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<p>(25) And when they had preached the word in Perga, they went down into Attalia:</p> <p>(26) And thence sailed to Antioch, from whence they had been recommended to the grace of God for the work which they fulfilled.</p> <p>(27) And when they were come, and had gathered the church together, they rehearsed all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith unto the Gentiles.</p> <p>(28) And there they abode long time with the disciples.</p> <p>Chapter 15</p> <p>(1) And certain men which came down from Judaea taught the brethren, <i>and said</i>, Except ye be circumcised after the manner of Moses, ye cannot be saved.</p> <p>(2) When therefore Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and disputation with them, they determined that Paul and Barnabas, and certain other of them, should go up to Jerusalem unto the apostles and elders about this question.</p> <p>(3) And being brought on their way by the church, they passed through Phenice and Samaria, declaring the conversion of the Gentiles: and they caused great joy unto all the brethren.</p> <p>(4) And when they were come to Jerusalem, they were received of the church, and <i>of</i> the apostles and elders, and they declared all things that God had done with them.</p>	<p>(25) And when they had preached the word in Perga, they went down into Attalia:</p> <p>(26) And from there sailed to Antioch, from where they had been recommended to the grace of God for the work which they fulfilled^b.</p> <p>(27) And when they arrived, and had gathered the church together, they rehearsed all that God had done with them, and how He had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles {non-Jews}.</p> <p>(28) And there they stayed a long time with the disciples.</p> <p>Chapter 15</p> <p>(1) And certain men who came down from Judea taught the brothers, <i>and said</i>, Unless you are circumcised after the manner of Moses, you cannot be saved.</p> <p>(2) Therefore when Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and disputation with them, they determined that Paul and Barnabas, and certain others of them, should go up to Jerusalem to the apostles and elders about this question.</p> <p>(3) And being brought on their way by the church, they passed through Phenice and Samaria, declaring the conversion of the Gentiles {non-Jews}: and they caused great joy to all the brothers.</p> <p>(4) And when they had come to Jerusalem, they were received by the church, and <i>by</i> the apostles and elders, and they declared all things that God had done with them.</p>
<p>14:26b - Acts 13:1-3</p>	
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<p>(5) But there rose up certain of the sect of the Pharisees which believed, saying, That it was needful to circumcise them, and to command <i>them</i> to keep the law of Moses.</p> <p>(6) And the apostles and elders came together for to consider of this matter.</p> <p>(7) And when there had been much disputing, Peter rose up, and said unto them, Men <i>and</i> brethren, ye know how that a good while ago God made choice among us, that the Gentiles by my mouth should hear the word of the gospel, and believe.</p> <p>(8) And God, which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as <i>he did</i> unto us;</p> <p>(9) And put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith.</p> <p>(10) Now therefore why tempt ye God, to put a yoke upon the neck of the disciples, which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear?</p> <p>(11) But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved, even as they.</p> <p>(12) Then all the multitude kept silence, and gave audience to Barnabas and Paul, declaring what miracles and wonders God had wrought among the Gentiles by them.</p> <p>(13) And after they had held their peace, James answered, saying, Men <i>and</i> brethren, hearken unto me:</p>	<p>(5) But there rose up certain of the sect of the Pharisees who believed, saying, That it was needful to circumcise them, and to command <i>them</i> to keep the law of Moses.</p> <p>(6) And the apostles and elders came together to consider this matter.</p> <p>(7) And when there had been much disputing, Peter rose up, and said to them, Men <i>and</i> brothers, you know how that a good while ago God made a choice among us, that the Gentiles {non-Jews} by my mouth should hear the word of the gospel^a, and believe.</p> <p>(8) And God, Who knows the hearts, bore them witness, giving them the Holy Spirit^b, even as <i>He did</i> to us;</p> <p>(9) And put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith.</p> <p>(10) Now therefore why do you tempt God, to put a yoke upon the neck of the disciples, which neither our forefathers nor we were able to bear?</p> <p>(11) But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved, even as they.</p> <p>(12) Then all the multitude kept silence, and gave audience to Barnabas and Paul, declaring what miracles and wonders God had performed among the Gentiles {non-Jews} by them.</p> <p>(13) And after they had held their peace, James {the brother of Jesus} answered, saying, Men <i>and</i> brothers, listen to me:</p>

