Paul's Third Missionary Journey—Syria (Spring 55)

Acts 21:1-6

- 1 When we had parted from them and had set sail, we ran a straight course to Cos and the next day to Rhodes and from there to Patara;
- 2 and having found a ship crossing over to Phoenicia, we went aboard and set sail.
- 3 When we came in sight of Cyprus, leaving it on the left, we kept sailing to Syria and landed at Tyre; for there the ship was to unload its cargo.
- 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.
- 5 When our days there were ended, we left and started on our journey, while they all, with wives and children, escorted us until we were out of the city. After kneeling down on the beach and praying, we said farewell to one another.
- 6 Then we went on board the ship, and they returned home again.

Paul's Journey to Jerusalem (May/June 55)

Acts 21:7-17

- 7 When we had finished the voyage from Tyre, we arrived at Ptolemais, and after greeting the brethren, we stayed with them for a day.
- 8 On the next day we left and came to Caesarea, and entering the house of Philip the evangelist, who was one of the seven, we stayed with him.
- 9 Now this man had four virgin daughters who were prophetesses.
- 10 As we were staying there for some days, a prophet named Agabus came down from Judea.
- 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.'"
- 12 When we had heard this, we as well as the local residents began begging him not to go up to Jerusalem.
- 13 Then Paul answered, "What are you doing, weeping and breaking my heart? For I am ready not only to be bound, but even to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus."
- 14 And since he would not be persuaded, we fell silent, remarking, "The will of the Lord be done!"
- 15 After these days we got ready and started on our way up to Jerusalem.
- 16 Some of the disciples from Caesarea also came with us, taking us to Mnason of Cyprus, a disciple of long standing with whom we were to lodge.
- 17 After we arrived in Jerusalem, the brethren received us gladly.

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