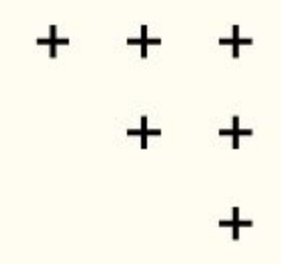




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Pop Quiz

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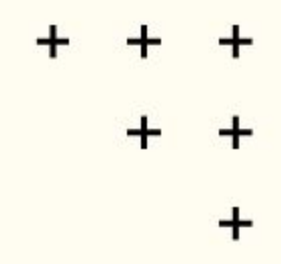
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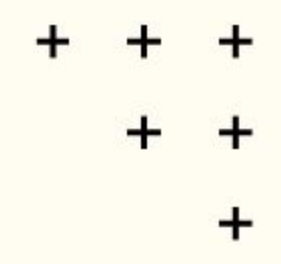


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After all this had happened, Paul decided to go to **Jerusalem,** passing through Macedonia and Achaia. “After I have been there,” he said, “I must visit **Rome** also.”

ACTS 19:21 NIV



Paul's Arrest

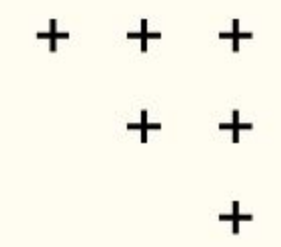
ACTS 21:27-36

Paul's Defense

ACTS 21:37-22:21

Paul's Appeal

ACTS 22:22-29



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ACTS 21:27-29 NIV

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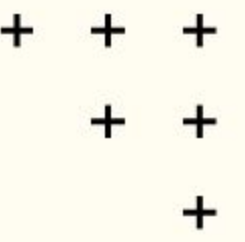
- + He was accused of opposing Jewish customs.
- + To build good will, he was advised to worship at the temple in view of the public.
- + Paul submitted to the elder's suggestion.
- + Paul participated in a Jewish ceremony.

They have been informed that you teach all the Jews who live among the Gentiles to turn away from Moses, telling them not to circumcise their children or live according to our customs.²² What shall we do? They will certainly hear that you have come,

²³ so do what we tell you. There are four men with us who have made a vow. ²⁴ Take these men, join in their purification rites and pay their expenses, so that they can have their heads shaved. Then everyone will know there is no truth in these reports about you, but that you yourself are living in obedience to the law.

²⁶ The next day Paul took the men and purified himself along with them. Then he went to the temple to give notice of the date when the days of purification would end and the offering would be made for each of them.

