

Acts 21:15-40
Paul Goes to the Temple

15-19 Paul is welcomed at Jerusalem

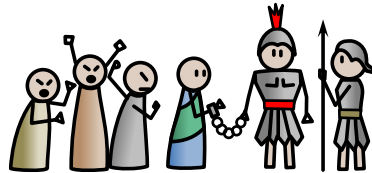


20-26 Paul purifies himself to enter the temple



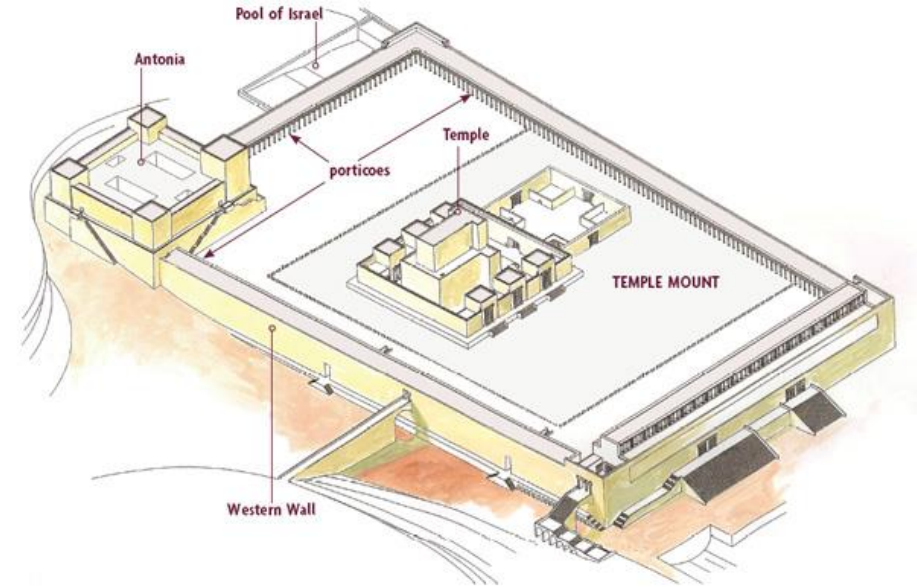
27-30 Jews attempt to kill Paul

31-40 Paul is arrested, but allowed to speak

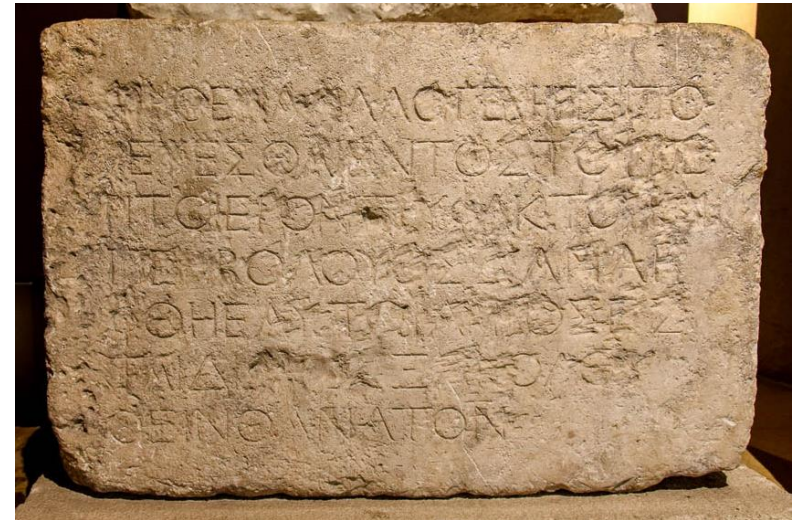


Food for Thought

- The gospel brought _____, but did not _____ the Law.
- Paul continued to _____ the Law, participating in a purification process that involved sacrifice, “keeping the Law.”
- The transition from Law to Gospel was _____.
- Ultimately this divide was eased by two things: 1) the _____ was destroyed, ending the heart of the sacrificial system; 2) the church became overwhelmingly _____, effectively ending Jewish influence.



- ▲ Temple Mount and the Fortress of Antonia, 1st century AD.
- ▼ Balustrade inscription, in Greek, prohibiting non-Jews from entering the temple precinct, 1st century AD.



“NO OUTSIDER SHALL ENTER THE PROTECTIVE ENCLOSURE AROUND THE SANCTUARY. AND WHOEVER IS CAUGHT WILL ONLY HAVE HIMSELF TO BLAME FOR THE ENSUING DEATH.”

“Thus was the first enclosure. In the midst of which, and not far from it, was the second, to be gone up to by a few steps: this was surrounded by a stone wall for a partition, with an inscription, which forbade any foreigner to go in under pain of death” – Josephus, *Antiquities* 15:417.