

Feb 11 – Testimony – Acts 22




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Statue of St. Paul, 1606
by Gregorio Fernández (1576-1636)
Iglesia de San Pablo, Spain

Acts 13-28

1. Dec 3	Gospel Message	13	Paul's Message in Pisidian Antioch
2. Dec 10	Misguided Worship	14	Paul & Barnabas GODS?
3. Dec 17	Available to All	15	Jerusalem Church Council
5. Dec 31	Strengthened	15 & 16	Paul & Timothy Join Forces
6. Jan 7	Changed Family	16	Paul & Silas Delivered in Philippi
7. Jan 14	Unknown Known	17	Paul in Areopagus w Greek Scholars
8. Jan 21	Value All *	16	Paul Delivers Possessed Girl
9. Jan 28	Incomplete Picture	18 & 19	Priscilla & Aquila ... Paul Baptizes 12
10. Feb 4	Delivered	20	Paul's Farewell at Miletus
 11. Feb 11	Testimony	22	Paul's Words in Jerusalem <i>HATED</i>
12. Feb 18	Answering Critics	26	Paul in Caesarea w King Agrippa
13. Feb 25	Always on Mission	28	Paul Testifies to Jews in Rome

* Sanctity of Human Life Sunday





Theme



The gospel transforms people from sinners into instruments of God

- 21:1-16 Paul Journey's to Jerusalem
- 21:17-25 Paul Visits James and Elders
- 21:26-40 Paul Arrested ... Stops on Steps to Testify
 - 22:1-5 Former Life – Jew, Gamaliel Taught, Persecuting “Way”
 - 22:6-16 Life-Changing Encounter – Vision of Risen Christ!
 - 22:17-21 New Purpose – Transforming Trance
 - 22:22 Rejection – “Wipe Him Off the Face of the Earth!”
 - 22:23-24 Roman Citizen Paul to be Flogged ... or **NOT**





Key Verse – Acts 22:22

**They shouted,
Rid the earth of him!**

He's not fit to live!





