence took *him* away out of our hands,

Commanding his accusers to come unto you: by examining of whom yourself may take knowledge of all these things, whereof we accuse him.

And the Judeans also assented, saying that these things were so.

Then Paul, after that the governor had beckoned unto him to speak, answered, Forasmuch as I know that you have been of many years *a* judge unto this nation, I do the more cheerfully answer for myself:

Because that you may understand, that there are yet but twelve days since I went up to Jerusalem for to worship. And they neither found me in the temple disputing with any man, neither raising up the multitudes, neither in the synagogues, nor in the city:

Neither can they prove the things whereof they now accuse me.

But this I confess to you, that after the way which they call *a* sect, so worship I YAHWAH of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the law and in the prophets:

And have confidence toward YAHWAH, which they themselves also allow, that there shall be *a* resurrection of those being dead, both of the just and unjust.

And herein do I exercise myself, to have always *a* conscience void of offence toward YAHWAH, and *toward* men.

Now after many years I came to bring alms to my nation, and offerings.

Whereupon certain Judeans from Asia found me purified in the temple, neither with multitudes, nor with tumult.

Who ought to have been here before you, and object, if they had ought against me.

Or else let these same *here* say, if they have found any evil doing in me, while I stood before the council,

Except it be for this one voice, that I cried standing among them, About the resurrection of those being dead I am called in question by you this day.

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.

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.

And after certain days, when Felix came with his wife Drusilla, which was *a* Judean, he sent for Paul, and heard

him concerning the faith in the anointed.

And as he reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and condemnation to come, Felix trembled, and answered, Go your way for this time; when I have *a* convenient season, I will call for you.

And withal he wished but that money should have been given him of Paul, that he might loose him: wherefore he sent for him often, and talked to him.

But after two years Porcius Festus came into Felix' room: and Felix, willing to show the Judeans *a* pleasure, left Paul bound.

## CHAPTER 25

NOW when Festus was come into the province, after three days he ascended from Cæsarea to Jerusalem.

Then the high priest and the chief of the Judeans informed him against Paul, and besought him,

And desired favour against him, that he would send for him to Jerusalem, laying wait in the way to kill him.

Therefore truly Festus answered, that Paul should be kept at Cæsarea, and that he himself would depart shortly *there*.

Let them therefore, said he, which among you are able, go down with *me*, and accuse this man, if there be any thing in this.

And when he had waited among them more than ten days, he went down unto Cæsarea; and the next day sitting on the official seat commanded Paul to be brought.

And when he was come, the Judeans which came down from Jerusalem stood round about, and laid many and grievous complaints against Paul, which they could not prove.

He, himself, answered that neither into the law of the Judeans, neither into the temple, neither into Cæsar, have I sinned of anything.

But Festus, willing to do the Judeans *a* pleasure, answered Paul, and said, Will you go up to Jerusalem, and there be judged of these things before me?

Then said Paul, I stand at Cæsar's official seat, where I ought to be judged: to the Judeans have I done no wrong, as you very well know.

For truly 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 one may deliver me unto them. I appeal unto Cæsar.

Then Festus, when he had conferred with the council, answered, Have you appealed unto Cæsar? unto Cæsar shall you go.

And after certain days king Agrippa and Bernice came unto Cæsarea to salute Festus.

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:

About whom, when I was at Jerusalem, the chief priests and the elders of the Judeans appeared asking vengeance according to them.

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.

Therefore, when they were come here, without any delay on the morrow I sat on the official seat, and commanded the man to be brought forth.

Against whom when the accusers stood up, they brought none accusation of such things as I supposed:

But had certain questions against him of their own superstition, and of one YAHWASUA, which was deceased, whom Paul affirmed to be alive.

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.

But when Paul had appealed to be reserved unto the hearing of Augustus, I commanded him to be kept till I might dispatch him to Cæsar.

Then Agrippa said to Festus, I would also hear the man myself. Tomorrow, said he, you shall hear him. 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. And Festus said, King Agrippa, and all men which are here present with us, you all see this man, about whom all the multitude of the Judeans have dealt with me, both at Jerusalem, and *also* here, crying that he ought not to live any longer.

But when I found that he had committed nothing worthy of death, and that he himself has appealed to Augustus, I have determined to dispatch him.

Of whom I have no certain thing to write unto my Lord. Wherefore I have brought him forth before you, and specially before you, O king Agrippa, that, after examination had, I might have somewhat to write.

For it seems to me unreasonable to dispatch *a* prisoner, and not withal to signify the accusations according to them.

## CHAPTER 26

THEN Agrippa said to Paul, You are permitted to speak for yourself. Then Paul stretched forth the hand, and answered for himself:

I think myself happy, king Agrippa, because I shall answer for myself this day before you about all the things whereof I am accused of the Judeans:

Especially *because I know* you to be expert in all customs and questions which are among the Judeans: wherefore I beseech you to hear me patiently.