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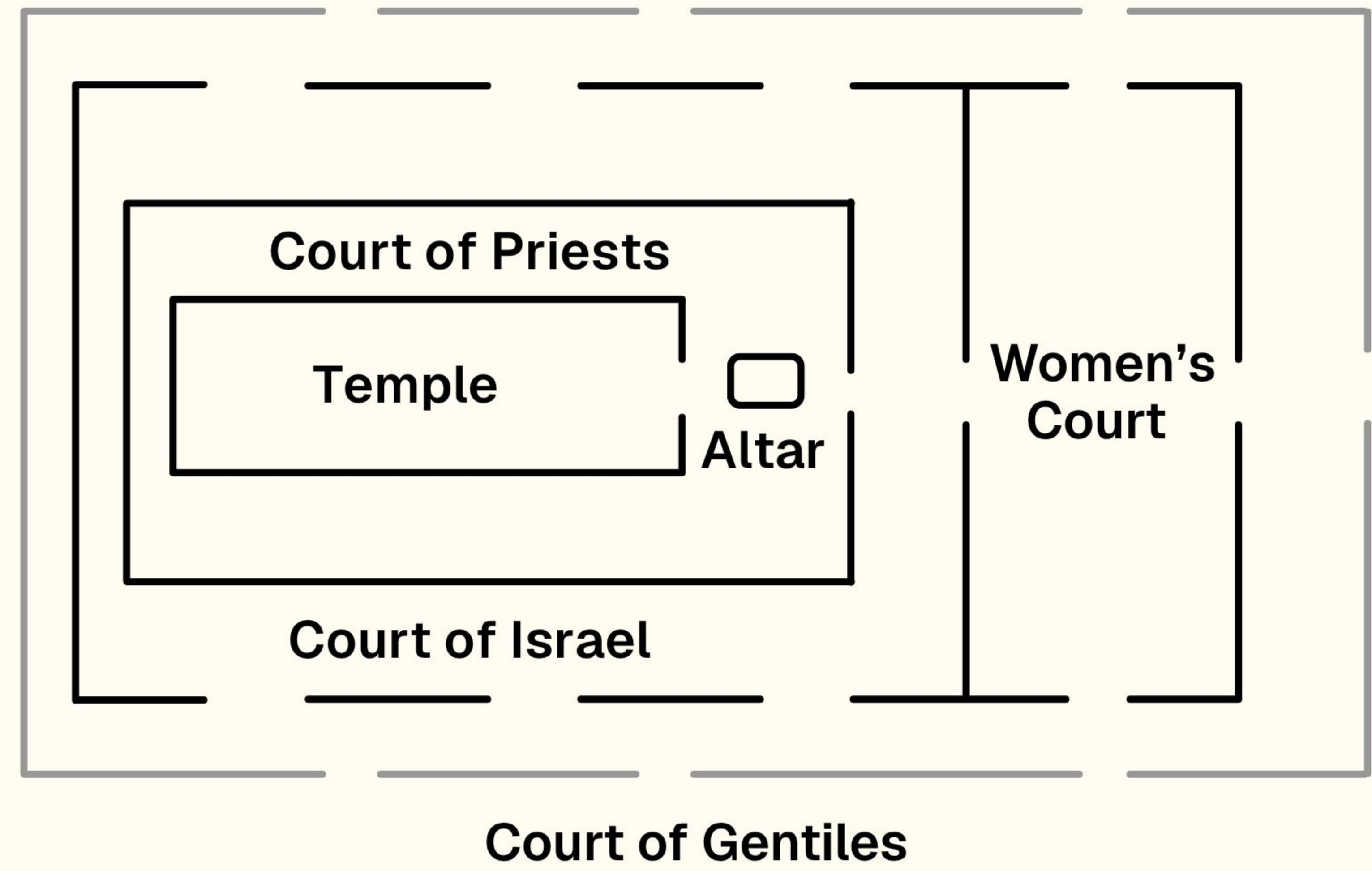


