

Escalation

- 4:21 threatened
- 5:18 imprisoned
- 5:40 beaten
- 7:59 killed

Heb 4:12 wog quick & powerful
2:37 pricked in their heart

Prov 21:30 no wisdom or counsel against Lord
John 3:19 loved darkness rather than light
were cut to the heart, and took counsel to slay them. Heb 4:12 The warning of Gamaliel.

22:3 taught Paul

Neutral (vs 35-39)

Mocking Jesus

5:29 obey God = Jesus vs 32 Holy Ghost

Saul taught feet of Gamaliel (Act 22:3)

Compromiser since he believes my (not true)

Saul disagreed - letters 2 Cor 13:8 we can do nothing against truth Eccl 3:14 what's ever God doeth

Hostile (vs 46)

Advice not followed Job 16:33 in the world ye shall have tribulation

Dan 1:2 count it all joy

Eck 2:22 rejoice/leap for joy

1 Pet 2:19-21 suffer for doing right

Mat 5:12-13 when men revile, persecute - Rejoice

Loyal (vs 42)

2nd Wave of Trouble in NT Church - Stop soul winning & start baby sitting

Phil 2:14 do all w/out murmuring

Titus 1:10-11 mouths must be stopped

12 Pastors

Carnality

Immediate solution Nominated by brethren Chosen by Apostles

21:8 Philip - one of the 7

Grecians

Hellenist Jews - Greek speaking

Jews from dispersion - living in nation of Grecia and Roman empires

Not strict regarding Law

Hebrew Jews - spoke mostly Aramaic - strict, rigid following Law, Nationalistic

THE ACTS.

A.D. 33

PRAYER 1st Gamaliel

a Cf. Acts 2:37. The Gospel when preached in the power of the Spirit convicts or enrages.

b Or, believed.

c Lk. 2.1.

d Lk. 13.1,2.

e Isa. 8.10; Mt. 15.13.

f Isa. 46.9,10; 1 Cor. 1.25.

g Mt. 10.17.

h Or, dishonour for the Name.

i Hellenists, i.e. Grecian Jews.

NOT TRUE

It is beautiful to see that these were all Hellenists, as the Grecian names show. Lk 10:11

k Acts 8:5, 21.8.

l Miracles (N.T.). Acts 8.6. (Mt. 8.2,3; Acts 28.8,9.)

m Holy Spirit vs. 3,5,10; Acts 7.51,55. (Mt. 1.18; Acts 2.4.)

n 1 Ki. 21.10,13; Mt. 26.59,60.

o Sanctify, holy (things) (N.T.). Acts 21.28. (Mt. 4.5; Rev. 22.11.)

p Acts 25.8.

q Ex. 34.29,30; Acts 4.13; 2 Cor. 3.18; 1 John 3.2.

r Heb. 1.4, note.

s Acts 22.1.

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wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business.

4 But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.

5 And the saying pleased the whole multitude; and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch:

6 Whom they set before the apostles: and when they had prayed, they laid their hands on them.

7 And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith.

The third persecution: Stephen brought before the council.

8 And Stephen full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles among the people.

9 Then there arose certain of the synagogue, which is called the synagogue of the Libertines, and Cyrenians, and Alexandrians, and of them of Cilicia and of Asia, disputing with Stephen.

10 And they were not able to resist the wisdom and the spirit by which he spake.

11 Then they suborned men, which said, We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses, and against God.

12 And they stirred up the people, and the elders, and the scribes, and came upon him, and caught him, and brought him to the council.

13 And set up false witnesses, which said, This man ceaseth not to speak blasphemous words against this holy place, and the law:

14 For we have heard him say, that this Jesus of Nazareth shall destroy this place, and shall change the customs which Moses delivered us.

15 And all that sat in the council, looking stedfastly on him, saw his face as it had been the face of an angel.

7:55 Stephen

CHAPTER 7. 4:6 Caiaphas

THEN said the high priest, Are these things so?

Address of Stephen before the council. Theme: The unbelief of Israel.

2 And he said, Men, brethren,

believe and thank Jesus

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transference multitude pleased (vs 5)
multitude praying (vs 6)
WOG increasing (vs 7)
church tolls (vs 7)
signs & wonders
Aparias
Paul heals

Tim 5:17 labor in word and doctrine
Prov 1:5 wise man
8:5 evangelist/ deacon(not)
21:8

memorized RESULT
2:41 3,000 added to 120
2:47 Believers added daily
4:4 grew to 5,000 men
5:14 more added
6:1 number multiplied

Congregation decides the issues/ votes deacons in.

Probably a school attached to the synagogue
liberated one evidently from Roman bondage

1 Cor 2:7 wisdom of God
1 Th 2:10 Saul taught feet of Gamaliel
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COMPARISON w/ Jesus
1) enemies could not answer (mat 22:46)
2) hired false witnesses (mat 26:60)
3) stirred up the people (mat 27:20)

4) accused of blasphemy (mat 26:65)
5) not reverencing the law (mat 12:2)
6) accused of forecasting contempt temple desire (mat 26:61)
Same charge against Jesus
Dan 5:22 Moses got from God
Jon 3:39 uplift Abraham's tomb
mat 23:29 build tombs of prophets (guilty of killing)
Like Moses: Ex 34:29 face shone

4:6 Caiaphas

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