~AGABUS (47) (Ag'a-bus)

- A Christian prophet who, together with other prophets, came down from Jerusalem to Antioch of Syria during the year of Paul's stay there.
- Agabus foretold through the spirit that a great famine was about to come upon the entire inhabited earth.
- Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. (Acts of Apostles 11:27)
- One of them named Agabus rose and proceeded to indicate through the spirit that a great famine was about to come upon the entire inhabited earth, which, for that matter, did take place in the time of Claudius. (Acts of Apostles 11:28)
- As the account states, the prophecy was fulfilled during the reign of Emperor Claudius 41-54 C.E. The Jewish historian Josephus refers to this great famine. [Jewish Antiquities, XX, 51 (ii, 5), XX, 101 v, 2]
- Toward the close of Paul's last missionary tour, about 56 C.E, he was met in Caesarea by Agabus, who illustrated a prophecy of Paul's future arrest in Jerusalem by binding his own hands and feet with Paul's girdle.
- The next day we set out and arrived in Caesarea, and we entered into the house of Philip the evangelizer, who was one of the seven men, and we stayed with him. (Acts of Apostles 21:8)
- This man had four daughters, virgins, that prophesied. (Acts of Apostles 21:9)
- But while we were remaining quite a number of days, a certain prophet named Agabus came down from Judea. (Acts of Apostles 21:10)
- And he came to us and took up the girdle of Paul, bound his own feet and hands and said; Thus says the Holy Spirit; The man to whom this girdle belongs the Jews will bind in this manner in Jerusalem and deliver into the hands of people of the nations.

(Acts of Apostles 21:11)