



## Introduction

*Paul visits several groups of believers on his way to Jerusalem (v 4, 7 and 8).*

*Paul upsets the Jews when he goes into the temple at Jerusalem and is arrested.*



## Questions

1. What was Paul prepared to suffer in Jerusalem?
2. Why did James and the elders advise Paul to demonstrate his allegiance to the law of Moses by taking a vow and shaving his head?
3. What three pieces of false information about Paul are mentioned in this chapter?



## Summary Points

- **v 1 to 16** Paul continues his journey to Jerusalem spending time with believers at Tyre, Ptolemais and Caesarea (see map). He is warned that the Jews at Jerusalem will arrest him and hand him over to the Gentiles. He is prepared to die if that is God's will for him (see theme)
- **v 17 to 26** Paul reports to the elders at Jerusalem his success in preaching to Gentiles. Because of the stubborn attitude of the Jews, the apostles advise him to show them that he himself keeps the law. He agrees to join and support four men who are keeping the rituals of the law of Moses
- **v 27 to 34** When Paul has almost completed the rituals, the Jews cause a riot when they see Paul in the temple and think he brought an Ephesian into the temple. Paul's life is saved by Roman soldiers who arrest him after rescuing him from the mob trying to kill him
- **v 35 to 40** When the commanding officer clarifies who Paul is, he is allowed to speak to the people

**Timeline** AD 60 (see below)



## Theme / Information

### Submitting to God's will

*A selection of verses showing we should accept God's will in our lives:*

Eli the priest was prepared to accept the message God gave to the child Samuel:

*1 Samuel 3 verses 16 to 18*

Job accepted the trouble that God sent in his life:

*Job 1 verse 21*

The Lord Jesus Christ is the best example of submitting to what God wants despite not wanting to do so:

*Mark 14 verses 35 and 36*



The letter to the Hebrews encourages us to accept the discipline that God sends because it is for our good:

*Hebrews 12 verse 9*

We should realise that sometimes our plans may not happen if they are not according to God's will:

*James 4 verses 13 to 15*

The apostle Peter tells us to humble ourselves under God's mighty hand:

*1 Peter 5 verse 6*

### Paul's travels - third journey

Map showing Paul's third major recorded journey (Acts 18 to 20).



### ? Answers to questions

Verses which answer the questions:

Q 1: v 13, Q 2: v 24, Q 3: v 21, 28 and 38



# Bible timeline

