

of the jailor.

Paul said unto them, have beaten us openly demned, being Romans, we cast us into prison; w do they thrust us out? nay verily; but let me themselves and fetch

and the serjeants told words unto the magis- and they feared, when heard that they were

id they came and be- them, and brought them d desired them to de- t of the city.

d they went out of the and entered into the f Lydia: and when they n the brethren, they ted them, and departed.

CHAPTER 17.

acheth at Thessalonica, 4 where eve, and others persecute him. 10 it to Berea, and preacheth there. neth to Athens, and preacheth the d to them unknown, 34 whereby converted.

when they had passed rough Amphipolis and ia, they came to Thes- l, where was a syna- of the Jews:

Paul, "as his manner ent in unto them, and abbatth days reasoned iem out of the scrip- nfeld/Espound = Argued/convulse 1Th 1:24, 31-32, 45. 5/14 v17 ning and alleging, that must needs have suf- and risen again from the and that this Jesus, I preach unto you, is

some of them believed.

sorted with Paul and and of the devout a great multitude, and chief women not a few.

ut the Jews which be- not, moved with envy, into them certain lewd of the baser sort, and d a company, and set city on an uproar, and

equently used by Luke as a short sion to refer to Jewish people who ospel eg. 4v23, 12v3, 13v46, 50, 14v2, 4,

D= 1st suffer 1sa 53v10 + rise again Christ King 47

MEMBERS OF ECCLESIA:

1. Some Jews 17v4
2. A large multitude of devout GK (= Gentile proselytes converted to Judaism + joined synagogue) 17v4
3. Chief Women 17v5
4. Jason 17v6
5. Aristarchus 20v4, 27v2
6. Secundus 20v4
7. Gentiles, formerly pagan worshippers who had turned from idols 1Th 1v9

In 15-20: persecution occurred in once ecclesia was established.

Paul preacheth

assaulted the house of a and sought to bring the to the people. = 'demos' GK

6 And when they found not, they drew Jason a- tain brethren unto the of the city, crying, 'The have turned the world down are come hither al

7 Whom Jason hath re- and these all do cont- the decrees of Caesar, that there is another ki

Jesus. 8 And they troubled

ple and the rulers of t- when they heard these

9 And when they ha- security of Jason, and other, they let them g

10 ¶ And the breth- mediately sent away I

11 Silas by night unto who coming thither v

12 These were mor- than those in Thessal

that they received t- with all readiness of m

13 searched the scriptur- whether those things v

14 Therefore many- believed; also of ho- women which were Gr-

of men, not a few.

15 But when the Jews- salonica had knowle-

the word of God was- of Paul at Berea, t-

thither also, and stirr- people.

16 And then immedi- brethren sent away

go as it were to the- Silas and Timothe-

there still.

17 And they that a- Paul brought him unt-

and receiving a comm- unto Silas and T-

for to come to him- speed, they departed.

18 ¶ Now while Pa- for them at Athens,

was stirred in him,

Conybaere + Hansen pg 258: suggest 'demos' = technical term for 'senate' or assembly, of the people, which was part of Thess' policy of self-government under Rome's free city agreement.

v6: v6 NIV = "But when they did not find them, they dragged Jason + some other believers before the city officials, shouting: These men who have caused trouble all over the world have now come here, and Jason has welcomed them into his house. They are all defying Caesar's decrees, saying that there is another king, one called Jesus."

The Jews capture some of the new converts. This was a more powerful tactic because Paul was more concerned about his new converts going through persecution than his

-self. This was a sore point for the Jews at this time because they had recently been expelled from Rome for the upset they had caused by Emperor Claudius in AD 49 cp: 18:2

Again, play to target those associated with Paul: cp: parents of blind man who feared ex-com-munication if they associated with Christ Jn 9:22.

v8: In the same way Pilate was pressured by the Jews that he was not 'Caesar's friend' Jn 19:12, so the rulers felt bound to act lest they imperil their life/status + the poli-archs lose their position.

v9: v9 ESV = "And when they had taken money as security from Jason and the rest, they let them go." This direct attack on the bre + sis deeply troubled Paul + he was restless in Athens + Berea for them. 1Th 2v8, 2v7, 11. He ended up sending Timothy to find out how they were far- ing 1Th 3v1-5.

v10: Paul doubtless felt like he had no option if he stayed it was the bre + sis who suffered on other occasions when it was only himself under threat Paul was in a hurry to leave cp: Acts 14v19-20; 16v40.

