

Acts 21:1-36

I. Warnings v1-12

We see them travel south down the western coast of Turkey, then they swing south of the island of Cyprus.

1. I can imagine the sight of Cyprus off to the left stirred up some memories and emotions.
2. Acts 4:36, 13:4, 15:39-40

As they pass just south of Cyprus they travel straight over to Syria and south down the western coast of Lebanon to the city of Tyre in southern Lebanon where they dock.

1. Here they spend 7 days and Paul seeks out the brethren there and receives a warning
2. Then they go down to Ptolemais where they stay for 1 day before traveling down to Caesarea.

At Caesarea they meet Phillip

1. The Deacon
2. The Evangelist from Samaria
3. The missionary to Ethiopia via a treasurer who was on his way back from Jerusalem.
4. Who now has some special daughters.
 - a. Prophetesses: which I take to mean proclaimers of the word...not future prophesies.
 - b. Luke 2:36-38
 - c. 1 Corinthians 11:4-5
 - d. If they were prophesying like we think, why does Agabus need to come?

Meet Agabus

1. Agabus warns Paul of his coming suffering in Jerusalem
2. It would be good to take this warning to heart: Acts 11:26-30

Then we find out that not only the congregation at Tyre, and not only Agabus are issuing warnings, but “we” Luke and the mission team are urging him not to go to Jerusalem.

This is a serious warning!

II. Determination v13-16

It seems Paul is being unwise here, doesn't it.

1. With the warnings he has received both in Acts 20:22-23, at Tyre, and from Agabus
2. With the counsel he has received from godly people
3. It seems Paul is being unwise by ignoring it and moving on to Jerusalem, but he has received counsel from someone superior to any of these. He has heard from the Lord Himself.

When you get a clear word from the Lord, you better drive a peg down and hold on. Now is not the time to waiver!

1. A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.
2. 1 King 13

III. Adapting v17-26

1. Numbers 6:1-21
2. 1 Corinthians 9:20 *To the Jews I became as a Jew, so that I might win Jews; to those who are under the Law, as under the Law though not being myself under the Law, so that I might win those who are under the Law*
3. Hebrews 9:9-14

IV. Prophecies Fulfilled v27-36

1. On one hand we see in verse 28 a testimony to Paul's efforts and effectiveness
2. On the other hand we see clear exaggerations which general reveals a lack of truth and substance.

The danger of assumptions...how it can stir up entire cities.