

3rd Journey Ends
~ at Jerusalem ~
Acts 21

- Saul's Conversion 38-40 A.D.
 - Cornelius' Conversion 39-40 A.D.
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 - Paul martyred 67-68 A.D.
 - Jerusalem Destroyed 70 A.D.
- **Recorded in Acts**
 - **Secular History**

REVIEW: Paul's 3rd Journey (Acts 20)

20:1 After the uproar had ceased...

Riot in Ephesus Acts 19—lasted 2 hours.

Acts 20:1 When he had exhorted them & taken his leave of them, he left to go to Macedonia



Paul leaves Ephesus after 2 years (19:10) to encourage the many saints in Philippi, Thessalonica & Berea

A map of the Balkan and Aegean region showing Paul's return journey. A red line traces the path from Corinth, Greece, north through Macedonia to Philippi, then east to Troas, and south to Miletus. A purple arrow points from Corinth north to Philippi. Red arrows point from text boxes to Philippi, Troas, and Miletus. A yellow box at the bottom contains text about a plot in Corinth.

Who was picked up
at *Philippi* on the
return? (20:6)

What happened at
Troas on return?
(20:7-12)

Who was spoken to
at *Miletus* on return?
(20:13-38)

Because of a **plot** Paul retraced his journey north
from *Corinth* rather than east to *Jerusalem* (20:3)

Paul's 3rd Journey (Acts 20)

Paul's Farewell to the Ephesian Elders 20:17-36

v.22 Holy Spirit says bonds & imprisonment await me.

v.24 My life is not important in view of my mission.

v.25 This is the last time I will see you face to face.

v.28 Elders be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock

v.29 After I leave wolves will come not sparing the flock

v.30 From among you elders will speak perverse things.

v.35 You must help the weak and remember the words of

the Lord Jesus, that He Himself said,

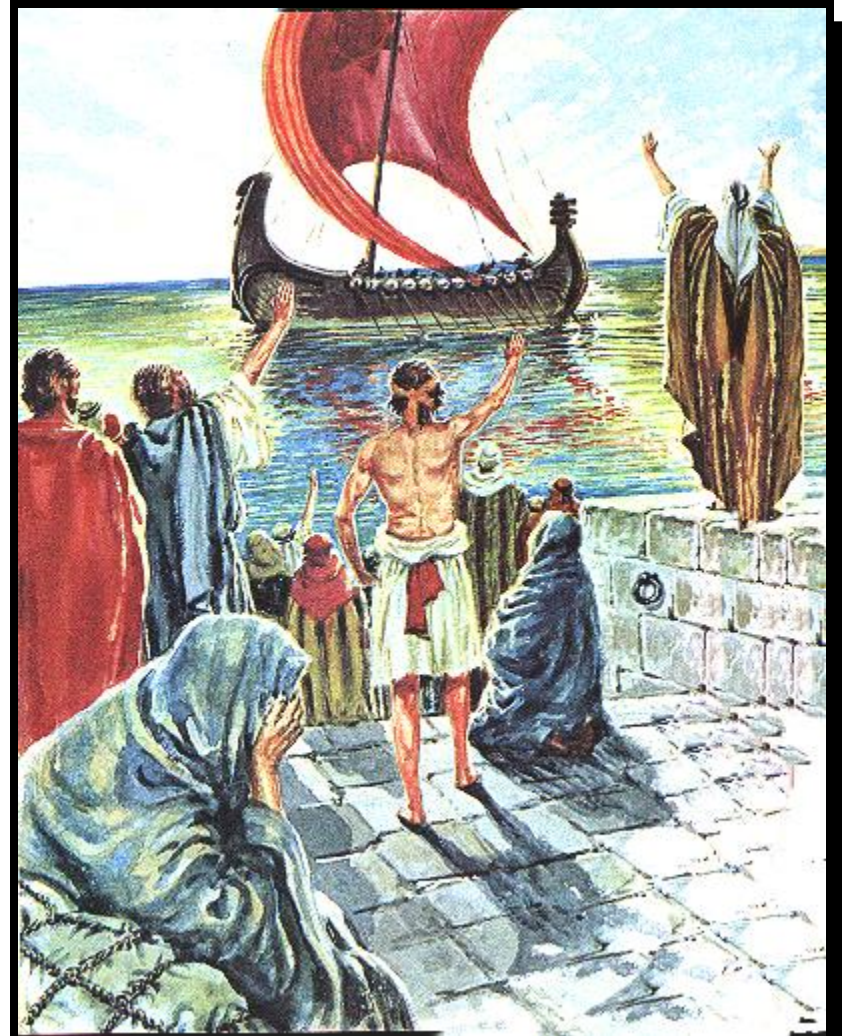
“It is more blessed to give than to receive.”