By Night: Shows Seriousness of situation. cp: Jason + Mary Mt 2v14 + Paul Acts 23v24, 31.

v11: Referring to the Jews of Berea v10. Their response was far more honourable in that they searched scripture to see if Paul's argument (v3) really held up.

v12: The man who escaped under cover of darkness v10 was now preaching openly in Berea. The Jews were prepared to shad-ow Paul's steps to prevent him preach- ing. He was forced to leave Macedonia He headed to Athens v15 Leaving Silas + Timothy to care for the new ecclesia in Berea v12, 14.

v13: The man who escaped under cover of darkness v10 was now preaching openly in Berea. The Jews were prepared to shad-ow Paul's steps to prevent him preach- ing. He was forced to leave Macedonia He headed to Athens v15 Leaving Silas + Timothy to care for the new ecclesia in Berea v12, 14.

v14: The man who escaped under cover of darkness v10 was now preaching openly in Berea. The Jews were prepared to shad-ow Paul's steps to prevent him preach- ing. He was forced to leave Macedonia He headed to Athens v15 Leaving Silas + Timothy to care for the new ecclesia in Berea v12, 14.

v15: The man who escaped under cover of darkness v10 was now preaching openly in Berea. The Jews were prepared to shad-ow Paul's steps to prevent him preach- ing. He was forced to leave Macedonia He headed to Athens v15 Leaving Silas + Timothy to care for the new ecclesia in Berea v12, 14.

v16: The man who escaped under cover of darkness v10 was now preaching openly in Berea. The Jews were prepared to shad-ow Paul's steps to prevent him preach- ing. He was forced to leave Macedonia He headed to Athens v15 Leaving Silas + Timothy to care for the new ecclesia in Berea v12, 14.

v17: The man who escaped under cover of darkness v10 was now preaching openly in Berea. The Jews were prepared to shad-ow Paul's steps to prevent him preach- ing. He was forced to leave Macedonia He headed to Athens v15 Leaving Silas + Timothy to care for the new ecclesia in Berea v12, 14.

v18: The man who escaped under cover of darkness v10 was now preaching openly in Berea. The Jews were prepared to shad-ow Paul's steps to prevent him preach- ing. He was forced to leave Macedonia He headed to Athens v15 Leaving Silas + Timothy to care for the new ecclesia in Berea v12, 14.

v19: The man who escaped under cover of darkness v10 was now preaching openly in Berea. The Jews were prepared to shad-ow Paul's steps to prevent him preach- ing. He was forced to leave Macedonia He headed to Athens v15 Leaving Silas + Timothy to care for the new ecclesia in Berea v12, 14.

v20: The man who escaped under cover of darkness v10 was now preaching openly in Berea. The Jews were prepared to shad-ow Paul's steps to prevent him preach- ing. He was forced to leave Macedonia He headed to Athens v15 Leaving Silas + Timothy to care for the new ecclesia in Berea v12, 14.

v21: The man who escaped under cover of darkness v10 was now preaching openly in Berea. The Jews were prepared to shad-ow Paul's steps to prevent him preach- ing. He was forced to leave Macedonia He headed to Athens v15 Leaving Silas + Timothy to care for the new ecclesia in Berea v12, 14.

v22: The man who escaped under cover of darkness v10 was now preaching openly in Berea. The Jews were prepared to shad-ow Paul's steps to prevent him preach- ing. He was forced to leave Macedonia He headed to Athens v15 Leaving Silas + Timothy to care for the new ecclesia in Berea v12, 14.

v23: The man who escaped under cover of darkness v10 was now preaching openly in Berea. The Jews were prepared to shad-ow Paul's steps to prevent him preach- ing. He was forced to leave Macedonia He headed to Athens v15 Leaving Silas + Timothy to care for the new ecclesia in Berea v12, 14.

v24: The man who escaped under cover of darkness v10 was now preaching openly in Berea. The Jews were prepared to shad-ow Paul's steps to prevent him preach- ing. He was forced to leave Macedonia He headed to Athens v15 Leaving Silas + Timothy to care for the new ecclesia in Berea v12, 14.

v25: The man who escaped under cover of darkness v10 was now preaching openly in Berea. The Jews were prepared to shad-ow Paul's steps to prevent him preach- ing. He was forced to leave Macedonia He headed to Athens v15 Leaving Silas + Timothy to care for the new ecclesia in Berea v12, 14.

v26: The man who escaped under cover of darkness v10 was now preaching openly in Berea. The Jews were prepared to shad-ow Paul's steps to prevent him preach- ing. He was forced to leave Macedonia He headed to Athens v15 Leaving Silas + Timothy to care for the new ecclesia in Berea v12, 14.

v27: The man who escaped under cover of darkness v10 was now preaching openly in Berea. The Jews were prepared to shad-ow Paul's steps to prevent him preach- ing. He was forced to leave Macedonia He headed to Athens v15 Leaving Silas + Timothy to care for the new ecclesia in Berea v12, 14.