

ACTS

7. Paul's Arrest and Journey to Rome: 21:38-28:31

STUDY AHEAD

The final section of Acts details the trials of Paul before various Roman authorities, leading up to his journey to Rome to appear before Caesar's tribunal. He called himself "an ambassador in chains" (Eph.6:20) and knew he was appointed to take the message of Christ "to Gentiles and their kings" (Acts 9:15).

1. Acts 21:38 – 22:22. Why did the Jewish crowd stop listening to Paul's defense?

2. Acts 22:23-29. What important detail did the Roman commander learn about Paul here? (Note: Most Jews did *not* possess this privilege, as Paul did. Paul's father must have rendered some service to Rome that granted him this right; thus, Paul was "born" with it.)

3. Acts 22:30 – 23:11. How did Paul divide the Sanhedrin against itself?

4. Acts 23:12-22. Notice here how God uses unlikely people to play a major role in the story. Where would Paul have been without this guy?

5. Acts 24. Paul was tried by the Roman governor Felix. What do you learn here about Felix and his wife, Drusilla? Notice 24:27. How long was Paul left in prison in Caesarea?

6. Acts 25 & 26. Here Paul testifies before Festus and Agrippa. He repeats his testimony of conversion in great detail. Do you learn anything new about Paul's past and his encounter with Jesus?

7. Acts 27:1 – 28:10. This is one of the most detailed accounts of a ship voyage/wreck in all of ancient literature. Note the fine details Luke provides! How did Paul advance the work of Jesus through this difficult journey?

8. Acts 28:11-31. Paul arrives in Rome. What was he doing while he lived two years under 'house arrest'?

9. Does the "ending" of the Book of Acts seem fitting to you? There is not resolution to the trial of Paul. What did Luke intend by this sort of ending?

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