

Family

Paul warned about Jerusalem

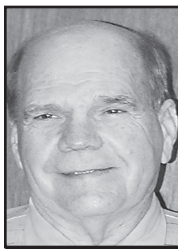
This is the seventh article on the life of Apostle Paul. We will be following Luke's account in chapters 21 through 26 in the book of Acts. This is after Paul's third missionary journey.

At the end of Paul's third missionary journey, Paul was determined to return to Jerusalem. He must have been about 60 years old at this time, and for 20 years or so, he had been engaged in almost super-human labor. He had been traveling and preaching and carrying on his heart a crushing load of cares. His body must have been worn out, beaten down with punishment and abuse, but his spirit was still as strong as ever in its enthusiasm for the service of Christ.

While traveling to Jerusalem, in city after city, he was told by the Christian community of the dangers that awaited him there and warned not to go (Acts 21:4-14).

He arrived in Jerusalem during the Jewish feast of Passover, when Jerusalem was crowded with Jews from all over the world. In Acts, chapter 21, we are told Paul went into the temple where certain Jews from Ephesus recognized him and began to cry out that he was a heretic who had blasphemed the Jewish nation and Jewish laws. And in a short time, a mob of people rushed toward Paul. It is a wonder he was not killed on the spot.

When news of the riot came to the Roman garrison, which was near the temple area, Roman soldiers were sent to save him from being beaten to death, arriving just in time. The soldiers bound Paul with chains and carried him to the Roman barracks. The mob followed them. The Romans had no idea what Paul had done.



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When they got to the stairs of the Roman barracks, Paul asked permission to speak to the crowd. The crowd listened for a while and then began to riot again. Paul was taken inside the Roman barracks and the next morning was taken to the Jewish Council in order to ascertain the charges against him. But the sight of Paul created such an uproar that he had to be hurried away.

Acts 23:12-22 tells us that certain Jewish zealots came together and vowed they would not eat nor drink until they had killed Paul. More than 40 men took this vow. Paul's nephew found out about this plot and warned him, and Paul told one of the centurion soldiers who was guarding him.

This is the only scriptural reference to Paul's family. We are not told why his sister's son was in Jerusalem, nor are we told how Paul's nephew heard of the assassination plot against Paul. But God has many resources and effective ways of caring for His own, and He saw to it that word of danger reached Paul. For Paul's safety, the Romans decided to take him on to Caesarea, a Roman city on the Mediterranean coast, the residence of the Roman governor of Palestine and headquarters of the Roman garrison. In this place, Paul was safe from violence.

In Caesarea Paul remained in

prison for two years. The Jewish authorities attempted again and again to have him released to them, but failed to convince the Roman governor that he was guilty of any crime. He should have been released, but his enemies were so convinced he was a criminal that he was retained on the charge of new evidence turning up against him. Besides this, his release was prevented by the corrupt Roman governor, Felix, who wanted a bribe from Paul for his release.

Paul was not kept in close confinement; he was allowed to walk about throughout the barracks where he was being retained. Acts, chapter 26, tells us of Paul's preaching to Roman officials during this time of his imprisonment and also tells us how one of them almost became a Christian.

After Paul had spent two years in unjust imprisonment in Caesarea, Festus succeeded Felix as governor. We would think that after two years in prison, Paul would have been forgotten. But this did not happen.

The new governor had not been in office very long when there was an attempt to prejudice the mind of Festus and turn him against Paul. However, Festus decided to keep Paul in Caesarea. This had to be God watching over Paul; God told Paul in Acts 23:11, "Be of good cheer; as you have testified of Me in Jerusalem, so you must also bear witness at Rome." God has never broken a promise and all the plotting against Paul could not

change God's planning and purpose for him.

Acts 25:9 tells us that even though Festus knew that Paul was innocent, he wanted to seek favor with the Jews in order to make his administration more pleasant and profitable. He asked Paul if he would be willing to go to Jerusalem and stand trial there. Festus himself would be the presiding judge at this trial, but Paul had no reason to believe he would receive a fair trial in Jerusalem; the charges against him had never been proved, nor could they be.

He had no hope that justice would be given him if he agreed to a trial in Jerusalem. Acts 25:10 states, "Then Paul said, 'I stand at Caesar's judgment seat, where I ought to be judged.'" In Acts 25:12, Luke writes: "Then Festus, when he had conferred with the council, answered, 'You have appealed to Caesar? To Caesar you shall go.'"

Next month we will look at Paul's trip to Rome, his trial and release, his second arrest, and the end of his life.

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Menus for the week: **Monday:** hamburger gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, apricots. **Tuesday:** turkey, sweet potatoes, five-cup salad, cookie. **Wednesday:** pasta,

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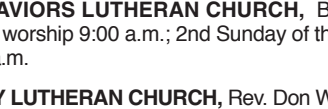
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