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# Acts of the Apostles

November 10, 2024

**Acts 22:22** – They shouted,  
Rid the earth of him!  
He's not fit to LIVE!



Paul, c. 1657  
by Rembrandt (1606-69)



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





# Paul's Missionary Journeys

	<i>Chapter</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Summary</i>
Sept 1	13a	<i>I've Been Everywhere</i>	Paul to Paphos on Cyprus & Sorcerer Elymus
Sept 8	13b	<i>The Old Rugged Cross</i>	Paul Gains Ear of Whole City of Pisidian Antioch
Sept 15	14	<i>Eye of the Tiger</i>	Paul Beaten in Lystra, Flee to Derbe then <i>RETURN</i>
Sept 22	15a	<i>Amazing Grace</i>	Paul & Barnabas to Jerusalem for 1st Church Council
Sept 29	15-16	<i>The Wanderer</i>	Paul, Silas, & Timothy Thru Macedonia to Philippi
Oct 6	16	<i>Free at Last</i>	Paul & Crew to Phrygia, Troas, Philippi, Convert Lydia, Paul Frees Slave Girl, Beaten, Jailed, Free to Lydia's Home
Oct 13	17	<i>How Great Thou Art</i>	Paul & Silas Thessalonica, Berea, Athens' Areopagus
Oct 20	18	<i>Down on the Corner</i>	Paul to Corinth, Meets Aquila & Priscilla, to Ephesus
Oct 27	19	<i>Never Enough</i>	Paul in Ephesus w Big Miracles – Riot x "The Way"
Nov 3	20-21	<i>Top of the World</i>	Paul Hunted Thru Greece, Ephesus, to Jerusalem
Nov 10	22-24	<i>Blinded by the Light</i>	Paul—Roman Citizen, BEATEN, then to Governor Felix
Nov 17	25-26	Respond	Paul to Festus, Then Paul's Words Impress Agrippa
Nov 24	27-28	Trust	Paul's Storm-Rocking Trip to Rome

**Remember—Paul told his brothers & sisters in his Last Farewell in Miletus the Spirit had told him he faced prison . . .**

**Jews trying to Catch &  
Trap the Apostle Paul**  
**Kind of reminds me of the**  
***Road Runner***





# 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 – 24 Paul Off to Jerusalem & Arrested**

25 – 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 & First Church 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 – then Home to Antioch

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

18:23 – 19:41 Ephesian Pentecost & Miraculous Healing

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

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

21:17 – 24:27 In Jerusalem, then Ceaserea for Trial before Felix

25:1 – 26:32 In Caesarea

27:1 – 28:15 Voyage to Rome

28:16-31 Ministry in Rome



- 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,  
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He's not fit to LIVE!**





**Alternate Title**

# **Your Testimony**

## **If All Were AS Compelled**

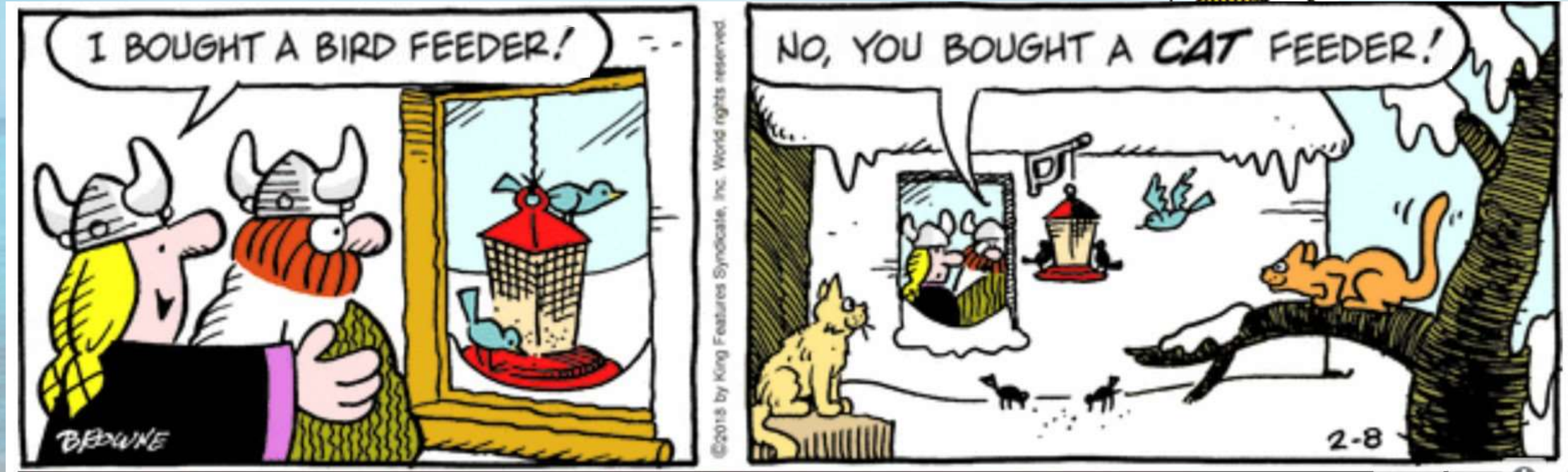
**Again, not all ARE called to be like Paul**