Truly my manner of life out of my youth, which was at the first among my own nation at Jerusalem, know all the Judeans;

Which knew me from above, if they would witness, that after the most straitest sect of our religion I lived *a* Pharisee.

And now I stand and am judged for the confidence of the promise made of YAHWAH unto our fathers:

Unto which *promise* our twelve tribes, instantly serving day and night, confidence to come. For which confidence's sake, king Agrippa, I am accused of the Judeans.

Why should it be thought *a* thing incredible with you, that YAHWAH should raise again those being dead?

Therefore I myself truly thought, I must do many things contrary to the name of YAHWASUA of Nazareth.

Which things I also did in Jerusalem: and many of the sanctified being shut up, I agreed with shutting up in prison, having received authority from the chief priests; and when they were put to death, I accordingly gave my voice against *them*.

And I punished them often in all synagogues by compelling *them* to blaspheme; and being exceedingly mad against them, I followed after *them* even unto strange cities.

Whereupon as I went to Damascus with authority and commission from the chief priests,

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.

And when we were all fallen to the earth, I heard *a* voice speaking to me, and saying in the Hebrew tongue, Saul, Saul, why persecute you me? *it is* hard for you to kick against the pricks.

And I said, Who are you, Lord? And he said, I am YAHWASUA whom you persecute.

But rise, and stand upon your feet: for I have appeared unto you for this purpose, to make you *a* minister and *a* witness both of these things which you have seen, and of those things in which I will appear unto you;

Plucking you out of the people, and the nations, into whom now I send you,

To open their eyes, *and* to turn *them* from darkness to light, and *from* the authority of Satan unto YAHWAH, that they may receive remission of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.

Whereupon, O king Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision:

But showed first unto them of Damascus, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the coasts of Judea, and *then* to

the nations, that they should repent and turn to YAHWAH, and do works meet for repentance. For these causes the Judeans caught me in the temple, and went about to kill *me*. Having therefore obtained help of YAHWAH, I continue unto this day, witnessing both to least and great, saying none other things than those which the prophets and Moses did say should come: If the anointed should suffer, if he first should rise again out of being dead, and should show light unto the people, and to the nations. These things he answered, and Festus said with *a* great voice, Paul, you are beside yourself; much learning does make you mad. But he said, I am not mad, most noble Festus; but speak forth the words of truth and soberness. For the king knows 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. King Agrippa, believe you the prophets? I know that you believe. Then Agrippa said to Paul, Almost you persuade me to be *an* anointee. And Paul said, I would to YAHWAH, that not only you, but also all that hear me this day, were both almost, and altogether such as I am, except these bonds. And when he had thus spoken, the king rose up, and the governor, and Bernice, and they that sat with them: And when they were gone aside, they talked between themselves, saying, This man does nothing worthy of death or of bonds. Then said Agrippa unto Festus, This man might have been set at liberty, if he had not appealed unto Cæsar.

## CHAPTER 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. 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. And the next *day* we landed at Zidon. And Julius courteously entreated Paul, and gave *him* liberty to go unto his friends to refresh himself. And when we had launched from thence, we sailed under Cyprus, because the winds were contrary. And when we had sailed over the sea of Cilicia and Pamphylia, we came to Myra, *a* city of Lycia. And there the centurion found *a* ship of Alexandria sailing into Italy; and he put us therein. And when we had sailed slowly many days, and scarce were come over against Cnidus, the wind not suffering us, we sailed under Crete, over against Salmone; And, hardly passing it, came unto *a* place which is called The fair havens; near whereunto was the city of Lasea. Now when much time was spent, and when sailing was now dangerous, because the fast was now already past, Paul admonished *them*, And said to them, Sirs, I perceive that this voyage will be with hurt and much damage, not only of the lading and ship, but also of our persons. Nevertheless the centurion believed the master and the owner of the ship, more than those things which were spoken by Paul. 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 a* haven of Crete, and lies toward the south west and north west. And when the south wind blew softly, supposing that they had obtained *their* purpose, loosing *thence*, they sailed close by Crete. But not long after there arose against it *a* tempestuous wind, called Euroclydon. And when the ship was caught, and could not bear up into the wind, we let *her* drive. And running under *a* certain island which is called Clauda, we had much work to come by the boat:

Which when they had taken up, they used helps, undergirding the ship; and, fearing lest they should fall into the quicksands, strake sail, and so were driven.

And we being exceedingly tossed with *a* tempest, the next *day* they lightened the ship;

And the third *day* we cast out with our own hands the tackling of the ship.

And when neither sun nor stars in many days appeared, and no small tempest lay on *us*, all confidence that we should be DELIVERED was then taken away.

But after long abstinence Paul stood forth in the midst of them, and said, Sirs, truly you all should have hearkened unto me, and not have loosed from Crete, and to have gained this harm and loss.

And now I exhort you to be of good cheer: for there shall be no loss of *any man's* person among you, but of the ship.

For there stood by me this night the angel of YAHWAH, whose I am, and whom I serve,

Saying, Fear not, Paul; you must be brought before Cæsar: and, behold, YAHWAH has given you all them that sail with you.

Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer: for I believe YAHWAH, that it shall be even as it was told me.

Howbeit we must be cast upon *a* certain island.

But when the fourteenth night was come, as we were driven up and down in Adria, accordingly of the night the shipmen deemed that they drew near to some country;

And sounded, and found *it* twenty fathoms: and when they had gone *a* little further, they sounded again, and found *it* fifteen fathoms.

Then fearing lest we should have fallen upon rocks, they cast four anchors out of the stern, and wished for the day.

And as the shipmen were about to flee out of the ship, when they had let down the boat into the sea, under color as though they would have cast anchors out of the foreship,

Paul said to the centurion and to the soldiers, Except these dwell in the ship, you all cannot be DELIVERED.

Then the soldiers cut off the ropes of the boat, and allowed her fall off.

And while the day was coming on, Paul besought all to take food, saying, This day is the fourteenth day that you all have waited and continued fasting, having taken nothing.

Wherefore I pray you to take food: for this is for your health: for there shall not *a* hair fall from the head of any of you.

And when he had thus spoken, he took bread, and gave thanks to YAHWAH in presence of them all: and when he had broken *it*, he began to eat.

Then were they all of good cheer, and they also took food.

And we were in all in the ship two hundred seven-six persons.

And when they had eaten enough, they lightened the ship, and cast out the wheat into the sea.

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 dispatch the ship.

And taking away the anchors, allowing into the sea, withal loosing the rudder bands, and lifting up the mainsail to blow, and holding into shore.

But falling into *a* place where two seas met, they ran the ship aground; and truly the forepart stuck fast, and remained unmoveable, but the hinder part was broken with the violence of the waves.

And the soldiers' counsel was to kill the prisoners, lest any of them should swim out, and escape.

But the centurion, willing to DELIVER through Paul, kept them from *their* purpose; and commanded that they which could swim should cast *themselves* first *into the sea*, and get to land:

And the rest, truly those upon boards, but those upon the ship. And so it came to pass, all escaped upon land.

## CHAPTER 28

AND when they were DELIVERED through, then they knew that the island was called Melita.

And the barbarous people showed us no little kindness: for they kindled *a* fire, and received us every one, because of the present rain, and because of the cold.

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.

And when the barbarians saw the beast hang on his hand, they said among themselves, No doubt this man is *a* murderer, whom, though he has been DELIVERED through out of the sea, yet vengeance allows not to live.

Therefore truly he shook off the beast into the fire, and felt no harm.

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.

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.

And it came to pass, that the father of Publius reclined 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.

So when this was done, others also, which had diseases in the island, came, and were healed:

Who also honoured us with many honors; and when we departed, they laded *us* with such things as were necessary.

And after three months we departed in *a* ship of Alexandria, which had wintered in the isle, whose sign was Castor and Pollux.

And landing at Syracuse, we waited *there* three days.

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:

Where we found brethren, and were desired to wait with them seven days: and so we went toward Rome.

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 YAHWAH, and took confident.

And when we came to Rome, the centurion delivered the prisoners to the captain of the guard: but Paul was permitted to dwell by himself with *a* soldier that kept him.

And it came to pass, that after three days Paul called the chief of the Judeans together: and when they were come together, he said to 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.

Who, when they had examined me, would have let *me* go, because there was no accusation of death in me.

But when the Judeans spoke against *it*, I was compelled to appeal unto Cæsar; not that I had ought to accuse my nation of.

For this accusation therefore have I called for you, to see *you*, and to speak with *you*: because that for the confidence of Israel I am bound with this chain.

And they said to him, We neither received letters out of Judea concerning you, neither any of the brethren that came showed or spoke any harm of you.

But we desire to hear of you what you think: for truly about this sect, we know that every where it is spoken against.

And when they had appointed him *a* day, there came many to him into *his* lodging; to whom he expounded and witnessed the kingdom of YAHWAH, persuading them concerning YAHWASUA, both out of the law of Moses, and the prophets, from morning till evening.

And truly they spoke to persuade, but they believed not.

And when they agreed not among themselves, they departed, after that Paul had spoken one word, Well spoke the Sanctifying Spirit by Isaiah the prophet unto our fathers,

Saying, Go to this people, and say, Hearing you all shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing you all shall see, and shall not perceive:

For this people's heart is made fat, and ears are heavy of hearing, and their eyes are closed; lest they see with

the eyes, and hear with the ears, and understand with the heart, and return, and I should heal them.

Be it known therefore unto you, that the DELIVERANCE of YAHWAH is sent unto the nations, and *that* they will hear it.

And when he had said these words, the Judeans departed, and had great reasoning among themselves.

And Paul dwelt two whole years in his own hired house, and received all that came in unto him,

Preaching the kingdom of YAHWAH, and teaching those things which concern the Lord YAHWASUA the anointed, with all boldness, no one forbidding him.

This concludes the book of Acts.