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Acts 20:38 And they
(*Ephesian elders v.17*)
were accompanying
him to the ship.

Paul heads for Jerusalem
with several companions
carrying large amounts
of money for the Saints.

Paul is told in every city
that bonds and prison
await him.
(Acts 20:22)



Review Cities of the 3rd Journey ~ chap 19-20

- 1. Antioch (Syria)** *Paul & Titus, Tim begin journey*
- 2. Galatia--** *Tells churches to collect for Jeru poor (18:23) Strengthening the churches*
- 3. Phrygia—**
- 4. Ephesus--** *Baptized 12, Write 1 Corinthians, Riot*
- 5. Troas--** *2 Cor 2:12 Paul frets--Titus not found*
- 6. Macedonia--** *2 Cor written here when met Titus*
- 7. Greece--** *Write Romans at Corinth (Perhaps Gal)*
- 8. Philippi--** *Picked up Luke on the return*
- 9. Troas--** *Had Lord's Supper, Raised Eutychus*
- 10. Assos--** *Picked up Paul after walking 20 miles*
- 11. Mitylene—** *Major city on Island of Lesbos*
- 12. Chios--** *Agean Island—*island hopping**
- 13. Samos—** *Agean Island—*island hopping**
- 14. Miletus--** *Paul addressed Ephesian Elders*

Paul visits churches in
21:3-6 Tyre
21:7 Ptolemais
21:8-14 Caesarea
21:15-26 Jerusalem



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21:1 We ran a straight course to: Cos (Now Kos)

A Fertile Aegean Island-- It has fine plantations of lemon-trees. Population 8,000.



Hippocrates was born here. b 460 - d 377 BC. He was regarded as the greatest physician of his time—The Father of Medicine. He believed illness had a physical explanation & was not caused by demons.

He founded a medical school on Cos & developed an Oath of Medical Ethics for physicians to follow, which in modern version is taken by doctors today as they begin their practice.



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21:1 **Rhodes** Aegean Island celebrated from antiquity as the seat of commerce, navigation, literature and arts. They built the **Colossus**, one of the seven wonders of the Ancient world.

- Stood 110 ft high
- Built in 282 BC
- Made of Bronze
- Lasted 50 years.
- Lay in ruins 1,000 yrs
- **Even lying on the ground, it is a wonder.**
--Pliny the elder.