Alternate Title



Your Testimony

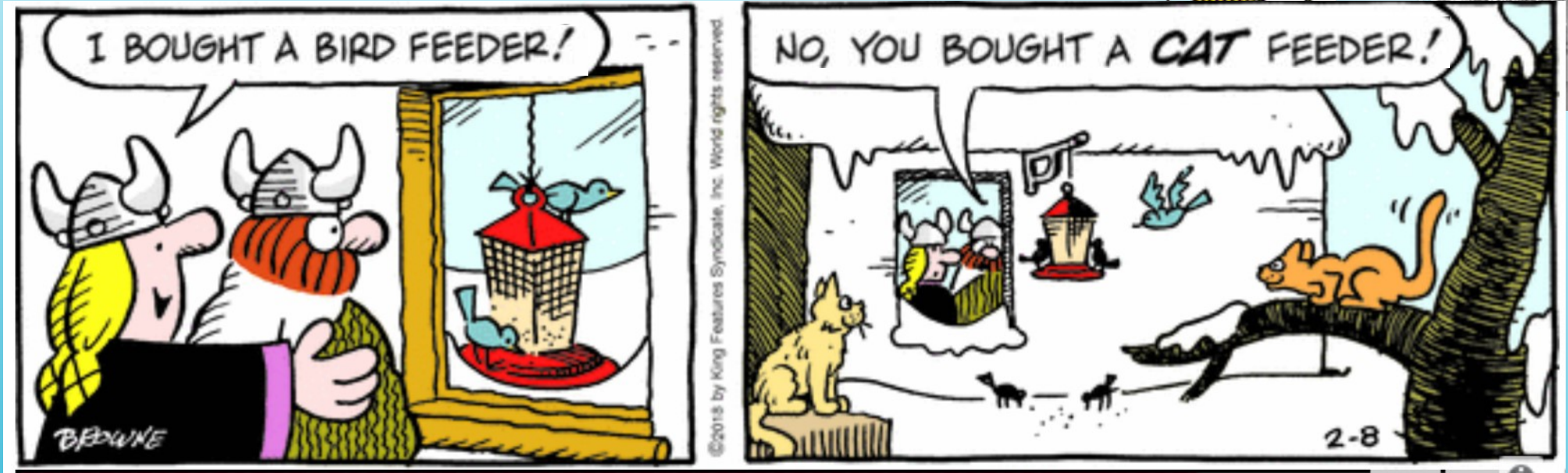
If All Were as Compelled

Again, not all ARE called to be like Paul

Yet we should honor those that are



Great Philosopher Hagär the Horrible And his darling wife Helga ... at home



Things do NOT always turn out as we have planned
Or ... as others have planned **FOR** you





Book of Acts – the Early Church

1 Intro – Theophilus, Appearances, Ascension

2-12 Peter – Church from Jerusalem to Antioch

- 2-7 Jerusalem – Peter, John, Ananias & Sapphira, Stephen
- 8 Samaria – Paul persecutes, Philip, Simon
- 9 Conversion of Paul
- 10-12 Conversion of Cornelius, Peter vision of sheets



13-28 Paul – Church from Antioch to Rome

- 13 – 14 **1st Missionary** Journey – Saul/Paul & Barnabas
- 15:1-35 1st Church Council in Jerusalem
- 15:36 – 18:22 **2nd Missionary** Journey of Paul
- 18:23 – 21:16 **3rd Missionary** Journey of Paul
- 21:17 – 23 Paul to Jerusalem**
- 24 – 26 Paul to Caesarea ... 27-28 Paul to Rome

You are HERE



13:1 – 14:28 Paul's *FIRST* Missionary Journey

13:1-12 Cyprus 14:1-7 Iconium

13:13-52 Pisidia Antioch 14:8-28 Lystra, Derbe, to Antioch

15:1-35 Jerusalem Council

15:36 – 18:22 Paul's *SECOND* Missionary Journey

15:36 – 16:10 Antioch to Troas

16:11-40 Troas to Philippi

17:1-34 Philippi to Thessalonica to Athens

18:1-22 Athens to Corinth

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18:23 – 21:16 Paul's *THIRD* Missionary Journey

18:23 – 19:41 Ephesian Pentecost

20:1 – 21:16 Macedonia to Troas, Athens, Corinth, return

21:17 – 28:31 Paul in Route to & in Rome

21:17 – 23:35 In Jerusalem 27:1 – 28:15 Voyage to Rome

24:1 – 26:32 In Caesarea 28:16-31 Ministry in Rome





21:1-16 Paul Journey's to Jerusalem

21:1 ... After having **“TORN”** ourselves away
From the **“Last Farewell”** ... to the

Last Hug

Bittersweet **“Fair thee well”** ... heartbreaking

Sail to Kos ... to Rhodes ... to Patara

They **“find a ship to Phoenicia”**

Sail south of and past Cyprus

Sail to Syria ... land at Tyre ... ship unloaded

Found disciples ... stayed **SEVEN** days



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21:1-16 Paul Journey's to Jerusalem

v. 7 ... CONTINUE their voyage

From Tyre to Ptolemais ... greeted more

To Caesarea & stayed w Philip the Evangelist

Philip has 7 daughters ... 4 “who prophesied”

who prophesied

Prophesied ... and nothing else about them

vv. 10-12 ... Prophet Agabus “Holy Spirit” says

Paul will be bound

v. 17 ... they arrive in Jerusalem



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Acts 21 Third Journey ... Last Leg ... 16 Verses – Map from Quarterly

