

## Chapter 21

*From Miletum going on his iourney, 4. he can not be diffuaded neither at Tyre, 8. nor at Cæfarea (in both which places the Holy Ghoft reuealed how he should be handled in Hierufalem, 10. the Prophet Agabus exprefly foretelling that the Iewes there should deliuer him to the Gentils) 15. but to Hierufalem he commeth: where being welcome to the Chriftians, and namely to Iames the Bishop, and to the Priefts, while he goeth about to fatisfie the Chriftian Iewes there, who had been mifinformed of him as if he had taught it to be vnlawful for the Iewes to keepe Moyfes Law; 27. he is inuaded by the infidel Iewes, and ready to be murdered by them, vntil the Romane fouldiars doe refcue him.*

**A**nd when it came to paffe that we failed, being caried from them, with a ftraight courfe we came to Coos, and the day following to Rhodes, and from thence to Patara. <sup>2</sup> And when we had found a fhip that paffed ouer to Phœnice, going vp into it we failed. <sup>3</sup> And when we were in the fight of Cypres, leauing it on the left hand, we failed into Syria, and came to Tyre: for there the fhip was to difcharge her load. <sup>4</sup> And finding Difciples, we taried there feuen daies: who faid to Paul by the Spirit, that he fhould not goe vp to Hierufalem. <sup>5</sup> And the dayes being expired, departing we went forward, al bringing vs on the way, with their wiues and children, til we were out of the citie: and falling vpon our knees on the fhore, we praied. <sup>6</sup> And when we had bid one another farewell, we went vp into the fhip; and they returned vnto their owne. <sup>7</sup> But we hauing ended the nauigation, from Tyre came downe to Ptolomais: and faluting the Brethren, we taried one day with them. <sup>8</sup> And the next day departing, we came to Cæfarea. And entring into the houfe of Philip the Euangelift, who was one of the feuen, we taried with

*Act. 6, 5.*

him. <sup>9</sup> And he had <sup>a</sup>four daughters <sup>v</sup>virgins, that did propheticie.

<sup>10</sup> And as we abode there for certaine daies, there came a certaine Prophet from Iewrie, named Agabus. <sup>11</sup> He, when he was come to vs, tooke Pauls girdle: and binding his owne feet & handes, he said: Thus faith the Holy Ghoft: The man whose girdle this is, fo shal the Iewes bind in Hierufalem, and shal deliuer him into the handes of the Gentils. <sup>12</sup> Which when we had heard, we and they that were of the fame place, desired him that he would not goe vp to Hierufalem. <sup>13</sup> Then Paul answered, and said: What doe you, weeping and afflicting my hart? for I am ready not only to be bound, but to die also in Hierufalem for the name of our Lord IESVS. <sup>14</sup> And when we could not perswade him, we ceased, saying: The wil of our Lord be done.

<sup>15</sup> And after these daies, being prepared, we went vp to Hierufalem. <sup>16</sup> And there came also of the Disciples from Cæfarea with vs, bringing with them one Iafon a Cyprian (with whom we should lodge) an old Disciple. <sup>17</sup> And when we were come to Hierufalem, the Brethren receiued vs gladly. <sup>18</sup> And the day following Paul went in with vs to Iames, and al the Ancients were assembled. <sup>19</sup> Whom when he had saluted, he told particularly what God had done among the Gentils by his ministerie. <sup>20</sup> But they hearing it, magnified God, and said to him: Thou seeft (Brother) how many thousands there are among the Iewes that haue beleeued: and al are Zelatours of the Law. <sup>21</sup> But they haue heard of thee that thou doest teach those Iewes that are among the Gentils, to depart from Moyfes: saying that they ought not to circumcise their children, nor walke according to the custome. <sup>22</sup> What is it then? needes must the multitude assemble: for they wil heare that thou art come. <sup>23</sup> Doe this therefore which we tel thee. There are with vs foure men, that haue a vowe on them. <sup>24</sup> Taking these

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<sup>a</sup> As S. Peter had a wife, but vsed her not after his calling, as it is noted elfwhere out of *S. Hierom, Luc. 4, 38.* fo may it be said of S. Philip being Deacō.

