

Second Writings Ma`asei (Acts 21:23-22:16)

Acts 21:23-40

23 "So do this, what we say to you: We have four men who have taken a vow.

24 Take them and be cleansed with them, and pay their expenses so that they shave their heads. And all shall know that what they have been informed about you is not so, but that you yourself also walk orderly, keeping the Torah.

25 "But concerning the nations who believe, we have written and decided that they should keep themselves from what is offered to idols, and blood, and what is strangled, and whoring."

26 Then Sha'ul took the men on the next day, and having been cleansed with them, went into the Set-apart Place to announce the completion of the days of separation - until the offering should be presented for each one of them.

27 And when the seven days were almost ended, the Yehudim from Asia, seeing him in the Set-apart Place, were stirring up all the crowd, and they laid hands on him,

28 crying out, "Men of Yisra'el, help! This is the man who is teaching all men everywhere against the people, and the Torah, and this place. And besides, he also brought Greeks into the Set-apart Place and has profaned this Set-apart Place."

29 Because they had previously seen Trophimos the Ephesian with him in the city, whom they thought that Sha'ul had brought into the Set-apart Place.

30 And the entire city was moved, and the people rushed together, seized Sha'ul, and dragged him out of the Set-apart Place. And immediately the doors were shut.

31 And while they were seeking to kill him, a report came to the commander of the company of soldiers that all Yerushalayim was in confusion.

32 At once he took soldiers and captains, and ran down to them. And they, having seen the commander and the soldiers, stopped beating Sha'ul.

33 Then the commander came near and took him, and commanded him to be bound with two chains, and was asking who he was and what he had done.

34 And in the crowd some were shouting this and others that. And not being able to ascertain the truth because of the uproar, he commanded him to be taken into the barracks.

35 And when he came to the stairs, he had to be carried by the soldiers because of the violence of the crowd.

36 For a large number of the people followed after, crying out, "Away with him!"

37 And as Sha'ul was about to be led into the barracks, he said to the commander, "Am I allowed to say somewhat to you?" And he said, "Do you know Greek?"

38 "Are you not the Mitsrian who some time ago stirred up a revolt and led the four thousand assassins out into the wilderness?"

39 But Sha'ul replied, "I am a Yehudi from Tarsos, in Kilikia, a citizen of no mean city. And I beg you, allow me to speak to the people."

40 And having given him permission, Sha'ul, standing on the stairs motioned with his hand to the people. And when there was a great silence, he spoke in the Hebrew language, saying,

Acts 22:1-16

1 "Men, brothers, and fathers, hear my defence before you now."

2 And when they heard that he spoke to them in the Hebrew language, they kept greater silence. And he said:

3 "I am indeed a Yehudi, having been born in Tarsos of Kilikia, but brought up in this city at the feet of Gamli'el, having been instructed according to the exactness of the Torah of our fathers, being ardent for Elohim, as you all are today,

4 who persecuted this Way to the death, binding and delivering up into prisons both men and women,

5 as also the high priest bears me witness, and all the eldership, from whom I also received letters to the brothers, and went to Dammeseq to bring in chains even those who were there to Yerushalayim to be punished.

6 And it came to be, as I was journeying and coming near Dammeseq, about noon, suddenly a great light shone around me out of the heaven,"

7 and I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to me, 'Sha'ul, Sha'ul, why do you persecute Me?'

8 "And I answered, 'Who are You, Master?' And He said to me, 'I am יהושע of Natsareth, whom you persecute.'

9 "And those who were with me indeed saw the light and were afraid, but they did not hear His voice speaking to me.

10 "And I said, 'What shall I do, Master?' And the Master said to me, 'Rise up, go into Dammeseq, and there you shall be told all that you have been appointed to do.'

11 "And as I could not see because of the esteem of that light, being led by the hand of those who were with me, I came into Dammeseq.

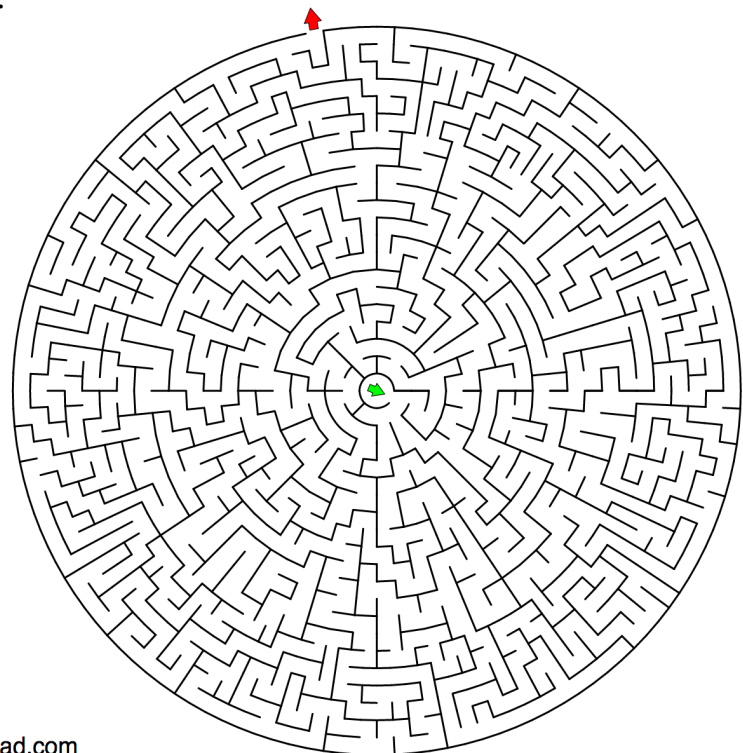
12 And a certain Hananyah, a dedicated man according to the Torah, being well spoken of by all the Yehudim dwelling there,

13 came to me, and stood by and said to me, 'Brother Sha'ul, look up.' And at that same hour I looked up at him.