Paul spends two years preaching the gospel as he awaits his appeal to Nero

Sail from Miletus to island Kos to Rhodes to Patara

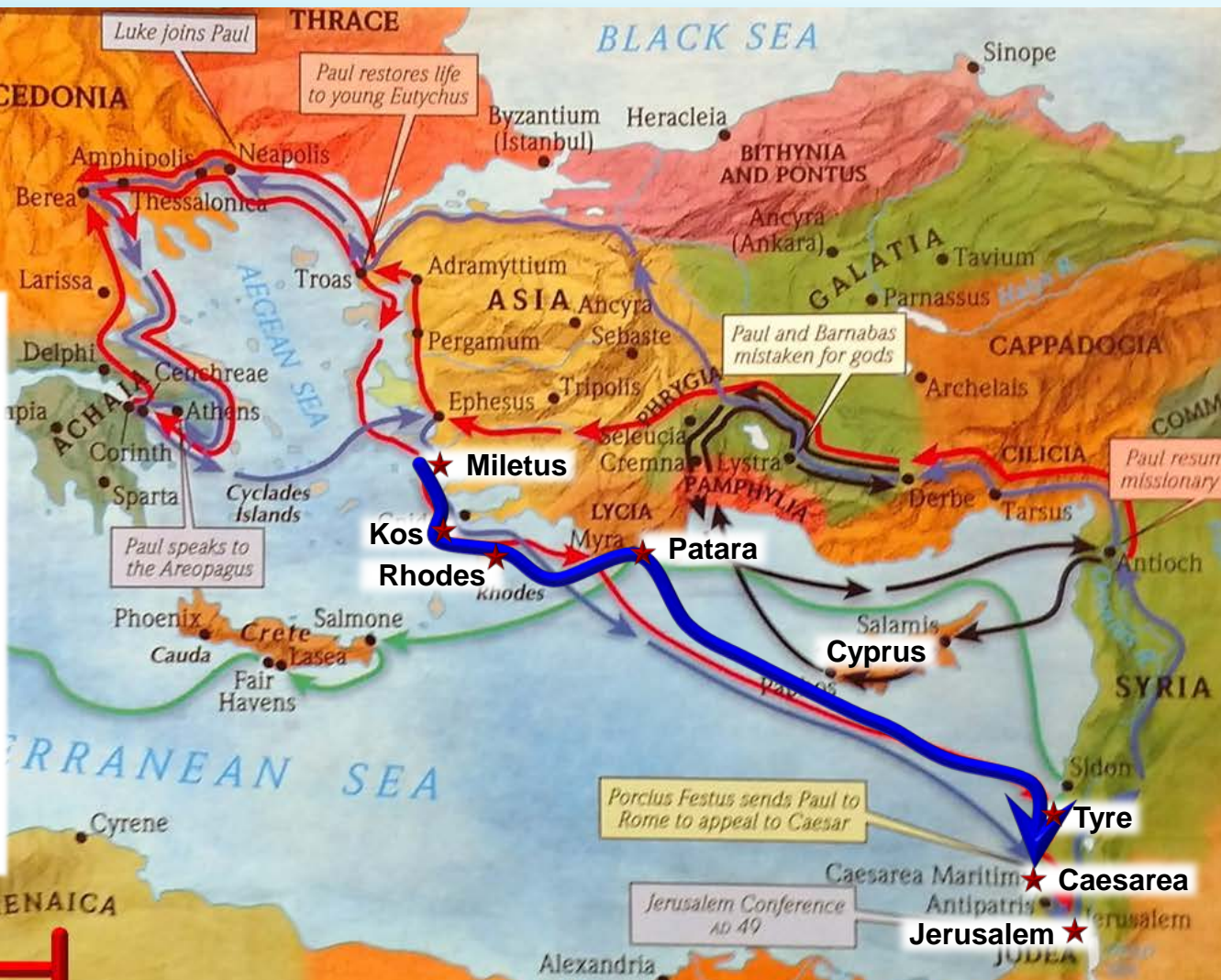
“FIND a ship to Phoenicia”

