

## Notes on the Greek New Testament Week 55 – Acts 21:40-23:5

### Day 271: Acts 21:40-22:5

#### Verse 40

ἐπιτρέψαντος δὲ αὐτοῦ ὁ Παῦλος ἕστωσ ἐπὶ τῶν ἀναβαθμῶν κατέσεισεν τῇ χειρὶ τῷ λαῷ· πολλῆς δὲ σιγῆς γενομένης προσεφώνησεν τῇ Ἑβραϊδὶ διαλέκτῳ λέγων,

ἐπιτρέψαντος Verb, aor act ptc, m gen s  
ἐπιτρεπω let, allow, permit  
ἕστωσ Verb, perf act ptc, m nom s ἴστημι pf & pluperf stand, stand firm  
ἀναβαθμος, ου v. 35  
κατασειω motion, make a sign  
χειρ, χειρος f hand, power

Cf. 13:16

σιγη, ης f silence  
προσφωνεω call to, address  
Ἑβραϊς, ἴδος f Hebrew language (i.e. Aramaic)  
διαλεκτος, ου f language

#### Verse 1

Ἄνδρες ἀδελφοὶ καὶ πατέρες, ἀκούσατέ μου τῆς πρὸς ὑμᾶς νυνὶ ἀπολογίας –

Cf. 7:2.

νυνὶ now  
ἀπολογία, ας f verbal defence, answer

#### Verse 2

ἀκούσαντες δὲ ὅτι τῇ Ἑβραϊδὶ διαλέκτῳ προσεφώνει αὐτοῖς μᾶλλον παρέσχον ἡσυχίαν. καὶ φησὶν –

μᾶλλον adv more; rather, instead, more than that  
παρέσχον Verb, aor act indic, 1 s & 3 pl  
παρεχω act & midd cause, bring about  
ἡσυχια, ας f silence, quietness  
φησὶν Verb, pres act indic, 3 s φημι say

#### Verse 3

Ἐγὼ εἶμι ἀνὴρ Ἰουδαῖος, γεγεννημένος ἐν Ταρσῷ τῆς Κιλικίας, ἀνατεθραμμένος δὲ ἐν τῇ πόλει ταύτῃ, παρὰ τοὺς πόδας Γαμαλιὴλ πεπαιδευμένος κατὰ ἀκριβείαν τοῦ πατρῶου νόμου, ζηλωτῆς ὑπάρχων τοῦ θεοῦ καθὼς πάντες ὑμεῖς ἐστε σήμερον·

γεγεννημένος Verb, perf pass ptc, m nom s  
γεννω pass be born  
ἀνατεθραμμένος Verb, perf pass ptc, m nom s ἀνατρεφω bring up, rear, train

Suggests that he lived in Jerusalem from early childhood.

πολις, εως f city, town  
πόδας Noun, acc pl πους, ποδος m foot  
Cf. 5:34.

πεπαιδευμένος Verb, perf pass ptc, m nom s παιδεω instruct, train, teach  
ἀκριβεια, ας f strictness, exactness  
πατρως, α, ον belonging to or coming from one's ancestors

Cf. 24:12; Mk 7:3; 1 Pet 1:18

ζηλωτης, ου m one who is zealous  
ὑπαρχω be (equivalent to εἶμι)

For a similar description by Paul see Phil 3:4ff., also 21:20; Rom 10:2; Gal 1:14.

σημερον today

#### Verse 4

ὃς ταύτην τὴν ὁδὸν ἐδίωξα ἄχρι θανάτου, δεσμεύων καὶ παραδιδούς εἰς φυλακὰς ἀνδρας τε καὶ γυναῖκας,

ὁδος, ου f way, path  
διωκω persecute  
ἄχρι prep with gen until, as far as  
θανατος, ου m death

Cf. v.20.