14 "And he said, 'The Elohim of our fathers has appointed you to know His desire, and to see the Righteous One, and to hear the voice from His mouth.

15 Because you shall be His witness to all men of what you have seen and heard.

16 And now, why do you delay? Rise up, be immersed, and wash away your sins, calling on the Name of יהוה.'



Fill In The Blank

- 1) And the entire city was moved, and the people rushed together, _____
Sha'ul, and _____ him out of the Set-apart Place.
- 2) Then Sha'ul took the men on the next day, and having been _____ with
them, went into the Set-apart Place to announce the _____ of the days of
separation - until the offering should be presented for each one of them.
- 3) Then the _____ came near and took him, and _____ him to
be bound with two chains, and was asking who he was and what he had done.
- 4) Take them and be cleansed with them, and pay their _____ so that they
_____ their heads.
- 5) Because they had previously seen _____ the Ephesian with him in the
city, whom they thought that _____ had brought into the Set-apart Place.
- 6) And as Sha'ul was about to be led into the barracks, he said to the commander, "Am I
allowed to say somewhat to you?" And he said, "Do you know Greek?"
- 7) And those who were with me indeed saw the light and were _____, but
they did not _____ His voice speaking to me.
- 8) And as I could not see because of the _____ of that light, being led by
the hand of those who were with me, I came into _____.
- 9) And he said, 'The Elohim of our fathers has _____ you to know His
desire, and to see the _____ One, and to hear the voice from His mouth.
- 10) I am indeed a Yehudi, having been born in _____ of Kilikia, but brought
up in this city at the feet of _____, having been instructed according to
the exactness of the Torah of our fathers, being ardent for Elohim, as you all are today.

True Or False

- 1) Sha'ul was going to accompany five men to the
Set-Apart place to announce the completion of
their days of separation. True/False
- 2) Sha'ul was born in Tarsos, in Kilikia, and studied
Torah at the feet of Gamli'el. True/False

Across

1. Who was the Ephesian seen with Sha'ul?

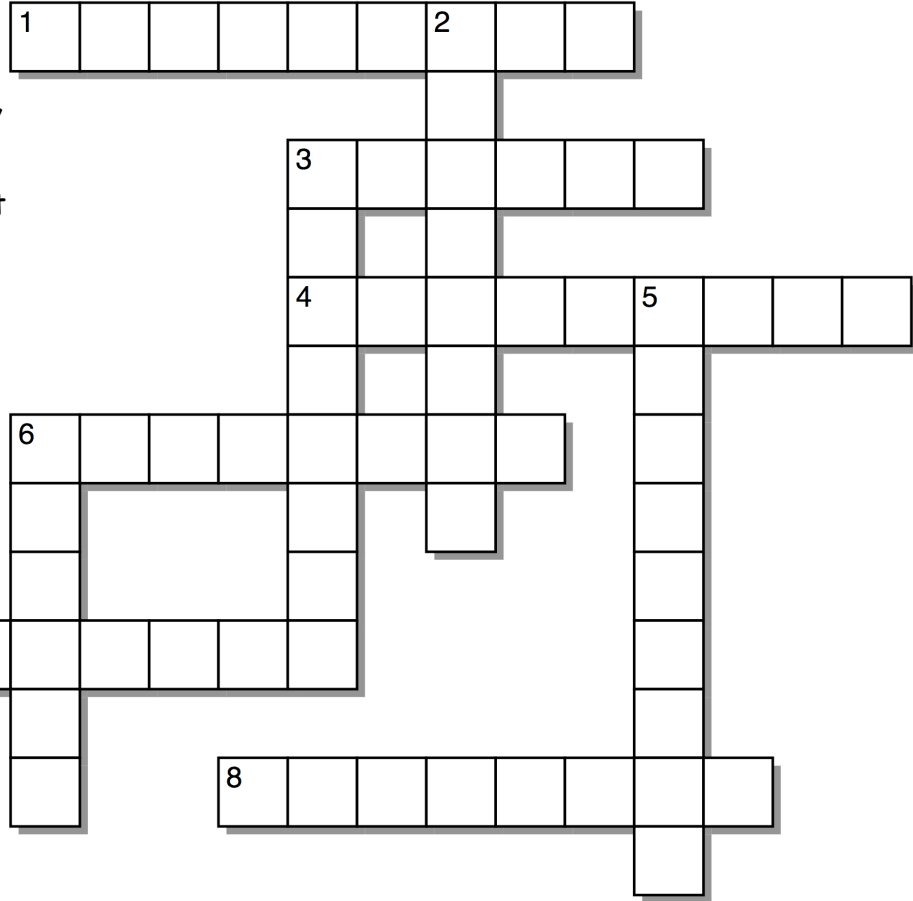
3. I could not see because of the _____ of that light.

4. Sha'ul, Sha'ul, why do you _____ Me?

6. Who did Sha'ul say was well spoken of by all the Yehudim?

7. He also brought _____ into the Set-apart Place and has profaned this Set-apart Place.

8. Where was Sha'ul heading when he encountered יהושע?



Down

2. Are you not the _____ who some time ago stirred up a revolt and led the four thousand assassins out into the wilderness?

3. Sha'ul was going to pay the men's _____ so that they could shave their heads?

5. When the people saw whom they stopped beating Sha'ul?

6. What language did Sha'ul use that silenced the crowd?

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