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The previous chapter ended with the church leaders who gathered from Ephesus for Paul's departure, grieving most of all for the words which he spoke, that they would see his face never again. And they accompanied him to the ship.

The Ministry from Miletus to Caesarea,

¹ And it happened, that after we parted from them, and set sail, we came with a direct course to Cos, and the next day to Rhodes, and from there to Patara:

² And finding a ship sailing over to Phenicia, we went aboard, and set sail.

³ Now when we had come in sight of Cyprus, and leaving it to the left, we sailed to Syria, and landed at Tyre: for there the ship was to unload its cargo.

⁴ And after finding the disciples, we stayed there seven days: and they said to Paul through the Spirit, that he should not set foot in Jerusalem.

⁵ And when our days were over, we left and went our way; while they all with wives and children escorted us till we were out of the city: and kneeling down on the shore, and praying, we said farewell to one another.

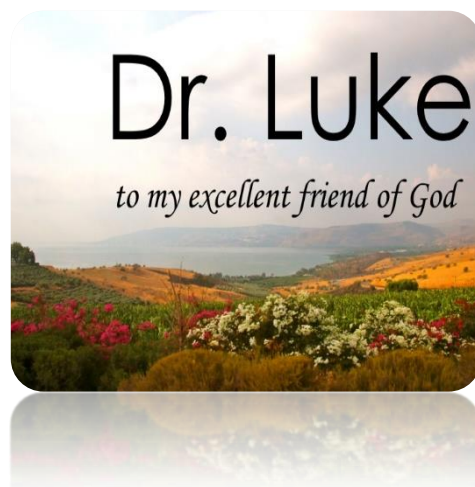
⁶ Then we boarded the ship; as they returned home again.

⁷ And when we had finished our voyage from Tyre, we arrived at Ptolemais, and greeting the brothers, we stayed with them for a day.

⁸ And the next day we who were companions of Paul left, and came to Caesarea: and we entered the house of Philip the evangelist, who was one of the seven; and stayed with him.

⁹ And this man had four virgin daughters, who prophesied.

¹⁰ And while we stayed there many days, a prophet named Agabus came down from Judea.



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11 And when he came to us, he took Paul belt, and tied his own hands and feet, and said, This is what the Holy Spirit says, in this way the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man who owns this belt, and will deliver him into the hands of Gentiles.

12 And when we heard this, both we and the local people, begged 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 also to die at Jerusalem for the Name of the Lord Jesus.

14 And since he would not be persuaded, we stopped and said, The Lord's will be done.

15 And after those days we prepared, and started on our journey to Jerusalem.

16 And some of the disciples of Caesarea, also came with us, taking us to Mnason of Cyprus, an early disciple, with whom we were to stay.

17 And when we arrived at Jerusalem, the brothers received us gladly.

18 And the following day Paul went with us to James; and all the elders were present.

19 And after he greeted them, he began to relate in detail what God had done among the Gentiles through his ministry.

20 When they heard it, they glorified the Lord, and said to him, You see brother, how many thousands of Jews there are who believe; and they are all zealous for the law:

21 But they have been informed, that you teach all the Jews who are among the Gentiles to abandon Moses, telling them, they do not need to circumcise their children, or walk after our customs.

22 So what is to be done? They will certainly hear that you are here.

23 So do what we tell you: We have four men who have obliged themselves with a vow;

24 Take these men with you, and cleanse yourself along with them, and pay for them to get their heads shaved. Then all will know that what they told us concerning you, amount to nothing; but that you also walk orderly, and keep the law.



25 Regarding the Gentiles who believe, we wrote and conclude that they observe no such thing, except they abstain from meat sacrificed to idols, and from blood, from what is strangled, and from immoral sex.

The Riot in the Temple,

26 Then the next day, Paul took the men, and cleansing himself along with them entered the temple, giving notice the completion of the days of purification, until the sacrifice was offered for each one of them.



27 And when the seven days were almost ended, the Jews who were of Asia, when they saw him in the temple, stirred up the whole crowd, and seized him,

28 Shouting, Men of Israel, come to our aid: This is the man who teaches all men everywhere against our people, our law, and this place: and further he brought Greeks also to the temple, and has defiled this holy place / obviously that place isn't holy to the only One who matters – until the Messiah comes again, that place is a discarded garbage dump of earth's trailer trash,

29 for they had previously seen Trophimus an Ephesian in the city with him, and they supposed that Paul had brought him to the temple complex.

30 And all the city was stirred up, and the people rushed together: and they seized Paul, and dragged him out of the temple: and immediately the doors were shut.

31 And while they sought to kill him, a report came to the commander of the cohort, that all Jerusalem was in an uproar;

32 who at once took soldiers and centurions, and ran down to them: and when they saw the commander and the soldiers, they stopped beating Paul.

33 Then the commander came near, and took him, and ordered he be bound with two chains; and he began asking who he was, and what he had done.

34 But some among the crowd shouted one thing, and some another: and when he could not find the facts of the uproar, he ordered him to be brought into the barracks.

35 And when he got to the stairs, he was carried by the soldiers due to the violence of the mob.

36 For the multitude of the mob continued to follow after, shouting, Away with him.

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³⁷ And as Paul was to be led to the barracks, he said to the commander, May I ask you something? And he said, do you know Greek?

³⁸ Then you are not that Egyptian, who some time ago stirred up a revolt, and led 4000 men who were Assassins out into the wilderness?

³⁹ But Paul said, I am a Jew of Tarsus, in Cilicia, a citizen of no insignificant city: and I beg you, allow me to speak to the crowd.

⁴⁰ And when he had given permission, Paul stood on the stairs, and motioned to the people with his hand. And when there was a great silence, he spoke to them in the Hebrew tongue, saying,

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