

# PAULINE EPISTLES

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# PAUL CONTINUED HIS MISSIONARY JOURNEY

Corinth

Macedonia

Troas

Miletus → Met with the Elders of Ephesians church

Caesarea → Arrested by the Jews

Jerusalem → The Jews plotted to kill him

Rome → Extradited to Rome

## PAUL LEFT CORINTH TO JERUSALEM AFTER THREE MONTHS STAY.

- During this time, he fully encouraged and restored peace and harmony in the Corinthian church
- He used the opportunity to collect their contribution for the Jerusalem Church 1cor 16:1-3
- During his stay also, he wrote to the Roman Christians in Rome. Acts 20:3

**NOTE:** In record, Paul visited the Corinthian Church three times.

- Paul will never see this people again.
- He truly “fought a good fight” in this region.

## PAUL IN TROAS

- Intelligence report advised him not to sail to Jerusalem through Syria. Acts 20:3
- Paul sent surveillance to Troas ahead of his coming. Acts 20:4-5
- During his second missionary journey Eight years ago, he got direction from God in TROAS to move to Europe Acts 16:8-10
- Because of emotional pains, Paul ignored the opened door in TROAS doing his Third Missionary Journey . 2cor2:12-13.
- God allowed the road block to Syria, so that Paul can complete what he stated in TROAS.
- God Raised Eutychus From The Dead In Troas Acts 20:9-10
- Paul administered Holy Communion after 12 mid-night in Troas. Acts 20:7,11

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## **PAUL IN MILETUS WITH EPHESIAN CHURCH ELDERS**

- Rather than return to Ephesus, Paul asked the leaders of Ephesus church to meet him in Miletus

### **REASONS**

- His going back there might raise another uproar. Act 20:1
- His traveling Ship has decked briefly in Miletus to offload her burden
- He was in a hurry to reach Jerusalem before Pentecost Acts 20:16

### **PAUL WORDS TO THE ELDERS OF EPHESUS**

Paul firstly talked about his ministry in Asia: He argued that his way of living is an example of what he was preaching.

Acts 20:17-20 ( verse 19 with NIV: “TESTING”)

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## PAUL IN MILETUS WITH EPHESIAN CHURCH ELDERS

- **SERVICE:** “I served the Lord...” (verse 19a) When you serve people first instead of the Lord, they will manipulate us to do their bidding.
- **HUMILITY:** “.... With great humility and with tears” As a preacher or a gifted person, if we are not careful and word base, we will become too full of yourselves especially those who tends to have succeeded in the area of their call.
- Paul is humble, he weeps openly.
- The contrast, the powerful sees humility as weakness , too bad
- Jesus the most powerful humbled himself to death , even the death on the cross **Phi. 2 : 8**

## PAUL IN TYRE

- Paul stayed in Tyre with the Christian community there while the ship offload her burden Acts 21:3-4
- They “through the spirit urged Paul not to go to Jerusalem” Acts 21:4
- NOTE: Paul had earlier resolved in the spirit to go to Jerusalem Acts 19:21
- Prophets in the cities he visited keep warning him of imprisonment if he goes to Jerusalem Acts 20:22-24
- Paul prayed for Tyre believers knowing that he wont see them again Acts 21:5

## FEMALE PROPHETS IN CAESAREA

- They are the Daughters of Philip the Deacon Acts 21:8-9

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## FEMALE PROPHETS IN CAESAREA

- The gift of prophecy aren't for men only.
- We should seek in our churches this gift of prophecy as advised by Paul **1 Cor. 14:1,5**

## THE PROPHECY OF AGABUS TO PAUL

- He said in Prophecy that Paul will be bind by the Jews and handed over to the Gentiles in Jerusalem **Acts 21:11**
- Did it come to pass? Yes. He was a vindicated prophet.
- By this prophecy, Dr. Luke and others took this as an indication that Paul shouldn't go to Jerusalem. **Acts 21:12-14**
- Was Paul disobeying prophecy? No. God was only showing the prophets what Paul will go through in Jerusalem.
- Paul was determined to die for the Truth any how it comes **Acts 20:24**

## PAUL FINALLY IN JERUSALEM

- Paul meets with James and the Elders of the Jerusalem Church.
- Shared the testimony of his ministry with them and delivered the collections to them Acts 21:17-19
- JAMES TOLD PAUL THE SITUATION ON GROUND CONCERNING HIM AND ADVISED PAUL ON THE NEXT LINE OF ACTION. Acts 21:15-26
- Before the coming of Paul, there was an accusation against him by the Jews and the Jewish believers.
- Many of the Jewish believers are still very much Torah-keeping Jews

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## PAUL FINALLY IN JERUSALEM

- Paul was advised by James to take up a Nazirite vow so that “everyone will know there is no truth in these report about you....” **Acts 21:24**
- Paul adhered to the advise but was arrested when he went into the Temple to give a date when the days of purification would end. **Acts 21:26**

## RIOT IN THE TEMPLE BECAUSE OF PAUL ( Acts 21:27-34)

- The Jerusalem Jews believed Paul and the days of purification was going on well until the seventh day.
- Some Asia Jews from Ephesus came in and recognized Paul on the seventh day
- They wrongly thought Paul brought Trophimus the Ephesian into the temple.
- They grabbed Paul and started giving him the beating of his life
- They took Paul to kill him but the Soldiers rescued him

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