

Acts 21:10-16

Paul Presses On Amid Prophecy

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Men and Women Prophesy

Joel 2:28-29 (NASB)

It will come about after this That I will pour out My Spirit on all mankind; And your sons and daughters will prophesy, Your old men will dream dreams, Your young men will see visions. Even on the male and female servants I will pour out My Spirit in those days

- Lk. 1:39-45 = Elizabeth prophesies by the Spirit
- Lk. 1:46-55 = Mary speaks of God's deeds
- Lk. 1:67-76 = Zacharias prophesies by the Spirit
- Lk. 2:25-35 = Simeon prophesies by the Spirit
- Lk. 2:36-38 = Anna speaks of God's promises

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Agabus Prophesies Acts 21:10-11 (NASB)

As we were staying there for some days, a prophet named Agabus came down from Judea. And coming to us, he took Paul's belt and bound his own feet and hands, and said, "This is what the Holy Spirit says: 'In this way the Jews at Jerusalem will bind the man who owns this belt and deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.'"

- The danger to Paul in Jerusalem is a theme in this travel narrative
- Later Jesus will affirm His purpose (Acts 23:11)

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Paul Will Go Despite Their Appeals

Acts 21:12-14 (NASB)

When we had heard this, we as well as the local residents began begging him not to go up to Jerusalem. Then Paul answered, "What are you doing, weeping and breaking my heart? For I am ready not only to be bound, but even to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus." And since he would not be persuaded, we fell silent, remarking, "The will of the Lord be done!"

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Disciples Help On the Trip

Acts 21:15-16 (NASB)

After these days we got ready and started on our way up to Jerusalem. Some of the disciples from Caesarea also came with us, taking us to Mnason of Cyprus, a disciple of long standing with whom we were to lodge.

- This trip to Jerusalem to be rejected echoes Jesus' travel in Luke
- Paul's trip will ultimately lead to Rome, thus he goes to the two centers of power in their world

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