

Second Writings Ma`asei (Acts 22:17-23:20)

Acts 22:17-30

17 And it came to be, when I returned to Yerushalayim, and while I was praying in the Set-apart Place, I came to be in a trance,"

18 and I saw Him saying to me, 'Hurry and get out of Yerushalayim, speedily, because they shall not accept your witness concerning Me.'

19 "And I said, 'Master, they know that in every congregation I was imprisoning and beating those who believe on You.

20 And when the blood of Your witness Stephanos was shed, I also was standing by giving my approval to his death, and keeping the garments of those who were killing him.'

21 "And He said to me, 'Go, because I shall send you far from here to the nations.' "

22 And they were listening to him until this word, and then they lifted up their voice, saying, "Away with such a one from the earth, for it is not fit that he should live!"

23 As they were shouting and tearing their garments, and throwing dust into the air,

24 the commander ordered him to be brought into the barracks, and said that he should be examined by flogging, in order to find out why they were shouting so against him.

25 And as they were stretching him out with straps, Sha'ul said to the captain who was standing by, "Is it permitted for you to whip a man who is a Roman, and uncondemned?"

26 And when the captain heard, he went and reported to the commander, saying, "Watch what you are about to do, for this man is a Roman."

27 And having come, the commander said to him, "Say to me, are you a Roman?" And he said, "Yes."

28 And the commander answered, "With a large sum I obtained this citizenship." And Sha'ul said, "But I was even born so."

29 Then at once those who were about to examine him withdrew from him. And the commander was also afraid after he found out that he was a Roman, and because he had bound him.

30 And on the next day, intending to know for certain why he was accused by the Yehudim, he released him, and commanded the chief priests and all their council to come, and brought Sha'ul down and set him before them.

Acts 23:1-20

1 And Sha'ul, looking intently at the council, said, "Men, brothers, I have lived in all good conscience before Elohim until this day."

2 And the high priest Hananyah commanded those who stood by him to strike him on the mouth.

3 Then Sha'ul said to him, "Elohim is going to strike you, whitewashed wall! And do you sit judging me according to the Torah, and do you command me to be struck contrary to the Torah?"

4 And those who stood by said, "Do you revile the high priest of Elohim?"

5 And Sha'ul said, "I did not know, brothers, that he was the high priest, for it has been written, 'You shall not speak evil of the ruler of your people.' "

6 Now Sha'ul, perceiving that one part were Sadducees and the other Pharisees, cried out in the council, "Men, brothers, I am a Pharisee, the son of a Pharisee, I am being judged concerning the expectation and resurrection of the dead!"

7 And when he had said this, there came a dissension between the Pharisees and the Sadducees. And the crowd was divided.

8 For the Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, nor messenger nor spirit, but the Pharisees confess both.

9 And there was a great uproar. And certain of the scribes of the party of Pharisees were earnestly contending, saying, "We find no evil in this man. And if a spirit or a messenger has spoken to him, let us not fight against Elohim."

10 And a great dissension having come, the commander, fearing lest Sha'ul would be pulled to pieces by them, commanded the body of soldiers to go down and seize him from their midst, and bring him into the barracks.

11 And on the following night the Master stood by him and said, "Take courage, Sha'ul, for as you have witnessed for Me in Yerushalayim, so you have to bear witness at Rome too."

12 And when it became day, some of the Yehudim made a conspiracy and bound themselves under an oath, saying that they would neither eat nor drink until they had killed Sha'ul.

13 And those making this conspiracy were more than forty,

14 who, having come to the chief priests and elders, said, "We have bound ourselves under a great oath not to eat at all until we have killed Sha'ul.

15 Now, then, you, with the council, inform the commander to have him brought down to you tomorrow, as intending to examine more exactly all about him. And we are ready to kill him before he comes near.

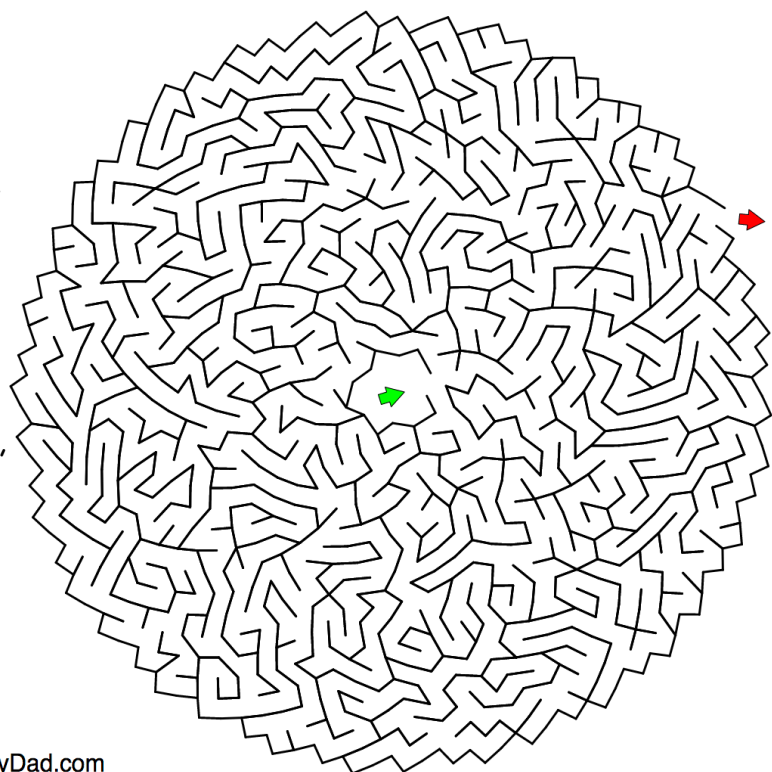
16 And when Sha'ul's sister's son heard of their ambush, he went and entered into the barracks and reported to Sha'ul.

