

# Acts 24:17

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Now after many years I came to bring alms to my nation, and offerings.

## Analysis

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Paul's statement about bringing 'alms to my nation' referred to the collection from Gentile churches for Jerusalem's poor (Romans 15:25-27). This humanitarian mission directly refuted charges of sedition or anti-Jewish sentiment. The mention of 'offerings' indicates his participation in temple ceremonies, further demonstrating devotion to Jewish practice.

## Historical Context

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This collection represented Paul's major project during his third missionary journey, demonstrating Gentile-Jewish unity in Christ. The substantial gift from predominantly Gentile churches to Jewish believers showed the gospel's reconciling power.

## Related Passages

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**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

**Psalm 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

## Study Questions

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1. How does practical generosity across cultural boundaries demonstrate the gospel's transforming power?

2. What does Paul's reference to this gift teach about letting good works speak as defense against accusations?

## Interlinear Text

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δι' ἔτῶν δὲ πλειόνων παρεγενόμην ἐλεημοσύνας

after years Now many I came alms  
G1223 G2094 G1161 G4119 G3854 G1654

ποιήσων εἰς τὸ ἔθνος μον καὶ προσφοράς

to bring to nation my and offerings  
G4160 G1519 G1484 G3450 G2532 G4376

## Additional Cross-References

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**Galatians 2:10** (Parallel theme): Only they would that we should remember the poor; the same which I also was forward to do.

**Acts 20:16** (Parallel theme): For Paul had determined to sail by Ephesus, because he would not spend the time in Asia: for he hasted, if it were possible for him, to be at Jerusalem the day of Pentecost.

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