Sail east & pass Cyprus

Sail to Syria ... land in Tyre

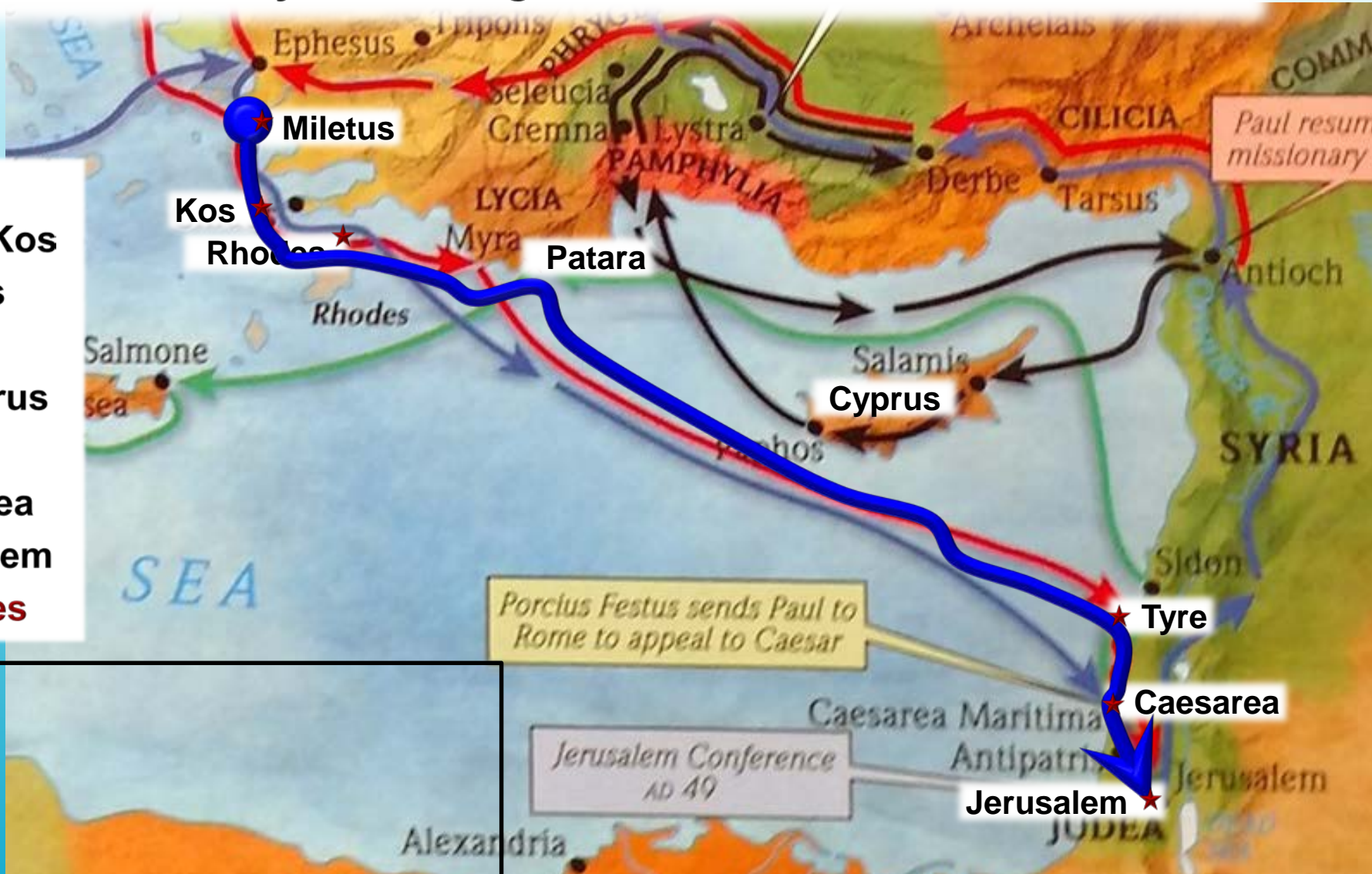
Sail 100+ miles to Caesarea then overland to Jerusalem

Maybe 800 Miles



Acts 21 Third Journey ... Last Leg ... 16 Verses – closer version

Miletus
to island Kos
to Rhodes
to Patara
Pass Cyprus
to Tyre
to Caesarea
to Jerusalem
800+ Miles





End of the Third Missionary Journey BEGINNING of **Travail for Apostle Paul**

We wonder about **ALL** that Paul taught

Quite a lot of travel in Three Journeys:

1st **1,300** miles *by land* AD 45-47 **2 yrs**

2nd **2,700** miles *1,400 land* AD 51-54 **3 yrs**

3rd **2,500+** miles *1,350 land* AD 54-58 **4 yrs**

total 6,500+ Miles *circa AD 45-58 9 yrs*

Paul is Christianity's Superstar

Smartest, Most Prolific ... Best Liked teacher

Most Hated by Holy Jews – hate increasing for 6,500 miles



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A Chronology of Paul's Writings

★ 1st Missionary Journey (45 - 47 A.D.)

No books were written

★ 2nd Missionary Journey (51 - 54 A.D.)

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|----|-----------------|----------------|----------------------|
| 1. | 1 Thessalonians | (52 - 53 A.D.) | Written from Corinth |
| 2. | 2 Thessalonians | (52 - 53 A.D.) | Written from Corinth |

★ 3rd Missionary Journey (54 - 58 A.D.)

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| 3. | 1 Corinthians | (Spring, 57 A.D.) | Written from Ephesus |
| 4. | 2 Corinthians | (Autumn, 57 A.D.) | Written from Macedonia |
| 5. | Galatians | (Winter, 57 A.D.) | Written from Greece |
| 6. | Romans | (Spring 58, A.D.) | Written from Corinth |

★ First Roman Imprisonment (61 - 63 A.D.)

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| 7. | Philemon | (61 or 62 A.D.) | Written from Rome |
| 8. | Colossians | (61 or 62 A.D.) | Written from Rome |
| 9. | Ephesians | (61 or 62 A.D.) | Written from Rome |
| 10. | Philippians | (61 or 62 A.D.) | Written from Rome |

★ Between First & Second Imprisonments (63 - 67 A.D.)

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| 11. | 1 Timothy | (67 A.D.) | Written from Macedonia |
| 12. | Titus | (67 A.D.) | Written from Ephesus |

Second Roman Imprisonment (68 A.D.)

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|-----|-----------|-----------|-------------------|
| 13. | 2 Timothy | (68 A.D.) | Written from Rome |
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*"I Paul have written it
with mine own hand"*

Philemon 19



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**Maybe 5% of
Paul's teaching**



NOTE: { It is believed by many that Paul wrote the book of Hebrews. If in fact he did, that would bring to 14 the total number of books of the New Testament written by this great soldier of the cross.





21:17-25 Paul Visits James, et al

At Jerusalem ... these fine words:

Brothers & sisters received us warmly

Next day ... Paul sees James & Elders

CONTROVERSY ... Jews spread RUMORS

Yes, circumcision **NOT** required to be **SAVED**

Jews **LIED** that Paul preached **AGAINST** Law
and **AGAINST** circumcision ... just **LIED**

James & Elders ask Paul to purify himself to

SHOW there is No Truth to lies



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**21:17-25 Paul Visits James, et al
Paul joins in purification ... then**

**That is, Paul follows the Jewish Law
Regarding Gentiles themselves ...**

v. 25 James recalls Acts 15, “We have written”

Jerusalem Council Decision Definitive

So definitive ... it is recalled

**²⁵ As for the Gentile believers,
we have written to them our decision....**

James gives a summary of that short letter



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21:26-40 Paul Arrested

Paul ... near end of 7 days ... *no peace*

²⁷ Jews from province of Asia

Liars ... stir up crowd *again*

²⁸ Fellow Israelites, help us!

Paul brings Greeks into the Temple

True, Trophimus the Ephesian is *with* Paul

NOT true that Trophimus entered Temple

Non-Jews – DEATH to enter temple

Holy Jews CLAIM such ... Stir MUCH



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Are you getting the message?

Do you see the hate for Paul?

It is the SAME hate the Jews had for **Jesus**

It is the SAME hate the world has for **YOU**

SAME hate the world has for **Pastor Collin**

SAME hate the world has for **ALL Christians**

Hey ... want to live peaceably?