15:7a - Acts 10
15:8b - Acts 10:44-46

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<p>(14) Simeon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name.</p> <p>(15) And to this agree the words of the prophets; as it is written,</p> <p>(16) After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up:</p> <p>(17) That the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord, who doeth all these things.</p> <p>(18) Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world.</p> <p>(19) Wherefore my sentence is, that we trouble not them, which from among the Gentiles are turned to God:</p> <p>(20) But that we write unto them, that they abstain from pollutions of idols, and <i>from</i> fornication, and <i>from</i> things strangled, and <i>from</i> blood.</p> <p>(21) For Moses of old time hath in every city them that preach him, being read in the synagogues every sabbath day.</p> <p>(22) Then pleased it the apostles and elders, with the whole church, to send chosen men of their own company to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; <i>namely</i>, Judas surnamed Barsabas, and Silas, chief men among the brethren:</p>	<p>(14) Simeon has declared how God at the first visited the Gentiles {non-Jews}, to take out of them a people for His Name.</p> <p>(15) And to this the words of the prophets agree; as it is written,</p> <p>(16) After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again its ruins, and I will set it up:</p> <p>(17) That the remnant of men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles {non-Jews}, upon whom My Name is called, says the Lord, Who does all these things.^a</p> <p>(18) God knows all His works from the beginning of the world.</p> <p>(19) Therefore my advice is, that we not trouble them, who from among the Gentiles have turned to God:</p> <p>(20) But that we write to them, that they abstain from pollutions of idols, and <i>from</i> fornication^b, and <i>from</i> things strangled, and <i>from</i> blood^c.</p> <p>(21) Because Moses from old times has in every city those who preach him, being read in the synagogues every sabbath day {Saturday}^d.</p> <p>(22) Then it pleased the apostles and elders, with the whole church, to send chosen men of their own company to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; <i>namely</i>, Judas surnamed Barsabas, and Silas, chief men among the brothers:</p>

15:16-17a - Amos 9:11-12
15:20b - See Mat. 5:32
15: 20c – four things Gentiles [non-Jews] were to abstain from: fornication [sex outside of marriage] – see Mat. 15:19; Mark 7:21-22; Gal. 5:19-21 – things that defile a man Gal. 5:19-21 specifically states that those who practice fornication cannot enter the kingdom of God. Jesus specifically condemns churches in the Revelation for fornication. Rev. 2:14, 20
15:21d – Because – the reason given for these particular things is to not cause a stumbling block to the Jews who read the law of Moses every Sabbath

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

(24) Forasmuch as we have heard, that certain which went out from us have troubled you with words, subverting your souls, saying, *Ye must* be circumcised, and keep the law: to whom we gave no *such* commandment:

(25) It seemed good unto us, being assembled with one accord, to send chosen men unto you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul,

(26) Men that have hazarded their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

(27) We have sent therefore Judas and Silas, who shall also tell *you* the same things by mouth.

(28) For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things;

(29) That ye abstain from meats offered to idols, and from blood, and from things strangled, and from fornication: from which if ye keep yourselves, ye shall do well. Fare ye well.

(30) So when they were dismissed, they came to Antioch: and when they had gathered the multitude together, they delivered the epistle:

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(23) And they wrote *letters* for them after this manner;

“The apostles and elders and brothers *send* greeting to the brothers who are of the Gentiles {non-Jews} in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia:

(24) Since we have heard, that certain ones who went out from us have troubled you with words, subverting your souls, saying, *You must* be circumcised, and keep the law: to whom we gave no *such* commandment:

(25) It seemed good to us, being assembled with one accord, to send chosen men to you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul,

(26) Men who have risked their lives for the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ who shall also tell *you* the same things by mouth.

(28) Because it seemed good to the Holy Spirit, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things;

(29) That you abstain from meats offered to idols, and from blood, and from things strangled, and from fornication: from which if you keep yourselves, you shall do well. Fare you well.”^e

(30) So when they were dismissed, they came to Antioch: and when they had gathered the multitude together, they delivered the letter:

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

(32) And Judas and Silas, being prophets also themselves, exhorted the brethren with many words, and confirmed *them*.

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

(34) Notwithstanding it pleased Silas to abide there still.

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

(36) And some days after Paul said unto Barnabas, Let us go again and visit our brethren in every city where we have preached the word of the Lord, *and see* how they do.

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

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

(39) 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;

(40) And Paul chose Silas, and departed, being recommended by the brethren unto the grace of God.

(41) And he went through Syria and Cilicia, confirming the churches.

(31) *Which* when they had read it, they rejoiced for the encouragement.

(32) And Judas and Silas, being prophets also themselves, encouraged the brothers with many words, and confirmed *them*.

(33) And after they had stayed *there* a period of time, they were let go in peace from the brothers to the apostles.

(34) Nevertheless it pleased Silas to remain there still.

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

(36) And some days afterward Paul said to Barnabas, Let us go again and visit our brothers in every city where we have preached the word of the Lord, *and see* how they are doing.

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

(38) But Paul did not think it good to take him with them, who had left them from Pamphylia^e, and did not go with them to the work.

(39) And the contention was so sharp between them, that they separated one from the other: and so Barnabas took Mark, and sailed to Cyprus;

(40) And Paul chose Silas, and departed, being recommended by the brothers to the grace of God.

(41) And he went through Syria and Cilicia, confirming the churches.

15:38e – Acts 13:13