δεσμευω tie (up), bind  
παραδιδωμι hand or give over, deliver up  
φυλακη, ης f prison, imprisonment  
τε και and also

#### Verse 5

ὡς καὶ ὁ ἀρχιερεὺς μαρτυρεῖ μοι καὶ πάν τὸ πρεσβυτέριον· παρ' ὧν καὶ ἐπιστολὰς δεξάμενος πρὸς τοὺς ἀδελφούς εἰς Δαμασκὸν ἐπορευόμην ἄξων καὶ τοὺς ἐκεῖσε ὄντας δεδεμένους εἰς Ἱερουσαλήμ ἵνα τιμωρηθῶσιν.

ἀρχιερευς, εως m high priest, member of high priestly family

μαρτυρεω bear witness, testify  
πρεσβυτεριον, ου n body of elders

Cf. Lk 22:66; 1 Tim 4:14.

ἐπιστολη, ης f letter  
δεξάμενος Verb, aor midd dep ptc, m nom s  
δεχομαι receive

Cf. 9:2ff.

πορευομαι go, proceed, travel  
ἄξων Verb, fut act ptc, m nom s ἄγω

The future participle is used here expressing purpose (cf. 8:27; 24:11,17).

ἐκεῖσε adv there, at that place  
 δεδεμένους Verb, perf pass ptc, m acc pl  
 δεω bind, tie  
 τιμωρεω punish, have (someone)  
 punished

### Day 272: Acts 22:6-11

#### Verse 6

Ἐγένετο δέ μοι πορευομένῳ καὶ ἐγγίζοντι τῇ Δαμασκῷ περὶ μεσημβρίαν ἑξαίφνης ἐκ τοῦ οὐρανοῦ περιαστράψαι φῶς ἰκανὸν περὶ ἐμέ,

ἐγγίζω approach, draw near  
 μεσημβρία, ας f noon, midday

Cf. 26:13; 8:26.

ἑξαίφνης suddenly, unexpectedly  
 περιαστραπτω flash around

Cf. 9:3.

φως, φωτος n light  
 ἰκανος, η, ον great

#### Verse 7

ἔπεσά τε εἰς τὸ ἔδαφος καὶ ἤκουσα φωνῆς λεγούσης μοι, Σαοὺλ Σαοὺλ, τί με διωκεις;

ἔπεσά Verb, aor act indic, 1 s πιπτω fall,  
 fall down

ἔδαφος, ουσ n ground  
 διωκω persecute

Cf. 9:4.

#### Verse 8

ἔγω δὲ ἀπεκρίθην, Τίς εἶ, κύριε; εἶπέν τε πρὸς με, Ἐγὼ εἰμι Ἰησοῦς ὁ Ναζωραῖος ὃν σὺ διωκεις.

ἀπεκρίθην Verb, aor midd dep indic, 1 s  
 ἀποκρίνομαι answer, reply  
 Ναζωραῖος, ον m inhabitant of  
 Nazareth, Nazarene

ὁ Ναζωραῖος is not found in the parallel accounts in 9:5 or 26:15. "The full designation 'Jesus of Nazareth' was appropriate to the Jewish audience before whom Paul was relating his experience." Polhill

#### Verse 9

οἱ δὲ σὺν ἐμοὶ ὄντες τὸ μὲν φῶς ἐθεάσαντο τὴν δὲ φωνὴν οὐκ ἤκουσαν τοῦ λαλοῦντός μοι.

ἐθεάσαντο Verb, aor midd dep indic, 3 pl  
 θεαομαι see

λαλεω speak, talk

Compare 9:7 and the note in that place.

#### Verse 10

εἶπον δέ, Τί ποιήσω, κύριε; ὁ δὲ κύριος εἶπεν πρὸς με, Ἀναστὰς πορεύου εἰς Δαμασκόν, κάκει σοι λαληθήσεται περὶ πάντων ὧν τέτακται σοι ποιῆσαι.