**Yet we honor those that ARE so called**





# 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

## 21:1-16 Paul Journey's to Jerusalem

21:1 ... After having **“TORN”** ourselves away  
From the **“Last Farewell”** at Miletus & from 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**

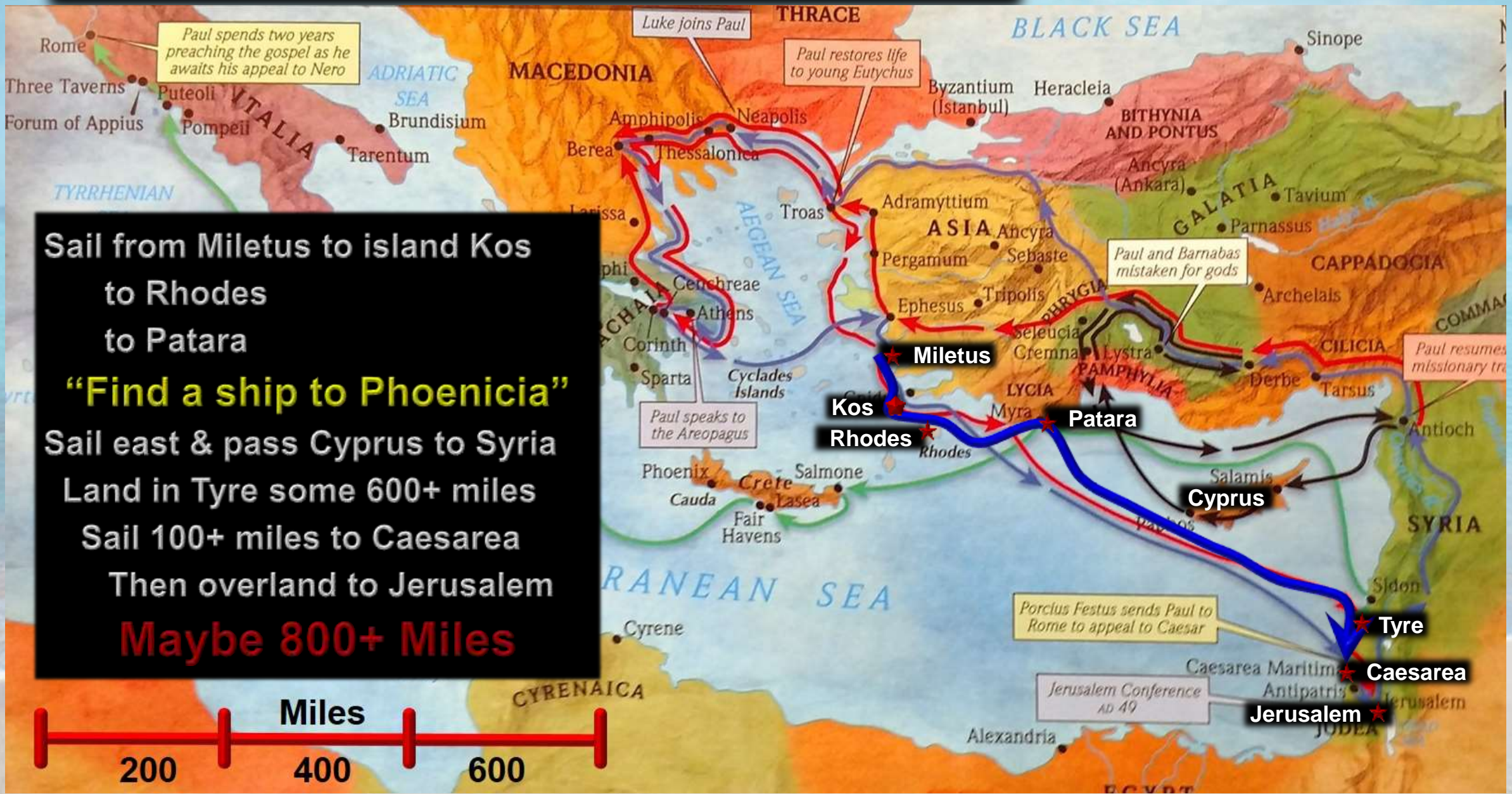
**v. 17 ... they arrive in Jerusalem**



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# Acts 21 Third Journey ... Last Leg ... 16 Verses



Sail from Miletus to island Kos  
to Rhodes  
to Patara

**“Find a ship to Phoenicia”**

Sail east & pass Cyprus to Syria  
Land in Tyre some 600+ miles  
Sail 100+ miles to Caesarea  
Then overland to Jerusalem  
**Maybe 800+ Miles**





# Acts 21 Third Journey ... Last Leg

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. | <u>1 Thessalonians</u> | (52 - 53 A.D.) | Written from Corinth |
| 2. | <u>2 Thessalonians</u> | (52 - 53 A.D.) | Written from Corinth |

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

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

## ✪ First Roman Imprisonment (61 - 63 A.D.)

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

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

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|-----|------------------|-----------|------------------------|
| 11. | <u>1 Timothy</u> | (67 A.D.) | Written from Macedonia |
| 12. | <u>Titus</u>     | (67 A.D.) | Written from Ephesus   |

## Second Roman Imprisonment (68 A.D.)

- |     |                  |           |                   |
|-----|------------------|-----------|-------------------|
| 13. | <u>2 Timothy</u> | (68 A.D.) | Written from Rome |
|-----|------------------|-----------|-------------------|

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.



