

ACTS



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It contradicts our justice by violating our codes!

4 main lines of Old Testament passages.

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Immanuel Kant

groped about, seeking someone to lead him by the hand.
12 When the proconsul¹² saw what had happened, he believed, for he was amazed at the teaching about the Lord.

In Pisidian Antioch

13 From Paphos,¹³ Paul and his companions sailed to Perga in Pamphylia,¹⁴ where John¹⁴ left them to return to Jerusalem. 14 From Perga they went on to Pisidian Antioch.¹⁵ On the Sabbath¹⁵ they entered the synagogue¹⁶ and sat down. 15 After the reading from the Law¹⁷ and the Prophets, the leader of the synagogue sent word to them, saying, "Brothers, if you have a word of exhortation for the people, please speak."

16 Standing up, Paul motioned with his hand¹⁸ and said: "Fellow Israelites and you Gentiles who worship God, listen to me. The God of the people of Israel chose our ancestors; he made the people prosper during their stay in Egypt; with mighty power he led them out of that country;¹⁹ for about forty years he endured their conduct²⁰ in the wilderness;²¹ 19 and he threw seven nations²² out of the land, giving their land to his people²³ as their inheritance.²⁴ All this took about 450 years.

25 "After that God gave them judges²⁵ until the time of Samuel the prophet. Then the people asked for a king,²⁶ and he gave them Saul²⁷ from the tribe of Benjamin, who ruled forty years. After removing Saul,²⁸ he made David their king.²⁹ David testified concerning him: "I have found David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart;³⁰ I will do everything I want him to do."³¹

32 "From this man's descendants³² God has brought to Israel the Savior³³ Jesus,³⁴ as he promised.³⁵ 34 Before the coming of Jesus, John preached repentance and baptism to all the people of Israel.³⁶ 35 As John was completing his work,³⁷ he said: 'Who do you suppose I am? I am not the one you are looking for.' But there is one coming after me whose sandals I am not worthy to untie."³⁸

36 "Fellow children of Abraham³⁶ and you God-fearing Gentiles, it is to us that this message of salvation³⁷ has been sent. 37 The people of Jerusalem and their rulers did not recognize Jesus,³⁸ yet in condemning him they fulfilled the words of the prophets³⁹ that are read every Sabbath. 38 Though they found no proper ground for a death sentence, they asked Pilate to have him executed.⁴⁰ 39 When they had carried out all that was written about him,⁴¹ they took him down from the cross⁴² and laid him in a tomb.⁴³ 39 But God raised him from the dead,⁴⁴ 40 and for many days he was seen by those who had traveled with him from Galilee to Jerusalem.⁴⁵ They are now his witnesses⁴⁶ to our people.

47 "We tell you the good news:⁴⁷ What God promised our ancestors⁴⁸ he has fulfilled for us, their children, by raising up Jesus.⁴⁹ 48 As it is written in the second Psalm:

"You are my son; today I have become your father."⁴⁹

50 God raised him from the dead so that he will never be subject to decay. As God has said,

"I will give you the holy and sure blessings promised to

David.⁵⁰

35 So it is also stated elsewhere:

"You will not let your holy one see decay."⁵¹

52 "Now when David had served God's purpose in his own generation, he fell asleep;⁵² he was buried with his ancestors⁵³ and his body decayed. 53 But the one whom God raised from the dead⁵⁴ did not see decay.

54 "Therefore, my friends, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins⁵⁵ is proclaimed to you.⁵⁶ 55 Through him everyone who believes⁵⁷ is set free from every sin, a justification you were not able to obtain under the law of Moses."⁵⁸

56 Take care that what the prophets have said does not happen to you:

57 "Look, you scoffers, wonder and perish, for I am going to do something in your days that you would never believe, even if someone told you."⁵⁹

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Paul and Barnabas were leaving the synagogue,⁶⁰ the people invited them to speak further about these things on the next Sabbath. 43 When the congregation was dismissed, many of the Jews and devout converts to Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas, who talked with them and urged them to continue in the grace of God.⁶¹

44 On the next Sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord.⁶² 45 When the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy. They began to contradict what Paul was saying⁶³ and heaped abuse⁶⁴ on him.

46 Then Paul and Barnabas answered them boldly: "We had to speak the word of God to you first.⁶⁵ Since you reject it and do not consider yourselves worthy of eternal life, we now turn to the Gentiles.⁶⁶ 47 For this is what the Lord has commanded us:

"I have made you a light for the Gentiles,⁶⁷ that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth."⁶⁸

48 When the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and honored the word of the Lord;⁶⁹ and all who were appointed for eternal life believed.

49 The word of the Lord⁷⁰ spread through the whole region. 50 But the Jewish leaders incited the God-fearing women of high standing and the leading men of the city. They stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them from their region.⁷¹ 51 So they shook the dust off their feet⁷² as a warning to them and went to Iconium.⁷³ 52 And the disciples⁷⁴ were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.⁷⁵

In Iconium

14 At Iconium⁷⁶ Paul and Barnabas went as usual into the Jewish synagogue.⁷⁷ There they spoke so effectively that a great number⁷⁸ of Jews and Greeks believed. 2 But the Jews who refused to believe stirred up the other Gentiles and poisoned their minds against the brothers.⁷⁹ 3 So Paul and Barnabas

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4 parts from **5** Old Testament passages.

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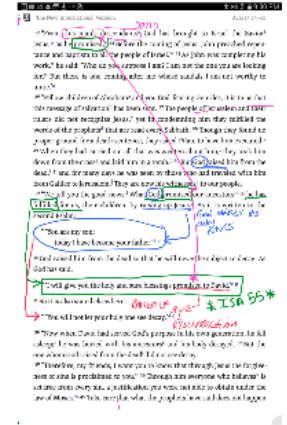
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"Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and your soul will delight in the richest of fare. Give ear and come to me; hear me, that your soul may live. I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David. See, I have made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander of the peoples. Surely you will summon nations you know not, and nations that do not know you will hasten to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has endowed you with splendor." Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake his way and the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on him, and to our God, for he will freely pardon.



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