

Acts 21:1-17 **From Miletus to Jerusalem** – (end of third missionary journey)

### Miletus to Tyre

1 Now it came to pass, that when we had departed from them and set sail, running a straight course we came to Cos, the following day to Rhodes, and from there to Patara. 2 And finding a ship sailing over to Phoenicia, we went aboard and set sail. 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.

### Tyre to Ptolemais

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. 6 When we had taken our leave of one another, we boarded the ship, and they returned home. 7 And when we had finished our voyage from Tyre, we came to Ptolemais, greeted the brethren, and stayed with them one day.

### Ptolemais to Caesarea – House of Philip the evangelist

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.' "

### Don't go to Jerusalem – Paul determined to go to Jerusalem no matter the cost

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."

### Received gladly by the brethren at Jerusalem

15 And after those days we packed and went up to Jerusalem. 16 Also some of the disciples from Caesarea went with us and brought with them a certain Mnason of Cyprus, an early disciple, with whom we were to lodge. 17 And when we had come to Jerusalem, the brethren received us gladly.  
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Facts Revealed:

### Miletus to Tyre

- ✚ Now it came to pass, that when we had departed from them and set sail, running a straight course we came to **Cos**, the following day to **Rhodes**, and from there to **Patara**. And finding a ship sailing over to **Phoenicia**, we went aboard and set sail. 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. [Acts 21:1-3]
- ✧ From **Miletus** they boarded the ship that brought them to Cos, Rhodes, and Patara.
  - ✧ It was at Miletus that they had been long enough to call for the Elders of Ephesus to come to them and for Paul to deliver his farewell message to them. [Acts 20:15-38]
- ✧ **Cos** is a small island in the Aegean Sea about midway between Miletus and Rhodes.

- ✧ **Rhodes** is a large island about 12 miles off the coast of Asia Minor midway between Cos and Patara, the city of Rhodes on the North East extremity of the island has a double harbor and was known as an important commercial, cultural, and tourist center.
- ✧ **Patara** is a city on the South West coast of Lycia of Asia Minor where Paul changed ships on his way to Syria.
- ✧ **Phoenicia** is the land of date palms extending along the Eastern coast of the Mediterranean Sea from northern Syria to Mount Carmel at the northern border of Samaria. Phoenicia includes the coastal area of Syria, Lebanon, and Galilee of Israel.
- ✧ On the way from **Patara** to **Tyre** they sailed to the south of the island of **Cyprus** the home state of Barnabas.
- ✧ They landed at **Tyre** in the southern part of Lebanon which was considered included in the land of Syria.
- ✧ **Tyre** is a principal Seaport city on the coast of Phoenicia located 20 miles south of Sidon, a center of commerce where the ship was to unload its cargo.

### Tyre to Ptolemais

- ✧ And finding disciples, we stayed there seven days. They told Paul through the Spirit not to go up to Jerusalem. 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. When we had taken our leave of one another, we boarded the ship, and they returned home. And when we had finished our voyage from **Tyre**, we came to **Ptolemais**, greeted the brethren, and stayed with them one day. [\[Acts 21:4-7\]](#)
- ✧ In **Tyre** they found disciples and stayed there seven days.
- ✧ **Through the Holy Spirit, the Disciples at Tyre told Paul not to go to Jerusalem.**
- ✧ At the end of seven days, the Disciples at Tyre with their wives and children accompanied Paul and his companions out of the city where they knelt down on the shore and prayed.
- ✧ The Disciples returned home as Paul and his company boarded the ship.
- ✧ From **Tyre** they sailed to **Ptolemais**, greeted the Brethren and stayed with them one day.
- ✧ **Ptolemais** is today named Acco, Akko, or Acre, a seaport city on the north shore of Israel about 9 miles north of Haifa and 12 miles south of Lebanon.

### Ptolemais to Caesarea – House of Philip the evangelist

- ✧ 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. Now this man had four virgin daughters who prophesied. And as we stayed many days, a certain prophet named Agabus came down from Judea. 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.'" [\[Acts 21:8-11\]](#)
- ✧ **Caesarea** was a major Sea Port located on the Mediterranean coast about 32 miles (50 kilometers) north of Joppa (Tel Aviv), seventeen miles south of Haifa, connecting by highways to Jerusalem and Joppa (Jaffa).
- ✧ **Caesarea** is the town where Philip the evangelist lived, as well as where Cornelius the Roman Centurion was converted at the preaching of Peter. [\[Acts 8:40, 10:1-48\]](#)
- ✧ When Paul and his companions came to Caesarea, they entered the house of Philip the evangelist and stayed with him many days. [\[Acts 21:8, 10\]](#)
  - ✧ Philip was one of the seven chosen as deacons of the first Church of Jerusalem. [\[Acts 6:1-6, 21:8\]](#)
- ✧ Philip had seven virgin daughters who prophesied.

- ✧ While they were at the house of Philip the evangelist, Agabus came down from Judea and prophesied by the Holy Spirit that Paul would be arrested, bound, and delivered into the hands of the Gentiles at Jerusalem. [\[Acts 21:10-11\]](#)
- ✧ Paul was informed by the Holy Spirit Who testified to him in every city that he would face chains and tribulations at Jerusalem. [\[Acts 20:22-23\]](#)
- ✧ At Tyre the Disciples had told Paul by the Holy Spirit not to go to Jerusalem. [\[Acts 21:4\]](#)
- ✧ So Paul was well aware of the danger that awaited him in Jerusalem.

#### Don't go to Jerusalem – Paul determined to go to Jerusalem no matter the cost

✧ Now when we heard these things, both we and those from that place pleaded with him not to go up to Jerusalem. 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." So when he would not be persuaded, we ceased, saying, "The will of the Lord be done." [\[Acts 21:12-14\]](#)

- ✧ Paul was determined to go to Jerusalem no matter the cost to him personally, he was taking the relief from the Gentile Churches to relieve the Saints in Jerusalem and would not be deterred from his responsibility in the matter. [\[Romans 15:14-33\]](#)
- ✧ When they saw Paul's determination, they gave him over to the will of the Lord.

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- ✧ The Saints in Jerusalem welcomed Paul and his company gladly.
- ✧ The opponents, not so.