

1  **NT History****Part 28**

Acts 21:1-17

Paul in Jerusalem

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2  **Paul and Jerusalem**

- Paul visited Jerusalem at least five times after his conversion.

- 1. Visit in A.D. 33/34 not long after his conversion.

- Acts 9:27-30; Gal. 1:18-19

- Paul was not only a guest of the apostles but participated in their missionary work.

- 2. Paul's famine visit in A.D. 44

- Acts 11:27-30; Gal. 2:1-20

- Paul was accompanied by Barnabas and by Titus who was uncircumcised.

3  **Paul and Jerusalem**

- 3. Council of the Apostles and Elders, A.D. 48

- Acts 15:1-29

- This important visit led to an agreement and a letter that was sent to Gentile believers.

- 4. Visit at the end of his 'second' missionary journey, A.D. 51


- Acts 18:22

- 5. Collection Visit, A.D. 57

- Acts 21:15-17


4  **Background of Paul's Journey to Jerusalem**

Acts 20:1 After the uproar had ceased, Paul called the disciples to himself, embraced them, and departed to go to Macedonia. ² Now when he had gone over that region and encouraged them with many words, he came to Greece ³ and stayed three months. And when the Jews plotted against him as he was about to sail to Syria, he decided to return through Macedonia. ⁴ And Sopater of Berea accompanied him to Asia—also Aristarchus and Secundus of the Thessalonians, and Gaius of Derbe, and Timothy, and Tychicus and Trophimus of Asia.


5  **Background of Paul's Journey to Jerusalem**

Rom. 15:22 For this reason [Paul's busyness] I also have been much hindered from coming to you. ²³ But now no longer having a

place in these parts, and having a great desire these many years to come to you, ²⁴ whenever I journey to Spain, I shall come to you. For I hope to see you on my journey, and to be helped on my way there by you, if first I may enjoy your company for a while. ²⁵ But now I am going to Jerusalem to minister to the saints. ²⁶ For it pleased those from Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain contribution for the poor among the saints who are in Jerusalem. ²⁷ It pleased them indeed, and they are their debtors. For if the Gentiles have been partakers of their spiritual things, their duty is also to minister to them in material things. ²⁸ Therefore, when I have performed this and have sealed to them this fruit, I shall go by way of you to Spain. ²⁹ But I know that when I come to you, I shall come in the fullness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ.

6  **Background of Paul's Journey to Jerusalem**


Rom. 15:30 Now I beg you, brethren, through the Lord Jesus Christ, and through the love of the Spirit, that you strive together with me in prayers to God for me, ³¹ that I may be delivered from those in Judea who do not believe, and that my service for Jerusalem may be acceptable to the saints, ³² that I may come to you with joy by the will of God, and may be refreshed together with you. ³³ Now the God of peace be with you all. Amen.

7  **Background of Paul's Journey to Jerusalem**

Paul left Ephesus in about the year A.D. 55.

He visited the elders of Ephesus in Miletus approximately 2 years later.

Acts 20:22-24, "And see, now I go bound in the spirit to Jerusalem, not knowing the things that will happen to me there, except that the Holy Spirit testifies in every city, saying that chains and tribulations await me. But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God."

8  **Outline of Acts 21-24**

- Acts 21:1-16 – Paul's Travels to Jerusalem

- Acts 21:17-26 – Paul's Visit with James and the Elders

- Acts 21:27-35 – Paul's Arrest in the Temple

- Acts 21:37-22:21 – Paul's Defense before the People
- Acts 22:22-29 – Paul before the Roman Tribune
- Acts 22:30-23:11 – Paul's Defense before the Sanhedrin
- Acts 23:12-22 – Plot to Kill Paul Uncovered
- Acts 23:23-35 – Paul Sent to Felix the Governor
- Acts 24:1-21 – Paul Speaks to Felix in Caesarea
- Acts 24:22-27 – Paul Kept in Custody for Two Years

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10 **Acts 21:1-6**

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16 **Acts 18:21-23**

Acts 18:21 but took leave of them, saying, "I must by all means keep this coming feast in Jerusalem; but I will return again to you, God willing." And he sailed from Ephesus.

Acts 18:22 And when he had landed at Caesarea, and gone up and greeted the church, he went down to Antioch. ²³ After he had spent some time there, he departed and went over the region of Galatia and Phrygia in order, strengthening all the disciples.

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18 **Acts 21:7-11**

⁷ And when we had finished our voyage from Tyre, we came to Ptolemais, greeted the brethren, and stayed with them one day. ⁸ On the next day we who were Paul's companions departed and came to Caesarea, and entered the house of Philip the evangelist, who was one of the seven, and stayed with him. ⁹ Now this man had four virgin daughters who prophesied. ¹⁰ And as we stayed many days, a certain prophet named Agabus came down from Judea. ¹¹ When he had come to us, he took Paul's belt, bound his own hands and feet, and said, "Thus says the Holy Spirit, 'So shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man who owns this belt, and deliver

him into the hands of the Gentiles.”

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Acts 28:17 And it came to pass after three days that Paul called the leaders of the Jews together. So when they had come together, he said to them: “Men *and* brethren, though I have done nothing against our people or the customs of our fathers, yet I was delivered as a prisoner from Jerusalem into the hands of the Romans,”

20  **Acts 21:13-16**

¹² Now when we heard these things, both we and those from that place pleaded with him not to go up to Jerusalem. ¹³ Then Paul answered, “What do you mean by weeping and breaking my heart? For I am ready not only to be bound, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus.” ¹⁴ So when he would not be persuaded, we ceased, saying, “The will of the Lord be done.” ¹⁵ And after those days we packed and went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁶ Also some of the disciples from Caesarea went with us and brought with them a certain Mnason of Cyprus, an early disciple, with whom we were to lodge.

21  **Conclusion**