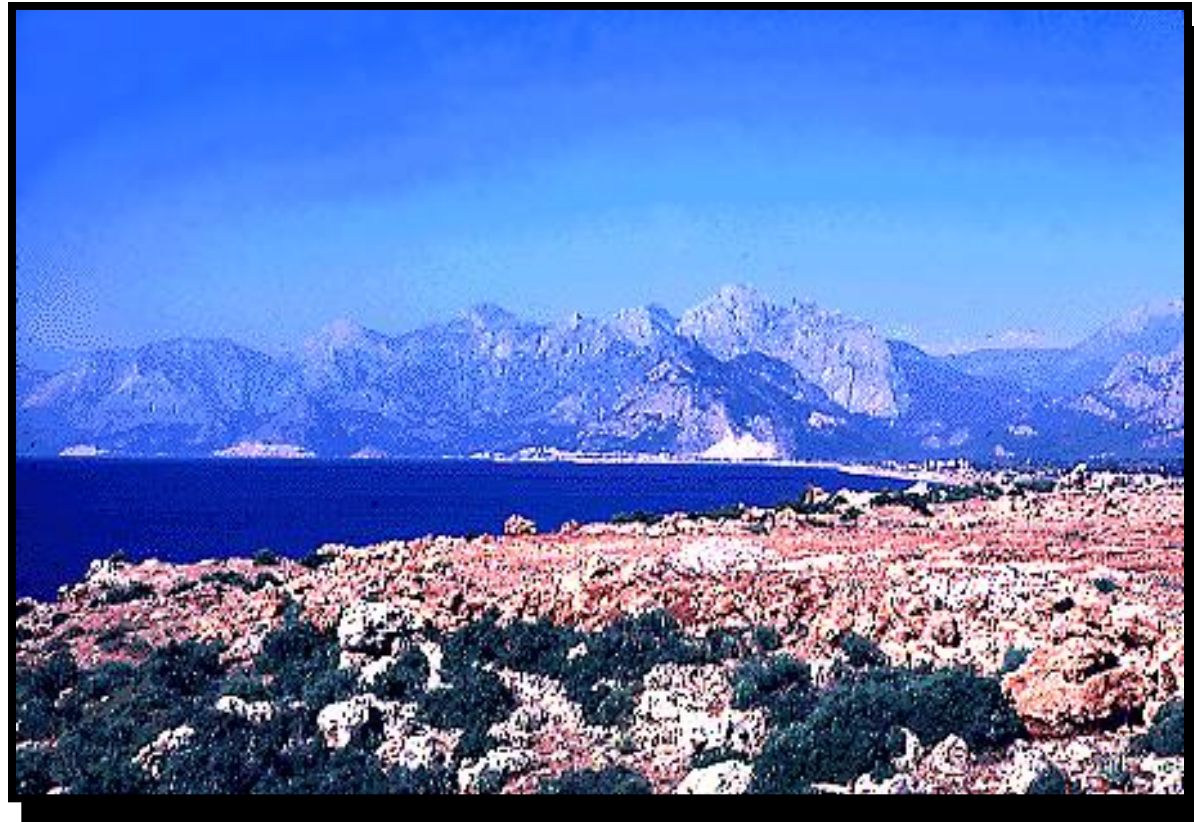


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21:1 *And from there to Patara... A splendid, influential and populous city. Sailing here Paul had some of the most beautiful scenery of the East.*

An inscription over the great city gate says: "Patara the metropolis of the Lycians"

It eventually was represented in the Council of Nice in Bithynia. AD 318



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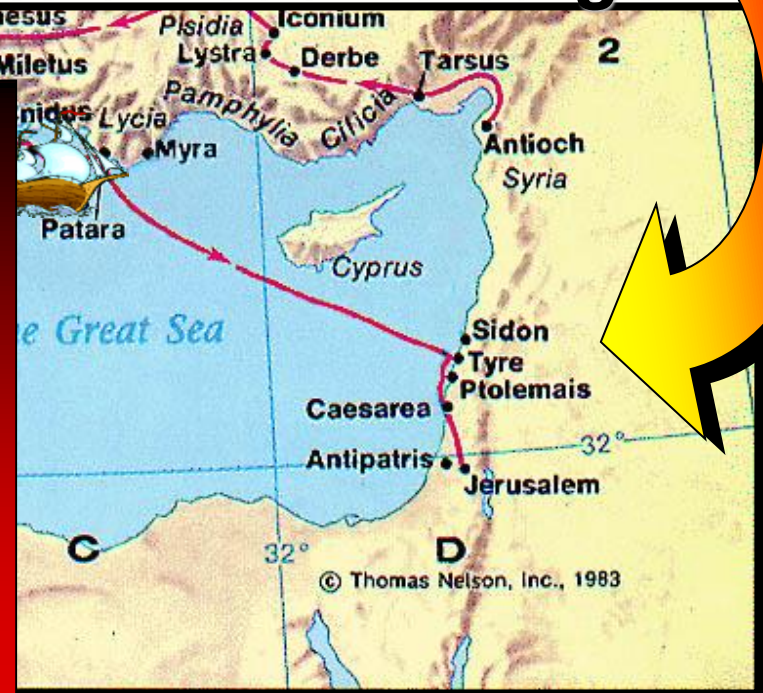
Acts 21:2-3 *Having found a ship crossing over to Phoenicia, we went aboard & set sail.*

