

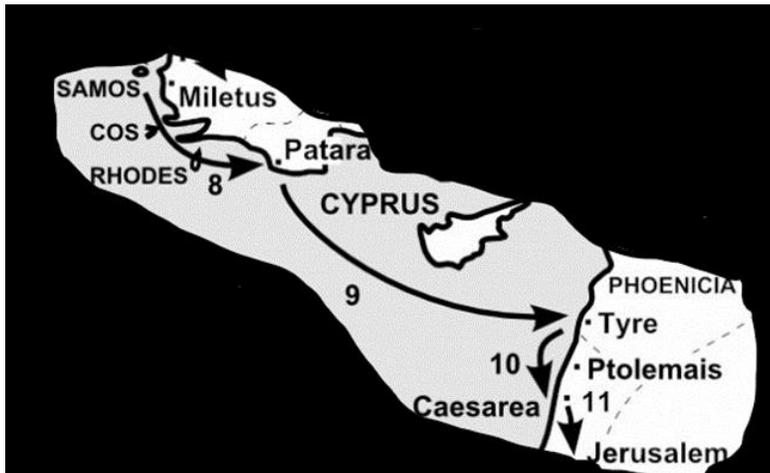
Survey of Acts - 10 (Acts 21-23)

Paul's return to Jerusalem

INTRODUCTION

After he met with the Ephesian elders (Acts 20:17-38), Paul sailed to Caesarea and then travelled to Jerusalem. Fearing for Paul's safety, people tried to stop him, but Paul refused to be dissuaded. According to Acts 20:22-24, Paul already knew that bonds and afflictions were waiting for him. Acts 21:13 reveals his attitude, "I am ready not only to be bound, but even to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus."

Map: Paul's journey from Miletus to Jerusalem



Note: Map is for illustration purposes only. Ignore the numbers.

Source: <http://www.thebiblejourney.org/>

Key Events:

1. Paul returned to Jerusalem despite prophetic warnings that he would face tribulation there.
2. Paul went into the temple with some disciples where he was accused of bringing a Gentile.

Picture: One of two remaining Jerusalem Temple warning inscription stones



Warning stones like this were placed between the outer and inner courts of the Temple to warn Gentiles not to trespass.

English Translation:
No outsider shall enter the protective enclosure around the sanctuary. And whoever is caught will only have himself to blame for the ensuing death.

Source: <http://www.kchanson.com/ANCDOCS/greek/templewarning.html#Frey>

3. The Jews tried to kill Paul at the Temple, but he was rescued by the Romans.
4. Paul speaks before the council (Sanhedrin).
5. After a conspiracy to kill Paul is uncovered he is taken to Caesarea under Roman guard.

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QUESTIONS

1. The journey to Jerusalem (Acts 21:1-16)

1.1 List the places mentioned on Paul's journey to Jerusalem after leaving Miletus.

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1.2 How long did Paul stay at Tyre?

1.3 What did the disciples in Tyre warn Paul about?

1.4 What happened as Paul prepared to leave Tyre?

1.5 Who did Paul stay with in Caesarea?

1.6 What did Agabus the prophet do and say?

1.7 Who begged Paul not to go to Jerusalem? What was Paul's response?

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1.8 Who did Paul stay with after leaving Caesarea?

2. Trouble at the Temple (Acts 21:17-36)

2.1 How did the brethren in Jerusalem receive Paul and his companions?

2.2 Who did Paul visit when he arrived in Jerusalem?

2.3 From Acts 21:20-24, discuss what the brethren wanted Paul to do and why?

2.4 Thought question: How can we reconcile the events of Acts 21:17-26 with the idea that the Law has been done away in Christ?

2.5 How long was the purification process?

2.6 Who was the Gentile the Jews accused Paul of bringing into the Temple?

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2.7 Where were the Jews who accused Paul from?

2.8 Who rescued Paul from the Jewish mob?

3. Paul's statement to the people (Acts 21:37-22:22)

3.1 Who did the Romans think Paul was?

3.2 In this section, we learn that Paul spoke at least two languages. What were they?

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3.3 Who was Paul's teacher? What do we know of this man from other references?

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3.4 From Acts 9:1-19; 22:6-16; 26:12-19, summarize Paul's conversion.

3.5 From Acts 22:17-20, why did Paul think the Jews would believe him?

3.6 What did Paul say that caused the crowd to demand his death?

4. Paul before the council (Acts 22:23-23:11)

4.1 What was the name of the Roman commander? (Hint: Acts 23)

4.2 What did the Roman commander want to do to Paul? Why was this not allowed?

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4.3 How did the Roman commander and Paul become Roman citizens?

1. Roman commander:

2. Paul:

4.4 What did the Roman commander hope to do by calling the Council to assemble?

4.5 Thought question: Read Acts 23:1; 4:8. Why did Paul and Peter address the Council in different ways?

4.6 Discuss the difference between John 18:19-24 and Acts 23:1-5. (See Ex 22:28)

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4.7 What did Paul say that divided the Council?

4.8 How did the LORD comfort Paul?

5. Paul is taken to Caesarea (Acts 23:12-35)

5.1 From Acts 23:12-15 describe the conspiracy against Paul.

5.2 Who discovered the conspiracy and informed Paul?

5.3 Describe the contingent of soldiers charged with escorting Paul to Caesarea.

5.4 Does the letter that Claudius Lysius wrote to Governor Felix accurately depict what happened?

5.5 Where did Paul and the soldiers spend the night?

5.6 Where did Governor Felix keep Paul pending trial?