

Understand your Bible

Suggested notes

Acts 20

What we will see in this chapter:

- Paul's travels in Macedonia and Greece
- Paul's warning to the elders at Ephesus

1 Read the chapter

2 Questions to help us in our understanding of this chapter. Look at the chapter verses in your Bible and use the questions to make your notes. The map in section 4 shows you where Paul went.

Chapter verses	Questions (to help with your notes)	Suggested notes
1 to 6	1. Where did Paul go and what did he become aware of after leaving Ephesus (where the uproar was)? <i>See the places on the map below.</i>	After leaving Ephesus, Paul went to Macedonia and then Greece where he became aware of a Jewish plot against him. He then retraced his steps and came to Troas.
7 to 12	2. When did the disciples gather together to break bread and what happened to Eutychus?	They gathered on the first day of the week. During a long evening talk at Troas, Eutychus fell asleep and fell from a third-floor window, but was healed by Paul.
13	3. What were the two ways Paul and the rest of his party went to Assos?	Paul went by land. The rest of his party went by ship.
14 to 17	4. Where did they go then and what did Paul do there?	They went to Miletus via Samos and Trogyllium. Paul sent for the elders of the assembly at Ephesus.
18 to 24	5. What did Paul tell the Ephesian elders about his past life and what he was expecting?	He told them he had: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ served the Lord with all humility ➤ had trials because of plots of the Jews ➤ taught repentance and faith in Jesus He was expecting trouble in Jerusalem.
25 to 35	6. What did Paul remind them he had done for them and what did he warn them about?	He had given them the complete message from God about his Kingdom. He warned them that false teachers would come from within the assembly. They should be careful and continue work for the Lord.

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36 to 38	7. What did they do as Paul was leaving?	They prayed and wept together.

3 Related theme from v 30: *God's message will be corrupted.*

Have a look at these related verses and see this theme running through the Bible. Make a note of the main point(s) in the verse(s).

Verse(s)	Main point(s)
Colossians 2 v 8	The apostle Paul tells the believers at Colossae to resist deceptive ideas.
1 Timothy 4 v 1 and 2	The Spirit says that in later times some will listen to deceptive ideas and fall away from the faith.
2 Timothy 4 v 3 and 4	The time will come when people will be turned away from the truth by listening to teachers who have their own ideas.
1 John 4 v 1	The apostle John tells the believers to test the spirits (ideas) they come across.

4 Map showing part of Paul's 3rd Missionary Journey

