

Second Writings Ma`asei (Acts 26:1-27:4)

Acts 26:1-32

1 And Agrippa said to Sha'ul, "You are allowed to speak for yourself." Then Sha'ul stretched out his hand and made his defence:

2 "I think myself blessed, Sovereign Agrippa, because today I shall make my defence before you concerning all of which I am accused by the Yehudim,

3 you being most of all an expert, knowing of all practices and questions which have to do with the Yehudim. So, please hear me patiently.

4 Truly, then, all the Yehudim know my way of life from youth, which I led from the beginning among my own nation at Yerushalayim,"

5 since they have known me from the first, if they wish to witness, that I lived as a Pharisee according to the strictest sect of our observance.

6 "And now I stand and am judged for the expectation of the promise made by Elohim to our fathers,

7 to which our twelve tribes, earnestly serving Elohim night and day, expect to attain.

Concerning this expectation, O Sovereign Agrippa, I am accused by the Yehudim.

8 Why is it considered 'unbelievable' among you if Elohim raises the dead?"

9 "Therefore, indeed, I thought within myself that I ought to do much against the Name of יהושע of Natsareth,

10 which also I did in Yerushalayim, and I shut up many of the set-apart ones in prison, having received authority from the chief priests. And when they were put to death, I gave my vote against them.

11 "And punishing them often in all the congregations, I compelled them to blaspheme.

And being exceedingly enraged against them, I persecuted them even to foreign cities.

12 "While thus engaged, as I was journeying to Dammeseq with authority and commission from the chief priests,

13 at midday along the highway, O sovereign, I saw a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, shining around me and those who journeyed with me.

14 And when we had all fallen to the ground, I heard a voice speaking to me, and saying in the Hebrew language, 'Sha'ul, Sha'ul, why do you persecute Me? It is hard for you to kick against the prods.'

15 "And I said, 'Who are You, Master?' And He said, 'I am יהושע, whom you persecute.

16 But rise up, and stand on your feet, for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you a servant and a witness both of what you saw and of those which I shall reveal to you,

17 delivering you from the people, and the nations, to whom I now send you,

18 to open their eyes, to turn them from darkness to light, and the authority of Satan to Elohim, in order for them to receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are set-apart by belief in Me.'

19 "Therefore, Sovereign Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision,

20 but declared first to those in Dammeseq and in Yerushalayim, and in all the country of Yehudah, and to the nations, that they should repent, and turn to Elohim, and do works worthy of repentance.

21 "That is why the Yehudim seized me in the Set-apart Place and tried to kill me.

22 "Therefore, having obtained help from Elohim, to this day I stand, witnessing both to small and great, saying none other than what the prophets and Mosheh said would come -
23 that the Messiah would suffer, would be the first to rise from the dead, He would proclaim light to the people and to the nations."

24 And while saying this in his defence, Festus said with a loud voice, "Sha'ul, you are mad! Much learning is turning you to madness!"

25 But Sha'ul said, "I am not mad, most excellent Festus, but I speak words of truth and sense.

26 "For the sovereign, before whom I also speak boldly, knows these matters. For I am persuaded that none of these are hidden from him, for this has not been done in a corner.

27 "Sovereign Agrippa, do you believe the prophets? I know that you do believe.

28 And Agrippa said to Sha'ul, "With a little you might persuade me to become a 'messianist!'"

29 And Sha'ul said, "Much or little, I pray to Elohim that not only you, but also all who hear me today, might become such as I also am, except for these chains."

30 And having said this, the sovereign stood up, as well as the governor and Bernike and those sitting with them,

31 and having withdrawn, they spoke to each other, saying, "This man is doing none at all deserving death or chains."

