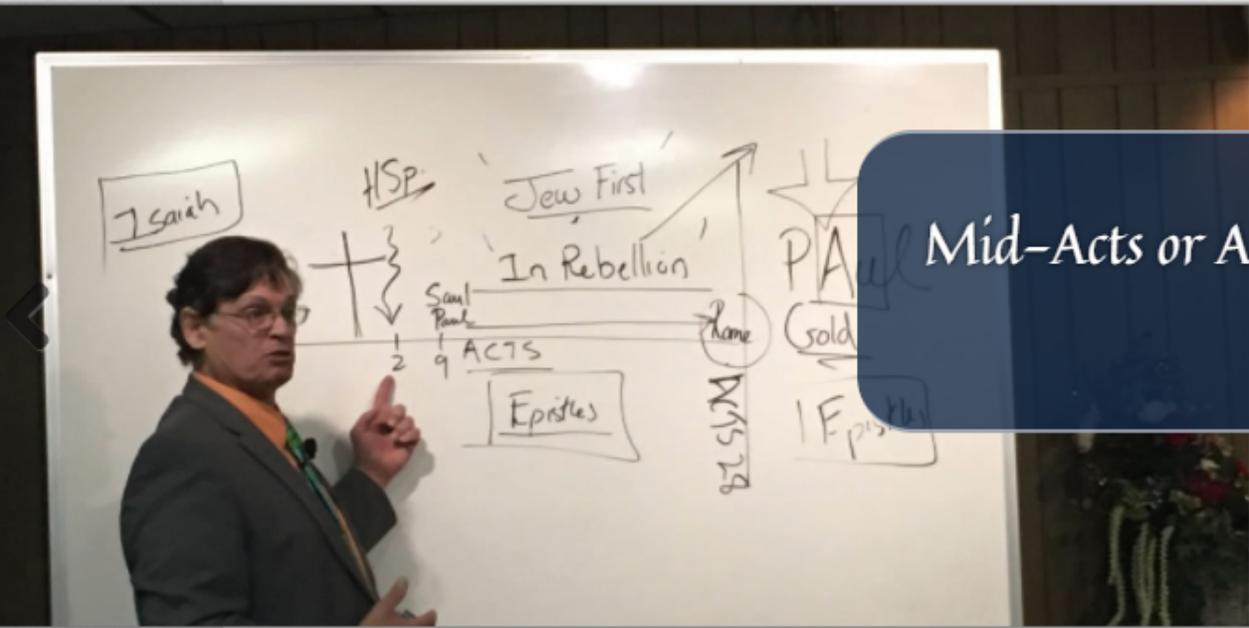


ACTS 29  
PAUL'S LATTER MINISTRIES AND  
JOURNEY(S) – PART 5

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Acts 28

The dispensational boundary which occurred in Acts 28:28-31 is when the Apostle Paul declares to the Jewish leadership that the final opportunity for their acceptance of Jesus as

# PRAGMATICS

- <sup>KJV</sup> **Luke 1:1** Forasmuch as many have taken in hand to set forth in order a declaration of those things which are most surely believed among us,
- <sup>TBT</sup> **Luke 1:1** Ἐπειδήπερ πολλοὶ ἐπεχείρησαν ἀνατάξασθαι διήγησιν περὶ τῶν πεπληροφορημένων ἐν ἡμῖν πραγμάτων,
- <sup>KJV</sup> **Luke 19:13** And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come.<sup>1</sup>
- <sup>TBT</sup> **Luke 19:13** καλέσας δὲ δέκα δούλους ἑαυτοῦ, ἔδωκεν αὐτοῖς δέκα μνᾶς, καὶ εἶπε πρὸς αὐτούς, Πραγματεύσασθε ἕως ἔρχομαι.

