

Acts 21:27

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And when the seven days were almost ended, the Jews which were of Asia, when they saw him in the temple, stirred up all the people, and laid hands on him,

Analysis

The 'Jews which were of Asia' recognized Paul in the temple and stirred up opposition, demonstrating how his Ephesian ministry (Acts 19) had created lasting enemies. Their accusations would prove false but inflammatory, showing how effective ministry often generates intense opposition. God's sovereignty allowed this arrest to fulfill His purpose of bringing Paul to Rome.

Historical Context

These Asian Jews likely came for Pentecost celebrations, seven weeks after Paul's arrival in Jerusalem. Their presence in Jerusalem for the feast created the perfect opportunity for accusations and mob action.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. How do you respond when faithful ministry generates opposition and false accusations?

2. What does this teach about God's sovereignty in using even hostile opposition to accomplish His purposes?

Interlinear Text

Ὡς δὲ ἔμελλον αἱ ἑπτὰ ἡμέραι συντελεῖσθαι οἱ
 when And were almost the seven days ended
 G5613 G1161 G3195 G3588 G2033 G2250 G4931 G3588

 ἀπὸ τῆς Ἀσίας Ἰουδαῖοι θεασάμενοι αὐτὸν ἐν τῷ
 which were of Asia the Jews when they saw him in
 G575 G3588 G773 G2453 G2300 G846 G1722 G3588

 ἱερῷ συνέχεον πάντα τὸν ὄχλον καὶ ἐπέβαλον τὰς
 the temple stirred up all the people and laid
 G2411 G4797 G3956 G3588 G3793 G2532 G1911 G3588

 χεῖρας ἐπ' αὐτὸν
 hands on him
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Additional Cross-References

Acts 24:18 (Temple): Whereupon certain Jews from Asia found me purified in the temple, neither with multitude, nor with tumult.

Acts 26:21 (Temple): For these causes the Jews caught me in the temple, and went about to kill me.

Acts 13:50 (Parallel theme): But the Jews stirred up the devout and honourable women, and the chief men of the city, and raised persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them out of their coasts.