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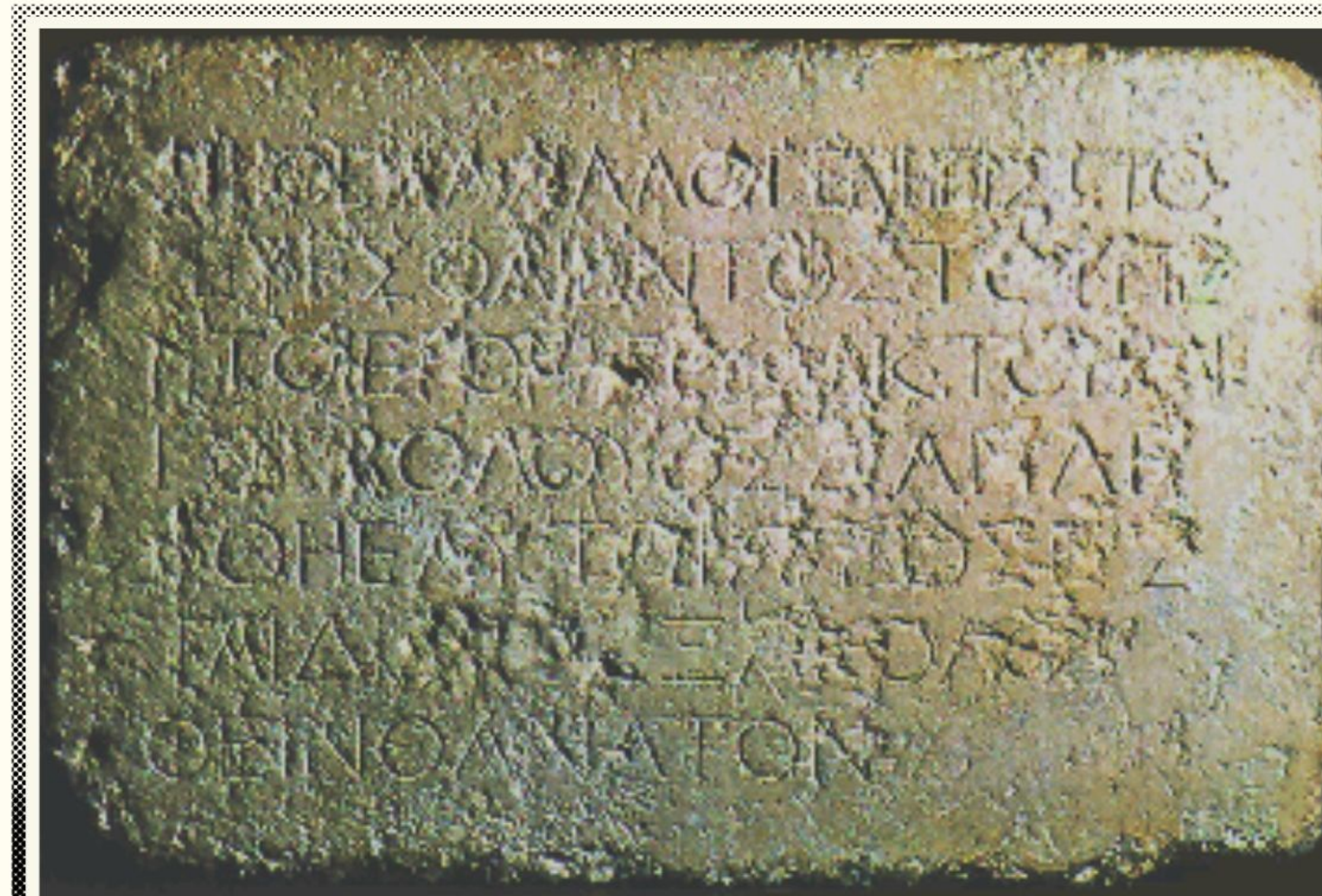
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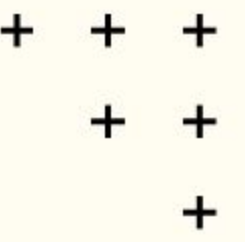


Court of Gentiles



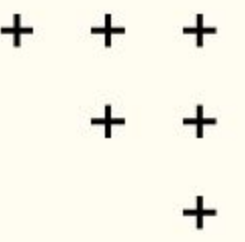
“No foreigner is to enter within the balustrade and the embankment around the sanctuary. Whoever is caught will have himself to blame for his ensuing death.”

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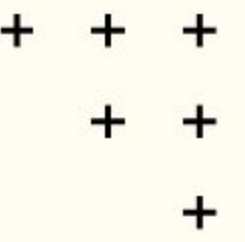
The whole city was aroused, and the people came running from all directions. Seizing Paul, they dragged him from the temple, and immediately the gates were shut.³¹ While they were trying to kill him, news reached the commander of the Roman troops that the whole city of Jerusalem was in an uproar.³² He at once took some officers and soldiers and ran down to the crowd. When the rioters saw the commander and his soldiers, they stopped beating Paul.

ACTS 21:30-32 NIV



The commander came up and arrested him and ordered him to be bound with two chains. Then he asked who he was and what he had done.
³⁴ Some in the crowd shouted one thing and some another, and since the commander could not get at the truth because of the uproar, he ordered that Paul be taken into the barracks.³⁵ When Paul reached the steps, the violence of the mob was so great he had to be carried by the soldiers.
³⁶ The crowd that followed kept shouting, “Get rid of him!”

ACTS 21:33-36 NIV



As the soldiers were about to take Paul into the barracks, he asked the commander, “May I say something to you? Do you speak Greek?” he replied.³⁸ “Aren’t you the Egyptian who started a revolt and led four thousand terrorists out into the wilderness some time ago?”³⁹ Paul answered, “I am a Jew, from Tarsus in Cilicia, a citizen of no ordinary city. Please let me speak to the people.”⁴⁰ After receiving the commander’s permission, Paul stood on the steps and motioned to the crowd. When they were all silent, he said to them in Aramaic:

ACTS 21:37-40 NIV



Our pain becomes His platform.



