

Paul on Trial - Part 07 – Acts 27-28

To the Jew first, and also the Gentile

1. Summary of Acts 27-28

- a. The only account of any apostle going to Rome... and it's not Peter.
- b. The journey to Rome pictures the dispensational change going on.
- c. Where Paul goes on this journey he is accepted of the Gentiles – Acts 28:2,10, 14
- d. Aristarchus (Acts 27:2) also shows up in Col 4:10, Phm 24 as a fellow prisoner.
- e. They face turmoil when they fail to heed Paul – Acts 27:21-22; Eph 4:14
- f. “*I believe God*” - God assures Paul he will arrive at Rome – Acts 27:23-25
- g. God and the seas – Psa 107:23-31; Jonah 1:15; Jesus - Lk 8:24, Mat 14:32
- h. With Paul, God does not calm the storm; but his grace is sufficient – 2 Cor 12:9
- i. The last time we see Paul going to Jew first is in Acts 28:17

2. Paul says the Jew is first in Rom 1:16, 2:9-10; is Paul teaching covenants?

- a. Salvation with Christ was sent to Israel first – John 4:22, Acts 3:25, 4:10-11
- b. Salvation was preached to Israel in Jerusalem by Peter – they rejected it.
- c. The Jew was first because of God's promise – Gen 12:3, 22:17-18, 28:14
- d. Gospel of circumcision: Israel a blessing to Gentiles–Gen 17:11; Gal 2:7
- e. Gospel of uncircumcision: Blessing w/o Israel – Rom 3:21, 4:8-10; Gal 6:15
- f. Paul taught blessing to Gentiles through Israel's fall – Rom 11:11, not Isa 60:1-3

3. Paul went to synagogues in the book of Acts of the Apostles, why?

- a. The apostles were sent to do things that we are not sent to do.
- b. Luke records things pertinent to Israel's rejection of Christ – Acts 24:12
- c. Paul does not go for the same reason as Christ or Peter under the law.
- d. Paul was sent to unbelieving Jew as well (“all men”) – Acts 9:15, 1 Co 9:19
- e. Paul desired his kinsmen to be saved – Rom 9:1-3, 10:1; Acts 26:29
- f. For provoking Israel with his gospel – Rom 11:13-14

4. Did Paul preach the gospel of the kingdom?

- a. Gospel of kingdom: The king and kingdom is coming to Israel - Mk 1:14-15
- b. Accompanied by gateway commands: repent, be baptized, obey law, etc. Mt 7:14
- c. Gospel of grace: God's grace through Christ's death/resurrection for salvation freely to all – Acts 20:24-28; Rom 4:24-25, Rom 5:18-20; Eph 2:8-9

5. Paul said it was necessary that God's word should first have gone to them, why?

- a. Peter went to Israel first because of the covenant requirements – Luke 2:30-32
- b. Paul went to Gentiles because of Israel's rejection of Christ & salvation
- c. Why is it sent to them in Pisidia? “*For they in Jerusalem...*” – Acts 13:27
- d. Israel was God's promised channel of blessing, but...Acts 13:46
- e. The promises were to Israel; Christ fulfills the promises; they rejected Christ
- f. Christ was set as a light to Gentiles – and remains so, even in Israel's blindness
- g. This is the mystery of Christ – Acts 13:47; Rom 11:25, 2 Tim 1:10; 2 Cor 4:4-6