

ACTS 7

FIRST PLACE WE FIND PAUL IN SCRIPTURE



"The witnesses laid down their clothes at the feet of a young man named Saul." [Acts 7:58]



PAPERS OF AUTHORITY

PAUL THE APOSTLE OF JESUS

"SAUL, SAUL, WHY ARE YOU PERSECUTING ME?"

"IMMEDIATELY HE PREACHED THE CHRIST IN THE SYNAGOGUES, THAT HE IS THE SON OF GOD." [ACTS 9:20]

PAUL BECOMES A MISSIONARY

"As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, 'Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.' Then, having fasted and prayed, and laid hands on them, they sent them away." [Acts 13:2-3]

"...CIRCUMCISED THE EIGHTH DAY, OF THE STOCK OF ISRAEL, OF THE TRIBE OF BENJAMIN, A HEBREW OF THE HEBREWS; CONCERNING THE LAW, A PHARISEE; CONCERNING THE RIGHTEOUSNESS WHICH IS IN THE LAW, BLAMELESS." [PHILIPPIANS 3:5-6]

a member of the **THE PHARISEES**

- A JEW
- BORN IN TARSUS
- BROUGHT UP AT THE FEET OF GAMALIEL
- TAUGHT ACCORDING TO THE STRICTNESS OF THE LAW
- ZEALOUS



"advanced in Judaism beyond many of his contemporaries of his own nation, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of the fathers." [Galatians 1:14]

HIGHLY EDUCATED
VERY RELIGIOUS
EXCELLED IN THE SCRIPTURES

"Tell me, are you a Roman? He said, 'Yes.' The commander answered, 'With a large sum I obtained this citizenship.'"

"And Paul said, 'BUT I WAS BORN A CITIZEN.'" [Acts 22:27-29]

A ROMAN CITIZEN



"...HE MADE HAVOC OF THE CHURCH, ENTERING EVERY HOUSE, AND DRAGGING OFF MEN AND WOMEN, COMMITTING THEM TO PRISON." [ACTS 8:3]

"...I must do many things contrary to the name of Jesus of Nazareth. This I also did in Jerusalem, and many of the saints I shut up in prison, having received authority from the chief priests; and when they were put to death, I cast my vote against them. And I punished them often in every synagogue and compelled them to blaspheme; and being exceedingly enraged against them, I persecuted them even to foreign cities." [Acts 26:9-11]

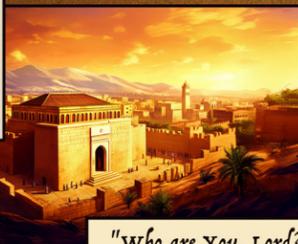
"I PERSECUTED THIS WAY TO THE DEATH, BINDING AND DELIVERING INTO PRISONS BOTH MEN AND WOMEN..." [ACTS 22:4]



DAMASCUS

JERUSALEM

CONVERSION TO CHRISTIANITY

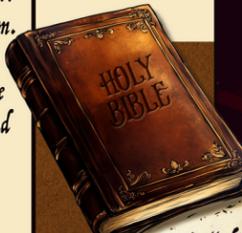


"Who are You, Lord?" Then the Lord said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting." [Acts 9:5]

"LORD, WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO?"

"...how much harm he has done to Your saints in Jerusalem. And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on Your name."

13 BOOKS OF THE NT



Mediterranean Sea

GALATIANS
1 & 2 THESSALONIANS
1 & 2 CORINTHIANS
ROMANS
EPHESIANS
COLOSSIANS
PHILEMON
PHILIPPIANS
TITUS
1 & 2 TIMOTHY

CORINTH

ATHENS

EPHESUS (SCHOOL OF TYRANNUS)

ANTIOCH

CYPRUS

PHOENICIA

JERUSALEM



"Is this not he who destroyed those who called on [His] name in Jerusalem?" [Acts 9:21]



BARNABAS

BEATEN SHIPWRECKED IN PERILS SLEEPLESS THIRSTY
STONED WEARY HUNGRY COLD/NAKED

"Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief...received mercy...as a pattern to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life." [1 Timothy 1:15-16]

"BESIDES THE OTHER THINGS, WHAT COMES UPON ME DAILY: MY DEEP CONCERN FOR ALL THE CHURCHES." [2 COR. 11:24-28]

A MAJOR TURN

"Then a certain Ananias, a devout man according to the law, having a good testimony with all the Jews who dwelt there, came to me; and he stood and said to me, 'Brother Saul, receive your sight.'"

"THE GOD OF OUR FATHERS HAS CHOSEN YOU THAT YOU SHOULD KNOW HIS WILL, AND SEE THE JUST ONE, AND HEAR THE VOICE OF HIS MOUTH."

"And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord." [Acts 22:16]

OBEYING THE GOSPEL



ACTS 9 & 22

"FOR I AM ALREADY BEING Poured OUT AS A DRINK OFFERING, AND THE TIME OF MY DEPARTURE IS AT HAND. I HAVE FOUGHT THE GOOD FIGHT, I HAVE FINISHED THE RACE, I HAVE KEPT THE FAITH. FINALLY, THERE IS LAID UP FOR ME THE CROWN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, WHICH THE LORD, THE RIGHTEOUS JUDGE, WILL GIVE TO ME ON THAT DAY, AND NOT TO ME ONLY BUT ALSO TO ALL WHO HAVE LOVED HIS APPEARING." [2 TIMOTHY 4:6-8]

