

Acts 21:35

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And when he came upon the stairs, so it was, that he was borne of the soldiers for the violence of the people.

Analysis

The mob's violence was so intense that soldiers had to carry Paul up the stairs to the fortress, protecting him from being torn apart. The Greek 'bastazō' (carried) suggests he was lifted bodily by soldiers forming a protective shield. This dramatic scene demonstrated both the depth of religious hatred and God's preservation through Roman military intervention.

Historical Context

The stairs connected the temple court to the Fortress of Antonia. This location became the stage for Paul's defense speech in Acts 22, using the elevated position to address the crowd below.

Related Passages

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. Have you experienced situations where God's protection came through authorities or systems you might not expect?

2. What does Paul's calm response to life-threatening violence teach about trusting God in crisis?

Interlinear Text

Ὥτε δὲ ἐγένετο ἐπὶ τοὺς ἀναβαθμούς συνέβη^{G3588}
when And he came upon the stairs so it was
G3753 G1161 G1096 G1909 G304 G4819

βαστάζεσθαι αὐτὸν ὑπὸ τῶν στρατιωτῶν διὰ τὴν
that he was borne of the soldiers for G3588
G941 G846 G5259 G4757 G1223 G3588

βίαν τοῦ ὄχλου
the violence of the people
G970 G3588 G3793

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