

ACTS SEVENTEEN SUMMARY

I. THESSALONICA(vs. 1-9).

A. PAUL REASONS IN THE SYNAGOGUE FROM THE SCRIPTURES.

1. Jesus suffered and rose again.
2. Jesus identified as the Christ.

B. THE REACTION.

1. Some Jews, devout Greeks and chief women believe.
2. The Jews arouse the rabble and set the city in an uproar.
3. Jason's arrest and the accusation - "These have turned the world upside down."

II. AT BEREAA(vs. 10-15).

A. WELL RECEIVED AT THE SYNAGOGUE, MORE NOBLE..

B. THE THESSALONIAN JEWS FOLLOW AND TROUBLE THE MULTITUDES.

C. PAUL ESCAPES TO ATHENS WITHOUT SILAS AND TIMOTHY.

III. PAUL WAITS AT ATHENS(vs. 16-34).

A. HE REASONS IN THE SYNAGOGUE.

B. HE IS INVITED BY PHILOSOPHERS TO SPEAK AT THE AREOPAGUS.

1. Paul is provoked by their idols.
2. They are inquisitive about the resurrection.

C. PAUL'S SPEECH:

1. Paul mentions the idols, especially the one to the "unknown God."
2. What they worship in ignorance - The God that made the world:
 - a. Not dependent; dwells not in temples made with hands.
 - b. Gives life to all.
 - c. Controls the nations.
 - d. Object: that we might feel after him and find him
 - He is not far.
 - We are his offspring; Spiritual.
3. The command to repent:
 - a. God will no longer overlook ignorance of the code.
 - b. Judgment assured by the resurrection of the Standard, Jesus.

IV. THE REACTION OF THE ATHENIANS(vs. 32-34).

A. SOME MOCKED AND OTHERS WANTED TO HEAR MORE.

B. SOME BELIEVED.

MEMORY WORK: Acts 17:6; 17:11; 28-29; 30-31.

QUESTIONS FOR ACTS SEVENTEEN

1. In Thessalonica, where did Paul go and what did he do?
2. How did these people react?
3. Who was Jason and what happened to him?
4. What was the accusation against the Apostles?
5. How is Berea to be contrasted with Thessalonica?
6. Why did he have to leave Berea?
7. What provoked Paul in Athens?
8. Where did he go to speak first and what did he do?
9. What did he teach that aroused the Gentile's curiosity?
10. How did Paul contrast their gods with The Unknown God?
11. What did Paul demand of these Gentile alien sinners and why?
12. How was message received?