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**The Need for Prophecy**

***Acts 21:1-16***

# Introduction

### If you knew the future, what would you do?

### Prophecy is a divine message mediated through an individual that is directed at a person or people group and intended to elicit a specific response.

### A Biblical Timeline of History:



* S•D•S: Saul, David, and Solomon were Kings of the United Kingdom

(After King Solomon, the Kingdom split into the Northern and Southern Kingdom).

* I is the Northern Kingdom of Israel, ruled by Jeroboam, taken into captivity by Assyria
* J is the southern Kingdom of Judah ruled by Rehoboam, taken into captivity by Babylon.
* Z•E•N: After the 70-year exile, Zerubbabel rebuilt the temple, Ezra led a second group of exiles returning to Jerusalem, and Nehemiah rebuilt the city walls of Jerusalem.
* P•G•H•R: In the silent years after Malachi, the Promised Land was ruled by the Persian Empire, Greek, Hasmonaean dynasty, and Roman empire.

# I. The reason the Tyrian church prophesied that Paul should not go to Jerusalem was to prepare him for what lies ahead (20:1-6).

## Paul was returning to Jerusalem (20:1-3).

## Paul was warned not to return to Jerusalem (20:4-6).

# II. The prophecy of Agabus prepared Paul to suffer for the Lord’s will (20:7-16).

## Philip’s daughters prophesied a message unknown to us (20:7-9).

## Agabus prophesied Paul would be imprisoned by the Jews and turned over to Gentiles (20:10-12).

## Paul’s response to the prophecy was to submit to the Lord’s will (20:13-16).

# Conclusion

### **Prophecy prepared Paul for suffering** (Main Idea).

### We can expect to suffer for Christ (Rom 8:17; Col 1:24; Phil 1:29).

### Because we are called to His purpose, we have a blessed assurance even when we suffer.

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