Hey ... want to live securely?

Easy ... Truly Easy

Just Keep Quiet

Lot of Pastors Do



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The message is—

Paul will NOT shut his pie hole!

Paul will NOT deny his blinding vision

Paul CANNOT be quiet about his SIGHT

Not all are Paul ... not all can be Paul

Not all are called to be like Paul

But St. Paul is an example of a witness

Doing Something for the Kingdom

Especially Christians Testifying



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21:26-40 Paul Arrested

³⁰ The whole city was aroused, and the people came running from all directions. Seizing Paul, they dragged him from the temple, and immediately the gates were shut.

Then comes verse 31

³¹ While they were trying to kill him, News reaches the Roman Commander

As soon as Commander & staff reach Paul

³⁵ ... they **stopped** beating Paul



*Primus hic Artistes Solijme Jacobus amate,
Fundamenta iacet fidei, et dum vivimus notum*

*Esse docet Christum, et mysteria sacra
Fulgebant acerbis notum cum formosum*

Paul Beaten in Jerusalem, c. 1590
by Hendrick Goltzius Epoca





Have you ever been **BEATEN** down?

Assaulted and **BEATEN** down?

Not just “unpleasant” ... it **HURTS!**

How many times, now, has Paul been

Beaten Down

No one gets used to a **beating** ...

No one enjoys a **beating** ...

Few ever forget a **beating** ...

³¹ ... they were trying to kill him,

³⁵ When commander arrived ...

they **stopped** beating Paul



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*Primus hic Antistes Solijme Jacobus amate,
Fundamenta iacit fidei et dum vivante natum*

6.

*Esse docet Christum, et mysteria sacra recitari,
Fulsius oculis vitam cum sanguine fudit*



21:26-40 Paul Arrested

Crowd was so great, soldiers carried Paul

³⁶ Crowd followed, yelling, “*Get rid of him.*”

vv. 37-38, Commander asked if Paul was recent terrorist with 4,000 followers

³⁹ Paul answered, “I am a Jew, from Tarsus in Cilicia, a citizen of no ordinary city. PLEASE let me speak to the people.”

Commander lets Paul speak ... in Aramaic

Older than & very similar to Hebrew



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22:1-5 Former Life – Jew, Gamaliel Taught, Persecuting “Way”

Standing on steps, Paul motions to crowd

1 “Brothers and fathers ... **DID** you hear that?

2 When they heard him speak to them in Aramaic, they became very quiet....

3 “I am a Jew, born in Tarsus of Cilicia, but brought up in this city.”

Can you see Paul standing on the steps?

Paul motions with his hand ... *to whom?*

People who had **BEATEN** him Down



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Fathers & Brothers





**Paul is arrested
CARRIED away
Crowd thick as flies
a Lynch Mob**

**Crowd BEATING
poor Paul to Death**

**How MANY
beatings**

after 6,500 miles?



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Beatings did not stop Paul



Paul is arrested
CARRIED away

STOPS on
the Steps

to do **WHAT?**

Paul wants to

Witness

to those who

Just Beat Him



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Look CLOSLEY
He grew up here
See Fred?
Went to School
together
See George?
Studied Genesis
together w
Gamaliel
See Little Joe?
WERE best
Friends



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until Paul
saw Jesus

22:1-5 Former Life – Jew, Gamaliel Taught, Persecuting “Way”

Standing on steps, Paul motions to crowd

Like a machine gun ... Paul fires away:

- ✓ Studied under Gamaliel (leading scholar of day)
- ✓ Trained in the law of our ancestors
- ✓ Zealous for God as any of you are today
- ✓ Persecuted “the Way” to their *DEATH*
arresting both men & women &
throwing them into prison

Paul was a Top Jewish Enforcer



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No Kidding ... Top Jewish Enforcer

The Enforcer



Back in the day
Paul was MORE
Zealous

than **ALL** of those
Clubbing Him

That is, Paul USE to be



22:1-5 Former Life – Jew, Gamaliel Taught, Persecuting “Way”

Speaking in Aramaic from steps—**ATTENTION!**

⁴ I hunted followers of the “way” to **DEATH** ...

