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Acts 23:12-22

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Acts 23:12-22 (NKJV)

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REVIEW

TIMEFRAME: Between **Passover & Pentecost Spring 57 A.D.**

A Time For **40 Day Purifications & Vows**

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... And **They (Elders)** said to **Him (Paul)**, “**You** see, **Brother**, how many **Myriads of Jews** there are **Who Have Believed**, and **They** are all **Zealous for the Law**; but **They** have been informed about **You (Paul)** that **You Teach** all the **Jews Who** are among the **Gentiles** to forsake **Moses**, saying that **They** ought not to **Circumcise Their Children** nor to **Walk According to the Customs (Traditions)** ...

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... “**What then?**” The **Assembly (Asian Jews of the Diaspora meeting with the Sanhedrin)** must certainly meet, for **They** will hear that **You (Paul)** have come. Therefore, do what **We** tell **You**: **We** have **Four Men Who** have taken a **Vow (Nazarite)** ...

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... Take **Them** and be Purified with Them, and Pay Their Expenses so that **They** may Shave Their Heads, and that **All** (**Jews: Believers & Unbelievers**) may know that those things of which **They** (**All**) were informed concerning **You** (**Paul**), are nothing, but that **You Yourself** also Walk Orderly and Keep the Law" ...

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... Then **Paul** took the **Men** (the Four Men Who took the Vow), and the next day, having been Purified with Them, entered the **Temple** to Announce the Expiration of the Days of Purification, at which Time an Offering should be made for **Each One of Them**.

Acts 21:20-24 & 26

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REVIEW

Jewish Revolt & Uproar Against Paul!

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Now when the **Seven Days** were almost ended, the **Jews from Asia** (**Diaspora**), seeing **Him** (**Paul**) in the **Temple**, stirred up the whole crowd and laid hands on **Him**, crying out, "**Men of Israel, Help! This is the Man Who Teaches All Men Everywhere against the People** (**Jews**), the **Law** (**Torah**), and this **Place** (**Temple**); and furthermore **He** (**Paul**) also brought **Greeks** into the **Temple** and has defiled this **Holy Place**." ...

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... For **They** (**Jews from Asia**) had previously seen **Trophimus the Ephesian** with **Him** (**Paul**) in the **City** (**Jerusalem**), **Whom** (**Trophimus**) **They** supposed that **Paul** had brought into the **Temple**. And all the **City** was disturbed; and the **People** ran together, seized Paul, and dragged Him out of the **Temple**; and immediately the doors were shut ...

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... Now as **They** (**All The Jews**) were seeking to kill **Him** (**Paul**), news came to the **Commander** (**Tribune**) of the (**Roman**) **Garrison** that all **Jerusalem** was in an Uproar. **He** (**Tribune**) immediately took **Soldiers** and **Centurions**, and ran down to **Them** (**Jews**). And when **They** (**Jews**) saw the **Commander** (**Tribune**) and the **Soldiers**, **They** stopped beating **Paul** ...

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...Then the **Commander** (**Tribune**) came near and took **Him** (**Paul**), and commanded **Him** to be bound with two chains; and **He** asked **Who He** was and what **He** had done. And some among the **Multitude** (**of the Jews**) cried one thing and some another ...

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... So, when **He** (**Tribune**) could not ascertain the **Truth** because of the **Tumult**, **He** commanded **Him** to be taken into the **Barracks** (Inside the **Fortress of Antonia**). When **He** (**Paul**) reached the **Stairs**, **He** had to be carried by the **Soldiers** because of the Violence of the Mob. For the **Multitude of the People** (**Jews**) followed after, crying out, "Away with **Him!**" ...

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... Then as **Paul** was about to be led into the **Barracks** (Inside the **Fortress of Antonia**), **He** said to the **Commander**, "May I speak to **You**?" **He** (**Tribune**) replied, "Can **You** speak **Greek**? Are you not the **Egyptian Who** some time ago Stirred Up a Rebellion and led the four thousand assassins out into the wilderness?" ...

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... But **Paul** replied, "I am a **Jew** from **Tarsus**, in **Cilicia**, a (**Roman**) **Citizen** of no small (mean) **City**; and I (**Paul**) implore **You** (**Tribune**), to Permit Me to **Speak** to the **People** (**Jews**)." So, when **He** (**Commander**) had given **Him** permission, **Paul** stood on the stairs and motioned with **His Hand** to the **People** (**Jews**). And then there was a **Great Silence**.

