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**THE BOOK OF ACTS**

**Paul's Journey To Jerusalem (Acts 20-21)**

The Apostle Paul evangelized most of the great cities of the Roman world, including Corinth, Philippi, Berea, Thessalonica, Athens, and Ephesus. However, there were still two cities where he desperately wanted to go to preach the gospel: Jerusalem and Rome. In this study of the book of Acts we will look at Paul's journey to Jerusalem.

Along the way (he was travelling from Greece), Paul made a number of short stops along the way. We shall consider four of these stops: **Troas** (7days), **Miletus** (±3days), **Tyre** (7days), and **Caesarea** (a number of days). You may not have heard of all of these cities, but in each place something significant happened involving Paul. Let's look & see!

**PAUL IN TROAS**

***Acts 20:6 But we sailed away from Philippi after the Days of Unleavened Bread, and in five days joined them at Troas, where we stayed seven days. 7 Now on the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul, ready to depart the next day, spoke to them and continued his message until midnight.***

- What is the "first day" of the week?
- BEWARE OF LEGALISM! "For you are not under law but under grace" (Rom. 6:14)
- Galatians 5:4 - "You have become estranged from Christ, you who attempt to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace."
- HOW CAN A CHRISTIAN FALL FROM GRACE?
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  2. \_\_\_\_\_

**PAUL MINISTERS TO THE EPHESIAN ELDERS IN MILETUS**

***Acts 20:17 From Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called for the elders of the church.***

- Read Acts 20:17-38
- WHAT TWO FACTS DID THE HOLY SPIRIT REVEAL TO PAUL?
  1. \_\_\_\_\_
  2. \_\_\_\_\_

- V29-30: Note the ways that false apostles and teachers operate:

*Sign 1: Men will rise up,*

*Sign 2: They will speak perverse things,*

*Sign 3: They will draw away the disciples after themselves.*

- What Did Paul Tell The Ephesian Elders To Do? (v28)

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- Paul's commendation:

*Acts 20:32 "So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified."*

## PAUL IN TYRE

***Acts 21:3 When we had sighted Cyprus, we passed it on the left, sailed to Syria, and landed at Tyre; for there the ship was to unload her cargo. 4 And finding disciples, we stayed there seven days. They told Paul through the Spirit not to go up to Jerusalem. 5 When we had come to the end of those days, we departed and went on our way; and they all accompanied us, with wives and children, till we were out of the city. And we knelt down on the shore and prayed.***

- What stands out to you in verse 5? \_\_\_\_\_

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## PAUL IN CAESAREA

***Acts 21:8 On the next day we who were Paul's companions departed and came to Caesarea, and entered the house of Philip the evangelist, who was one of the seven, and stayed with him. 9 Now this man had four virgin daughters who prophesied. 10 And as we stayed many days, a certain prophet named Agabus came down from Judea. 11 When he had come to us, he took Paul's belt, bound his own hands and feet, and said, "Thus says the Holy Spirit, 'So shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man who owns this belt, and deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.'" 12 Now when we heard these things, both we and those from that place pleaded with him not to go up to Jerusalem. 13 Then Paul answered, "What do you mean by weeping and breaking my heart? For I am ready not only to be bound, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus." 14 So when he would not be persuaded, we ceased, saying, "The will of the Lord be done."***

- If you were the apostle Paul, knowing that "chains and tribulations" awaited you, would you have travelled on to Jerusalem?
- What do you think is "the will of the Lord" for you? \_\_\_\_\_

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