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THE APOSTLE PAUL – LESSON 28

SECOND MISSIONARY JOURNEY PART 14

CORINTH

During Paul's year and a half in Greece (Achaia) he initially lived with Aquila and Priscilla. When Silas and Timothy arrived from Macedonia (Berea, Thessalonica, Philippi) opposition arose, so Paul's party moved into the house of Justus next to the synagogue.

God had promised Paul in a night vision (Acts 18:9-10) that nobody there in Corinth would hurt him. That did not mean there would be no trouble stirred against him.

After several months in Corinth, the Jews create an insurrection against Paul. He was taken to the judgment seat of the Roman governor of all Greece, Gallio. They accused Paul of a manner of worship that was contrary to Roman law. Gallio perceived that it was a religious matter not suitable to a Roman court of law. He dismissed the charges and drove the Jews out of his court.

The Greeks (proselytes to Judaism) then took up the cause against the movement. The Christ-centered chief priest of the synagogue, Crispus, was now replaced by Sosthenes as Chief Priest. (Scholars believe these were two different priests. However, with Roman custom one could have a double name, possibly Crispus Sosthenes. Paul had two names, Saul his native Hebrew name and Paul his Roman name.)

These Greeks took Sosthenes captive and took him to governor Gallio's judgment seat and beat him. Gallio ignored it choosing not to get involved in this religious matter.

God's word to Paul that he would not be harmed stood true. They took it out on Sosthenes instead. (Acts 18:17.)

Paul and his team still stayed in Corinth a few more months where they established a very strong church.