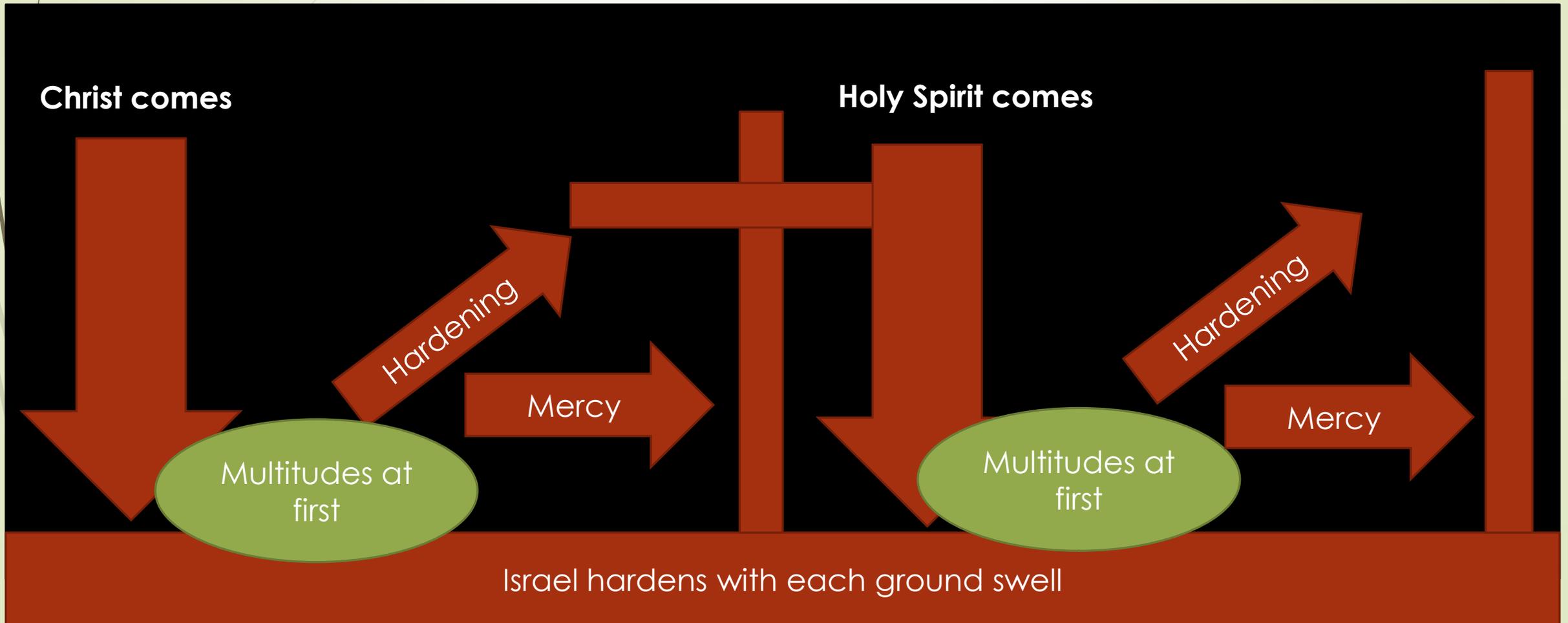
# ΠΡΑΞΕΙΣ ΤΩΝ ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΩΝ

- The Acts of the Apostles

## ACTS 28 – LOOK AGAIN!

- vs23 They appointed him a day
- vs23 Law of Moses and prophets
- vs24 some believed some believed NOT
- vs25 “dismissed” ἀπελύοντο
  - vs25 One word ῥῆμα ἓν
- vs25 Well spoke
- vs26-27 Isa 6:9-10
- vs28 Salvation of God sent – they will hear it!
- vs29 These words ταῦτα
  - vs29 the Jews departed ἀπέρχομαι

A preview of how I see Romans 9 within God's elective purpose.