*"I Paul have written it with mine own hand"*

Philemon 19



**Maybe 15% of Paul's teaching**



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

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

James & Elders ask Paul to purify himself to

**SHOW there is No Truth to the Jews' L I E S**



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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**

**<sup>25</sup> 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*

<sup>27</sup> Jews from province of Asia

Liars ... stir up crowd *again*

<sup>28</sup> 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 Abernathy**

**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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Russian poet Apollon Maikov wrote,  
If you wish to live without struggle,  
*without* storm,  
*without* knowing the bitterness of life,  
to ripe old age,  
do not seek a friend and  
do not call yourself anyone's friend.\*



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\* From poem by Apollon Maikov (1821-1897), a Russian poet I believe, quoted from the diary of Pavel Florensky in his massive, *The Pillar and Ground of the Truth* (Princeton, 1997; 595p.): 323.



**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 as a Christian Testifying**



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## 21:26-40 Paul Arrested

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

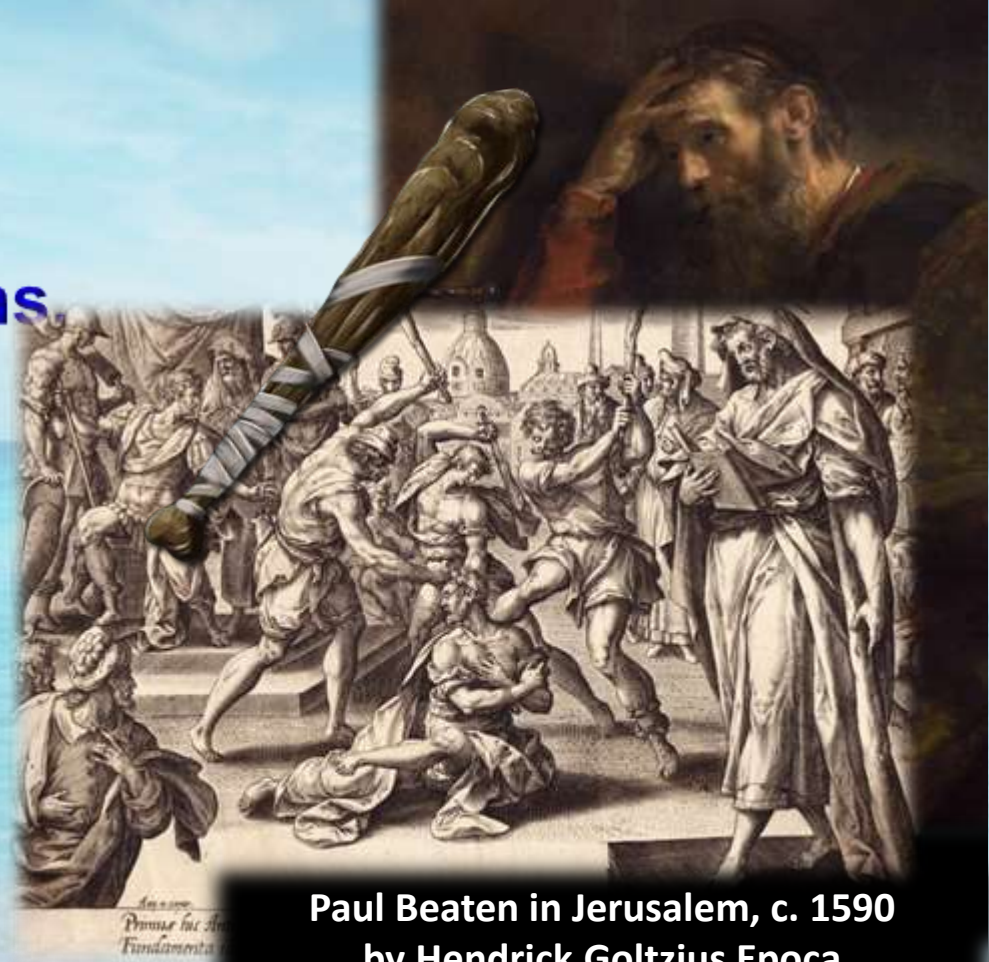
Then comes verse 31

<sup>31</sup> While they were trying to **KILL** him,

News reaches the Roman Commander

As soon as Commander & staff reach Paul

<sup>35</sup> ... they stopped beating Paul



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Have you ever been **BEATEN** down?