17 And Sha'ul, having called one of the captains to him, said, "Take this young man to the commander, for he has somewhat to report to him."

18 He indeed then took him and led him to the commander and said, "The prisoner Sha'ul called me to him and asked me to bring this young man to you, having somewhat to say to you."

19 And the commander, having taken him by the hand, went aside by themselves and asked, "What is it that you have to report to me?"

20 And he said, "The Yehudim have agreed to ask that you bring Sha'ul down to the council tomorrow, as intending to inquire more exactly about him.



Fill In The Blank

- 1) The commander ordered him to be brought into the _____, and said that he should be examined by _____, in order to find out why they were shouting so against him.
- 2) And having come, the commander said to him, "Say to me, are you a _____?" And he said, "_____."
- 3) And on the next day, intending to know for certain why he was _____ by the Yehudim, he released him, and _____ the chief priests and all their _____ to come, and brought Sha'ul down and set him before them.
- 4) And I said, 'Master, they know that in every _____ I was imprisoning and _____ those who believe on You.
- 5) He indeed then took him and led him to the _____ and said, "The prisoner _____ called me to him and asked me to bring this young man to you, having somewhat to say to you.
- 6) And Sha'ul said, "I did not _____, brothers, that he was the high priest, for it has been written, 'You shall not speak evil of the _____ of your people.' "
- 7) And certain of the scribes of the party of Pharisees were earnestly _____, saying, "We find no evil in this man. And if a spirit or a _____ has spoken to him, let us not fight against Elohim."
- 8) The Yehudim have _____ to ask that you bring Sha'ul down to the council tomorrow, as intending to inquire more _____ about him.
- 9) And Sha'ul, looking intently at the council, said, "Men, _____, I have lived in all good _____ before Elohim until this day.

True Or False

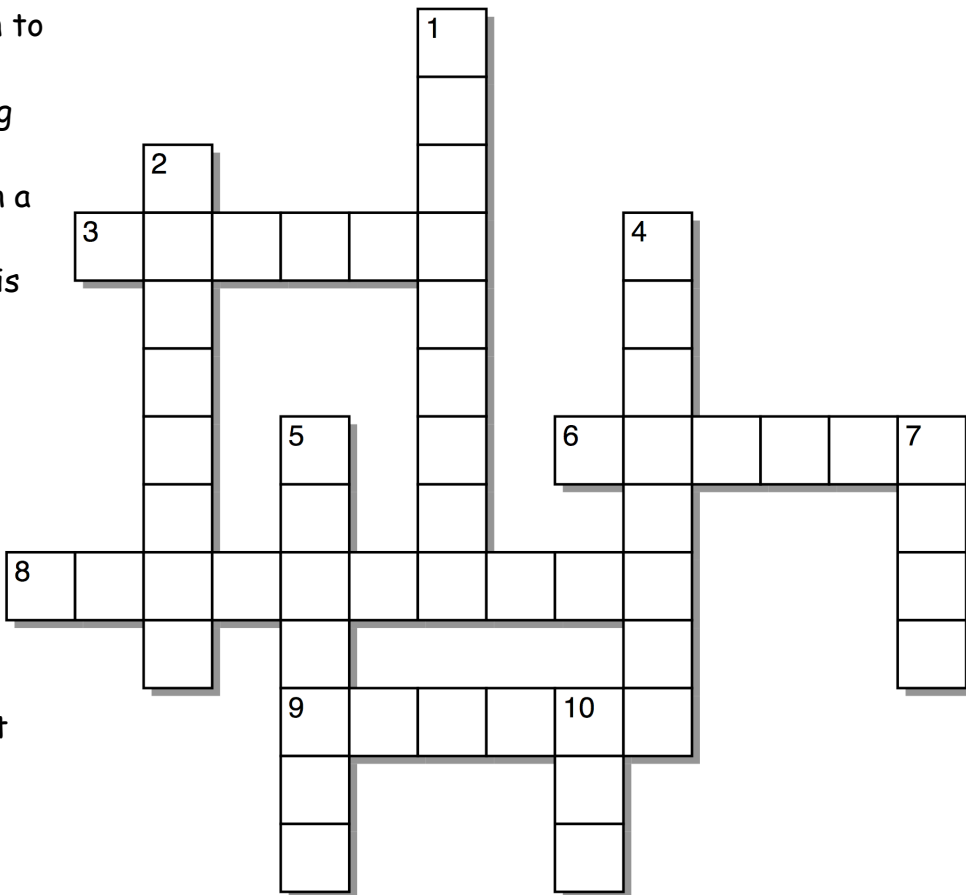
- 1) It was the Sadducees that said, "We find no evil in this man. And if a spirit or a messenger has spoken to him, let us not fight against Elohim." True/False
- 2) More than forty men swore a great oath not to eat at all until they'd killed Sha'ul. True/False

Across

- 3. If a spirit or a messenger has spoken to him, let us not fight against _____.
- 6. Who stood by Sha'ul at night offering him encouragement?
- 8. More than forty men were involved in a _____ to end Sha'ul's life.
- 9. There was a plan to _____ Sha'ul on his way to the council.

Down

- 1. Who said, "Say to me, are you a Roman?"
- 2. The commander ordered that Sha'ul should be examined by this?
- 4. Who was the High Priest during this time?
- 5. Who said, "Watch what you are about to do, for this man is a Roman."?
- 7. Take courage, Sha'ul, for as you have witnessed for Me in Yerushalayim, so you have to bear witness at _____ too.
- 10. Sha'ul's sister's _____ heard of their plans.



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