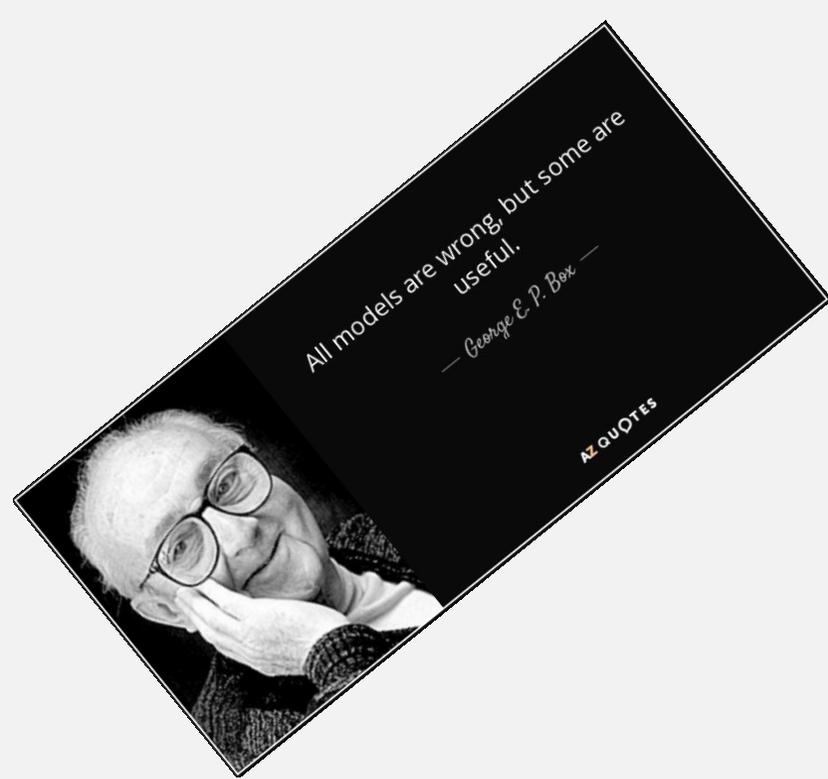


# WHY THIS STUDY?

- We need answers to some important questions.
  - When did the church which is his body begin?
    - This is essentially the same as asking – when was the mystery of Eph 3:9 revealed?
  - How many ministries can we find that are different and concurrent during Acts and after Acts.
    - This will involve John’s gospel and letters – what was the “highways” ministry – when was it to begin?
    - Any other ministries?
    - How does Paul relate to these?
  - What were Paul’s movements Acts 29?

# WHAT SHOULD OUR METHODOLOGY BE?

- Find all people and places in relation to Paul.
- Who were Paul's companions?
- Who was the Caesar at the time – what do we know of him?
- Why should Paul be found guilty of anything worthy of “death”?
- Look for Paul's intent to travel and for what cause.
- Look for possibilities of the fulfilment of these intentions.
- Examine all possible interpretations.
- Construct possible movements.
- What has been discovered already about “other” ministries – look at CH Welch and his work.



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"Robustness in the strategy  
of scientific model  
building", in Launer, R. L.;  
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## ALL MODELS ARE WRONG BUT SOME ARE USEFUL (GEORGE BOX)

- Now it would be very remarkable if any system existing in the real world could be *exactly* represented by any simple model. However, cunningly chosen parsimonious models often do provide remarkably useful approximations. For example, the law  $PV = RT$  relating pressure  $P$ , volume  $V$  and temperature  $T$  of an "ideal" gas via a constant  $R$  is not exactly true for any real gas, but it frequently provides a useful approximation and furthermore its structure is informative since it springs from a physical view of the behavior of gas molecules.
- For such a model there is no need to ask the question "Is the model true?". If "truth" is to be the "whole truth" the answer must be "No". The only question of interest is "Is the model illuminating and useful?".

## THEOLOGICAL MODELS

**Should** be TRUE!!

Are they?

Prove all things!

MODELS ARE GOOD FOR:-

- 1) Interpretation
- 2) Prediction

A SYSTEMATIC



WE WILL TAKE A BAYESIAN VIEW

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$x$  from  
the Bible

POSTERIOR  $\propto$  PRIOR \* LIKELIHOOD

- $$p(\theta|x) \propto p(\theta)f(x|\theta)$$

- 1) What are our prior beliefs?
- 2) Collect our data and contextualize
- 3) Update



# ONE 'SMALL' STEP WRONG AND A SYSTEMATIC CAN BE ACCEPTED

17 For the scripture saith unto Pharaoh, Even for this same purpose have I raised thee up, that I might shew my power in thee, and that my name might be declared throughout all the earth.

18 Therefore hath he mercy on whom he will *have mercy*, and whom he will he hardeneth.

19 Thou wilt say then unto me, Why doth he yet find fault? For who hath resisted his will?

20 Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed *it*, Why hast thou made me thus?

21 Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour?

