

# Acts 11:27

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And in these days came prophets from Jerusalem unto Antioch.

## Analysis

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**Then tidings of these things came unto the ears of the church which was in Jerusalem.** The rapid communication about Antioch's Gentile Christianity shows early church's communication networks and concern for doctrinal unity.

## Historical Context

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Tidings (Greek: logos) means report or account. Church in Jerusalem maintained oversight of emerging Christianity. News of systematic Gentile evangelism in Antioch (around 41-42 CE) required response. Jerusalem church sent Barnabas (Acts 11:22) to investigate, demonstrating appropriate oversight without authoritarian control. This balance characterized early Christianity—local autonomy within broader apostolic unity.

## Related Passages

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**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

## Study Questions

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1. How do healthy churches balance local initiative with broader accountability?
2. What role does communication play in maintaining doctrinal unity?

3. In what ways should established churches relate to emerging communities?
4. How does news of innovative ministry require appropriate investigation?
5. What distinguishes healthy oversight from controlling authoritarianism?

## Interlinear Text

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Ἐν ταύταις δὲ ταῖς ἡμέραις κατῆλθον ἀπὸ<sup>575</sup>  
 in G3778 And G3588 days G2250 came G2718 from G575  
 G1722 G1161

Ἱεροσολύμων προφῆται εἰς Ἀντιόχειαν  
 Jerusalem prophets unto Antioch  
 G2414 G4396 G1519 G490

## Additional Cross-References

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**Acts 13:1** (Prophecy): Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.

**1 Corinthians 12:28** (Prophecy): And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.

**Acts 15:32** (Prophecy): And Judas and Silas, being prophets also themselves, exhorted the brethren with many words, and confirmed them.

**Acts 2:17** (Prophecy): And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:

**Ephesians 4:11** (Prophecy): And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

**Matthew 23:34** (Prophecy): Wherefore, behold, I send unto you prophets, and wise men, and scribes: and some of them ye shall kill and crucify; and some of them shall ye scourge in your synagogues, and persecute them from city to city:

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