εἶπον Verb, aor act indic, 1s & 3pl λεγω  
 ἀνίστημι 2 aor rise, stand up  
 κάκει (καὶ ἐκεῖ) and there

λαληθήσεται Verb, fut pass indic, 3 s  
 λαλεω speak, talk

τέτακται Verb, perf pass indic, 3 s τασσω  
 appoint, set aside, command

ποιῆσαι Verb, aor act infin ποιεω

#### Verse 11

ὡς δὲ οὐκ ἐνέβλεπον ἀπὸ τῆς δόξης τοῦ φωτός ἐκείνου, χειραγωγούμενος ὑπὸ τῶν συνόντων μοι ἦλθον εἰς Δαμασκόν.

ἐνέβλεπον verb, imperf act indic, 1 s & 3 pl  
 ἐμβλεπω see

δοξα, ης f glory

ἐκεῖνος, η, ο demonstrative adj. that  
 χειραγωγεω lead by the hand

Cf. 9:8.

συνειμι be present, be with

ἦλθον Verb, aor act ind, 1s & 3 pl ἔρχομαι

### Day 273: Acts 22:12-21

#### Verse 12

Ἀνανίας δὲ τις, ἀνὴρ εὐλαβῆς κατὰ τὸν νόμον, μαρτυρούμενος ὑπὸ πάντων τῶν κατοικούντων Ἰουδαίων,

εὐλαβης, ες devout, reverent

μαρτυρεω pass be well spoken of  
 κατοικεω live, settle, inhabit

"Ananias is here referred to as a pious Jew, in terms calculated to appeal to pious Jews, and the part played by him in Paul's conversion is emphasised." Bruce

#### Verse 13

ἐλθὼν πρὸς με καὶ ἐπιστὰς εἶπέν μοι, Σαοὺλ ἀδελφέ, ἀνάβλεψον· κάγω αὐτῇ τῇ ὥρᾳ ἀνέβλεψα εἰς αὐτόν.

ἐφίστημι come up to, approach

ἀνάβλεψον Verb, aor act imperat, 2 s

ἀναβλεπω look up, regain one's sight,  
 be able to see

Cf. 9:17.

κάγω a compound word = καὶ ἐγώ

**Verse 14**

ὁ δὲ εἶπεν, Ὁ θεὸς τῶν πατέρων ἡμῶν  
προεχειρίσατό σε γνῶναι τὸ θέλημα αὐτοῦ  
καὶ ἰδεῖν τὸν δίκαιον καὶ ἀκοῦσαι φωνὴν  
ἐκ τοῦ στόματος αὐτοῦ,

Cf. 9:15f. "Ananias communicated to Paul the revelation he had received from the Lord concerning him." Bruce

προεχειρίσατό Verb, aor midd dep indic, 3  
s προχειρίζομαι midd choose or  
appoint for oneself

σε Pronoun, acc s συ

γνῶναι Verb, aor act infin γινώσκω  
θέλημα, ατος n will, wish, desire

Cf. Rom 2:18; 12:2; Col 1:9.

ἰδεῖν Verb, aor act infin ὄραω see  
δικαίος, α, ον righteous, just

For 'the Righteous One' as a Messianic title, cf.  
3:14.

στομα, τος n mouth

**Verse 15**

ὅτι ἔσῃ μάρτυς αὐτῷ πρὸς πάντας  
ἀνθρώπους ὧν ἔωρακας καὶ ἤκουσας.

ἔσῃ Verb, fut indic, 2 s εἶμι  
μάρτυς, μαρτυρός m witness, martyr

Cf. 9:15.

ἔωρακας Verb, perf act indic, 2 s ὄραω  
trans see, observe

Cf. 9:15 and 26:16, also 4:20.

**Verse 16**

καὶ νῦν τί μέλλεις; ἀναστὰς βάπτισαι καὶ  
ἀπόλουσαι τὰς ἁμαρτίας σου  
ἐπικαλεσάμενος τὸ ὄνομα αὐτοῦ.