⁵ as the high priest and all the Council
can **THEMSELVES** testify.

Actually, Paul went **ABOVE** the call of duty

I even obtained LETTERS from them to
their associates in Damascus, & went there
to bring these people as prisoners
to Jerusalem to be punished.

Oh ... what a find that would be ...

to have those original letters!



Paul GRIEVES
his old self

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Hebrew and Aramaic

Letter ^[6]	Name	Scripts											
		Hebrew			Ancestral					Related			
		Cursive	Rashi	Braille ^[7]	Hieroglyphic base of Proto-Sinaitic (assumed)	Proto-Semitic (reconstructed)	Phoenician	Paleo-Hebrew	Aramaic	Greek	Latin	Cyrillic	Arabic
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No doubting Paul's credentials

Furthermore ... you **MUST** know

Jerusalem was Paul's adopted **HOME**

Raised there ... **MANY** in the crowd **KNEW** him

His testimony was **MORE** than a **vindication**

His testimony was **MORE** than an **apologetic**

His testimony was **MORE** than a **defense**

His testimony was a **PLEA** from his heart for

Them to See the Truth



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22:6-16 Life-Changing Encounter – Vision of Risen Christ!

Many **KNEW** ... now **ALL** knew ...

With his credentials laid out ... his Testimony:

⁶ “About noon as I came near Damascus,
suddenly a bright light from heaven ...

⁷ I fell to the ground and heard ...

‘Saul! Saul! Why do you persecute me?’

⁸ “ ‘Who are you, Lord?’ I asked.

9-16, Paul retells his story—maybe 100th time!

He was **Blinded by the Light**


Then healed by Ananias ... and Sent to Proclaim



Blinded by the light
Revved up like a deuce
Another runner in the night

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22:17-21 New Purpose – Transforming Trance

Then, back in Jerusalem ... praying in temple

17-18 I fell into a trance and SAW the Lord speaking to me. “Quick!” he said. “Leave Jerusalem immediately”

Paul tells them he struggled with the Lord ...

