

PAUL DEFENDS HIMSELF – ACTS 22

INTRODUCTION: This is the second of three accounts in Acts of Paul's conversion. The other two accounts are in chapters _____ and _____.

I: PAUL'S DEFENSE (1-21)

1. **Paul's early conduct** (1-5)

- a) A Jew with valued _____ citizenship (3).
- b) Early training was the _____ available (3).
- c) Zealous of the Law of _____ (3)
- d) Philippians 3 is another _____ of Paul the Pharisee.

2. **Paul's amazing conversion** (6-16)

- a) The heavenly light met the _____ of Paul's _____ (6-10).
- b) A summary of the life of the Apostle Paul, but also of the _____ life (14).
 1. Know God's will and obey it
 2. See the Just One (walk in His presence)
 3. Hear the voice of His mouth

3. **Paul's special commission** (17-21)

- a) Had a trance while _____ in the temple (17).
- b) Was told to leave _____ (21).
- c) He was not to be _____ attached to the kingdom program in _____ or the _____ of Peter (21).

II: THE NATION'S RESPONSE (22-30)

1. They did not _____ Paul's testimony (22).

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2. Paul uses his _____ as a Roman _____ to _____ himself (25).
3. The remaining chapters of Acts describe Paul the _____, his _____ before the Jews, and his _____ to Caesar.

CONCLUSION: A review of the nation of Israel in the Book of Acts reveals three murders, and almost a fourth.

1. John the Baptist – Acts 7:52; Matthew 14:10-12
2. Christ – Acts 2:23; 7:52
3. Stephen – Acts 7:57-60

God delivered Paul through the intervention of the _____
(22:30).

God used this time in Paul's life as he wrote Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 2 Timothy and Philemon while a prisoner at Rome.