

Paul on Trial - Part 08 – Acts 28

Salvation sent to the Gentiles

1. **28:17-22 – “from Jerusalem into the hands of the Romans”**
 - a. Nothing against the people, nor the customs of our fathers – 1 Cor 8:13, 9:20
 - b. Prisoner from Jerusalem into Roman hands just as the Lord, only Paul escaped.
 - c. Israel did not fall at the Lord’s death. Their fall is recorded in Acts – mid-Acts.
 - d. Peter accused Israel, but Paul did not – Acts 2:23; 3:14-15; 4:10-11; 5:30; 7:51-54

2. **28:20-22 – “for the hope of Israel I am bound”**
 - a. Paul was not bound for offering Israel’s kingdom, but for Christ – Luke 2:30-32
 - b. The hope is the resurrection of Jesus Christ - Act 23:6, 24:14, 25:18, 26:6-8
 - c. One Lord, one hope which is in Christ = Eph 1:10, 1 Pet 1:3, 1 John 3:3, Rom 11:12

3. **28:23-24 – “concerning Jesus... out of the law... and prophets”**
 - a. “*to his lodging*” – his custom was to go into their synagogues
 - b. “*testified the kingdom of God*” – in both Acts and post Acts – Ro 14:17, Col 1:13
 - c. “*concerning Jesus*” – not the gospel of the kingdom, or law righteousness
 - i. See Acts 13:16-33 and Romans as an example of justification w/o law.
 - d. “*out of the law... prophets*” – Which is how present Christ to a Jew – John 5:39, 47
 - i. Most of Paul’s epistles address Jews, law, and prophecy – Rom 1:1-5, 2:16
 - ii. Romans covers the topics that would be addressed to a mixed crowd
 - iii. Paul writes his epistles concerning mystery truth to believers.

4. **28:25-27 – “Well spake the Holy Ghost by Esaias the prophet”**
 - a. After all day they departed from Paul – Paul confirms Isaiah 6:9-10 was right.
 - b. Isa 6:8-13 is God punishing Israel with blindness and hiding salvation – Eze 12:2
 - c. It is about their knowing the word of the Lord – Isa 1:10, 55:3
 - d. Remember the song of Moses started with hearing ears – Deu 29:2-4 and 32:1
 - e. Israel was blind: Mt 11:15, 13:9-17, 37, Mk 7:16, Lk 14:35, Jn 12:37-40
 - f. Israel rejected the prophets (John), Jesus, and the Holy Ghost – Acts 7:51-54
 - g. Israel rejects Paul sent with free salvation to all – Acts 13:46, Acts 18:6
 - h. Why quote prophecy? Why at the end of the book? A: Acts is about Israel’s fall.
 - i. Israel is blind even today, salvation still proclaimed is the mystery – Rom 11:25

5. **28:28-31 – “salvation of God is sent unto the Gentiles”**
 - a. God promised to bless the nations through them, but not all Israel - Psa 81:10-11
 - b. Israel has been blind before, but never has salvation gone to Gentiles - Jer 5:20-21
 - c. Israel fell before Acts 28, Paul’s gospel was preached to them - Rom 11:7-13
 - d. God goes to Israel with Paul’s gospel, but they reject that, too.
 - e. “*kingdom of God*” – Israel did not get their kingdom, the church had begun.
 - f. Does Acts finish abruptly and unfinished? Only if you think it’s about the church