22 *What* if God, willing to shew *his* wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction:

23 And that he might make known the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy, which he had afore prepared unto glory,

24 Even us, whom he hath called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles? Rom. 9

WHAT HAS BEEN "MY" VIEW OF ACTS  
28  
MY MODEL

Salvation sent to gentiles AND the Mystery revealed Acts 28:28

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Highways ministry as recorded by John

"The Body of Christ" and "the church which is his body" the same

Read Eph. 3 and Col. 1 into Acts 28:25-28

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Two ministries and hopes

CONSIDER  
WHAT I SAY

2Ti 2:7 Consider what I say; and the  
Lord give thee understanding in all  
things.



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# EPHESIANS

- The prisoner 3:1, 4:1, 6:20
- Personal 6:19 -24
- Mentions: Τυχικός, Tychicus = "fateful"
- 6:21 "my affairs"
- 6:22 "our affairs"

# TYCHICUS

- Ac 20:4 And there accompanied him into Asia Sopater of Berea; and of the Thessalonians, Aristarchus and Secundus; and Gaius of Derbe, and Timotheus; and of Asia, Tychicus and Trophimus.
- Eph 6:21 But that ye also may know my affairs, and how I do, Tychicus, a beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord, shall make known to you all things:
- Eph 6:24 Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Amen. « To the Ephesians written from Rome, by Tychicus. »
- Col 4:7 All my state shall Tychicus declare unto you, who is a beloved brother, and a faithful minister and fellowservant in the Lord:
- Col 4:18 The salutation by the hand of me Paul. Remember my bonds. Grace be with you. Amen. « Written from Rome to Colossians by Tychicus and Onesimus. »
- 2Ti 4:12 And Tychicus have I sent to Ephesus.
- Tit 3:12 When I shall send Artemas unto thee, or Tychicus, be diligent to come unto me to Nicopolis: for I have determined there to winter.

# PHILIPPIANS

- The prisoner:
  - 1:6, 1:13,14,16
- Release:
  - 1:19, 24,25,26
- Personal:
  - 2:16-23: Timothy
  - 2:23-24: “shall come shortly”
  - 2: 25-30: Erastus (Paul – sorrowful) Ἐραφρόδιτος “lovely”
  - 4:2: Euodias, Syntyche
  - 4:3: Clement

# TIMOTHY

- 2Co 1:1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, unto the church of God which is at Corinth, with all the saints which are in all Achaia:
- 1Ti 1:2 Unto Timothy, my own son in the faith: Grace, mercy, and peace, from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord.
- 1Ti 1:18 This charge I commit unto thee, son Timothy, according to the prophecies which went before on thee, that thou by them mightest war a good warfare;
- 1Ti 6:20 O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called:
- 1Ti 6:21 Which some professing have erred concerning the faith. Grace be with thee. Amen. « *The first to Timothy was written from Laodicea, which is the chiefest city of Phrygia Pacatiana.* »
- 2Ti 1:2 To Timothy, my dearly beloved son: Grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.
- Phm 1:1 Paul, a prisoner of Jesus Christ, and Timothy our brother, unto Philemon our dearly beloved, and fellowlabourer,
- Heb 13:23 Know ye that our brother Timothy is set at liberty; with whom, if he come shortly, I will see you.
- Heb 13:25 Grace be with you all. Amen. « *Written to the Hebrews from Italy, by Timothy.* »

# EPAPHRODITUS

- Php 2:25 Yet I supposed it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother, and companion in labour, and fellowsoldier, but your messenger, and he that ministered to my wants.
- Php 4:18 But I have all, and abound: I am full, having received of Epaphroditus the things *which were sent* from you, an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, wellpleasing to God.
- Php 4:23 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you all. Amen.  
« *To the Philippians* written from Rome, by Epaphroditus. »



## ROMAN LAW

## ACTS 28 – WHY THE ABRUPT END?

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Gallio

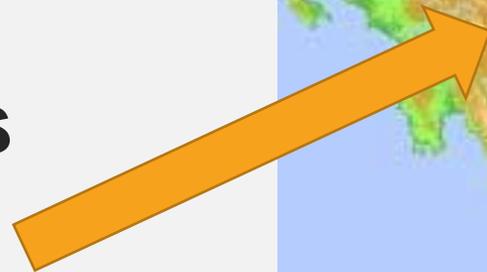


No offense to Rome

## GALLIO – DEPUTY OF ACHAIA

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**From Athens  
to Corinth**





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Acts 18:1,12-17 –  
“no judge of such  
matters”