Acts 21:27-40

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REVIEW

Paul's Appeal to His Vision of the Lordship of Jesus of Nazareth to His Jewish Brethren
From The Steps of the Fortress of Antonia & Their Revolt & Uproar That Follows!

Acts 22:1-23

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Paul's Defense Fails!!

Followed By Roman Intervention To Save Paul's Life!

Acts Chapter 22:24-29

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The Roman Tribune Tries To Get At The Truth!

Acts 22:30

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The next day, because He / Commander wanted to know for certain why He (Paul) was accused by the Jews, He / Tribune released Him from His Bonds, * and Commanded the Chief Priests and All Their Council (Sanhedrin) to Appear, and He brought Paul down and set Him before Them (Jewish Religious Authorities). Acts 22:30

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REVIEW

Paul's Defense & Testimony

To the Messiahship of the Lord Jesus Christ & His Resurrection
Before The High Priest & Sanhedrin Council!

Acts 23:1-9

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Then Paul, looking earnestly at the Council (Sanhedrin), said, "Men and Brethren, I have lived in All Good Conscience Before God until this day." And the High Priest Ananias Commanded Those Who stood by Him to strike Him on the mouth ^{1a} ...

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... Then Paul said to Him (High Priest), "God Will Strike You (High Priest); You Whitewashed Wall! ^{2a} For You Sit to Judge Me According to the Law, and do you Command Me to be Struck Contrary to the Law?" And Those Who stood by said, "Do You Revile God's High Priest?" Then Paul said, "I did not know, Brethren, that He was the High Priest; for it is written, 'You Shall Not Speak Evil of a Ruler of Your People.'" ...

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... But when Paul perceived that one part were Sadducees and the other Pharisees, He cried out in the Council (Sanhedrin), "Men and Brethren, I am a Pharisee, the Son of a Pharisee; Concerning the Hope and Resurrection of the Dead I am Being Judged!" ...

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... And when He (Paul) had said this, a Dissension Arose between the Pharisees and the Sadducees; and the Assembly (Sanhedrin) Was Divided. For Sadducees say that there is No Resurrection, and No Angel or (No) Spirit; but the Pharisees Confess Both ...

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... Then there Arose a Loud Outcry. And the Scribes of the Pharisees' Party Arose and Protested, saying, "We Find No Evil in this Man; ^{3a} But If A Spirit Or An Angel Has Spoken To Him (Paul), Let Us Not Fight Against God." ^{4a} ...

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... Now when there Arose a Great Dissension, the Commander / Tribune, fearing lest Paul might be pulled to pieces by Them (Sanhedrin Council), Commanded the Soldiers to go down and take Him by force from among Them, and bring Him (Paul) into the Barracks. Acts 23:1-10

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When All Else Fails

Resort To Hatching A Conspiracy of Deception, A Plan Filled With Evil, & Human Designs
To Maintain Or Gain: Prestige, Power, & Profit In Order To Control God's People!

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Acts 23:12-15

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NOTICE

God Remembers His Epiphanic & Theophanic Promise To Protect & Preserve **Paul**
For More Future **Kingdom Work** In **Jerusalem, Rome, & Beyond!**

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But the following night the **Lord Stood (Epiphany)** by **Him (Paul)** and **Said (Theophany)**, **"Be of Good Cheer, Paul; for as You Have Testified for Me (The Lord) in Jerusalem, so You must also Bear Witness (for Me) at Rome!"**

Acts 23:11

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Jesus Uses Paul's Sister & Nephew To Keep **His Promise**

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Acts 23:16-22

Please Rise & Let Us Hear God's Central Lesson To All Of Us Gathered Here This Morning!

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***“Let Us Always Remember:
God Is Always Faithful! God Always Keeps His Promises!
God Is Always With Us! God’s Spirit Resides Within Us!”***

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***“God Commands His Angels To Send Us Assistance, Messages, & Protection!
God Sends Us His True Followers To Come Alongside Us!
To Encourage, Edify, Love, & Help Us In Our Greatest Times Of Need!”***

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***“All We Need To Do His Remain:
Committed, Faithful, Obedient, & Trusting,
In His Never-Ending Goodness, Grace, Faithfulness, Mercy, & Power!”***