



# Paul, His Life and Teachings

## Paul – The Persecutor

### Lesson 5

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Interrogation time:



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What is the  
worst thing you  
have ever  
done?



Interrogation time:



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Was Paul a  
religious  
terrorist?



CSI:

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CSI:

Jerusalem





# 1. Crime Scene



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# 2. Motive



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# 3. Pts for Home



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# Acts 6 and 7:

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Jesus, "the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God."

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“But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. And as they were stoning

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Stephen, he called out, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' And when he had said this, he fell asleep."

## 2. Motive



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“As to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church.” Phil. 3:5-6

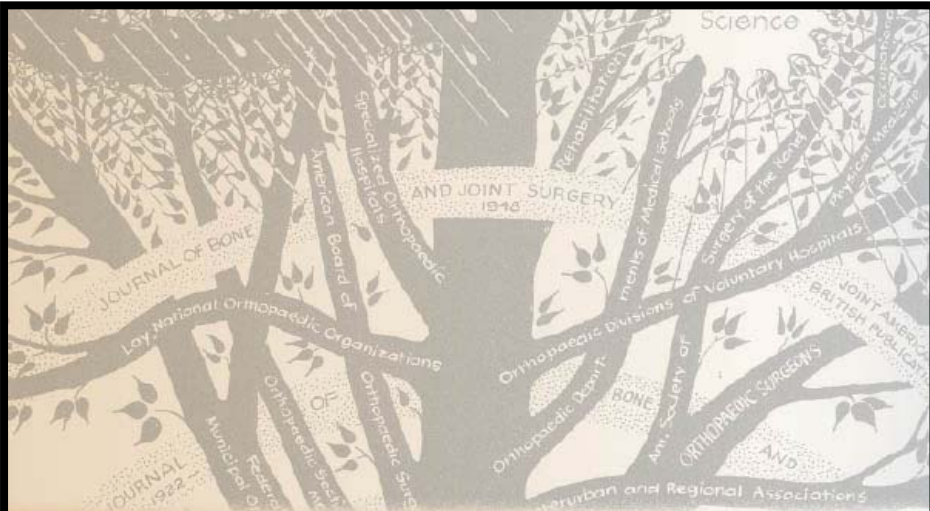
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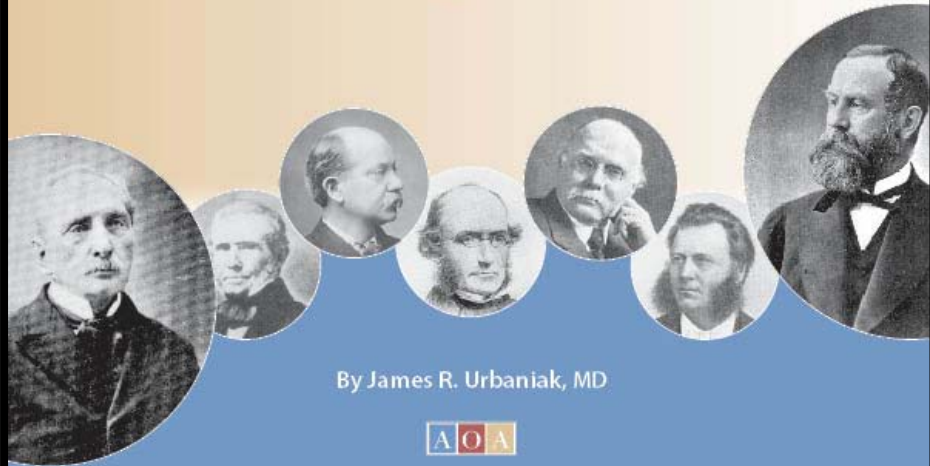
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Acts 23:6 “I am a  
Pharisee, a son of  
Pharisees.”



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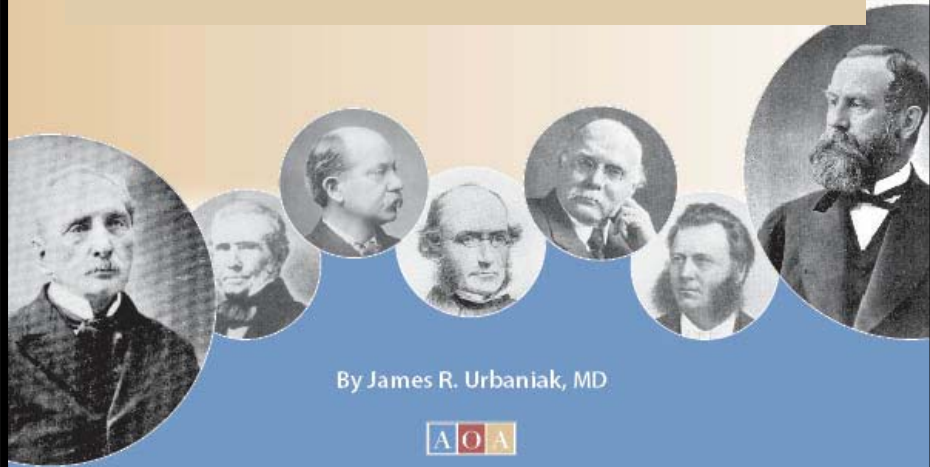