Acts 18:18-19 –  
“tarried a good  
while” vow,  
reasoned with jews

GALLIO

## THE LETTER AND FELIX

Acts 23:25-30  
“nothing laid to  
his charge  
worthy of death”

Acts 24: 23 –  
Paul kept but  
free

Acts 24: 27 – at  
least 2 years  
imprisoned

FESTUS

Acts 25:24,25



Paul spends two years preaching the Gospel as he awaits for his appeal to Caesar

Ship lost in storm

Ship smashes into reef - All aboard swim to shore

Change to a larger grain ship

Paul sent to Rome to appeal to Caesar

### PAUL'S JOURNEY TO ROME

- City
- ← Paul's Route

Acts: 27 and 28

0 100 200 300 Miles

## ROME

- KJV Acts 23:11 And the night following the Lord stood by him, and said, Be of good cheer, Paul: for as thou hast testified of me in Jerusalem, **so must thou bear witness also at Rome.**
- TBT Acts 23:11 Τῇ δὲ ἐπιούσῃ νυκτὶ ἐπιστὰς αὐτῷ ὁ Κύριος εἶπε, Θάρσει Παῦλε· ὡς γὰρ διεμαρτύρω τὰ περὶ ἐμοῦ εἰς Ἱερουσαλήμ, **οὕτω σε δεῖ καὶ εἰς Ῥώμην μαρτυρῆσαι.**

## ROME

- KJV Acts 28:16 And when we came to Rome, the centurion delivered the prisoners to the captain of the guard: but Paul was **suffered** to dwell by himself with a soldier that kept him.
- TBT Acts 28:16 Ὅτε δὲ ἦλθομεν εἰς Ῥώμην, ὁ ἑκατόνταρχος παρέδωκε τοὺς δεσμίους τῷ στρατοπεδάρχη· τῷ δὲ Παύλῳ **ἔπετράπη** μένειν καθ' ἑαυτόν, σὺν τῷ φυλάσσοντι αὐτὸν στρατιώτῃ.

ἔπιτρέπω

SUFFERED = GIVEN PERMISSION,  
PERMITTED ...

- KJV Acts 21:39 But Paul said, I am a man *which am* a Jew of Tarsus, a *city* in Cilicia, a citizen of no mean city: and, I beseech thee, **suffer** me to speak unto the people.
- KJV Acts 21:40 And when he had given him **licence**, Paul stood on the stairs, and beckoned with the hand unto the people. And when there was made a great silence, he spake unto *them* in the Hebrew tongue, saying,
- KJV Acts 26:1 Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Thou **art permitted** to speak for thyself. Then Paul stretched forth the hand, and answered for himself:
- KJV Acts 27:3 And the next *day* we touched at Sidon. And Julius courteously entreated Paul, and **gave him liberty** to go unto his friends to refresh himself.
- KJV Acts 28:16 And when we came to Rome, the centurion delivered the prisoners to the captain of the guard: but Paul was **suffered** to dwell by himself with a soldier that kept him.

## PAUL THE PRISONER FOR THE HOPE OF ISRAEL

- KJV Acts 28:20 For this cause therefore have I called for you, to see you, and to speak with you: because that for **the hope of Israel I am bound with this chain.**
- TBT Acts 28:20 διὰ ταύτην οὖν τὴν αἰτίαν παρεκάλεσα ὑμᾶς ἰδεῖν καὶ προσλαλήσαι· ἕνεκεν γὰρ **τῆς ἐλπίδος τοῦ Ἰσραὴλ τὴν ἄλυσιν ταύτην περικείμεαι.**

## ACTS 28 – WHY THE ABRUPT END AND WHERE IS THE END?

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Gallio, Claudius  
Lysias, Festus



No offense to Rome

Preaching the kingdom

ACTS  
28:31  
PERIOD  
END

# NATURE OF MINISTRY: IMMEDIATELY AFTER ACTS 28:28

KJV Acts 1:3 To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to **the kingdom of God:**

KJV Acts 8:12 But when they believed Philip preaching the things **concerning the kingdom of God**, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.

KJV Acts 14:22 Confirming the souls of the disciples, *and* exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much **tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.**

KJV Acts 19:8 And he went into the synagogue, and spake boldly for the space of three months, disputing and persuading the things **concerning the kingdom of God.**

KJV Acts 20:25 And now, behold, I know that ye all, among whom I have **gone preaching the kingdom of God**, shall see my face no more.

