
DAILY READING

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THE JERUSALEM COUNCIL

¹² The whole assembly became silent and listened to Barnabas and Paul describe all the signs and wonders God had done through them among the Gentiles.

¹³ After they stopped speaking, James responded: “Brothers and sisters, listen to me. ¹⁴ Simeon has reported how God first intervened to take from the Gentiles a people for his name. ¹⁵ And the words of the prophets agree with this, as it is written:

**¹⁶ After these things I will return
and rebuild David’s fallen tent.**

**I will rebuild its ruins
and set it up again,**

**¹⁷ so the rest of humanity
may seek the Lord—
even all the Gentiles
who are called by my name—
declares the Lord**

who makes these things ¹⁸ known from long ago.

¹⁹ Therefore, in my judgment, we should not cause difficulties for those among the Gentiles who turn to God, ²⁰ but instead we should write to them to abstain from things polluted by idols, from sexual immorality, from eating anything that has been strangled, and from blood. ²¹ For since ancient times, Moses has had those who proclaim him in every city, and every Sabbath day he is read aloud in the synagogues.”