

# Understand your Bible

## Suggested notes

### Acts 21

#### What we will see in this chapter:

- Events on Paul's journey to Jerusalem
- Problems he encountered there

#### 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 help you 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's ship land and what did he do there? <i>See the map in section 4.</i>	He landed at Tyre. He found disciples and stayed with them for seven days.
7 to 14	2. What was Paul told by Agabus and what was his response?	He was warned that the Jews at Jerusalem would arrest him and hand him over to the Gentiles. He said he was not only ready to be arrested; he was ready to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus.
15 & 16	3. Who did Paul stay with in Jerusalem?	He stayed with Mnason of Cyprus, an early disciple.
17 to 21	4. What problem with Jewish believers did James and the elders point out to Paul?	Some Jewish believers were unhappy about the report that Paul was telling Jews to forsake Moses, telling them not to circumcise their children and not to keep the Jewish customs.
22 to 26	5. What did James and the elders tell Paul to do?	They advised Paul to show them that he himself kept the law. They asked him to join and support four men who were keeping the rituals of the law of Moses.
27 to 30	6. What happened when the Jews from Asia saw Paul in the temple?	They stirred up the entire multitude accusing him of speaking against the [Jewish] people, the law and the temple. They accused him of defiling the temple with non-Jews and dragged him out of the temple.

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31 to 36	7. How did the commanding officer react to the news of what was happening?	The commanding officer arrested Paul, put him in chains and asked who he was and what he had done.
37 to 40	8. What did the commanding officer discover about Paul and what was Paul allowed to do?	He discovered that Paul was from Tarsus, an important city, and wasn't the criminal he thought he was. He was allowed to speak to the people.

### 3 Related theme from v 14: *Submitting to God's will.*

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)
1 Samuel 3 v 16 to 18	The high priest Eli was prepared to accept the message God gave to the child Samuel.
Job 1 v 21	Job accepted the trouble that God sent in his life.
Mark 14 v 35 and 36	The Lord Jesus Christ submitted to what God wanted despite not wanting to do so.
Hebrews 12 v 9	Just as our natural father disciplined us for our good, so we should accept the discipline that God sends, because that is also for our good.
James 4 v 13 to 15	We should realise that sometimes our plans may not happen if they are not according to God's will.
1 Peter 5 v 6	The apostle Peter tells us to humble ourselves under God's mighty hand.

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### 4 Map showing the last part of Paul's 3<sup>rd</sup> Missionary Journey