KJV Acts 28:23 And when they had appointed him a day, there came many to him into *his* lodging; to whom he expounded and testified the kingdom of God, persuading them concerning Jesus, both out of the law of Moses, and *out of* the prophets, from morning till evening.

KJV Acts 28:31 Preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence, no man forbidding him.

## TWO YEARS

- KJV Acts 24:27 But after **two years** Porcius Festus came into Felix' room: and Felix, willing to shew the Jews a pleasure, **left Paul bound.**
- TBT Acts 24:27 **διετίας** δὲ πληρωθείσης, ἔλαβε διάδοχον ὁ Φῆλιξ Πόρκιον Φῆστον· θέλων τε χάριτας καταθέσθαι τοῖς Ἰουδαίοις ὁ Φῆλιξ **κατέλιπε τὸν Παῦλον δεδεμένον.**
- KJV Acts 28:30 And Paul dwelt **two whole years** in his own hired house, and received all that came in unto him,
- TBT Acts 28:30 Ἔμεινε δὲ ὁ Παῦλος **διετίαν ὅλην** ἐν ἰδίῳ μισθώματι, καὶ ἀπεδέχετο πάντα τοὺς εἰσπορευομένους πρὸς αὐτόν,

## PATTERN LOOKING AT FELIX

- Ministry to Jews – unacceptable – rejection by Jews
- Roman involvement
- Judgment (No offense to Rome)
- 2 years jail after Felix's pronouncement (Acts 24:27) – seeking to show a favor to the Jews
- Preach Kingdom.

# THE SALVATION OF GOD

<sup>KJV</sup> **Acts 28:28** Be it known therefore unto you, that the salvation of God is sent unto the Gentiles, and *that* they will hear it.

<sup>TBT</sup> **Acts 28:28** γνωστὸν οὖν ἔστω ὑμῖν, ὅτι τοῖς ἔθνεσιν ἀπεστάλη τὸ σωτήριον τοῦ Θεοῦ, αὐτοὶ καὶ ἀκούσονται.

## Interpretation:

The salvation which was formerly sent to the Jews is NOW sent to the Gentiles

Be of good cheer, Paul: for as thou hast testified of me in Jerusalem, so must thou bear witness also at Rome.  
(Act 23:11 KJV)



## WHY MUST HE BE AWAY FROM JERUSALEM?

- 1) Escape death by Jews – see Acts 23
- 2) To Fulfil a greater movement of the same ministry – a hope centered around Messiah and Israel's hope but now to the Gentiles.
- 3) To be in an appropriate place to fulfil ministry to the Gentiles away from the center of Judaism. Matt 22

## ISAIAH 6:10-13

- <sup>10</sup> Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and convert, and be healed.
- <sup>11</sup> Then said I, Lord, how long? And he answered, Until the cities be wasted without inhabitant, and the houses without man, and the land be utterly desolate,<sup>1</sup>
- <sup>12</sup> And the LORD have removed men far away, and *there be* a great forsaking in the midst of the land.
- <sup>13</sup> But yet in it *shall be* a tenth, and *it* shall return, and shall be eaten: as a teil tree, and as an oak, whose substance *is* in them, when they cast *their leaves*: so the holy seed *shall be* the substance thereof.<sup>1</sup> (Isa 6:10-13 KJV)