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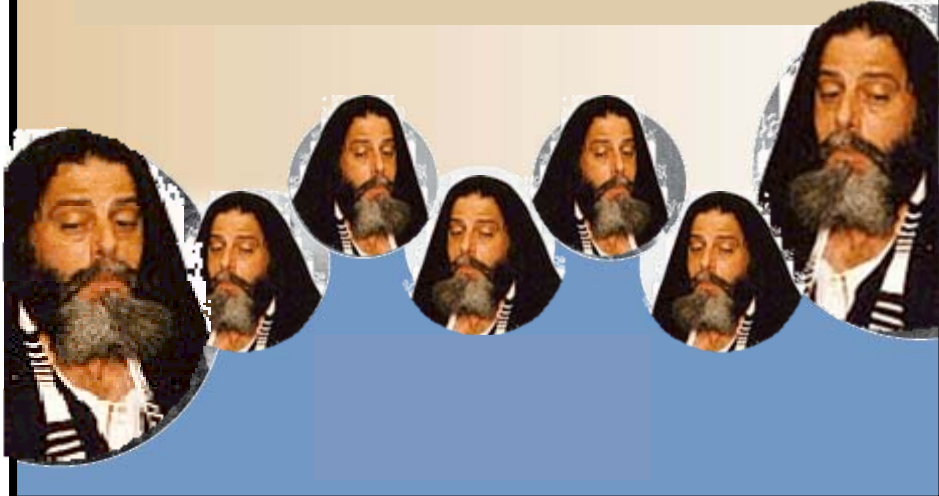




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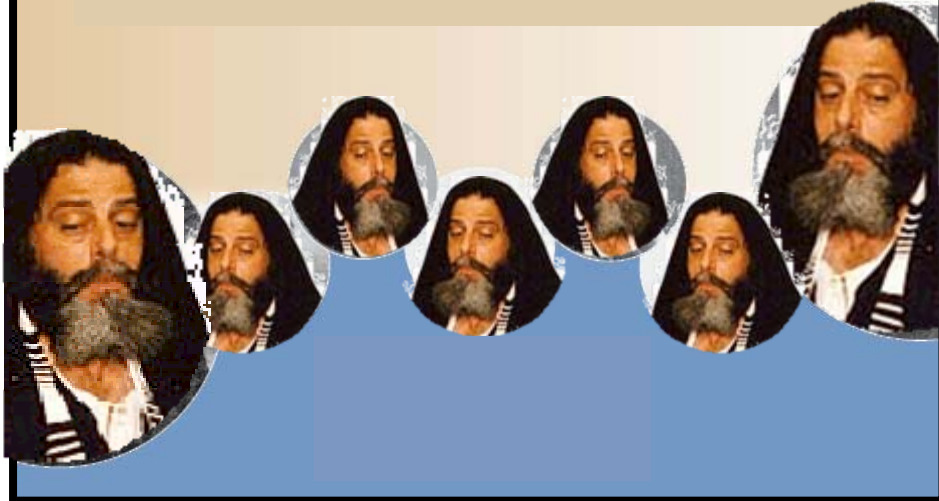
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Deut. 17:2-7 “If there is found among you, a man or woman who... has gone and served other gods and worshipped them ... you shall stone that man or woman to death”

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“But we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews” 1 Cor. 1:23

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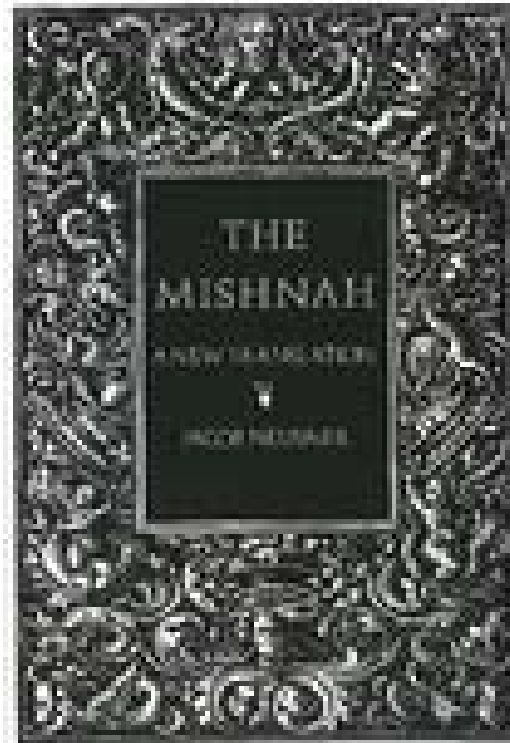
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“Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.”  
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**Next week assignment:  
Pages 74-82  
Paul's conversion**



# Points for Home

Your worst moment?



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“Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners - of whom I am the worst.” 1 Tim. 1:15



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The Sermon on the  
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“Lord, do not hold this  
sin against them.”  
Acts 7:60