Remember, I was the coat taker at

Stephen’s Stoning

Surely, MANY Remember That

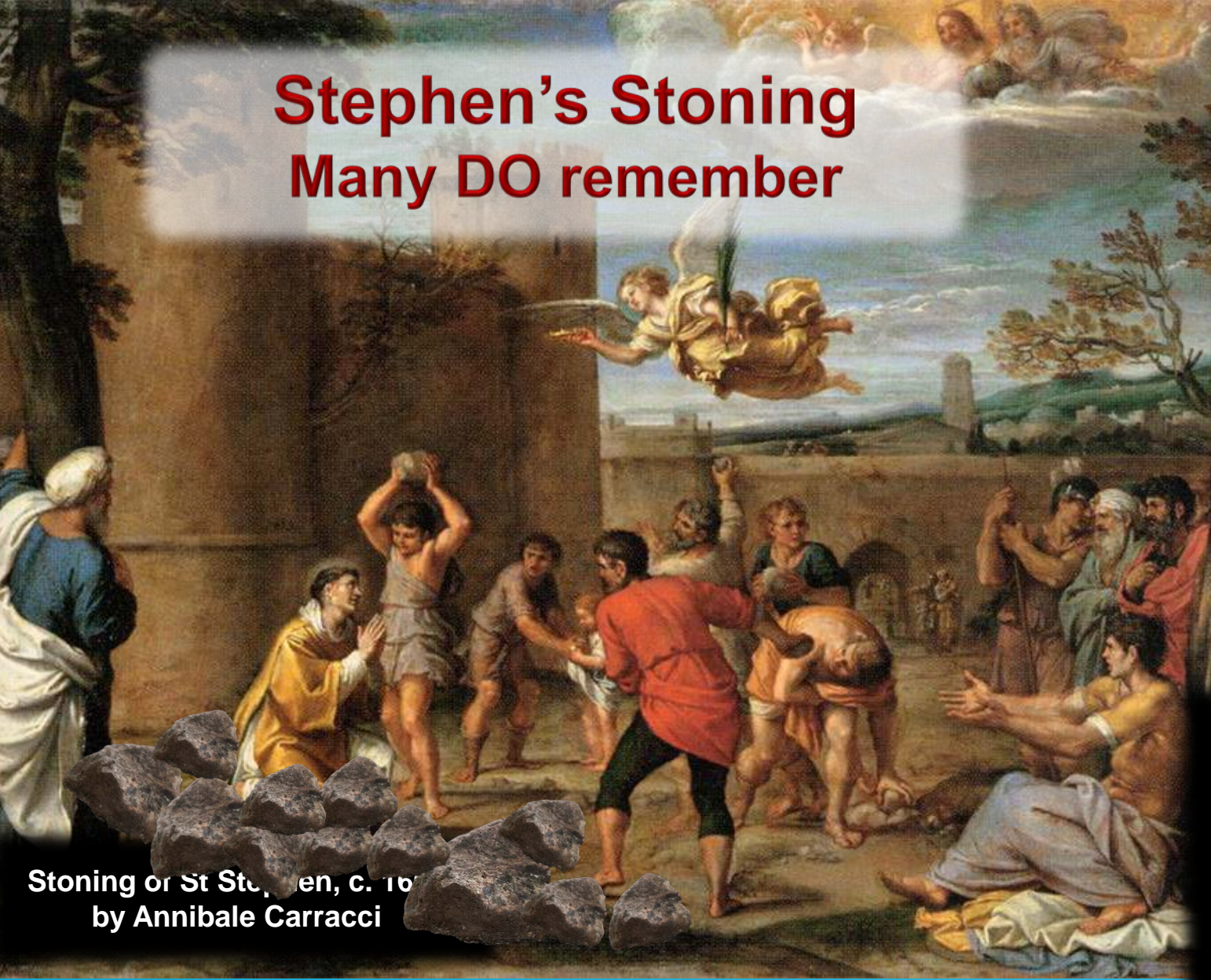


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Stephen's Stoning

Many DO remember




Stoning of St. Stephen, c. 1630
by Annibale Carracci



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Let me hold your coat!
So you can **REALLY**
Throw dem dar

STONES



22:17-21 New Purpose – Transforming Trance

Paul has been leading them on ... in a way

Paul then ... as an **EX-Top Jew Enforcer**

Paul then ... **STILL** the Jew of Jews

Then, Paul tells him what God said:

21 Then the Lord said to me, “Go!

“I will send you far away to the Gentiles.”

22 Crowd listened to Paul until he said this.

Go Bonkers!

Shouted, “Rid the earth of him!”

“He’s not fit to live!”



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22:22 Rejection – Holman Christian Bible

“Wipe Him Off the Face of the Earth!”

No Religious Freedom there

No Respect for God’s Guidance there

No “Tolerance” for Freedom of Speech

Just ... simply ... cruelly ...

Lynch Paul

22:23-24 Paul Arrested ... yet

Commander ordered him flogged

All stops when they find out Paul’s Roman Citizenship



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22:22 Rejection – Holman Christian Bible

“Wipe Him Off the Face of the Earth!”

With their hatred ... they offer a means

NIV

“He's not fit to live!”

KJV

“for it is not fit that he should live.”

HCSB

“it's a disgrace for him to live!”



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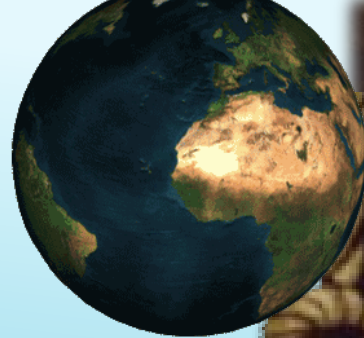




Looks a lot like ...
much of the world today

**Desires to wipe Christianity
Off the Face of the Earth!"**

World desires ... from many quarters
Will that desire ... keep YOU silent?



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