

Act 20:1 After the uproar had ceased, Paul sent for the disciples, and when he had exhorted them and taken his leave of them, he left to go to Macedonia. (2) When he had gone through those districts and had given them much exhortation, he came to Greece. (3) And there he spent three months, and when a plot was formed against him by the Jews as he was about to set sail for Syria, he decided to return through Macedonia. (4) And he was accompanied by Sopater of Berea, the son of Pyrrhus, and by Aristarchus and Secundus of the Thessalonians, and Gaius of Derbe, and Timothy, and Tychicus and Trophimus of Asia. (5) But these had gone on ahead and were waiting for us at Troas. (6) We sailed from Philippi after the days of Unleavened Bread, and came to them at Troas within five days; and there we stayed seven days.

Paul's third missionary journey

Paul's Third Journey and His Journey to Rome



Note that Paul was traveling with 8 preachers and he says he supported them in v. 35

Paul is accompanied by Luke (us v. 5, we v. 6) No meeting of the church occurred during the first 6 days of Paul's visit, but on the seventh, the brethren met.

Act 20:7 On the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread, Paul began talking to them, intending to leave the next day, and he prolonged his message until midnight. (8) There were many lamps in the upper room where we were gathered together. (9) And there was a young man named Eutychus sitting on the window sill, sinking into a deep sleep; and as Paul kept on talking, he was overcome by sleep and fell down from the third floor and was picked up dead. (10) But Paul went down and fell upon him, and after embracing him, he said, "Do not be troubled, for his life is in him." (11) When he had gone back up and had broken the bread and eaten, he talked with them a long while until daybreak, and then left.

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*mia ton sabbaton first the week –
literally the first of the seven not the
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v. 11 breaking of bread can refer
to a common meal – breakfast – or
 communion v. 7.

Act 20:13 But we, going ahead to the ship, set sail for Assos, intending from there to take Paul on board; for so he had arranged it, intending himself to go by land.

(14) And when he met us at Assos, we took him on board and came to Mitylene. (15) Sailing from there, we arrived the following day opposite Chios; and the next day we crossed over to Samos; and the day following we came to Miletus. (16) For Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus so that he would not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hurrying to be in Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost. (17) From Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called to him the elders of the church.

Act 20:28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

elders Gr *presbuterous* also
translated presbyter 1Ti 4.14 KJV,
ASV

Act 20:28 overseers Gr
episcopous also translated bishop,
guardian 1Pet 2.25 NAS

feed Gr *poimainein* from poimen verb
form of shepherd, noun poimenas
translated as pastor in Eph 4:11-12

And He gave some as apostles, and some
as prophets, and some as evangelists, and
some as pastors and teachers, (12) for the
equipping of the saints for the work of
service, to the building up of the body of
Christ;

Jer 3:14 'Return, O faithless sons,'
declares the LORD; 'For I am a
master to you, And I will take you
one from a city and two from a
family, And I will bring you to Zion.'

(15) "Then I will give you
shepherds after My own heart,
who will feed you on knowledge
and understanding.

Acts 20.29 I know that after my departure
savage wolves will come in among you, not
sparing the flock; 30 and from among your
own selves men will arise, speaking
perverse things, to draw away the disciples
after them. 31 Therefore be on the alert,
remembering that night and day for a
period of three years I did not cease to
admonish each one with tears.

At AD 57, a departure from God's word was
imminent

Gal 1:6 I am amazed that you are so quickly deserting Him who called you by the grace of Christ, for a different gospel; (7) which is really not another; only there are some who are disturbing you, and want to distort the gospel of Christ. (8) But even though we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to that which we have preached to you, let him be accursed.

Acts 20.32 And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. 33 I have coveted no one's silver or gold or clothes. 34 You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my own needs and to the men who were with me. 35 In everything I showed you that by working hard in this manner you must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He Himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

Acts 18.3 and because he was of the same trade, he stayed with them and they were working, for by trade they were tent-makers.

... 5 But when Silas and Timothy came down from Macedonia, Paul *began* devoting himself completely to the word, solemnly testifying to the Jews that Jesus was the Christ.

The only place where this statement of Jesus is recorded.

‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’