

Acts 11

Lesson 19

Setting of Chapter

- Peter returns to Jerusalem immediately following the conversion of Cornelius and his household.
- Verses 19-26 tell of Barnabas and Saul, at Antioch
- A famine occurs in Judea, foretold by Agabus.

Peter in Jerusalem (1-18)

- Those of "the circumcision" were not happy about Peter's decision to preach to a Gentile (1-3)
- Peter defends his actions as being directed by God (4-14)
- Peter reveals the action of the Holy Spirit, visited upon the Gentiles, convincing the Jews of God's intent (15-18)

Barnabas and Saul at Antioch (19-26)

- Preaching early in church history limited to Jews, but some from Cyprus and Cyrene began to preach to Hellenists after dispersion (Controversy as to whether this refers to Greek Jews, or Gentiles (19-21)
- Barnabas comes to Anthioch (22-24)
- Barnabas brings Saul to Antioch, they remain for a year(25-26)
- Name "Christian" first used (26)

Famine in Judea (27-30)

- A prophet named Agabus, under the direction of the Holy Spirit, foretells a famine (27-28)
- The disciples exhibit a benevolent spirit, sending relief to the brethren in Judea who were suffering from this famine. (29)
- Method of sending monies: by the hands of Barnabas and Saul (30)

Student Notes: