

# Acts 21:15

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And after those days we took up our carriages, and went up to Jerusalem.

## Analysis

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**We took up our carriages** (ἀποσκευάζω, aposkeuázō)—The Greek refers to gathering baggage and making preparations for the journey, not modern vehicles. This practical detail shows the final preparations before the decisive journey to Jerusalem. The determination to proceed 'after those days' of intense pleading (v. 12-14) reveals Paul's settled conviction that God's will mattered more than personal safety. His company's willing accompaniment demonstrated their submission to God's purposes even when confused or fearful about the outcome.

## Historical Context

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The 65-mile journey from Caesarea to Jerusalem typically took 2-3 days on foot. Travelers would gather provisions and arrange lodging along the way. This final leg of Paul's third missionary journey would culminate in his arrest and eventual journey to Rome as a prisoner.

## Related Passages

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**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

## Study Questions

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1. What 'carriages' (preparations and plans) do you need to take up to follow through on God's clear direction despite others' objections?
2. How does Paul's determination encourage you when obedience to God's calling leads toward suffering rather than safety?

## Interlinear Text

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Μετὰ δὲ τὰς ἡμέρας ταύτας ἀποσκευασάμενοι

after And G3588 days G3778 we took up our carriages  
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ἀνεβαίνομεν εἰς Ἱερουσάλημ

and went up to Jerusalem  
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