

## LESSON I—October 3rd, 1897.

### Paul's Last Journey to Jerusalem. Acts 21: 1-15.

GOLDEN TEXT: "I am ready not to be bound only, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus." Acts 21: 13.



1 And it came to pass, that after we were gotten from them, and had launched, we came with a straight course unto Co'os, and the day following unto Rhodes, and from thence unto Pat'a-ra:

2 And finding a ship sailing over unto Phe-ni'ci-a, we went aboard, and set forth.

3 Now when we had discovered Cy'prus, we left it on the left hand, and sailed into Syr'i-a, and landed at Tyre: for there the ship was to unlade her burden.

4 And finding disciples, we tarried there seven days: who said to Paul through the Spirit, that he should not go up to Je-ru'sa-lem.

5 And when we had accomplished those days, we departed and went our way; and they all brought us on our way, with wives and children, till *we were* out of the city: and we kneeled down on the shore, and prayed.

6 And when we had taken our leave one of another, we took ship; and they returned home again.

7 And when we had finished *our* course from Tyre, we came to Ptol'e-ma'is, and saluted the brethren, and abode with them one day.

8 And the next day we that were of Paul's company departed, and came unto Cae'sa-re'a:

and we entered into the house of Phil-ip the evangelist, which was *one* of the seven; and abode with him.

9 And the same man had four daughters, virgins, which did prophesy.

10 And as we tarried *there* many days, there came down from Ju-de'a a certain prophet named Ag'a-bus.

11 And when he was come unto us, he took Paul's girdle, and bound his own hands and feet, and said, Thus saith the Holy Ghost, So shall the Jews at Je-ru'sa-lem bind the man that owneth this girdle, and shall deliver *him* into the hands of the Gentiles.

12 And when we heard these things, both we, and they of that place, besought him not to go up to Je-ru'sa-lem.

13 Then Paul answered, What mean ye to weep and to break mine heart? for I am ready not to be bound only, but also to die at Je-ru'sa-lem for the name of the Lord Jesus.

14 And when he would not be persuaded, we ceased, saying, the will of the Lord be done.

15 And after those days we took up our carriages, and went up to Je-ru'sa-lem.