

# 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

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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

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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 abide day with them G846  
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## Additional Cross-References

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