*Nu. 6, 18.* vnto thee, fanctifie thy felf with them; and beftow on them, that they may fhaue their heads: and al fhall know that the things which they heard of thee, are falfe: but that thy felf alfo walkeft keeping the Law. <sup>25</sup> But

*Act. 15, 20.* concerning them that beleue of the Gentils, we haue written, decreeing that they fhould refraine themfelues from the immolated to Idols, and bloud, and fuffocated, and fornication. <sup>26</sup> Then Paul taking the men vnto him, the next day being purified with them entred into the

*Nu. 6, 13.* Temple, fhewing the accomplifhment of the daies of the purification, vntil an oblation was offered for euery one of them.

<sup>27</sup> But whiles the feuen daies were a finishing, thofe Iewes that were of Afia, when they had feen him in the Temple, ftirred vp al the people, and laid handes vpon him, <sup>28</sup> crying: Ye men of Ifrael, help: this is the man that againft the people and the Law and this place teaching al men euery where, hath alfo moreouer brought in Gentils into the Temple, and hath violated this holy place. (<sup>29</sup> For they had feen Trophimus the Ephesian in the citie with him, whom they fuppofed that Paul had brought into the temple.) <sup>30</sup> And the whole citie was in an vproare: and there was made a concourfe of the people. And apprehending Paul, they drew him forth of the Temple: and immediatly the doores were fhut. <sup>31</sup> And as they fought to kil him, it was told the Tribune of the band, That al Hierufalem is in a confufion.

<sup>32</sup> Who forthwith taking vnto him fouldiars and Centurions, ranne downe to them. Who, when they had feen the Tribune and the fouldiars, ceafed to ftrike Paul. <sup>33</sup> Then the Tribune comming neer apprehended him, and commanded him to be bound with two chaines: and he demanded who he was, and what he had done. <sup>34</sup> And fome cried one thing, fome another, in the multitude. And whereas he could not know the certaintie for the tumult, he commanded him to be led into the caftel.

*In caftro.* So  
in the places  
following.

<sup>35</sup> And when he was come to the ftaires, it chanced that he was caried of the fouldiars becaufe of the violence of the people. <sup>36</sup> For the multitude of the people followed, crying: Away with him. <sup>37</sup> And when Paul began to

be brought into the castel, he faith to the Tribune: Is it lawful for me to speake some thing to thee? Who said: Canst thou speake Greeke? <sup>38</sup> Art not thou the Ægyptian that before these daies did raise a tumult, and didst lead forth into the desert foure thousand men that were murderers? <sup>39</sup> And Paul said to him: I am a man truly a Iewe of Tarsus, a citizen not of an obscure citie of Cilicia. And I desire thee, permit me to speake to the people. <sup>40</sup> And when he had permitted him, Paul standing on the staires, beckned with his hand to the people. And a great silence being made, he spake vnto them in the Hebrew tongue, saying.

Act. 22, 3.

## ANNOTATIONS

9 Virgins.) S. Luke noteth specially that his daughters were Virgins, meaning (no doubt) that they were of the state, profession, or purpose of perpetual virginity, not only that they were young maides unmarried: and that they were the rather for that, indowed with the gift of prophesie, as S. Hierom faith *li. 2. adu. Iovin. c. 24.* See *Oecum. c. 29. in hunc locum.*

Virgins.

24 Keeping the Law.) All the obseruations of the Law were now in themselves dead & vnprofitable; yet till further propagation of the Gospell, they were not damnable to the keepers, nor offensive to God, but might be obserued euen of the Christian Iewes. And for feare of scandalizing the weak of that Nation, newly conuerted, or prone to receiue the faith, the Apostles by Gods suggestion did thinke it good to obserue them as occasion required.

Avoiding of scandal in things not vnlawful.