32 And Agrippa said to Festus, "This man could have been released if he had not appealed to Caesar."

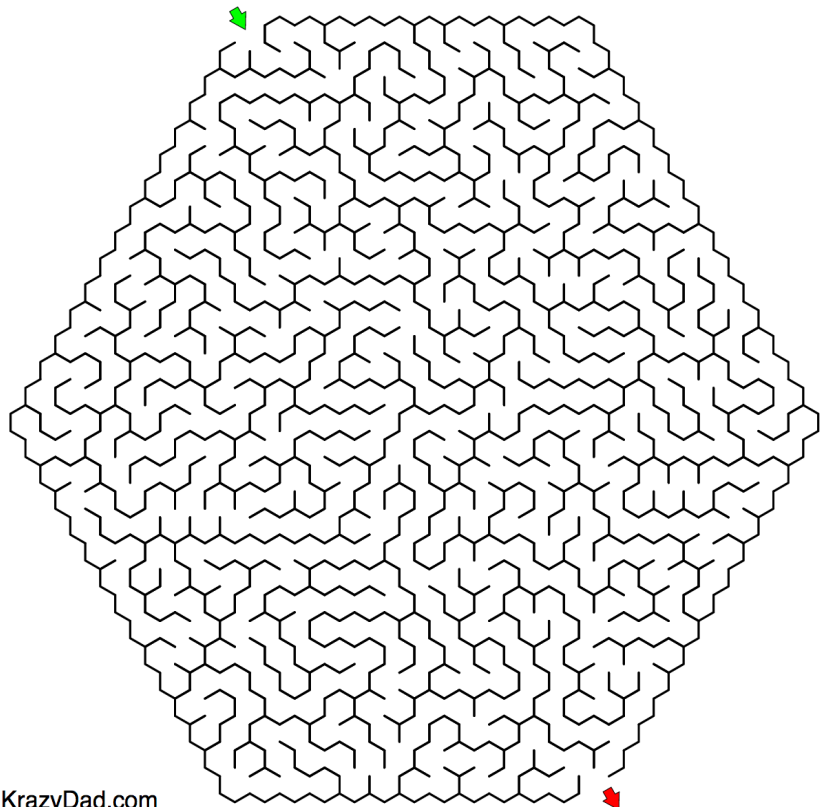
Acts 27:1-4

1 And when it was decided that we should sail to Italy, they delivered Sha'ul and some other prisoners to one named Julius, a captain of the Augustan regiment.

2 And having embarked in a ship from Adramyttium, about to sail along the coasts of Asia, did set sail. Aristarchos, a Makedonian of Thessalonike, was with us.

3 And on the next day we landed at Tsidon. And Julius treated Sha'ul kindly and allowed him to go to his friends to receive attention.

