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**Study of Acts:  
Chapters 20-21**

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## **Paul goes to Macedonia (20:1-6)**

- Leaving Ephesus, Paul travels through Macedonia where he strengthens the churches. (20:1,2)**
- He then goes to Greece (Corinth) and spends three months. He writes the letter to the Romans here. (20:3)**
- However, a plot by the Jews to kill Paul causes him to change his plans and he travels back through Macedonia. (20:3)**
- The companions of Paul are listed: Sopater, Aristarchus, Secundus, Gaius, Timothy, Tychicus, and Trophimus. They went ahead of Paul to Troas; Paul joined them after three days and stayed in Troas for seven days. (20:4-6)**



## **Paul at Troas (20:7-12)**

- **At Troas Paul breaks bread with the disciples on the first day of the week. (20:7)**
- **Paul preaches past midnight. A young man, Eutychus, falls asleep sitting in a window, and falls from the third story. Paul heals him, and the congregation is comforted. (20:7-12)**

## **Paul at Miletus (20:13-38)**

- **After traveling from Troas, Paul calls for the elders in Ephesus to meet him in Miletus. It is Paul's intention to reach Jerusalem before Pentecost. (20:13-16)**
- **Speaking to the elders, Paul refers to his steadfast preaching, both in public and in their homes while in Ephesus. (20:20)**
- **He declares that the Holy Spirit has informed him that persecution awaits him. Therefore, they "will see his face no more." (20:23-25)**

## **Paul at Miletus (20:13-38)**

- **He warns them that "fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock." (20:29)**
- **He then adds the words of Jesus, "It is more blessed to give than receive." (20:35)**
- **Paul prays with these elders. As he departs, they all embrace and kiss him, sorrowing over that they will no more see him. (20:36-38)**



## **Paul travels from Miletus to Tyre (21:1-6)**

- **At Tyre, Paul meets with the disciples. (21:4)**
- **Like others, these disciples warn Paul not to go to Jerusalem. But Paul departs; the disciples pray with him and bid him farewell at the beach. (21:4-6)**

## **Paul in Caesarea (21:7-14)**

- **Paul stays in the house of Philip. It is noted that Philip had four unmarried daughters that prophesy. (21:8,9)**
- **Agabus, a prophet, arrives in Caesarea and binds Paul with a girdle. Agabus then warns that the man wearing this girdle will be bound in Jerusalem. (21:10,11)**
- **Although many beg Paul not to go to Jerusalem, he declares that he is "ready to not only be imprisoned but even to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus." (21:12-14)**

## **Paul arrives in Jerusalem (21:15-26)**

- Paul goes to the Jerusalem church and meets with James and the elders. Paul relates to them what God has done among the Gentiles in his mission efforts. (21:18-20)**
- They glorify God over this report, but the group informs Paul that many Jews and Jewish Christians believe that Paul is teaching Jews to forsake the law. (21:20-22)**
- They recommend that Paul accompany four men to the temple in their purification from a vow to show Paul's respect for the law. Paul takes the action as requested. (21:21-26)**



## **Paul's enemies attack him (21:27-30)**

- **Jews from Asia see Paul in the temple and incite a crowd against him. They claim that Paul "is teaching everywhere against the people and the law and this place." (21:27,28)**
- **They also claim that Paul had brought Trophimus, a Gentile, into the temple, although Paul had only been with Trophimus outside the temple. (21:28,29)**
- **They drag Paul outside the temple and begin to try to kill him. (21:23)**

## **Paul is rescued (21:31-40)**

- **Word reaches the tribune of this mob violence. He arrives with soldiers and centurions, which causes the crowd to stop beating Paul. (21:31,32)**
- **The tribune arrests Paul. The soldiers carry Paul above the crowd to safety. (21:33-36)**
- **The tribune thinks that Paul may be a former Egyptian who had led a revolt. Paul replies that he is Jew from Tarsus. (21:37,38)**
- **Paul then asks for permission to speak to the crowd. The tribune grants permission, and Paul addresses the crowd in Hebrew. (21:39,40)**