We came in sight of Cyprus, leaving it on the left, **we** kept sailing to Syria & landed at Tyre for there the ship was to unload its cargo.

v. 4-5 At Tyre— he looked up the disciples, they kept telling him..
“Not to set foot in Jerusalem.”

v. 7 At Ptolemais, greeted the brethren & stayed there a day.

v. 8-9 At Caesarea stayed with Philip the Evangelist.



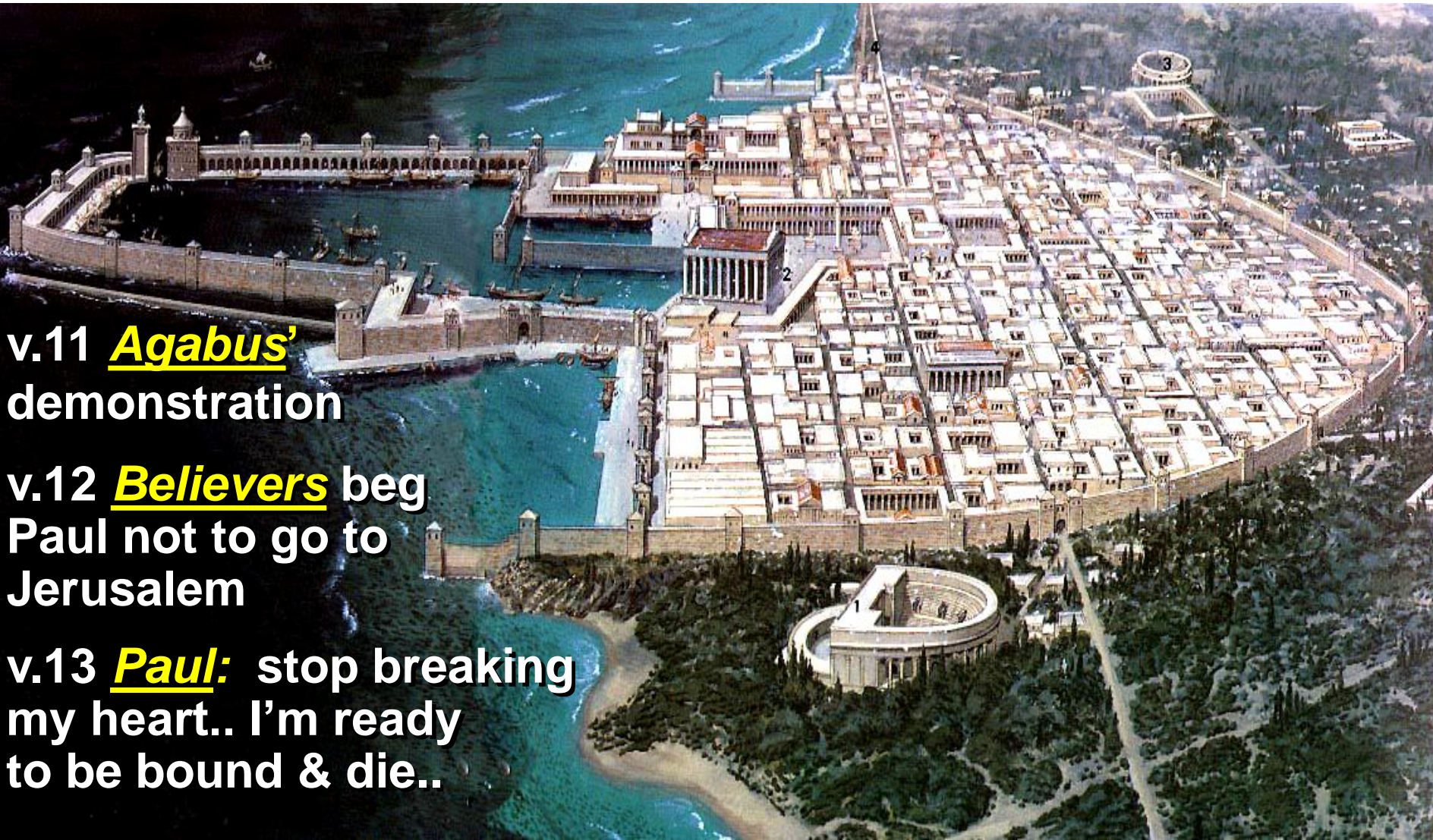
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21:10-14 Agabus came down from Jerusalem...

