

BELIEVERS BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

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Lesson No.34

Book of Acts Conclusion

Acts 28:12-31



Apostle Paul

- Arrival at Rome
- Imprisonment in Rome
- Summary of Paul's Ministry

Key Verse: Acts 28:28 Be it known therefore unto you, that the salvation of God is sent unto the Gentiles, and that they will hear it.

Introduction: The climax of the Book of Acts is found in chp.28:17-20 which speaks of another rejection of the gospel by Jewish leaders, and of Paul taking the message to the Gentiles. From Jerusalem to Rome most Jews rejected the gospel in city after city. Now in the capital of the Roman world the same thing occurred; so it will be until the fullness of the Gentiles comes.

Romans 11:19-26

1. Arrival at Rome: v.15 the Christians at Rome soon heard of Paul's coming and travelled to Three Taverns (33 miles from Rome) *"to meet him"* this phrase is used in Greek literature of *"an entourage coming out of a city to meet an official going to the city"* **1 Thessalonians 4:17**

- Paul was encouraged: The word describes *"a person in distress who was then encouraged"*

2. Imprisonment in Rome: vv.16-25 Because Paul was a trusted prisoner, he was allowed to live by himself in a rented house with a soldier to guard him.

3. Summary of Paul's Ministry: vv.30-31 As Paul waited two years to appear before Caesar, he stayed busy for the Lord. He preached The Kingdom of God. This *"eschatological"* expression indicates that Jews and Gentiles alike are *"justified"* by faith and that both Gentiles and Jews will participate in the millennium; commonly used to describe the thousand year reign of the saints.

Paul's Ministry Experiences

✚ Paul at Damascus: 37-40 AD	✚ Imprisonment in Judea: 58-60 AD
✚ 1 st Missionary Journey: 45-47 AD	✚ Voyage to Rome: 60-61 AD
✚ 2 nd Missionary Journey: 51-53 AD	✚ Imprisonment in Rome: 61-63 AD
✚ 3 rd Missionary Journey: 54-58 AD	✚ Post-Imprisonment: 63-67

Paul's Circulated Epistles

✚ 1 and 2 Thessalonians: 52 AD	✚ Colossians: 62 AD
✚ 1 and 2 Corinthians: 57 AD	✚ Philemon: 62 AD
✚ Galatians: 55-57 AD	✚ Hebrews: 64-65 AD
✚ Romans: 57-58 AD	✚ Titus: 64-65 AD
✚ Ephesians: 62 AD	✚ 1 Timothy: 64-65 AD
✚ Philippians: 62 AD	✚ 2 Timothy: 66-67 AD