## HOW LONG?

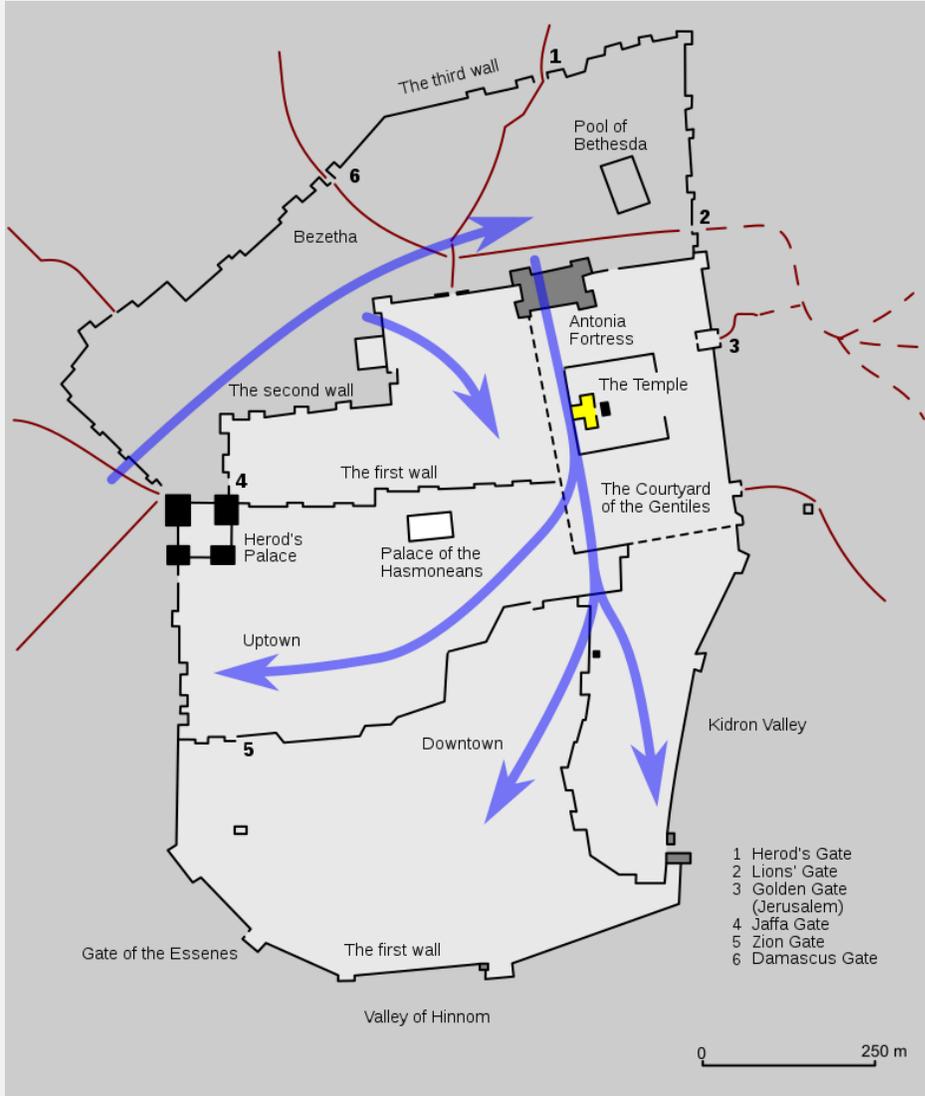
- **UNTIL:**
  - Cities (plural) be wasted and uninhabited
  - Land desolate
  - Removed men far away
  - Great forsaking in the land

## BURNED UP THEIR CITY

- 7 But when the king heard thereof, he was wroth: and he sent forth his armies, and destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city.
- 8 Then saith he to his servants, The wedding is ready, but they which were bidden were not worthy.
- 9 Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage. (Mat 22:7-9 KJV)

How long? Keep  
going!

# TITUS









TEMPLE SACKED AD 70?



# SUMMARY

- Paul kept preaching the hope of Israel after Acts 28 – he was preaching it to the end of Acts 28:31
- Israel was to be given to the judgment of Isaiah 6:9-10 UNTIL a complete forsaking was experienced in the land of Israel
- How could we interpret historical records?
  - The Judgment of Israel under Titus was evidence that a highways “marriage of the Lamb” ministry to the gentiles had begun
- Paul was given at least two imprisonments in Rome and the Mystery was revealed **after** the first.

EVIDENCE OF  
MOVEMENT BETWEEN  
THE FIRST AND LAST  
IMPRISONMENTS

TROPHIMUS  
2TIM 4:20



## TROAS

- KJV 2 Timothy 4:13 The cloke that I left at Troas with Carpus, when thou comest, bring with thee, and the books, but especially the parchments.
- TBT 2 Timothy 4:13 τὸν φελόνην ὃν ἀπέλιπον ἐν Τρωάδι παρὰ Κάρπῳ, ἐρχόμενος φέρε, καὶ τὰ βιβλία, μάλιστα τὰς μεμβράνας.



# SUMMARY

The Hope of Israel  
Acts 1-28-29

The Hope of the church which is His  
body

Missionary Trip(s)

28:16  
Prison

The  
Mystery

Acts 29  
Prison x  
Death