

THE CONTINUATION OF THE BOOK OF ACTS 18

ACTS 21:26

26 Then Paul took the men, and the next day purifying himself with them entered into the temple, to signify the accomplishment of the days of purification, until that an offering should be offered for every one of them.

ACTS 21:27

27 And when the seven days were almost ended, the Jews which were of Asia, when they saw him in the temple, stirred up all the people, and laid hands on him,

ACTS 21:28

28 Crying out, Men of Israel, help: This is the man, that teacheth all men every where against the people, and the law, and this place: and further brought Greeks also into the temple, and hath polluted this holy place.

ACTS 21:29

29 (For they had seen before with him in the city Trophimus an Ephesian, whom they supposed that Paul had brought into the temple.)

ACTS 21:30

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ACTS 21:31

31 And as they went about to kill him, tidings came unto the chief captain of the band, that all Jerusalem was in an uproar.

ACTS 21:32

32 Who immediately took soldiers and centurions, and ran down unto them: and when they saw the chief captain and the soldiers, they left beating of Paul.

ACTS 21:33

33 Then the chief captain came near, and took him, and commanded him to be bound with two chains; and demanded who he was, and what he had done.

ACTS 21:11

11 And when he was come unto us, he took Paul's girdle, and bound his own hands and feet, and said, Thus saith the Holy Ghost, So shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man that owneth this girdle, and shall deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.

ACTS 12:6

6 And when Herod would have brought him forth, the same night Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains: and the keepers before the door kept the prison.

Alusiv means properly "a chain on the hands" as opposed to pedh, a fetter; and therefore the two chains are not to be understood of chains on his hands and feet,

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ACTS 21:34

34 And some cried one thing, some another, among the multitude: and when he could not know the certainty for the tumult, he commanded him to be carried into the castle.

ACTS 21:35

35 And when he came upon the stairs, so it was, that he was borne of the soldiers for the violence of the people.

Josephus says, (Jewish Wars, b. v. chap. 5, 8,) about the tower of Antonia:

"It was situated at the corner of two cloisters of the court of the temple--of that on the west, and of that on the north;

it was erected on a rock of fifty cubits [seventy-five feet] in height, and was on a great precipice. On the corner where it joined to the two cloisters of the temple,

it had passages down to them both, through which the guards went several ways among the cloisters with their arms

ACTS 21:36

36 For the multitude of the people followed after, crying, Away with him.

JOHN 15:18

18 If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you.

ACTS 21:37

37 And as Paul was to be led into the castle, he said unto the chief captain, May I speak unto thee? Who said, Canst thou speak Greek?

ACTS 21:38

38 Art not thou that Egyptian, which before these days madest an uproar, and leddest out into the wilderness four thousand men that were murderers?

Four thousand of these men the Egyptian impostor here spoken of led out from Jerusalem; and going into the country, and having raised his reputation among the people,

he gathered together a great multitude, which amounted at least to thirty thousand men.

Having assembled a sufficient number, he brought them round out of the wilderness up to the mount of Olives, whence he intended to force his way into Jerusalem; for,

when he came thither, he promised his deluded followers that they should see the walls of the city fall down at his command.

Upon his arrival at the mount of Olives, Felix came suddenly out upon him, with a large body of the Roman soldiers, both horse and foot, and the citizens in general prepared also to defend themselves against him.

This speedy and general opposition so surprised him, that he dared not venture an engagement; but presently fled away with a body of his most trusty friends, as is usual in such cases.

Upon a review of this account, which is taken from Josephus, notice the great accuracy with which Luke has represented the captian speaking of this matter. The men were led into the wilderness; the impostor's name was unknown,

he being only called that Egyptian: he had escaped alive, and most of his followers had deserted him; so that the tumult of the Jews about him would have been no unnatural circumstance, since he had long ceased to be their idol.

ACTS 21:39

39 But Paul said, I am a man which am a Jew of Tarsus, a city in Cilicia, a citizen of no mean city: and, I beseech thee, suffer me to speak unto the people.

ACTS 21:40

40 And when he had given him licence, Paul stood on the stairs, and beckoned with the hand unto the people. And when there was made a great silence, he spake unto them in the Hebrew tongue, saying,

ACTS 22:1

1 Men, brethren, and fathers, hear ye my defence which I make now unto you.

ACTS 22:2

2 (And when they heard that he spake in the Hebrew tongue to them, they kept the more silence: and he saith,)

ACTS 22:3

3 I am verily a man which am a Jew, born in Tarsus, a city in Cilicia, yet brought up in this city at the feet of Gamaliel, and taught according to the perfect manner of the law of the fathers, and was zealous toward God, as ye all are this day.

ACTS 22:4

4 And I persecuted this way unto the death, binding and delivering into prisons both men and women.

ACTS 26:10

10 Which thing I also did in Jerusalem: and many of the saints did I shut up in prison, having received authority from the chief priests; and when they were put to death, I gave my voice against them.

I TIMOTHY 1:12

12 And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry;

I TIMOTHY 1:13

13 Who was before a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and injurious: but I obtained mercy, because I did it ignorantly in unbelief.

ACTS 22:5

5 As also the high priest doth bear me witness, and all the estate of the elders: from whom also I received letters unto the brethren, and went to Damascus, to bring them which were there bound unto Jerusalem, for to be punished.

ACTS 22:6

6 And it came to pass, that, as I made my journey, and was come nigh unto Damascus about noon, suddenly there shone from heaven a great light round about me.

ACTS 22:7

7 And I fell unto the ground, and heard a voice saying unto me, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?