

# 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

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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

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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

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**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

## Study Questions

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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

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Ὡς	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	ἦλθομεν	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	Ῥόδον	κάκεῖθεν	εἰς	Πάταρα·
And	the day following	unto	G3588	Rhodes	and from thence	unto	Patara
G1161	G1836	G1519		G4499	G2547	G1519	G3959

## Additional Cross-References

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**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.