μελλω (finite verb without infin) delay, wait  
βάπτισαι Verb, aor midd imperat, 2 s

βαπτίζω baptise, wash

ἀπόλουσαι Verb, aor midd dep imperat, 2 s  
ἀπολοῦμαι cleanse oneself, wash  
away (sin)

"The imperatives are in the middle voice: 'get yourself baptized and get your sins washed away' ... His baptism was the 'outward and visible sign' of his inward spiritual cleansing." Bruce

ἁμαρτία, ας f sin

ἐπικαλεω midd call upon, appeal to

Cf. 2:38.

**Verse 17**

Ἐγένετο δέ μοι ὑποστρέψαντι εἰς  
Ἱερουσαλήμ καὶ προσευχομένου μου ἐν  
τῷ ἱερῷ γενέσθαι με ἐν ἑκστάσει

ἐγένετο Verb, aor midd dep indic, 3 s  
γίνομαι

ὑποστρέψαντι Verb, aor act ptc, m dat s  
ὑποστρεφω return, turn back

προσευχομαι pray

ἱερον, ου n temple, temple precincts  
ἐκστασις, εως f trance, vision

The grammatical construction is rather awkward.

**Verse 18**

καὶ ἰδεῖν αὐτὸν λέγοντά μοι, Σπεῦσον καὶ  
ἔξελθε ἐν τάχει ἐξ Ἱερουσαλήμ, διότι οὐ  
παραδέχονται σου μαρτυρίαν περὶ ἐμοῦ.

ἰδεῖν v.14

σπεῦσον Verb, aor act imperat, 2 s σπευδω  
hasten, hurry

ταχος, ους n speed, quickness; ἐν τ.  
speedily, quickly, without delay

διοτι because, for

παραδεχομαι accept, receive

μαρτυρια, ας f testimony, witness

Cf. 9:29f.

**Verse 19**

κἀγω εἶπον, Κύριε, αὐτοὶ ἐπίστανται ὅτι  
ἐγὼ ἤμην φυλακίζων καὶ δέρων κατὰ τὰς  
συναγωγὰς τοὺς πιστεύοντας ἐπὶ σέ·

κἀγω v.13

εἶπον Verb, aor act indic, 1s & 3pl λεγω

ἐπισταμαι know, understand

ἤμην Verb, imperf act indic, 1s εἶμι

φυλακίζω imprison

δερω beat, strike, hit

"Paul argues that he is the very man to convince the Jews. We may paraphrase his argument: 'They know how whole-heartedly I opposed the Christians; they remember the part I played at Stephen's martyrdom; they must realise therefore that there must be overwhelmingly cogent reasons for my change of attitude!'" Bruce

**Verse 20**

καὶ ὅτε ἐξεχύννετο τὸ αἷμα Στεφάνου τοῦ  
μάρτυρός σου, καὶ αὐτὸς ἤμην ἐφεστώς  
καὶ συνευδοκῶν καὶ φυλάσσων τὰ ἱμάτια  
τῶν ἀναιρούντων αὐτόν.

ὅτε conj when, at which time

ἐξεχύννετο Verb, imperf pass indic, 3 s

ἐκχεω and ἐκχυννω pour out, shed  
(blood)

αἷμα, ατος f blood  
 μαρτυς, μαρτυρος dat pl μαρτυσιν m  
 witness, matryr  
 ἐφειστωσ Verb, perf act ptc, m nom s  
 ἐφιστημι come up to, stand by

Cf. 7:58; 8:1a.

συνευδοκεω approve of, agree to  
 φυλασσω keep, guard  
 ἱματιον, ου n garment, clothing, robe  
 ἀναιρεω do away with, kill

At that time, Paul would seem to have believed that his ministry could be most effective in Jerusalem where he was known and all would see the dramatic change that had taken place in his life. But Christ had a different plan, one which must have seemed strange to Paul in the immediate years following.

### Verse 21

καὶ εἶπεν πρὸς με, Πορεύου, ὅτι ἐγὼ εἰς  
 ἔθνη μακρὰν ἐξαποστελῶ σε.