v.11 Agabus' demonstration

v.12 Believers beg Paul not to go to Jerusalem

v.13 Paul: stop breaking my heart.. I'm ready to be bound & die..



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Acts 21:17 After we arrived in Jerusalem, the brethren received us gladly.

Delivered the money
Rom15:26,28,31

Acts 21:18-19 The following day Paul went in with us to James, and all the elders were present. After he had greeted them, he began to relate one by one the things which God had done among the Gentiles through his ministry.

Acts 14:27



The Elder's Advice (Acts 21:20-26)

Acts 21:20 You see, brother, how many thousands there are among the Jews of those who have believed, and they are all zealous for the Law;



Acts 21:21 They have been told about you, that you are teaching all the **Jews** who are among the Gentiles to forsake Moses, telling them (1) not to circumcise their children nor to (2) walk according to the customs.

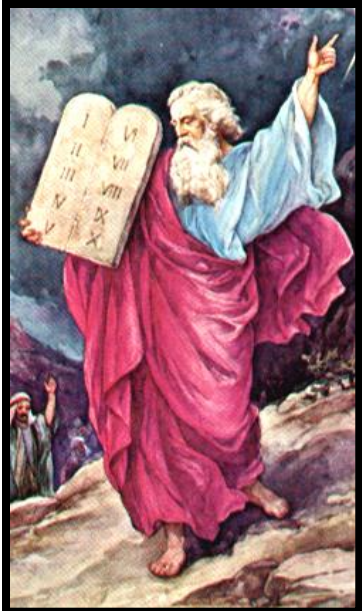
As a Christian would it be alright if...

- I wore prayer tassels ?
- Rested on Saturday ?
- Not eat ham or shrimp ?
- Prayed in the Temple ?
- Circumcise our sons ?
- Pay for animal for a vow ?

The Elder's Advice (Acts 21:20-26)

Anticipated Charges against Paul ...

Acts 21:21 They have been told about you, that you are teaching all the Jews ... forsake Moses telling



(1) Not to circumcise their children

Not to justify—not for salvation (Gal 5:2-3)

Not required for religion—Titus (Gal 2:3)

Ok to do for expediency—Tim (Acts 16:3)

(2) nor to walk according to the customs.

The charge only appeared true. Following customs was ok provided it was **Not done** as requirement of Law (1 Cor 10:23).

The Elder's Advice (Acts 21:20-26)

Acts 21:23 Therefore do this that we tell you.

We have four men who are under a vow

- Modified Nazarite vow of dedication like Paul (Acts 18:18)

21:24 Take them and purify yourself along with them.

- Wash your clothes and bathe in water. (Lev 17:15)

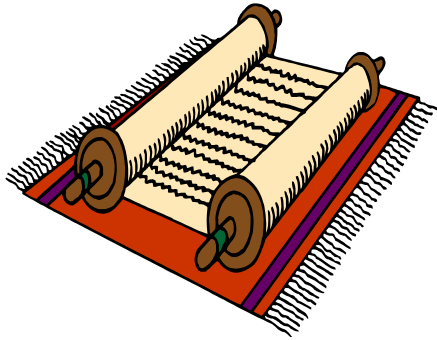
21:24 and pay their expenses that they may shave their heads

- Sacrifices for accidental violation of their vow. (Num 6:9-12)



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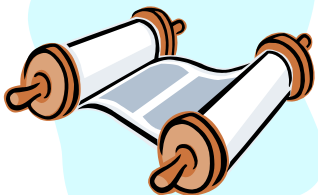
Acts 21:24 All will know that there is nothing to the things which they have been told about you, but that you yourself also walk orderly, keeping the Law.



• Even if NOT religiously (1 Cor 9:20) To Jew I became as..

• Already written Rom & Gal (ie. The law doesn't save you)

Acts 21:25 But concerning the Gentiles we wrote that they should abstain from meat...



1st Apostolic letter from (1 Cor 15:28-29)

Paul Arrested in the Temple (Acts 21:27-40)



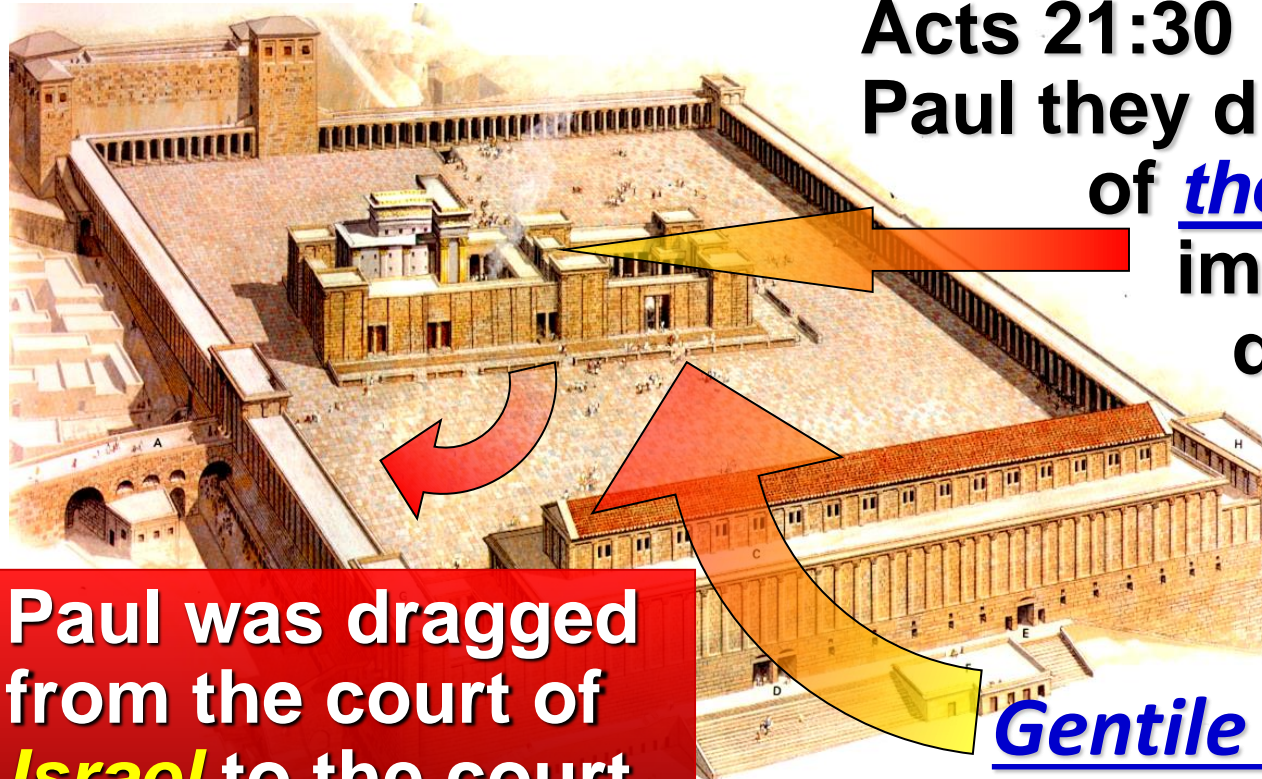
v. 27 Jews from Asia upon seeing him in the Temple began to stir up the multitude and lay hands on him

FALSE CHARGES
v. 28

- Preaches against our people
- Preaches against our law
- Preaches against this place
- Brought Greeks & defiled Temple

***Trophimus the Ephesian was with Paul—
but not in Temple (v.29)***

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Acts 21:30 taking hold of Paul they dragged him out of the temple, and immediately the doors were shut

