

~TROPHIMUS (78)

(Troph'i-mus) [Feeding, Nourishing]

- A coworker of the apostle Paul, an Ephesian Gentile Christian.
- For they had previously seen **Trophimus** the Ephesian in the city with him, but they were imagining Paul had brought him into the temple. ([Acts of Apostles 21:29](#))
- **Trophimus** became a Christian perhaps during Paul's extended Ephesian ministry on his third missionary journey. Afterward **Trophimus** was one of Paul's traveling companions on the return leg of the trip through Macedonia into Asia Minor and on to Jerusalem.
- And when he had spent three months there, because a plot was hatched against him by the Jews as he was about to set sail for Syria, he made up his mind to return through Macedonia. ([Acts of Apostles 20:3](#))
- There were accompanying him Sopater the son of Pyrrhus of Beroea, Aristarchus and Secundus of the Thessalonians, and Gaius of Derbe, and Timothy, and from the district of Asia Tychicus and **Trophimus**. ([Acts of Apostles 20:4](#))
- These went on and were waiting for us in Troas. ([Acts of Apostles 20:5](#))
- However, from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called for the older men of the congregation. ([Acts of Apostles 20:17](#))
- And now, look! Bound in the spirit, I am journeying to Jerusalem, although not knowing the things that will happen to me in it. ([Acts of Apostles 20:22](#))
- There **Trophimus** was seen with Paul, and when Paul took several others along with him into the temple grounds, the Jews thought that **Trophimus**, a Gentile, went beyond the Court of the Gentiles, thereby defiling the temple. On this false assumption they mobbed Paul.
- Then Paul took the men along the next day and cleansed himself ceremonially with them and went into the temple, to give notice of the days to be fulfilled for the ceremonial cleansing, until the

offering should be presented for each one of them. (**Acts of Apostles 21:26**)

- Now when the seven days were about to be concluded, the Jews from Asia on beholding him in the temple began to throw all the crowd into confusion, and they laid their hands upon him. (**Acts of Apostles 21:27**)
- Crying out; Men of Israel, help! This is the man that teaches everybody everywhere against the people and the Law and this place and, what is more, he even brought Greeks into the temple and has defiled this holy place. (**Acts of Apostles 21:28**)
- For they had previously seen **Trophimus** the Ephesian in the city with him, but they were imagining Paul had brought him into the temple. (**Acts of Apostles 21:29**)
- And the whole city was set in an uproar, and a running together of the people occurred, and they laid hold of Paul and dragged him outside the temple. And immediately the doors were closed. (**Acts of Apostles 21:30**)
- One who also tried to profane the temple and whom we seized. (**Acts of Apostles 24:6**)
- Some years later, after Paul's first imprisonment, **Trophimus** traveled with him again. But when they got to Miletus, not far from Trophimus hometown, **Trophimus** became sick and was unable to continue.
- Erastus stayed in Corinth, but I left **Trophimus** sick at Miletus. (**2 Timothy 4:20**)