ἔθνη Noun, nom & acc pl ἔθνος, ους n  
 nation, people

μακρὰν far, far off, at some distance

ἐξαποστελῶ Verb, fut act indic, 1 s

ἐξαποστελλω send out

### Day 274: Acts 22:22-29

### Verse 22

Ἦκουον δὲ αὐτοῦ ἄχρι τούτου τοῦ λόγου  
 καὶ ἐπήραν τὴν φωνὴν αὐτῶν λέγοντες,  
 Αἴρε ἀπὸ τῆς γῆς τὸν τοιοῦτον, οὐ γὰρ  
 καθήκειν αὐτὸν ζῆν.

ἄχρι prep with gen until, as far as  
 ἐπαίρω raise, lift up

"The mention of the Gentiles was the last straw so far as the audience was concerned, it reminded them of their main grievance against Paul. It was not that they did not believe in proselytizing Gentiles, but Paul was offering Gentiles equal privileges with Jews without requiring them to submit to the obligations of the Law." Bruce

αἶρω take, take away

γῆ, γῆς f earth

Cf. 21:36.

τοιοῦτος, αὐτη, οὐτον correlative pronoun  
 and adjective such, of such kind  
 καθήκειν Verb, Imperf act indic, 3s καθηκει  
 impersonal verb it is fitting

"The imperf. indic. in classical Gk. may indicate necessity or possibility when the opposite is taking place; but the usage is extended in Koine to cover what in classical Gk. would be expressed by the present."

Bruce

ζῶω live, be alive

### Verse 23

κραυγαζόντων τε αὐτῶν καὶ ῥιπτούντων  
 τὰ ἱμάτια καὶ κονιορτὸν βαλλόντων εἰς  
 τὸν ἄερα,

κραυγαζω call out, shout

ῥιπτω throw, throw down, throw off

Field suggests that here it means waving items of their clothing.

ἱματιον, ου n garment, clothing, robe,  
 cloak

κονιορτος, ου m dust

βαλλω throw

ἀηρ, ερος m air, space

### Verse 24

ἐκέλευσεν ὁ χιλιάρχος εἰσαγεσθαι αὐτὸν  
 εἰς τὴν παρεμβολήν, εἶπας μάλιστα  
 ἀνετάζεσθαι αὐτὸν ἵνα ἐπιγνῶ δι· ἦν  
 αἰτίαν οὕτως ἐπεφωνοῦν αὐτῷ.

κελευω order, command

χιλιάρχος, ου m commander

εἰσαγω bring into, lead into

παρεμβολη, ης f barracks; camp

μαστιξ, ιγος f whip, beating with a whip

"The scourge (Lat. *Flagrum, flagellum*), was a murderous instrument of torture, quite different from the Lictor's rods at Philippi. Here Paul at once protests his Roman citizenship, which, by the Valerian and Porcian Laws..., exempted him from such treatment. A slave or alien might be scourged in order to make him confess the truth" Bruce. It was not uncommon for the victim to die as a result of the *flagellum*.

ἀνετάζεσθαι Verb, pres pass infin ἀνεταζω  
 examine, interrogate

ἐπιγνῶ Verb, aor act subj ἐπιγινωσκω  
 perceive, understand

αἴτια, ας f reason, cause

οὕτως thus, in this way

ἐπιφωνεω shout, cry out

Paul's speech in Aramaic had not been understood by the Commander. All he knew was that Paul's words had stirred up the crowd.

**Verse 25**

ὡς δὲ προέτειναν αὐτὸν τοῖς ἰμάσιν εἶπεν πρὸς τὸν ἐστῶτα ἑκατόνταρχον ὁ Παῦλος, εἰ ἄνθρωπον Ῥωμαῖον καὶ ἀκατάκριτον ἔξεστιν ὑμῖν μαστίζειν;

προέτειναν Verb, aor act indic προτεινω  
tie up (with straps) or stretch out (for a beating)

ἴμας, αντος n strap

ἐστῶτα Verb, perf act ptc, n nom/acc pl  
ἴστημι stand, stand firm

ἑκατονταρχης, ου and ἑκατονταρχος, ου  
m centurion

ἀκατακριτος, ον without trial by law,  
uncondemned

ἔξεστιν impersonal verb it is permitted, it is lawful

μαστιζω beat with a whip, whip

Cf. 16:37; 22:25ff.

