

## *Acts 20- 23:11 – Journey to Jerusalem and the Way to Rome*

### **I. *In Transition to Jerusalem – 20:2-38***

- A. Visit to Macedonia and Greece – 20:1-4 (note his “apostolic company”)
- B. Romans written while at Corinth (to prepare the way ahead of his planned visit – Romans 15:7-33; 16:1-5)
- C. Journey Back to Miletus: 20:5-16
  - Eutychus – “lucky;” indeed he was! Patron saint of all sermon sleepers
  - “His life is in him” – what many preachers must keep saying to themselves when they see the dozers!
  - Perhaps Paul had in mind the early Christian Hymn, recorded for us in Ephesians 5:14
- D. Exhortation and Prayer with the Ephesians Elders: 20:17-38
  1. Commitment of the Elders to Paul
  2. The Reason is Clear Enough: Paul’s commitment to them and the truth of the Gospel – 20:19-21, 24, 27, 33-34
    - Non-Gospel quotation of Jesus: Acts 29:35
  3. Paul’s Message: 20:21 (Repentance and Faith); 20:24 (Gospel of Grace); 20:25 (Kingdom of God); 20:27 (Whole Counsel of God).
  4. The Work of Elders – 20:28 ff
    - a. Watch yourselves
    - b. Watch the flock
    - c. Shepherd
      - The “blood of God”

### **II. *The Way and Isaiah-Acts***

- A. Isaiah 40 – the way in the wilderness
- B. “The Way” in Acts
  - Jordan (lowest place on earth) to Golgotha (“place of the skull”) and grave
  - Then to resurrection and ascension
  - Then Jerusalem to Rome
    - The new Exodus sets the whole world free

### **III. *Prophetic Forebodings – Acts 21***

- A. The Congregation at Tyre – 21:1-6
- B. Caesarea and the House of Philip – 21:7-16
- C. Meeting with James in Jerusalem – 21:17-26
  1. Size of church in Jerusalem – “how many thousands”
  2. False reports about Paul
  3. The Days of Transition (40 years of the Temple still standing)
  4. The Council Decrees

**IV. *Paul's Arrest in Jerusalem – Acts 21:27- 22:29***

- A. The Troublers from Asia
  - First, it was men from James causing problems in Antioch
  - Then it was the synagogue members from Asia and Greece
- B. The key problem – as always – relationship to the Gentiles
- C. Paul's "Testimony" – OK, until the mention of Gentiles
- D. Paul's "examination" (v. 29)