

# Jerusalem Counsel – Class 11 – Acts 15:1-19

Springbrook Church of Christ

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## Concluding a Journey

Review the context of this story, especially the stories that lead up to Acts 15:1-35. What is the context of this narrative?

**Read [Acts 15:1-5](#).** Why does Luke give us a narrative about controversy about Gentiles (again)?

## The Place of Gentiles

**Read [Acts 15:6-11](#).** Summarize Peter's argument. Why is Peter making the argument here, and not Paul? What was the yoke that Israel was not able to bear?

**Read [Acts 15:12-19](#).** Who is James? Why is he speaking in response to Peter's argument and Paul and Barnabas' testimony?

What scripture is James quoting? Has anyone else quoted [Amos](#) in Acts?

**Read [Amos 9:1-4](#).** Much of Amos takes this accusing, negative, prophetic tone. What is different about James' quote of Amos 9:11-12?

What restrictions does James implement for Gentiles?

How does James reach his conclusion? What is the shape of his argument?

What is James' why?

How can we join this story today? What kinds of things can we give up and abstain from to maintain unity in our own body?