

The Prison Doors Were Opened – Paul and Silas

Acts 16:16-39

A certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple of the city of Thyatira, one reverencing Elohim, listened, whose heart the Master opened thoroughly to pay attention to the things being spoken by Paul. As she and her household were baptized, she entreated Paul, saying, “If you have judged me to be believing in the Master, entering into my house, remain.” She strongly urged us.

It was while we went to the house of prayer, a certain damsel met us in whom was a spirit of divination, and she had produced her overlords much gain by her divination. Following after Paul and us, she cried out, saying, “These men are slaves of the Most High Elohim, who are announcing to us a way of salvation!”

She did this over many days. But becoming distressed, and turning to the demonic spirit, Paul said, “In the name of Yahshua Messiah I command you to come out from her!” It came out in that same hour. Seeing that the hope of their gain went out, having seized Paul and Silas, her masters dragged them to the market. Bringing them near to the soldiers and magistrates, they said, “These men are very much troubling our city, being Jews, and preach customs which it is not lawful for us to accept, nor practice, being Romans.”

The crowd rose up against them. And tearing off their clothes, the magistrates ordered men to scourge them. Laying on them many stripes, they threw them into prison, charging the jailer to keep them securely, who, receiving such a charge, threw them into the inner prison, and locked their feet in the stocks.

Having prayed, toward midnight Paul and Silas praised Elohim in a hymn. And the prisoners listened to them. Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the jail were shaken. Immediately all the doors were opened and all of the bonds were loosened.

Having been awakened, and seeing that the doors of the prison had been opened, having drawn a sword, the jailer was about to do away with himself, supposing the prisoners to have escaped.

But Paul called out with a loud voice, saying, "Do no harm to yourself! For we are all here." Asking for lights, he rushed in. Becoming trembling, he fell before Paul and Silas. Leading them outside, he said, "Sirs, what must I do that I may be saved?" And they said, "Believe on the Master Yahshua Messiah, and you will be saved, you and your household."

They spoke the Word of the Master to him, and to all those in his house. Taking them in that hour of the night, he washed their stripes and he and all those belonging to him were baptized at once. Bringing them up to the house, he set a table before them, and he and his whole house rejoiced, believing Elohim.

Day having come, the magistrates sent the floggers, saying, let those men go.

And the jailer announced these words to Paul, "The magistrates have sent that you be let go. Now, then, going out, proceed in peace."

But Paul said to them, "Having beaten us publicly, being Romans and uncondemned men, they threw us into prison. And now do they throw us out secretly? No, indeed! But coming themselves let them bring us out."

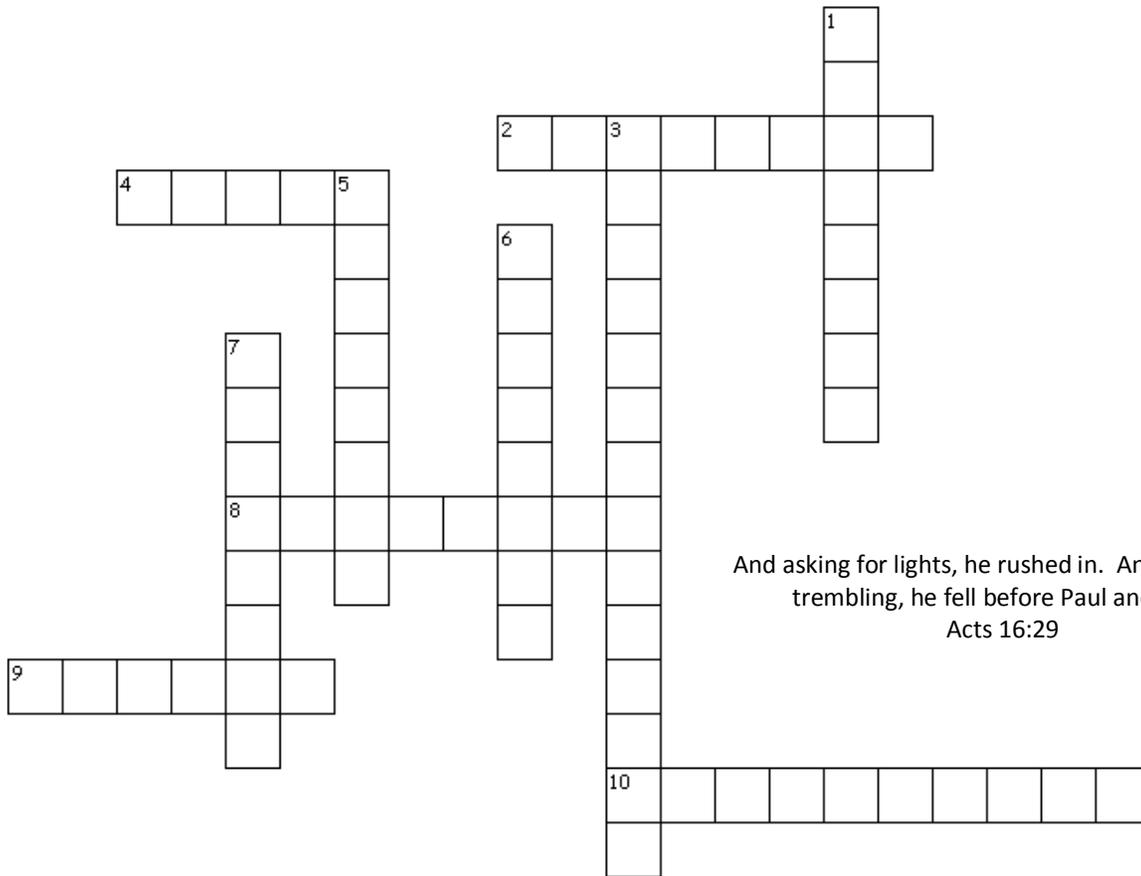
The floggers reported these words to the magistrates. Hearing that they were Romans, they were afraid. And coming, they begged them. Bringing them out, they asked them to go out of the city.

Going out from the prison, they went into the house of Lydia. And seeing the brothers, they exhorted them, and went out.



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Across

2. What happened to the Jailer and his household after Paul preached to them?
4. Who was thrown into prison with Paul?
8. What was the Jailer doing before the jail was shaking?
9. Who did Paul call out to before he harmed himself?
10. What made the foundation of the jail to shake?



Down

1. Who was mad at Paul when he cast the demon out of the damsel?
3. What was Paul and his companion doing while they were sitting in jail?
5. "And tearing off their clothes, the magistrates ordered men to _____ them."
6. What city was Lydia from?
7. After the jail was shaken, what happened to the bonds of Paul and his companion?

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Baptized

Bonds

Damsel

Doors

Earthquake

Floggers

Hymn

Jailer

Loosened

Lydia

Opened

Paul

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Romans

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Scourged

Silas

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And laying on them many stripes, they threw them into prison, charging the jailer to keep them securely.

Acts 16:23

