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Study of Acts

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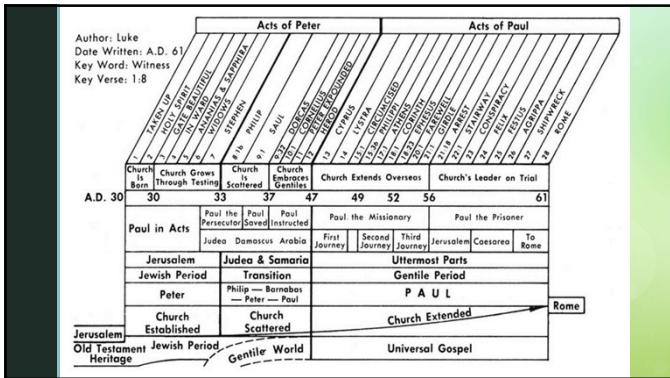
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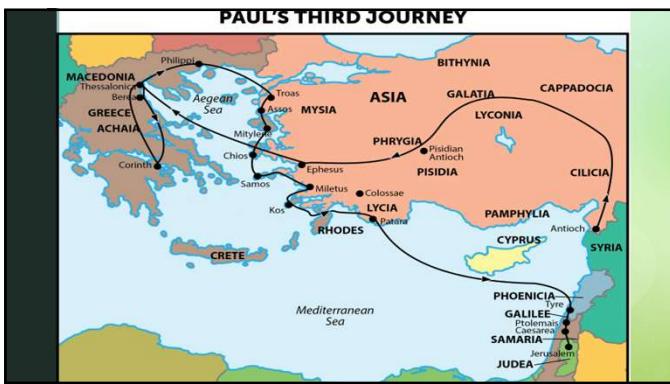
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Acts 20:17-21 ¹⁷ From Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called for the elders of the church. ¹⁸ And when they had come to him, he said to them: "You know, from the first day that I came to Asia, in what manner I always lived among you,¹⁹ serving the Lord with all humility, with many tears and trials which happened to me by the plotting of the Jews; ²⁰ how I kept back nothing that was helpful, but proclaimed it to you, and taught you publicly and from house to house;²¹ testifying to Jews, and also to Greeks, repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.

- To whom was this sermon given?
 - Why is serving with humility essential?
 - If Paul is serving God, why should he face tears and trials?
 - What was Paul's testimony to Jews and Greeks?

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Acts 20:22-27 ²²And see, now I go bound in the spirit to Jerusalem, not knowing the things that will happen to me there, ²³except that the Holy Spirit testifies in every city, saying that chains and tribulations await me. ²⁴But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. ²⁵"And indeed, now I know that you all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, will see my face no more. ²⁶Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all men. ²⁷For I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God.

- How does Paul know that chains and tribulation await him?
- Is Paul disobeying the Holy Spirit by going to Jerusalem?
- How does Paul know that he will never see the elders of Ephesus again?
- How is Paul innocent of the blood of all men?

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Acts 20:28-31 ²⁸Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. ²⁹For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. ³⁰Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves. ³¹Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears.

- What is the role of the shepherd?
- With the written Word, is the warning of false teachers obsolete?
- How and why will people be drawn away?
- How did Paul know that these false teachers would come?
- How did the Ephesians do with Paul's warning?

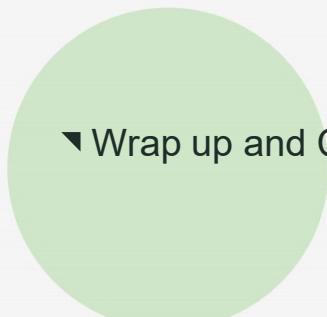


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Acts 20:32-38 ³²"So now, brethren, I command you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified. ³³I have coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. ³⁴Yes, you yourselves know that these hands have provided for my necessities, and for those who were with me. ³⁵I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' " ³⁶And when he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all. ³⁷Then they all wept freely, and fell on Paul's neck and kissed him, ³⁸sorrowing most of all for the words which he spoke, that they would see his face no more. And they accompanied him to the ship.

- Why was Paul's ministry so successful?
- Is Paul preaching that a pastor or minister should not be paid in verses 33-34?
- Is verse 35 referring only to money?
- What examples of Christianity does the world see in us?

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▼ Wrap up and Closing Prayer
