

Paul's Final Journey

Acts 21: 17-28

1st Journey : 8 cities

2nd Journey: 9 cities

Paul's third and final Journey

From Antioch to Lystra, Ephesus, Troas, Miletus, Tyre, Caesarea, Jerusalem, Caesarea, Rome... 9 counting Rome

As Paul came back to the land of his supporters, or not... Jerusalem?

He met with James the brother of Jesus and reported to the brethren what God had done among the Gentiles...

Vs 20-21 then the Jews with great rejoicing met him and placed on him the burden of purification.... and in the Temple was met with violent Jews...

Then he was arrested... he told his testimony but the enemies of the Christ was still in pursuit of his death... Ch. 23: 11 God said *"Be of good cheer, Paul: for as thou hast testified of me in Jerusalem, so must thou go to Rome."*

The enemies of the true freedom in Christ attacked him in Jerusalem... and he was moved out of the city by the Romans.

They fasted for Paul's death...

The nephew of Paul reported the plot...

The Roman Captain moved Paul out of Jerusalem... with 200 soldiers, 70 horsemen, 200 spearmen and a horse for Paul...

When at Caesarea he met Felix the governor with a letter from Roman Captain... they waited for 5 days for the accusers to arrive (Ch. 24)

Tertullus the accuser attorney came and accused Paul of Jewish law breaking...

Paul is a trouble-maker, a pestilent fellow, a mover of sedition, a ringleader of the Nazarene, and a profaner of the Temple.

Felix and wife Drusilla came and talked to Paul...

Festus – political favors by the Jews, Paul's enemies failed...

Festus tried to get Paul to go back to Jerusalem but he (Paul) presented himself into the hands of Caesar...

Herod Agrippa and wife Bernice met with Paul and heard him speak of his personal experience with Christ Jesus...

Festus said, Paul, "Much learning hath made you mad"

Agrippa said, "Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian." (Ch. 26: 2)

Felix trembled and said, "Go thy way for this time; when I have a more convenient season, I will call for thee."

Ch. 27: 1 Paul is delivered to a man named Julius a centurion of Augustus band...

Sailed into a storm and was stranded on the island but all through the travels God was proving Paul to them... Paul tried to talk them out of sailing before winter because God had showed him that they would be in trouble if they sailed. They were and they faced the storm with Paul instructing them as to what God had in store for them. He said that they were to stay with the ship if they were to live. Their ship would be lost but if they would listen to him they would be OK. Ch. 27: 31 "Except these abide in the ship, ye cannot be saved." They did and they were!

Even the prisoners were saved because of Paul. They would have killed them before the ship wrecked but Paul was the key to their being spared.

Ch. 28 says that these island people were a Barbarous people but became some of the kindest of all in his life.

After they made it to land, they were met by the islanders and it was cold and raining but the islanders built them a fire and in the process of feeding the fire, Paul was bitten with a very poisonous snake. Even then God was showing them that He was with the man called Paul. Even thou he was a prisoner, he was the Man of God!

Paul even began praying for the sick of the island and God healed them...

When Paul finally got to Rome the prisoners were still alive, no one was lost and the prisoners were sent away to prison but Paul was kept by the prison guard that kept him and was heard by the leadership at Rome. For 2 years he lived inside his own hired house that was used for discipleship and no one hindered him.

That is all we know, and some time after that he was killed but he did leave us his dying statement.

2nd Timothy 4: 1 –

To Rome through Caesarea through Jerusalem.

What do we learn from all of this? God is in charge at all times. Even in the midst of trials, storms, accusations, even death. For a servant of God, all that is important in our lives is what we have done with it.

What happened to the Jewish enemies? We know not!

What happened to Felix, Festus, and Agrippa? We know not!

What happened to Paul? We know! **I have fought a good fight....**