**Verse 26**

ἀκούσας δὲ ὁ ἑκατοντάρχης προσελθὼν τῷ χιλιάρχῳ ἀπήγγειλεν λέγων, τί μέλλεις ποιεῖν; ὁ γὰρ ἄνθρωπος οὗτος Ῥωμαῖός ἐστιν.

προσερχομαι come or go to, approach

ἀπαγγελλω announce, proclaim

μελλω (before an infin) be going, be about

**Verse 27**

προσελθὼν δὲ ὁ χιλιάρχος εἶπεν αὐτῷ, λέγε μοι, σὺ Ῥωμαῖός εἶ; ὁ δὲ ἔφη, Ναί.

ἔφη Verb, imperf act ind, 3s φημι say  
ναί yes, yes indeed, certainly

**Verse 28**

ἀπεκρίθη δὲ ὁ χιλιάρχος, Ἐγὼ πολλοῦ κεφαλαίου τὴν πολιτείαν ταύτην ἔκτησάμην. ὁ δὲ Παῦλος ἔφη, Ἐγὼ δὲ καὶ γεγέννημαι.

ἀπεκρίθη Verb, aor midd dep indic, 3 s  
ἀποκρίνομαι answer

πολυς, πολλη, πολυ gen πολλου, ης, ου  
much, many

κεφαλαιον, ου n sum of money

πολιτεια, ας f citizenship

ἐκτησάμην Verb, aor midd dep indic, 1 s  
κταομαι acquire, gain

γεγέννημαι Verb, perf pass indic, 1 s  
γεννω pass be born, cause

According to Ramsay, a large number of Jews became citizens of Tarsus as early as 171 BC

**Verse 29**

εὐθέως οὖν ἀπέστησαν ἀπ' αὐτοῦ οἱ μέλλοντες αὐτὸν ἀνετάζειν· καὶ ὁ χιλιάρχος δὲ ἐφοβήθη ἐπιγνούς ὅτι Ῥωμαῖός ἐστιν καὶ ὅτι αὐτὸν ἦν δεδεκώς.

ἀπέστησαν Verb, aor act indic, 3 pl

ἀφισταμαι leave, stand away from

ἀνεταζω see v.24.

ἐφοβήθη Verb, aor pass dep indic, 3 s

φοβεομαι fear, be afraid

ἐπιγνούς Verb, aor act ptc, m nom s

ἐπιγνωσκω v.24

Cf. 16:38.

δεδεκώς Verb, perf act ptc, m nom s δεω  
bind, tie

**Day 275: Acts 22:30-23:5****Verse 30**

Τῇ δὲ ἐπαύριον βουλόμενος γνῶναι τὸ ἀσφαλές τὸ τί κατηγορεῖται ὑπὸ τῶν Ἰουδαίων ἔλυσεν αὐτόν, καὶ ἐκέλευσεν συνελθεῖν τοὺς ἀρχιερεῖς καὶ πᾶν τὸ συνέδριον, καὶ καταγαγῶν τὸν Παῦλον ἔστησεν εἰς αὐτούς.

ἐπαυριον the next day

βουλομαι want, wish, intend

γνῶναι Verb, aor act infin γινωσκω

ἀσφαλής, ες definite; the facts

Cf. 21:34

κατηγορεω accuse, bring charges  
against

λυω loose, set free

I.e. from prison.

