

Acts 21:1

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And it came to pass, that after we were gotten from them, and had launched, we came with a straight course unto Coos, and the day following unto Rhodes, and from thence unto Patara:

Analysis

Luke's 'we' narrative resumes, indicating his personal presence with Paul on this final journey to Jerusalem. The detailed itinerary (Coos, Rhodes, Patara) reflects the accuracy of an eyewitness account and demonstrates God's providential guidance through each stage of Paul's missionary work. This marks the beginning of Paul's fateful journey that would lead to his arrest and eventual testimony in Rome.

Historical Context

Written around AD 57 during Paul's third missionary journey. These Aegean ports were major commercial centers on the sea route from Asia Minor to Judea, with Rhodes particularly famous for its Colossus statue.

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How does God guide your journey through specific, practical steps rather than dramatic revelations?
2. What does Paul's willingness to continue despite warnings teach about obedience to divine calling?

Interlinear Text

Ως δὲ ἐγένετο ἀναχθῆναι ἡμᾶς ἀποσπασθέντας
that after And it came to pass and had launched we were gotten
G5613 G1161 G1096 G321 G2248 G645

ἀπ' αὐτῶν εὐθυδρομήσαντες ἤλθομεν εἰς τὴν Κῶν, τῇ
from them with a straight course we came unto G3588 Coos G3588
G575 G846 G2113 G2064 G1519 G2972

δὲ ἐξῆς εἰς τὴν Ρόδον κάκεῖθεν εἰς Πάταρα·
And the day following unto G3588 Rhodes and from thence unto G1519 Patara
G1161 G1836 G1519 G4499 G2547 G1519 G3959

Additional Cross-References

1 Thessalonians 2:17 (Parallel theme): But we, brethren, being taken from you for a short time in presence, not in heart, endeavoured the more abundantly to see your face with great desire.

Luke 5:4 (Parallel theme): Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught.