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THE BOOK OF ACTS – LESSON 20 Chapter Seventeen

- Thessalonica (V1-2)** Paul and Silas “*passed through _____ and _____*” and “*_____ Thessalonica, where was a _____ of the Jews.*” Amphipolis was the capital of the eastern province of Macedonia. Apollonia was a trade city. Approximate distances: Philippi to Amphipolis, 33 miles; Amphipolis to Apollonia, 30 miles; Apollonia to Thessalonica, 37 miles. “*And Paul, as _____ was, went in unto them, and _____ sabbath days _____ with them out of the scriptures.*” Paul never quit trying in spite of a string of rejections.
- Paul Is Successful (V3-4)** They taught “*that Christ must needs have _____, and _____ again _____ the _____; and that this _____, whom I preach unto you, _____.*” Some of the Jews “*_____ and consorted with _____ and _____; and of the devout _____ a _____ multitude, and of the chief _____ not a few.*”
- Trouble Aroused (V5-8)** The same old story is repeated here in Thessalonica. “*The Jews which _____, moved with _____, took unto them certain _____ fellows of the _____ sort, and gathered a _____, and set all the city on an _____, and _____ the house of _____, and sought to _____ them _____ to the people.*” They didn’t find them so “*they drew _____ and certain brethren unto the _____ of the _____*” and said these that “*have turned the world _____ are come _____ also.*” They then accuse them of sedition against Caesar because they say “*there is _____ king, one _____.*” These Jews so stirred the city that everyone was in a high state of commotion and trepidation.
- A Plea Bargain (V9-10)** The phrase “*when they had taken _____ of Jason*” means he, and the other believers, struck some kind of deal, apparently vouching that Paul and Silas would leave, at least until the tumult was ended. “*They let them _____.*” They “*immediately _____ Paul and Silas _____ unto _____.*”
- Berea (V10-12)** Upon arrival they “*went into the _____ of the _____.*” Here we find a wonderful, oft-quoted statement: “*These were _____ than those in Thessalonica, in that they _____ the _____ with all _____ of _____, and _____ the scriptures _____, whether those things _____.*” What a commendation! “*Many of them _____; also of honourable _____ which were _____, and of men, _____.*”
- Trouble All Over Again (V13-14)** As soon as the “*the Jews of _____ had knowledge that the _____ of God was preached _____ at _____, they came _____ also, and _____ the people.*” The Berean “*brethren _____ Paul.*” Timothy and _____ stayed in _____. What interruptions! What complications! All this to simply preach Christ.