

# 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

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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

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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

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**James 2:17** — Faith and works

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

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

## Study Questions

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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

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

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

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

χεῖρας ἐπ' αὐτὸν  
**hands** **on** **him**  
<sup>G5495</sup> <sup>G1909</sup> <sup>G846</sup>

## Additional Cross-References

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**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.

