

International Bible Lessons.

SECOND QUARTER: STUDIES IN THE BOOK OF ACTS.

LESSON V. Paul Arrested.

[May 3.]

GOLDEN TEXT. If any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed. 1 Pet. 4. 16.

AUTHORIZED VERSION.

[Study also verses 17-29. Read Acts 21. 40 to 22. 29.]

Acts 21. 30-39. [*Commit to memory verses 30-32.*]

30 And all the city was moved, and the people ran together: and they took Paul, and drew him out of the temple: and forthwith the doors were shut.

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

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.

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.

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.

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

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

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?

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

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

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30 And all the city was moved, and the people ran together; and they laid hold on Paul, and dragged him out of the temple: and straightway the doors were shut. 31 And as they were seeking to kill him, tidings came up to the chief captain of the band, that all Jerusalem was in confusion. 32 And forthwith he took soldiers and centurions, and ran down upon them: and they, when they saw the chief captain and the soldiers, left off beating Paul. 33 Then the chief captain came near, and laid hold on him, and commanded him to be bound with two chains; and inquired who he was, and what he had done. 34 And some shouted one thing, some another, among the crowd: and when he could not know the certainty for the uproar, he commanded him to be brought into the castle. 35 And when he came upon the stairs, so it was that he was borne of the soldiers for the violence of the crowd; 36 for the multitude of the people followed after, crying out, Away with him.

37 And as Paul was about to be brought into the castle, he saith unto the chief captain, May I say something unto thee? And he said, Dost thou know Greek? 38 Art thou not then the Egyptian, who before these days stirred up to sedition and led out into the wilderness the four thousand men of the Assassins? 39 But Paul said, I am a Jew, of Tarsus in Cilicia, a citizen of no mean city: and I beseech thee, give me leave to speak unto the people.

Time.—The spring of A. D. 58. **Place.**—The temple in Jerusalem.

Lesson Hymns.

New Canadian Hymnal, No. 181.

One more day's work for Jesus,
One less of life for me!
But heaven is nearer,
And Christ is dearer
Than yesterday, to me;
His love and light
Fill all my soul to-night.

Home Readings.

- M.* Paul Arrested. Acts 21. 27-39.
Tu. Paul's defense. Acts 21. 40 to 22. 9.
W. Defense continued. Acts 22. 10-21.
Th. "Away with him." Acts 22. 22-30.
F. Jesus reviled. Luke 23. 13-23.
S. Happy in suffering. 1 Pet. 3. 12-17.
S. Reward. Rev. 2. 1-10.

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