4 And from there we put out to sea and sailed close to Cyprus, because the winds were against us.



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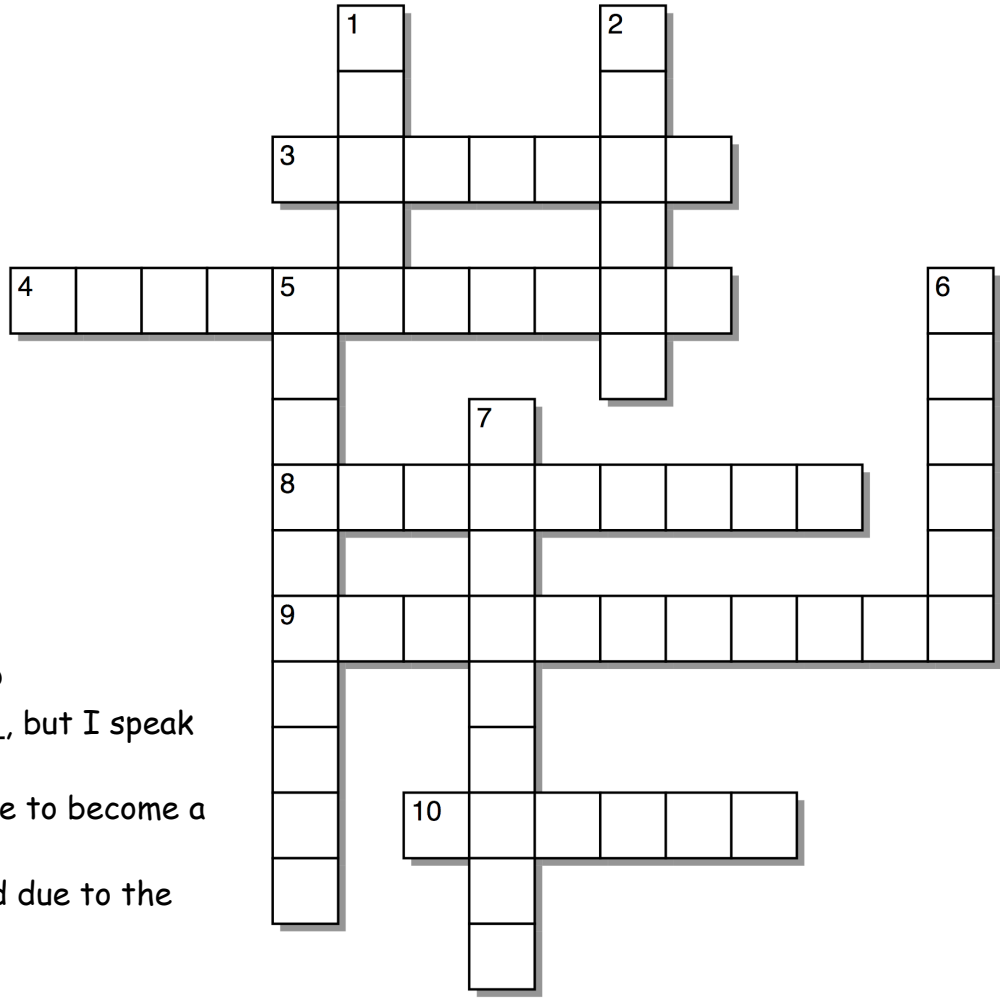
- 1) And when we had all _____ to the ground, I heard a voice speaking to me, and saying in the Hebrew language, 'Sha'ul, Sha'ul, why do you _____ Me?
- 2) And Agrippa said to Sha'ul, "With a little you might _____ me to become a ' _____'!"
- 3) And while saying this in his defence, Festus said with a loud voice, "Sha'ul, you are mad! Much _____ is turning you to _____!"
- 4) I think myself _____, Sovereign Agrippa, because today I shall make my defence before you _____ all of which I am accused by the Yehudim.
- 5) Therefore, Sovereign Agrippa, I was not _____ to the heavenly _____.
- 6) And I said, 'Who are You, _____?' And He said, 'I am יהושע', whom you _____.
- 7) Therefore, having _____ help from Elohim, to this day I stand, _____ both to small and great, saying none other than what the prophets and Mosheh said would come.
- 8) Truly, then, all the Yehudim know my way of life from _____, which I led from the beginning among my own nation at _____.
- 9) And Sha'ul said, "Much or little, I pray to Elohim that not only you, but also all who _____ me today, might become such as I also am, except for these _____."
- 10) And on the next day we landed at _____. And _____ treated Sha'ul kindly and allowed him to go to his friends to receive attention.

True Or False

- 1) Julius was a captain of the Augustan regiment. True/False
- 2) It was Festus that said, "This man could have been released if he had not appealed to Caesar." True/False
- 3) Sha'ul considered himself blessed to testify before Agrippa, because he knew the practices of the Yehudim. True/False

Across

- 3. Much learning is turning you to ____!
- 4. Sha'ul sailed on a ship that was from what city?
- 8. ____ Agrippa, do you believe the prophets?
- 9. A Makedonian of Thessalonike that sailed with Sha'ul.
- 10. Allowed Sha'ul to go see his friends?



Down

- 1. What country was Sha'ul sailing to?
- 2. I am not mad, most excellent ____, but I speak words of truth and sense.
- 5. With a little you might persuade me to become a '____'!
- 6. They had to sail close to this island due to the winds being against them?
- 7. I am יהושע, whom you ____.

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