κελευω order, command

συνερχομαι come together, assemble

ἀρχιερευς, εως m high priest, member of  
high priestly family

συνεδριον, ου n Sanhedrin (the highest  
Jewish council in religious and civil  
matters)

Cf. 4:5,15. "They constituted the chief Jewish court, and if Paul had broken the Jewish law in a matter of which Rome took cognizance, it was their business to try and sentence him, and the Roman governor's to ratify a capital sentence." Bruce

καταγαγων Verb, aor act ptc, m nom s

καταγω bring down, bring

ἔστησεν Verb, aor act indic, 3 s ἵστημι

**Verse 1**

ἀτενίσας δὲ ὁ Παῦλος τῷ συνεδρίῳ εἶπεν,  
Ἄνδρες ἀδελφοί, ἐγὼ πάσῃ συνειδήσει  
ἀγαθῇ πεπολίτευμαι τῷ θεῷ ἄχρι ταύτης  
τῆς ἡμέρας.

ἀτενίζω fix eyes on, look intently at,  
fasten attention on

συνειδησις, εως f conscience  
ἀγαθος, η, ον good, useful, fitting

Cf. 1 Pet 3:16,21; 1 Tim 1:5,19, also Acts  
24:16; 1 Tim 3:9; 2 Tim 1:3; Heb 13:18; 1 Pet  
2:19.

πεπολίτευμαι Verb, perf pass dep indic, 1 s  
πολιτευομαι live, conduct one's life  
ἄχρι until

**Verse 2**

ὁ δὲ ἀρχιερεὺς Ἀνανίας ἐπέταξεν τοῖς  
παρεστώσιν αὐτῷ τύπτειν αὐτοῦ τὸ  
στόμα.

ἐπέταξεν Verb, aor act indic, 3 s ἐπιτασσω  
command, order

παρεστώσιν Verb, perf act ptc, m & n dat pl  
παριστημι and παριστανω stand  
before, stand by, stand over

τυπτω beat, strike  
στομα, τος n mouth

**Verse 3**

τότε ὁ Παῦλος πρὸς αὐτὸν εἶπεν, Τύπτειν  
σε μέλλει ὁ θεός, τοῖχε κεκονιαμένε· καὶ  
σὺ κᾄθη κρίνων με κατὰ τὸν νόμον, καὶ  
παρανομῶν κελεύεις με τύπτεσθαι;

τοτε then, at that time

μελλω (before an infin) be going, be about

He was assassinated in 66 AD, probably by  
Zealots, because of his pro-Roman policy.

τοιχος, ου m wall

κεκονιαμένε Verb, perf pass ptc, m voc s  
κονιαω whitewash

Cf Matt 23:27. However, Bruce does not think  
Paul is alluding to Jesus' words but, "if he  
alludes to anything, it may be to the wall of  
Ezek 13:10ff, which looked stable enough, but  
collapsed before a stormy wind."

καθημαι sit, sit down

παρανομεω act contrary to the law

"The Jewish law presumed innocence until  
guilt was proved." Bruce

κελευω see 22:30

**Verse 4**

οἱ δὲ παρεστώτες εἶπαν, Τὸν ἀρχιερέα τοῦ  
θεοῦ λοιδορεῖς;

παρεστώτες see v.2

λοιδορεω curse, speak evil of, insult

Cf. Jn 18:22

**Verse 5**

ἔφη τε ὁ Παῦλος, Οὐκ ᾔδειν, ἀδελφοί, ὅτι  
ἐστὶν ἀρχιερεὺς· γέγραπται γὰρ ὅτι  
Ἄρχοντα τοῦ λαοῦ σου οὐκ ἐρεῖς κακῶς.

ἔφη Verb, imperf act ind, 3s φημι say  
ᾔδειν Verb, pluperf act indic, 1 s οἶδα  
(verb perf in form but with present  
meaning) know, understand

"Various reasons have been suggested for  
Paul's failure to recognise him; e.g., his alleged  
weak eyesight, a change of High Priest since  
Paul's last visit, or irony ('I did not think that a  
man who spoke like that could possibly be the  
High Priest')." Bruce

γέγραπται Verb, perf pass indic, 3 s γραφω  
ἀρχων, οντος m ruler, official, authority,  
judge

λαος, ου m people, a people

ἐρεῖς Verb, fut act indic, 2 s λεγω

κακως badly, severely

Cf. Ex 22:28 (LXX 27).