Paul's Defense

Pre-Christ Conduct

ACTS 22:1-5

His Conversion

ACTS 22:6-16

His Calling

ACTS 22:17-22



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“Brothers and fathers, listen now to my defense.”² When they heard him speak to them in Aramaic, they became very quiet. Then Paul said:³ “I am a Jew, born in Tarsus of Cilicia, but brought up in this city. I studied under Gamaliel and was thoroughly trained in the law of our ancestors. I was just as zealous for God as any of you are today.⁴ I persecuted the followers of this Way to their death, arresting both men and women and throwing them into prison,⁵ as the high priest and all the Council can themselves testify. I even obtained letters from them to their associates in Damascus, and went there to bring these people as prisoners to Jerusalem to be punished.”

ACTS 22:1-5 NIV

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“About noon as I came near Damascus, suddenly a bright light from heaven flashed around me.⁷ I fell to the ground and heard a voice say to me, ‘Saul! Saul! Why do you persecute me?’⁸ “‘Who are you, Lord?’ I asked. “‘I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom you are persecuting,’ he replied.⁹ My companions saw the light, but they did not understand the voice of him who was speaking to me.¹⁰ “‘What shall I do, Lord?’ I asked. “‘Get up,’ the Lord said, ‘and go into Damascus. There you will be told all that you have been assigned to do.’¹¹ My companions led me by the hand into Damascus, because the brilliance of the light had blinded me.”

ACTS 22:6-11 NIV

Pre-Christ Conduct

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“A man named Ananias came to see me. He was a devout observer of the law and highly respected by all the Jews living there.¹³ He stood beside me and said, ‘Brother Saul, receive your sight!’ And at that very moment I was able to see him.¹⁴ “Then he said: ‘The God of our ancestors has chosen you to know his will and to see the Righteous One and to hear words from his mouth.¹⁵ You will be his witness to all people of what you have seen and heard.¹⁶ And now what are you waiting for? Get up, be baptized and wash your sins away, calling on his name.’”

ACTS 22:12-16 NIV

Pre-Christ Conduct

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His Conversion

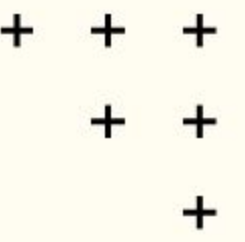
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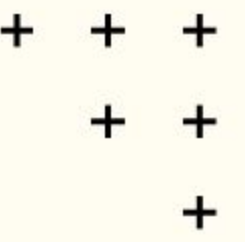
“When I returned to Jerusalem and was praying at the temple, I fell into a trance ¹⁸ and saw the Lord speaking to me. ‘Quick!’ he said. ‘Leave Jerusalem immediately, because the people here will not accept your testimony about me.’ ¹⁹ “‘Lord,’ I replied, ‘these people know that I went from one synagogue to another to imprison and beat those who believe in you.’ ²⁰ And when the blood of your martyr Stephen was shed, I stood there giving my approval and guarding the clothes of those who were killing him.’ ²¹ “Then the Lord said to me, ‘Go; I will send you far away to the Gentiles.’” ²² The crowd listened to Paul until he said this. Then they raised their voices and shouted, “Rid the earth of him! He’s not fit to live!”

ACTS 22:17-22 NIV



As they were shouting and throwing off their cloaks and flinging dust into the air,²⁴ the commander ordered that Paul be taken into the barracks. He directed that he be flogged and interrogated in order to find out why the people were shouting at him like this.²⁵ As they stretched him out to flog him, Paul said to the centurion standing there, “Is it legal for you to flog a Roman citizen who hasn’t even been found guilty?”

ACTS 22:23-25 NIV



When the centurion heard this, he went to the commander and reported it. "What are you going to do?" he asked. "This man is a Roman citizen."²⁷ The commander went to Paul and asked, "Tell me, are you a Roman citizen?" "Yes, I am," he answered.²⁸ Then the commander said, "I had to pay a lot of money for my citizenship." "But I was born a citizen," Paul replied.²⁹ Those who were about to interrogate him withdrew immediately. The commander himself was alarmed when he realized that he had put Paul, a Roman citizen, in chains.

ACTS 22:26-29 NIV



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