

Acts 21:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And when we had finished our course from Tyre, we came to Ptolemais, and saluted the brethren, and abode with them one day.

Analysis

We had finished our course (διανύω, dianýō)—Paul's maritime journey continued with divine purpose directing each leg. The Greek suggests completing a measured stage, not random wandering. **We came to Ptolemais**—This brief stop at another ancient Phoenician city revealed the expanding network of Christian communities along the Mediterranean coast. **Saluted the brethren, and abode with them one day**—Even a single day's fellowship strengthened bonds between scattered believers and demonstrated the universal family created by the gospel across ethnic and geographic boundaries.

Historical Context

Ptolemais (modern Acre/Akko) was located about 30 miles south of Tyre and 30 miles north of Caesarea. Named after Ptolemy II in the Hellenistic period, it served as another major port. The presence of 'brethren' there shows Christianity's rapid spread along major trade routes.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How do you maintain fellowship with believers during brief encounters, recognizing every connection's kingdom value?
2. What does the establishment of Christian communities in multiple cities teach about the gospel's organic, relational spread?

Interlinear Text

Ἡμεῖς	δὲ	τὸν	πλοῦν	διανύσαντες	ἀπὸ	Τύρου
when we	And	^{G3588}	our course	had finished	from	Tyre
G2249	G1161		G4144	G1274	G575	G5184
κατηντήσαμεν	εἰς	Πτολεμαΐδα	καὶ	ἀσπασάμενοι	τοὺς	
we came	to	Ptolemais	and	saluted		^{G3588}
G2658	G1519	G4424	G2532	G782		
ἀδελφοὺς	ἐμείναμεν	ἡμέραν	μίαν	παρ'	αὐτοῖς	
the brethren	and abode	day	^{G1520}	with	them	
G80	G3306	G2250		G3844	G846	

Additional Cross-References

Hebrews 13:24 (Parallel theme): Salute all them that have the rule over you, and all the saints. They of Italy salute you.

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