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¹وَحَدَّتْ فِي إِيْقُونِيَّةَ أَتَهُمَا دَخَلَا مَعًا إِلَى مَجْمَعِ الْيَهُودِ وَتَكَلَّمَا حَتَّى أَمَرَنَ جُمُھُورٌ كَثِيرٌ مِنَ الْيَهُودِ وَالْيُونَانِيِّينَ. ²وَلَكِنَّ الْيَهُودَ غَيْرَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ عَرَّوْا وَأَفْسَدُوا نَفُوسَ الْأَمَمِ عَلَى الْإِخْوَةِ. ³فَأَقَامَا زَمَانًا طَوِيلًا يُجَاهِرَانِ بِالرَّبِّ الَّذِي كَانَ يَشْهَدُ لِكَلِمَةِ نِعْمَتِهِ وَيُعْطِي أَنْ تُجْرَى آيَاتٌ وَعَجَائِبُ عَلَى أَيْدِيهِمَا. ⁴فَانْتَقَى جُمُھُورٌ الْمَدِينَةِ فَكَانَ بَعْضُهُمْ مَعَ الْيَهُودِ وَبَعْضُهُمْ مَعَ الرُّسُولَيْنِ. ⁵فَلَمَّا خَصَلَ مِنَ الْأَمَمِ وَالْيَهُودِ مَعَ رُؤَسَائِهِمْ هُجُومٌ لِيَبْغُوا عَلَيْهِمَا وَتَرْجُمُوهُمَا. ⁶سَعَرَا بِهِ، فَهَرَبَا إِلَى مَدِينَتِي لِيكَاوْنِيَّةَ، لِسِتْرَةٍ وَدَرَبَةٍ، وَإِلَى الْكُورَةِ الْمُحِيطَةِ، ⁷وَكَانَا هُنَاكَ يُبَشِّرَانِ.

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⁸وَكَانَ يَجْلِسُ فِي لِسْتِرَةٍ رَجُلٌ عَاجِزٌ الرَّجْلَيْنِ مُقْعَدٌ مِنْ بَطْنِ أُمِّهِ وَلَمْ يَمْشِ قَطً. ⁹هَذَا كَانَ يَسْمَعُ بُولَسَ يَتَكَلَّمُ، فَسَخَّصَ إِلَيْهِ، وَإِذْ رَأَى أَنَّ لَهُ إِيمَانًا لِيُشْفَى ¹⁰قَالَ بِصَوْتٍ عَظِيمٍ: ثُمَّ عَلَى رَجُلَيْكَ مُنْصَبًا، قَوَّتَبَ وَصَارَ يَمْشِي. ¹¹فَالْجُمُوعُ لَمَّا رَأَوْا مَا فَعَلَ بُولَسُ رَفَعُوا صَوَاهِمَهُمْ لِبَلْعَةِ لِيكَاوْنِيَّةَ قَائِلِينَ: إِنَّ الْإِلَهَةَ تَسْبِّهُوهُمَا بِالنَّاسِ وَتَتَرَلَّوْا إِلَيْهِمَا. ¹²فَكَانُوا يَدْعُونَ بَرْنَابَا: رَفْسٌ، وَبُولَسَ: هَرْمَسٌ، إِذْ كَانَ هُوَ الْمُتَقَدِّمُ فِي الْكَلَامِ. ¹³فَأَتَى كَاهِنٌ رَفْسٌ، الَّذِي كَانَ قُدَّامَ الْمَدِينَةِ، بَشِيرَانِ وَأَكَالِيلَ عِنْدَ الْأَبْوَابِ مَعَ الْجُمُوعِ وَكَانَ يُرِيدُ أَنْ يَدْبَحَ. ¹⁴فَلَمَّا سَمِعَ الرُّسُولَانِ، بَرْنَابَا وَبُولَسُ، مَرَقَا نِيَابَتَهُمَا وَانْدَقَعَا إِلَى الْجَمْعِ صَارِحِينَ ¹⁵وَقَائِلِينَ: أَيُّهَا الرِّجَالُ، لِمَاذَا تَفْعَلُونَ هَذَا؟ تَحْنُ أَيْضًا بَشَرٌ تَحْتَ آلَامٍ مِثْلَكُمْ يُبَشِّرُكُمْ أَنْ تَرْجِعُوا مِنْ هَذِهِ الْأَبَاطِيلِ إِلَى الْإِلَهِ الْحَيِّ الَّذِي خَلَقَ السَّمَاءَ وَالْأَرْضَ وَالتَّحَرَ وَكُلَّ مَا فِيهَا، ¹⁶الَّذِي فِي الْأَجْيَالِ الْمَاضِيَةِ تَرَكَ جَمِيعَ الْأَمَمِ يَسْلُكُونَ فِي طُرُقِهِمْ، ¹⁷مَعَ أَنَّهُ لَمْ يَنْزُكْ نَفْسُهُ بِلاَ شَهِيدٍ وَهُوَ يَفْعَلُ خَيْرًا، يُعْطِينَا مِنَ السَّمَاءِ أَمْطَارًا وَأَزْمِنَةً مُثْمِرَةً وَبَقْلًا فُلُوبَنَا طَعَامًا وَشُرُورًا. ¹⁸وَيَقُولُهُمَا هَذَا كَمَا الْجُمُوعُ بِالْجَهْدِ عَنْ أَنْ يَدْبَحُوا لَهُمَا. ¹⁹ثُمَّ أَتَى يَهُودٌ مِنْ أَنْطَاكِيَّةَ وَإِيْقُونِيَّةَ وَأَفْتَنَعُوا الْجُمُوعَ، فَارْجَمُوا بُولَسَ وَجَرَّوْهُ خَارِجَ الْمَدِينَةِ طَائِسِينَ أَنَّهُ قَدْ مَاتَ. ²⁰وَلَكِنْ إِذْ أَحَاطَ بِهِ التَّلَامِيذُ قَامَ وَدَخَلَ الْمَدِينَةَ وَفِي الْعَدِ حَرَجَ مَعَ بَرْنَابَا إِلَى دَرَبَةٍ.

