

It suggests the apostles/ and the elders considered it. Then, 7, there is much disputing, and then Peter rises and gives them an account of how God has dealt with him and what his ~~a~~ opinion is. And then Barnabas and Paul tell what God has done through them. And then in ver~~y~~se 13, after many have evidently spoken, and the general prediscussion seems to be quieting down, James speaks and says; we have heard the facts about how God is dealing. Now we see what God has predicted in His word, about this age before the ~~xxxxxxx~~ return of Christ and what the conditions will be when Christ/ comes back. And verse 19, James says, wherefore my sentence is. Well, that sounds like the pope giving his sentence, doesn't it. ~~I~~ My sentence is. But it is not Peter who gives it, it is James. And it is most unlikely that this James was even one of the apostles. He would seem to have been one of the elders, rather than one of the apostles. and he said, my sentence is, now I think in view of that, it probably means my opinion is. This is the way it looks to me. ~~I~~ My sentence is that we do this. But, at any rate, James gives them this. Does he give them a decision, a sentence, or does he give them his opinion. Well, let's not ~~I~~ ~~we~~ did not look up the word sentence specifically today, to be sure. It means I judge. Does that mean I am giving you the decision, I am judging stating, or this is what I judge to be the case. I, as one of the assembly. He doesn't ~~say~~ say. We don't know, but he was an elder, ~~xxxxxxx~~ evidently, not an ~~apostle~~ apostle.

But verse 22 seems to give the decision. And verse 22 seems to ~~negate~~ negate any idea that then the apostles and the elders carried out the sentence that James had imposed. It doesn't say that. It says it pleased the apostles and the elders with the whole church. Now, how did they ~~show~~ show that it pleased them/ Did they have a written ballot. Did they have a rising ballot. Did they follow Robert's Rule of Order, did ~~they~~ they take a voice vote by acclamation, did they do as the Quakers do and try to find the sense of the meaning. We are not told just what they did. But we are told that it pleased the apostles and the elders with the whole church. Which would make it seem to be that they came into a conclusion, and it was evident that this ~~xxxx~~ was the conclusion