

Acts 12:20-25; 13:1-12 – 2026 HEROD'S VIOLANT DEATH; BARNABAS AND SAUL APPOINTED; PREACHING IN CYPRUS!

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- **Last Week:** *[12:16-19] Now Peter continued knocking; and when they opened the door and saw him, they were astonished. [17] But motioning to them with his hand to keep silent, he declared to them how the Lord had brought him out of the prison. And he said, "Go, tell these things to James and to the brethren." And he departed and went to another place. [18] Then, as soon as it was day, there was no small stir among the soldiers about what had become of Peter. [19] But when Herod had searched for him and not found him, he examined the guards and commanded that they should be put to death. And he went down from Judea to Caesarea, and stayed there.*

ACTS 12:20-13:12: – The Death of Herod Agrippa, Grandson of Herod the Great

- *[20] Now Herod had been very angry with the people of Tyre and Sidon; but they came to him with one accord, and having made Blastus the king's personal aide their friend, they asked for peace, because their country was supplied with food by the king's country. [21] So on a set day Herod, arrayed in royal apparel, sat on his throne and gave an oration to them. [22] And the people kept shouting, "The voice of a god and not of a man!" [23] Then immediately an angel of the Lord struck him, because he did not give glory to God. And he was eaten by worms and died. [24] But the word of God grew and multiplied. [25] And Barnabas and Saul returned from Jerusalem when they had fulfilled their ministry, and they also took with them John whose surname was Mark.*

Chapter 13 - Barnabas and Saul Sent Off by the Holy Spirit

- *[13:1] Now in the church that was at Antioch there were certain prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. [2] As they ministered (worshipped, prayed and fasted) to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, "Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." [3] Then, having fasted and prayed, and laid hands on them, they sent (dismissed) them away.*

Barnabas and Saul on Cyprus

- *[4] So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia, and from there they sailed to Cyprus. [5] And when they arrived in Salamis, they preached the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews. They also had John as their assistant. [6] Now when they had gone through the island to Paphos, they found a certain sorcerer, a false prophet, a Jew whose name was Bar-Jesus, [7] who was with the proconsul, Sergius Paulus, an intelligent man. This man called for Barnabas and Saul and sought to hear the word of God. [8] But Elymas the sorcerer (for so his name is translated) withstood them, seeking to turn the proconsul away from the faith. [9] Then Saul, who also is called Paul (first use of his Roman name), filled with the Holy Spirit (notice role of the Holy Spirit – sent them; empowered them),*

looked intently at him [10] and said, "O full of all deceit and all fraud, you son of the devil, you enemy of all righteousness, will you not cease perverting the straight ways of the Lord? [11] And now, indeed, the hand of the Lord is upon you, and you shall be blind, not seeing the sun for a time." And immediately a dark mist fell on him, and he went around seeking someone to lead him by the hand. [12] Then the proconsul believed, when he saw what had been done, being astonished at the teaching of the Lord.

SUMMARY:

- **Chapter 12** – At the beginning of the chapter, Herod is on the rampage – arresting and persecuting church leaders; at the end he is struck down and dies. The chapter opens with **James dead, Peter in prison and Herod triumphing**; It closes with the **power of God to overthrow** hostile human plans and **to establish His own** in their place.
- **Chapter 13** – A marked expansion of the early church growth, now going out from Jerusalem, Judea, and Samaria into the ends of the earth! Notice the Holy Spirit, SENDING AND EMPOWERING, sends Barnabas and Saul to the work, to which He has called them. Their first stop is in Cyprus, where resistance to the gospel meets them, but where the demonstration of a seeker, proconsul Sergius Paulus, believes the teaching of the Lord, and believes!

***I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY** – Hankey/Fischer, Ford (3:00)*

*I love to tell the story of unseen things above
Of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love
I love to tell the story because I know 'tis true
It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do*

***CHORUS:** I love to tell the story 'Twill be my theme in glory. To tell the old, old story
Of Jesus and His love*

*I love to tell the story more wonderful it seems,
Than all the golden fancies, of all our golden dreams,
I Love to tell the story, it did so much for me
And that is just the reason, I tell it now to thee. **CHORUS***

*I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song
'Twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long. **CHORUS***