Assaulted and **BEATEN** down?

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How many times, now, has Paul been

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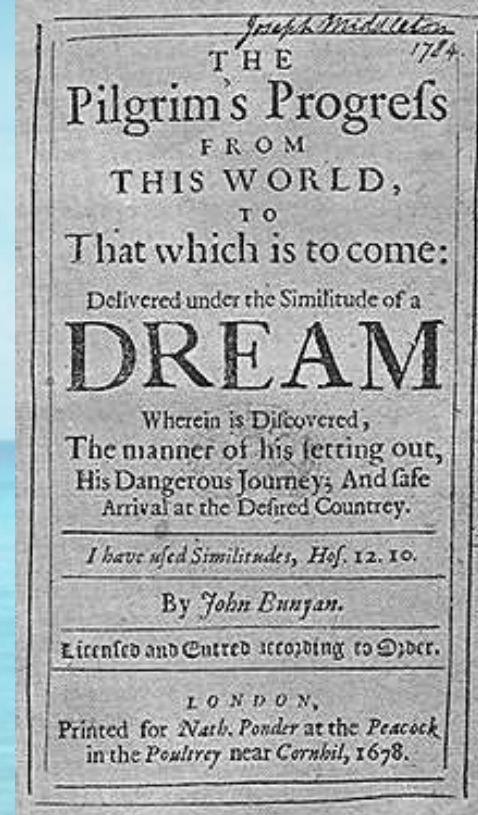
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# John Bunyan's *The Pilgrim's Progress* published in 1678 –

- ✓ Most Read next to the Bible for 100 years
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- ✓ Masterful Allegory of the Christian Journey
- ✓ Some have said no other book has had a broader range of influence, esp. given the number of major authors it touched
- ✓ Bunyan wrote it in Bedfordshire County **JAIL** for violating Conventicle Act of 1664, holding religious services OUTSIDE Church of England

C.S. Lewis wrote *The Pilgrim's Regress—An Allegorical Apology for Christianity Reason and Romanticism* (London: 1933, revised 1943).



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Bunyan has a DREAM ... he writes ...

Man named Christian leaves his "City of Destruction"  
with a Great Burden on his Back

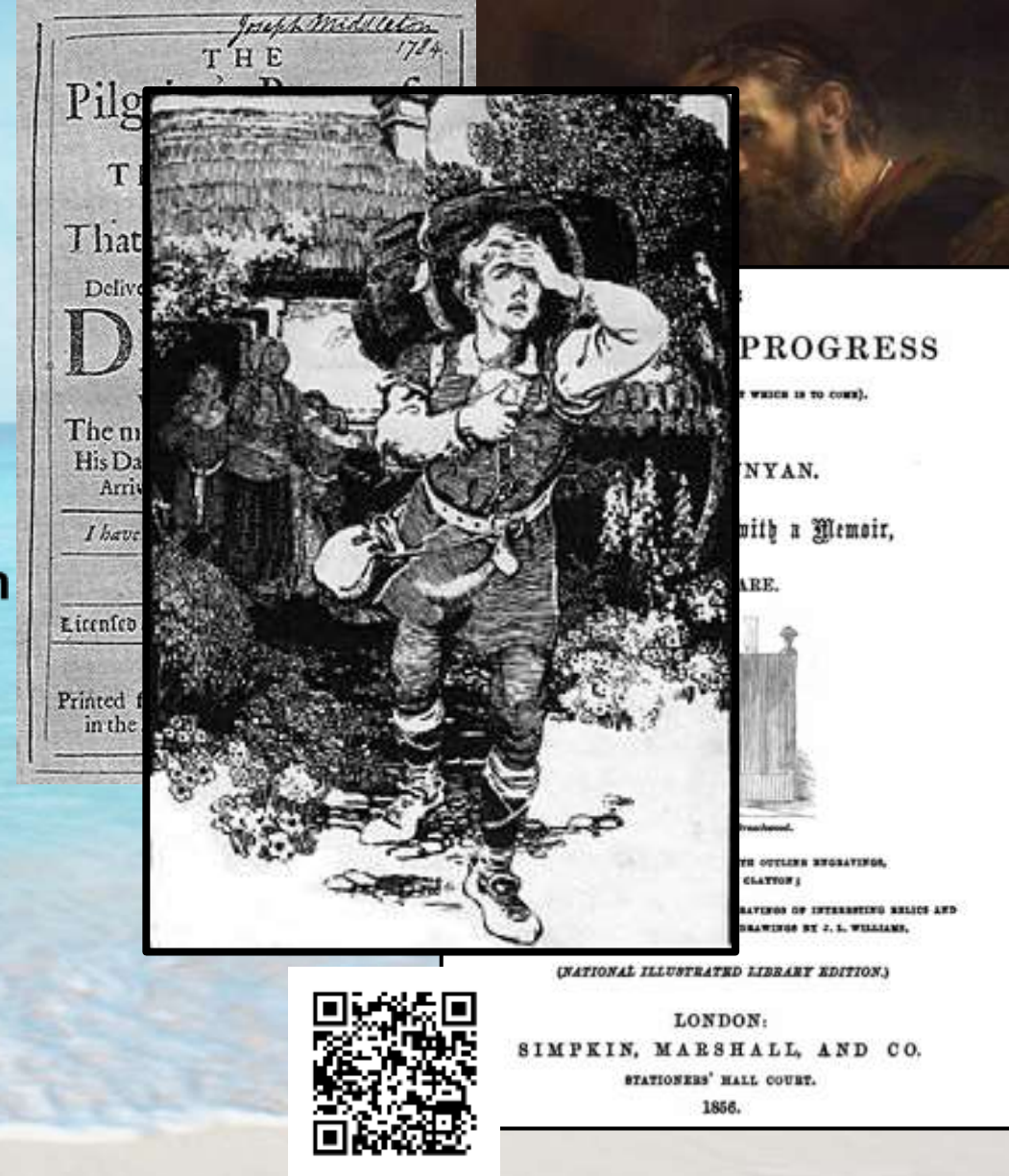
Christian is going to the **Celestial City** ...

