

Lesson I.

PAUL A PRISONER—THE ARREST

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Acts 21 : 27-39. Study Acts 21 : 17 to 22 : 29—*Memory Verse, 21 : 39.

Golden Text—Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.—2 Timothy 2 : 3.

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

28 Crying out, Men of Is'rael, 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.

29 (For they had seen before with him in the city Troph'imus an Ephe'sian, whom they supposed that Paul had brought into the temple.)

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 Jeru'salem 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 Egypt'ian, 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 Cilic'ia, a citizen of no mean city : and, I beseech thee, suffer me to speak unto the people.

THE LESSON RETOLD

The day after Paul arrived in Jerusalem from Cæsarea, as we learned in our last Lesson from the Acts, he and his friends went to the house of James, the brother of Jesus, where Paul met all the elders of the church, and told how God had helped him to preach and work miracles amongst the Gentiles, so that many of these had believed in Jesus.

A few days afterwards, as Paul was in the temple, some Jews from Asia saw him, and taking hold of him, cried out, " Men of Israel, help. This man has brought *ith* him into the temple Gentiles, who are not allowed to come into this holy place."

The report of what was happening in the

temple quickly spread, and the whole city was soon in an uproar. The people dragged Paul out of the temple, intending to kill him. But the chief captain of the Roman soldiers set to guard the temple, heard of the disturbance, and ran down from the castle near by, with the soldiers. When the people saw the captain and the soldiers, they were afraid, and left off beating Paul. Then the captain ordered the soldiers to bind Paul with two chains, and carry him into the castle.

As they were doing this, the people crowded round, crying, " Away with him ", meaning that Paul should be killed. Then Paul said to the captain, in the Greek language, " May

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