

**Episode:** One-Hit Wonders No. 6

**Narrator:** Agabus

**Primary Scriptures:** Acts 11:27-30, 21:10-15

**Story Summary:** Agabus prophesies that Paul will be incarcerated for the sake of Jesus

**Location:** Caesarea, Israel

**Time:** Circa 57 AD

**Suggested Memory Scriptures:** Acts 21:13

The prophet Agabus was introduced in Acts 11:27-30. In those verses, he predicted a world-wide famine that could have devastating effects on poor churches like the one in Jerusalem. Because of his prophecy, the wealthier church in Antioch sent funds to the churches in Jerusalem and Judea to help them survive.

The only other time Agabus is mentioned in scripture is in Acts 21:10-15. Paul is ending his Third Missionary Journey and is at the house of Philip the evangelist in Caesarea. Paul is accompanied by several men providing spiritual, emotional, and physical support, as they are carrying a large donation to the church in Jerusalem from the churches in Greece and Macedonia. Luke, the writer of Acts, is in the group as can be ascertained by his use of the word “we.”

It must have caused quite a scene when Agabus walked directly to Paul, took off Paul’s belt, and bound his own hands and feet. When he quoted the Holy Spirit, the others in the room must have been amazed. Knowing that Agabus foretells the future, they surely had no doubt that his words were to come true, even though they didn’t want them to.

Paul was determined to go to Jerusalem in possible conformance with the vow he had taken at Cenchreae in Acts 18:18. Since the time of his conversion in Damascus, he had known he would have the opportunity to witness before kings, Gentiles, and the nation of Israel and that he would suffer for the cause of Christ (Acts 9:15-16). This is probably why he took it in stride when Agabus made his dire prediction about what would happen in Jerusalem. Over the next few years, all of what was foretold for Paul came true.