Meets a man named Evangelist that gives directions

On the road Christian meets, is joined by, & parts with  
a host of intriguing people whose NAMES  
betray their characters

Christian falls into the Slough of Despond ...  
a mirey swamp of doubts, fears, etc.

Christian is pulled out by a nice fellow named HELP  
Mr. Worldly Wiseman gives not-so-good advice



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Christian is joined by a nice fellow named Faithful  
At the Wicket Gate the "straight & narrow" begins  
the King's Highway

Christian diverted to the village of Morality and  
meets Mr. Legality & Mr. Legality's son Civility

Christian travels to the Beautiful Palace ... then  
Thru the Valley of the Shadow of Death

Onward Christian and Faithful go together ...

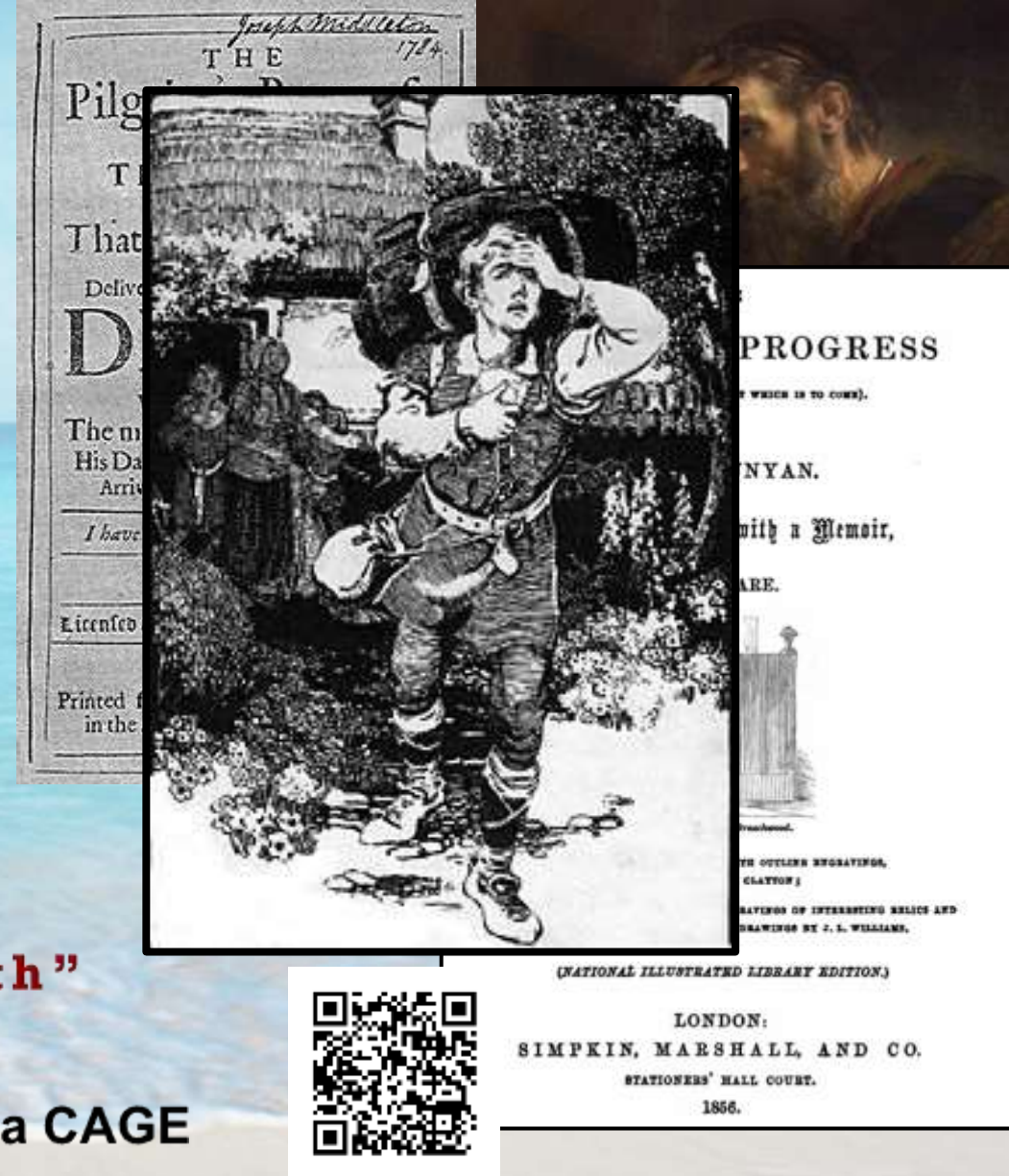
To the town, Vanity ... with a Vanity Fair all year long  
Bunyan details all sorts of nefarious trades & people

