

Acts of the Apostles 20:1-17 _ Lesson 45

Paul's Hope for Israel

1. Acts 20:1-6 – Paul's Travels, Companions, and Letters

- a. "disciples" - a word not used in the epistles. Found only in the narratives.
- b. Macedonia = Philippi, Thessalonica; Greece = Corinth; Syria= Antioch; Asia= Ephesus
- c. Sopater = A Jewish kinsman, and the best thing to come of Berea – Ro 16:21
- d. Aristarchus & Secundus = fellowprisoner / fellowlabourer - Col 4:10, Phm 24
- e. Gaius – caught by the beasts, Paul's host in Corinth – Ro 16:23, 1Co 1:14, 3 John 1?
- f. Timothy – son, minister, steward, apostle, writer, also from Derbe - Acts 16:1
- g. Tychicus – beloved brother, faithful minister, messenger – Eph 6:21, Col 4:7, Ti 3:12
- h. Trophimus – went to Jerusalem with Paul, started the riot – Acts 21:29
- i. Paul writes more epistles: there is now at least half (1/2Thes, Gal, 1/2Cor, Rom)
 - i. 2Corinthians written from Macedonia Acts 20:1-2 see 1:8, 16, 7:5, 8:1, 9:2-4
 - ii. Romans written from Corinth ~Acts 20:3-4 - Rom 15:25-26, 16:1, 21-23

2. Acts 20:7-12 – Paul Embraces Fallen Eutychus

- a. "first day... when" – This is where Sunday traditions begin... sort of (1 Cor 16:2)
- b. Paul raises the dead – this seems to have happened before:
 - i. Peter - Acts 9:39-41; Jesus – John 11:4-6, 11, 42-44;
 - ii. Elisha and the Shunammite woman – 2 Kings 4:32-37
 - iii. Elijah and widow's son – 1 Kings 17:18-24.... "by this I know..."
 - iv. Not random, each time gives hope in a time of darkness/unbelief in Israel.
- c. Eutychus: the hour is late, many lights, yet he sleeps, there is an open window to see Paul, but he falls from an upper chamber (3rd loft), and though dead Paul raises
- d. Israel is fallen – Rom 11:11-14, but they still have a hope in resurrection – Ro 11:26

3. Acts 20:13-17 - Paul's Hope for Israel

- a. "and we" – Luke rejoins him from Philippi (Macedonia) into Troas– Acts 20:5, 13
- b. Paul walks to Assos, sailed to islands of Mitylene, Chios, Samos, Trogyllium, Miletus
 - i. 20:15 - Miletus is "by Ephesus" not in Ephesus, he calls the elders to here
- c. Paul is hastening to Jerusalem ..."on the morrow", "the next day" – 21:1-8
- d. "to be at Jerusalem the day of Pentecost" for what? Why the enthusiasm/rush?
 - i. God tells Paul what he can expect – Acts 9:16, 22:18, 23:11
 - ii. Prophecies about bonds, afflictions, sufferings – 19:21, 20:22-24; 21:11,13
 - iii. Did Christ tell Paul about Israel's destruction? An opportunity to minister in Jerusalem at Pentecost? – Rom 9:1-2, 10:1, 15:20-25. We don't know.
- e. Paul's hastening to Jerusalem is because of his hope to save those that have fallen.
- f. What is the hope? Resurrection in Christ Jesus - See Acts 26:6-8 and Acts 28:20
 - i. Jerusalem is not dead forever, but can still have life in them. Paul has hope.