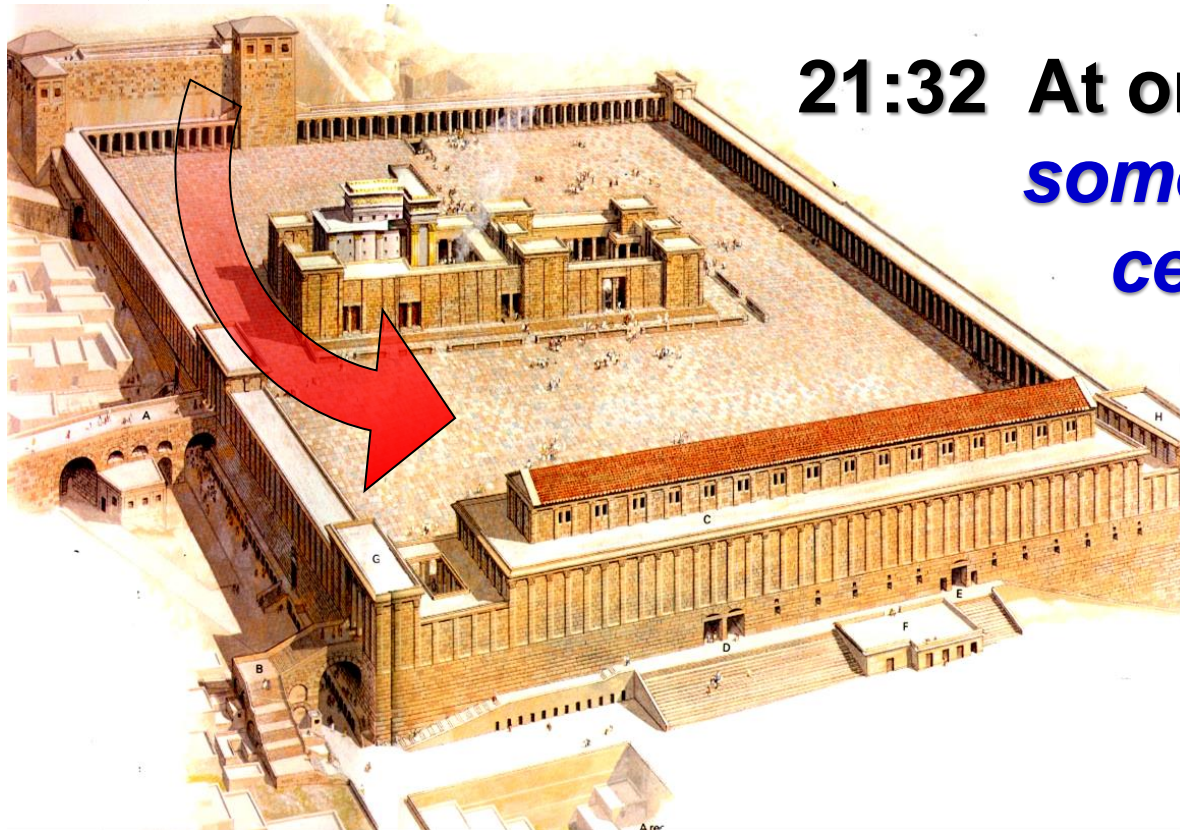
Paul was dragged from the court of Israel to the court of Gentiles

Gentile Wall of Partition

A stone wall 4 ½ feet high to which were attached tablets at intervals with notices in Greek & Latin, prohibiting entry to foreigners on pain of death. *ISBE*

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Acts 21:31 A report came to the Roman Cohort that all Jerusalem was in confusion.



21:32 At once he took along *some soldiers and centurions and ran down to them* and when they saw the commander and the soldiers *they stopped beating Paul.*

Paul Arrested in the Temple (Acts 21:27-40)

Acts 21:39 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 people."

21:40 When he had given him permission, Paul, standing on the stairs, motioned to the people with his hand and when there was a great hush, *he spoke to them in the HEBREW DIALECT...*



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Here's Where Paul is taken