When asked by the people of Vanity what

Christian & Faith want to buy, they answer, "**Truth**"

Christian & Faithful "**trade & traffic in heaven**"

They are arrested, beaten, smeared with dirt, put into a CAGE



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VERY MUCH like our Apostle Paul

Soon they are brought to TRIAL before ... *listen up*

Judge Lord Hate-Good ... charges with division  
and disrespect to town prince, Beelzebub

Three witnesses are brought forth:

Envy, Superstition, Pickthank (*seeks favor by flattery*)

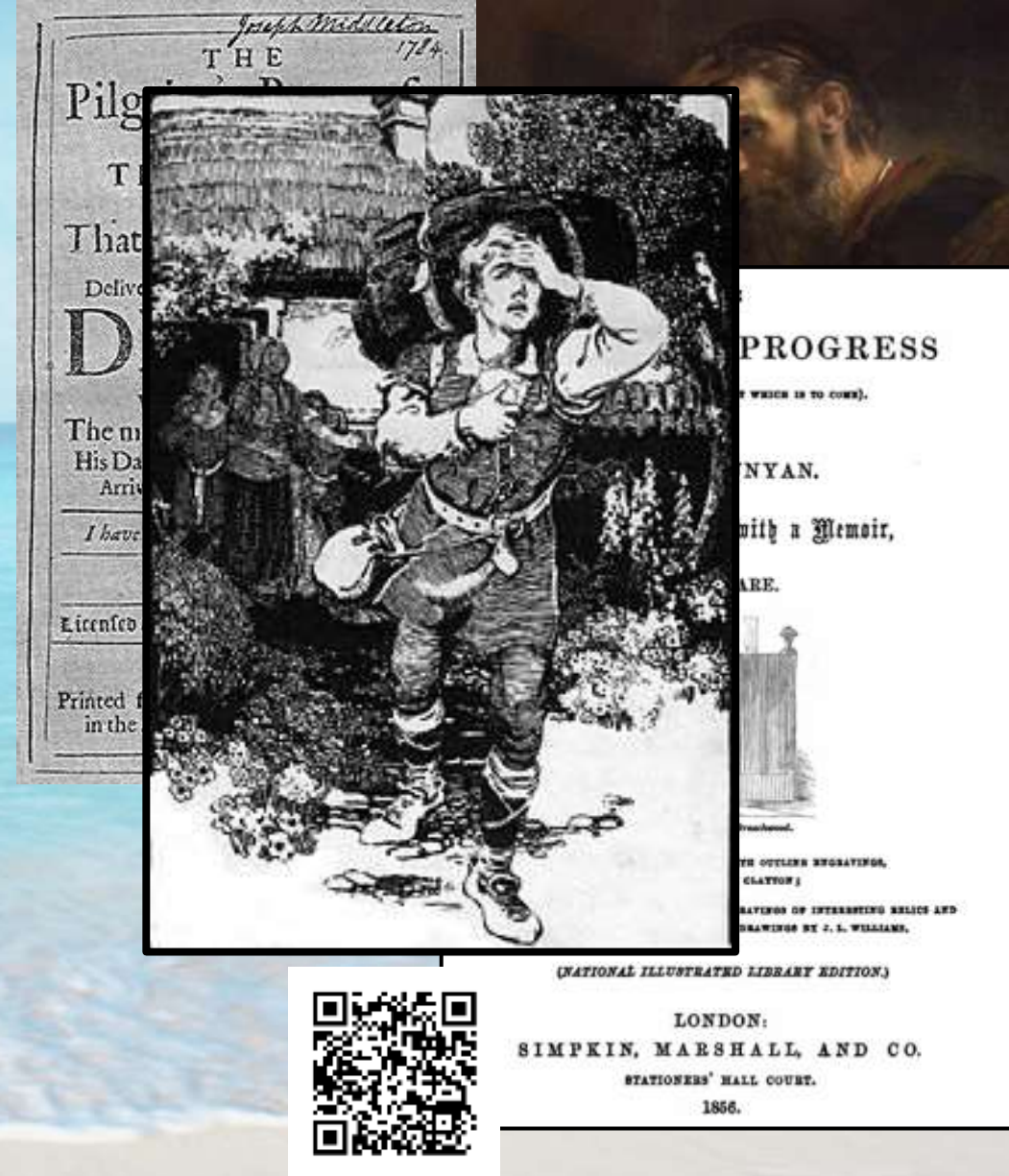
Witnesses swore Christian & Faithful spoke ill of  
Beelzebub & his honorable friends

Lord Old Man, Lord Carnal Delight,

Lord Luxurious, Lord Desire of Vain Glory,

Lord Lechery, and Sir Having Greedy

and the rest of the nobility



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Then the jury is named ...

