

Studies in the Acts of the Apostles

NT Survey Lesson 70--Acts 20

Introduction: During Paul's extensive stay in Ephesus he wrote the first letter to the Corinthians we have in the N.T. In it he describes an effort to encourage the Gentile churches of Macedonia, Achaia, and Galatia to contribute financially toward the needs of the Jerusalem saints. This chapter describes the travels of Paul in strengthening the churches and finalizing this effort to raise assistance for the needy in Jerusalem. Paul's plans were to go there after finishing this work; and then on to Rome and Spain.

Last work of the third journey of Paul--Ac. 20:1-16

1. From where does Paul appear to write the first letter to the Corinthians? (1 Cor. 16:8). What did Paul state his plans were at the time? (1 Cor. 16:5-7) Is this what we see Paul doing in Ac. 20? What then was Paul's main purpose for making this journey back to Macedonia and Achaia? (See 1 Cor. 16:1-4)
2. What prevented Paul from leaving Greece by way of sea back to Syria? What alternative route did he take?
3. Who were the traveling companions of Paul? Why are they with him?
4. On what day did the saints at Troas gather to "break bread"? What does it mean to "break bread"?
5. What noteworthy events occurred at Troas?
6. Describe Paul's travels to Miletus. Who did Paul call to meet him there?
7. What were Paul's future plans after leaving Ephesus?

Paul speak to the elders of Ephesus at Miletus--Ac. 20:17-38

1. How does Paul describe his service for the Lord in Asia? (i.e. with what three things?)
2. What did Paul preach? Where did he preach?

3. What did Paul anticipate would happen to him in Jerusalem? How did he know this? With what attitude did Paul approach this?
4. Is this part of the reason he wanted to see the brethren from Ephesus? What did Paul say to them?
5. What warnings did Paul issue to the elders? What would guide them and keep them from going astray when false teachers came?
6. What does Paul say about his financial situation at Ephesus? What lesson did he draw from this for their remembrance?
7. How did the brethren react to Paul's message? What troubled them most about what Paul had said?