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²¹فَبَشَّرَا فِي تِلْكَ الْمَدِينَةِ وَتَلَمَذًا كَثِيرِينَ، ثُمَّ رَجَعَا إِلَى

¹And it came to pass in Iconium, that they went both together into the synagogue of the Jews, and so spake, that a great multitude both of the Jews and also of the Greeks believed. ²But the unbelieving Jews stirred up the Gentiles, and made their minds evil affected against the brethren. ³Long time therefore abode they speaking boldly in the Lord, which gave testimony unto the word of his grace, and granted signs and wonders to be done by their hands. ⁴But the multitude of the city was divided: and part held with the Jews, and part with the apostles. ⁵And when there was an assault made both of the Gentiles, and also of the Jews with their rulers, to use them despitefully, and to stone them, ⁶They were ware of it, and fled unto Lystra and Derbe, cities of Lycaonia, and unto the region that lieth round about: ⁷And there they preached the gospel. ⁸And there sat a certain man at Lystra, impotent in his feet, being a cripple from his mother's womb, who never had walked: ⁹The same heard Paul speak: who stedfastly beholding him, and perceiving that he had faith to be healed, ¹⁰Said with a loud voice, Stand upright on thy feet. And he leaped and walked. ¹¹And when the people saw what Paul had done, they lifted up their voices, saying in the speech of Lycaonia, The gods are come down to us in the likeness of men. ¹²And they called Barnabas, Jupiter; and Paul, Mercurius, because he was the chief speaker. ¹³Then the priest of Jupiter, which was before their city, brought oxen and garlands unto the gates, and would have done sacrifice with the

لِسِتْرَةٍ وَإِيقُونِيَّةَ وَأَنْطَاكِيَّةَ²² بَشَدَّانِ أَنْفُسَ التَّلَامِيذِ
وَبَعِطَانِهِمْ أَنْ يَنْبُتُوا فِي الْإِيمَانِ وَأَنَّهُ بِضِيقَاتٍ كَثِيرَةٍ
يَنْبَغِي أَنْ تَدْخُلَ مَلَكُوتَ اللَّهِ.²³ وَانْتَحَبَا لَهُمْ قُسُوسًا فِي
كُلِّ كَنِيسَةٍ ثُمَّ صَلَّيَا بِأَصْوَامٍ وَاسْتَوْدَعَاهُمَا لِلرَّبِّ الَّذِي
كَانُوا قَدْ آمَنُوا بِهِ.²⁴ وَلَمَّا اجْتَارَا فِي يَسِيدِيَّةَ أَتَيَا إِلَى
بَمْفِيلِيَّةَ،²⁵ وَتَكَلَّمَا بِالْكَلِمَةِ فِي بَرْجَةِ ثُمَّ تَزَلَا إِلَى
أَتَالِيَّةَ،²⁶ وَمِنْ هُنَاكَ سَافَرَا فِي الْبَحْرِ إِلَى أَنْطَاكِيَّةَ حَيْثُ
كَانَا قَدْ أَسْلِمَا إِلَى نِعْمَةِ اللَّهِ لِلْعَمَلِ الَّذِي أَكْمَلَاهُ.²⁷ وَلَمَّا
خَصَرَا وَجَمَعَا الْكَنِيسَةَ اخْتَرَا يَكُلُّ مَا صَنَعَ اللَّهُ مَعَهُمَا
وَأَنَّهُ فَتَحَ لِلْأُمَمِ بَابَ الْإِيمَانِ.²⁸ وَأَقَامَا هُنَاكَ زَمَانًا لَيْسَ
بَقَلِيلٍ مَعَ التَّلَامِيذِ.

people.¹⁴ Which when the apostles, Barnabas and Paul, heard of, they rent their clothes, and ran in among the people, crying out,¹⁵ And saying, Sirs, why do ye these things? We also are men of like passions with you, and preach unto you that ye should turn from these vanities unto the living God, which made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all things that are therein:¹⁶ Who in times past suffered all nations to walk in their own ways.¹⁷ Nevertheless he left not himself without witness, in that he did good, and gave us rain from heaven, and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness.¹⁸ And with these sayings scarce restrained they the people, that they had not done sacrifice unto them.¹⁹ And there came thither certain Jews from Antioch and Iconium, who persuaded the people, and, having stoned Paul, drew him out of the city, supposing he had been dead.²⁰ Howbeit, as the disciples stood round about him, he rose up, and came into the city: and the next day he departed with Barnabas to Derbe.²¹ And when they had preached the gospel to that city, and had taught many, they returned again to Lystra, and to Iconium, and Antioch,²² Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.²³ And when they had ordained them elders in every church, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord, on whom they believed.²⁴ And after they had passed throughout Pisidia, they came to Pamphylia.²⁵ And when they had

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preached the word in Perga, they went down into Attalia:²⁶ And thence sailed to Antioch, from whence they had been recommended to the grace of God for the work which they fulfilled.²⁷ And when they were come, and had gathered the church together, they rehearsed all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith unto the Gentiles.²⁸ And there they abode long time with the disciples.