Mr. Blindman, Mr. No-good, Mr. Malice,

Mr. Love-lust, Mr. Live-loose,

Mr. Heady, Mr. High-mind,

Mr. Enmity, Mr. Liar, Mr. Cruelty,

Mr. Hate-light & Mr. Implacable

**Mr. Blindman was the FOREMAN ...**

**ALL found Christian & Faithful GUILTY ... to DEATH**

Faithful is scourged, stabbed, burned at stake ...

Christian returned to prison for a time ...

“He who overrules all things” allowed Christian to escape

Soon, Christian meets a fine fellow named Hopeful ...

Then to the Delectable Mountain ... Immanuel's Land ... within sight of the Celestial City

There, welcomed by 4 Shepherds: **Knowledge, Experience, Watchful, and Sincere**



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*Aux. e. scote.*  
Primus hic Antistes Solijne Jacobus amate,  
Fundamenta iacit fidei, et dum virgine natum

6.

Esse docet Christum, et mysteria sacra  
Fustibus occisus, vitam cum sanguine

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21:26-40 Paul Arrested

Crowd was so great, soldiers carried Paul

<sup>36</sup> Crowd followed, yelling, *“Get rid of him.”*

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

<sup>39</sup> 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 & 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**



**Fathers &  
Brothers**





Paul is arrested  
**CARRIED** away

Crowd thick as flies  
**a Lynch Mob**

Crowd **BEATING**  
poor Paul to Death

How **MANY** beatings  
during 6,500 miles?

***Beatings*** did not stop Paul

Paul to The Council  
from The Children's Bible, 1883  
By Ken Welsh



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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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Paul Attacked by Jews  
Illustration from the **Doré Bible** 1866  
by Gustave Doré (1832–1883)  
1 of 241 illustrations for this Bible





**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**



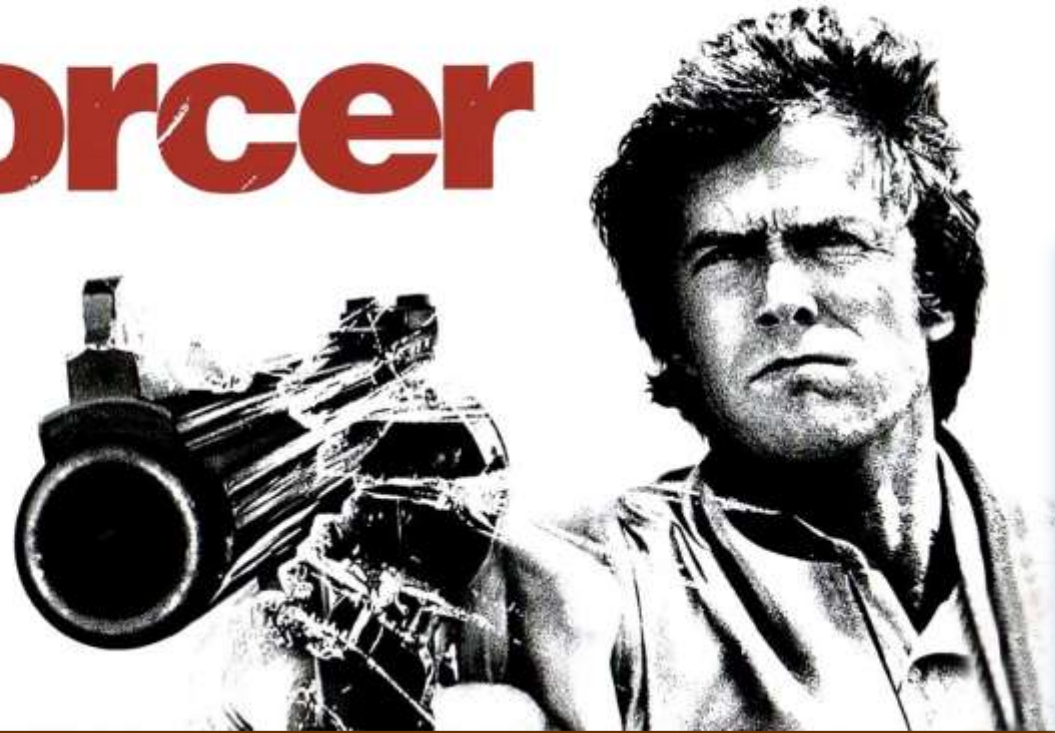
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No Kidding ... Top Jewish Enforcer

# 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!**

<sup>4</sup> I hunted followers of “The Way” to **DEATH** ...

