Acts 21:1-17

EMC Wednesday Night Bible Study - 10-25-17

Context

IV. The Apostle to the Gentiles (12:25-21:17)

- A. The first missionary journey (12:25-14:28)
- B. The Council of Jerusalem (15:1-16:5)
- C. Mission in Macedonia (16:6-17:15)
- D. Paul in Athens (17:16-34)
- E. Corinth and Ephesus (18:1-19:41)
- F. More about Ephesus (20:1-21:17)

On to Jerusalem (21:1-17)

Vv. 1-6

- V. 4 "After looking up the disciples, we stayed there seven days; and they kept telling Paul through the Spirit not to set foot in Jerusalem."
- Contradictory messages?

Vv. 7-17

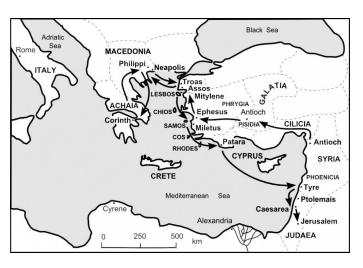
- Caesarea, built by Herod the Great as the for Jerusalem
- Entered the house of Philip
 - Ch. 6 one of the "seven men of good reputation, full

of the Spirit and of wisdom" selected to care for the widows

- o Ch. 8
 - Preached in Samaria
 - Ethiopian eunuch
 - V. 40 winds up in Caesarea, there for 20+ years
- V. 10 another prophet, Agabus (cf. 11:27ff.)
 - V. 11 "And coming to us, he took Paul's belt and bound his own feet and hands, and said, 'This is what the Holy Spirit says: "In this way the Jews at Jerusalem will bind the man who owns this belt and deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.""
 - Another contradictory message?
 - V. 12 they all pleaded with Paul not to go
 - V. 13 "I am ready not only to be bound, but even to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus."
 - Like Peter in Luke 22:33, who said, "Lord, with You I am ready to go both to prison and to death!"
 - Unlike Peter, he did not
 - o Group ended the discussion with a prayer, "The will of the Lord be done!"

Reconciling the Spirit's Messages

- How do we account for the seeming contradictions of the Spirit's messages?
 - 19:21 purposed in the Spirit to go to Jerusalem
 - o 20:22-23 knowing suffering awaits him, the Spirit has bound him to go to Jerusalem



o BUT in 21:4 - "through the Spirit" and from the Spirit begged not to go. Agabus in v. 11 is warning him Solution V. 11 - only a ______, not a ______ ■ Similar to 20:23 - "the Holy Spirit solemnly testifies to me in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions await me" ■ Not until v. 12 that anyone urges Paul not to go, based upon the prophecy of Agabus. V. 4 - Must be read in context as a condensed way of saying the same thing in v. 11 ■ NASB text note: "because of impressions made by the Spirit" The main point from Luke: Paul's _____ and ____ and ____ Following his master's footsteps... _ by Christian fellowship ■ V. 4 - found disciples in Tyre and stayed with them for several days ■ V. 7 - stayed with brethren in Ptolemais for a day ■ Vv. 8, 10 - stayed with Philip a number of days ■ V. 16 - accompanied by disciples on his journey to stay with Mnason ■ V. 17 - received warmly by the brethren in Jerusalem

Concludes section **IV. The Apostle to the Gentiles**. Next week begins with:

- V. On the Way to Rome (21:18-28:31)
 - A. Paul's arrest and self-defense (21:18-23:35)
 - B. Paul on trial (24:1-26:32)
 - C. Rome at last! (27:1-28:31)

A CHRONOLOGICAL TABLE*

	52–59 Felix, procurator of	54-68 Nero, emperor			180		59–61 Festus, procurator of	Judea		64 Nero begins persecution of Christians	70 Fall of Jerusalem	(* Based on the work of Colin Hemer, pp. 159–175 and 251–270, and used by permission.)
	Paul in Ephesus		Paul winters in Corinth (20:2b-3a)	The voyage to Jerusalem, via Macedonia, Troas and Miletus (20:3b – 21:17)	Paul is arrested in Jerusalem (21:27–36) and tried before Felix	(24:1-22) Paul's Caesarean	1	Festus and Agrippa (25:6 - 26:32)	The voyage to Kome (27:1 – 28:16) Paul's Roman	(28:16ff.) f Peter		d on the work of Colin Hemer, psion.)
	52-55	55-56	56-57	24		57-59	59	9	09-66	49		(* Based on permission.)
Roman Empire	Tiberius, emperor	•	Pontius Pilate,	procurator or Junea		Caligula, emperor Herod Agrippa I, king of	Judea Claudius, emperor	Famine in Judea	Claudius expels Jews		territory Gallio, proconsul of Achaia	
Roman	AD 14-37		26-36			37-41	41-54	45-47	49	50-c. 93	51-52	
Acts narrative	AD The crucifixion,	resurrection and ascension of Jesus	(1:1–11) Pentecost (2:1–41)	32, 33 Stephen is stoned (7:54–60); Saul is converted	35 or 36 Paul's first visit to Jerusalem (9:26-28; Gal. 1:18-20)	43 or 44 James the apostle is	executed (12:1-2) 46 or 47 Paul's second visit to	Jerusalem (11:2/-30; Gal. 2:1-10) 47, 48 The first missionary		Jerusalem (15:1–30) The second missionary journey begins (15:36ff.)	50-52 Paul in Corinth (18:1-182)	Paul returns to Syrian Antioch via Ephesus and Caesarea (18:18b–22) The third missionary journey begins (18:23ff.)