<sup>5</sup> as the high priest & 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 <sup>[6]</sup>	Name	Scripts											
		Hebrew			Ancestral					Related			
		Cursive	Rashi	Braille <sup>[7]</sup>	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

**Fathers & Brothers 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:

<sup>6</sup> “About noon as I came near Damascus,  
suddenly a bright **LIGHT** from heaven ...

<sup>7</sup> I fell to the ground and heard ...

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

<sup>8</sup> “ ‘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 by God 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**

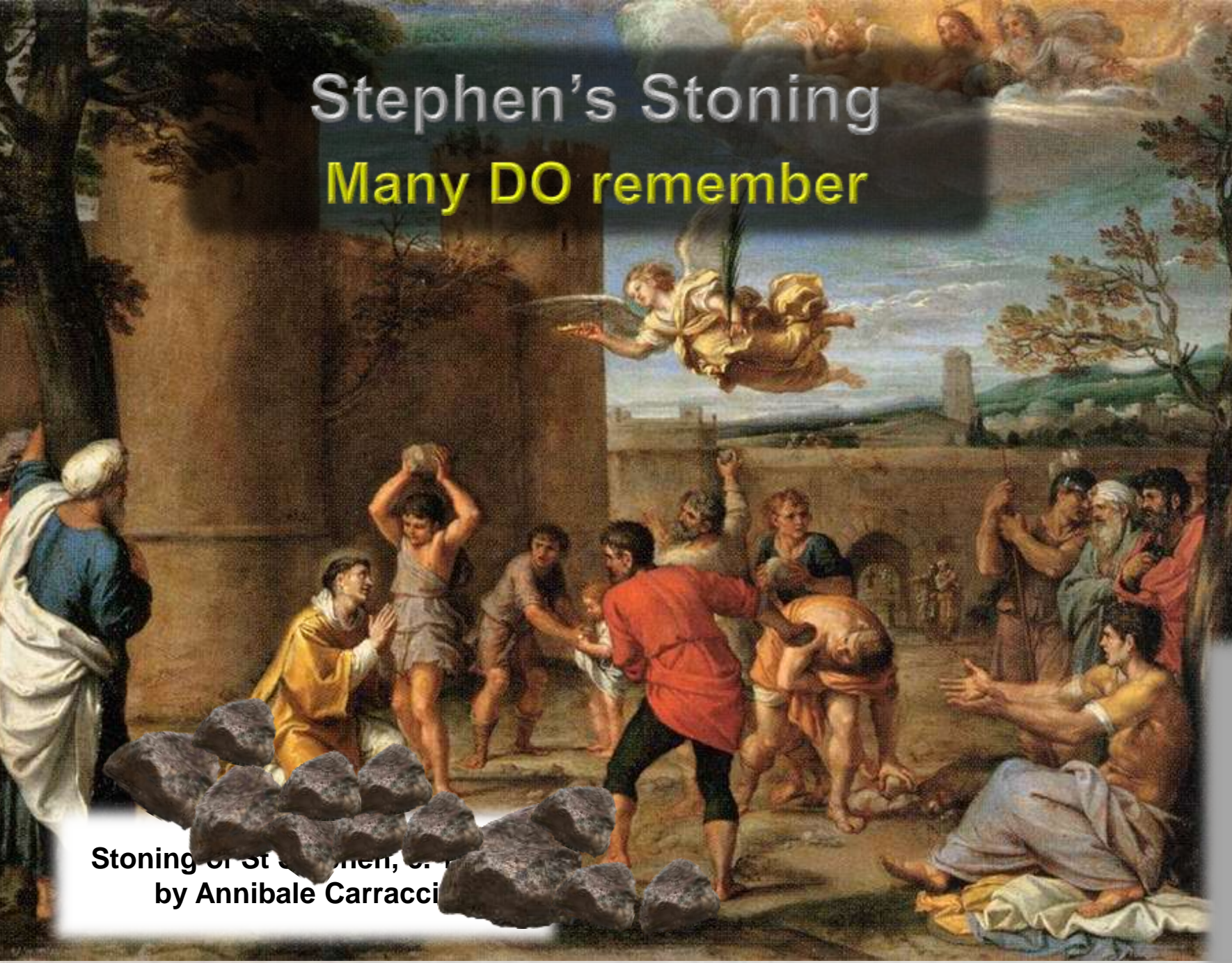


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# Stephen's Stoning

Many DO remember



Stoning of St. Stephen, c. 1610  
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 them what God said:

<sup>21</sup> Then the Lord said to me, “Go!

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

<sup>22</sup> Crowd listened to Paul until he said this.

**Crowd Goes Bonkers!**

Crowd 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 a 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!"**

From many quarters the world  
*Desires to keep YOU silent?*

Keep YOU silent from speaking  
about YOUR **LIGHT**

