IV. God's Providential Protection vs. 23-25

A. The action of a soldier
   1) He let the young man depart
   2) He pledged him to secrecy

B. The escort is gathered
   1) Two hundred soldiers
   2) Seventy cavalry men
   3) Two hundred spearmen

C. Paul is provided a horse to ride
   1) "Provide them beasts"
   2) "bring him safe unto Felix"

D. This was no thief in the night exit. No letting down of a basket. It was a grand exit, fitting of nobility.

V. A Letter to the Governor vs. 25-30

A. This man was almost killed
   1) I rescued him with an army
   2) He is a Roman

B. He was questioned
   1) I set him before the council
   2) I have not yet understood their charges
   3) His crimes were not worthy of death

C. I rescued him from a plot
   1) I have sent him to thee
   2) "His accusers will follow and will make their accusations to thee"

VI. Paul Delivered to Felix vs. 31-35

A. The palace of Felix is at Caesarea, about 60 miles from Jerusalem.
   1) He was first taken to Antipatris, a city 35 miles from Jerusalem and 26 miles further to Caesarea.
   2) Paul and the letter were delivered to the governor
   3) The governor checks his jurisdiction in the matter

B. A court date will be set later
   1) When your accusers arrive
   2) He was kept in Herod's judgment hall
PAUL AND THE PROVIDENCE OF GOD
Acts 23:12-35

INTRODUCTION:

A. Jesus had told Paul that he must testify of him in Rome also.
   1) The Lord must protect Paul
   2) He must get Paul to Rome

B. Paul was aware of God's ways
   1) Romans 8:28
   2) Providence may be an army officer or a nameless nephew, yet God works.

I. The Plot to Kill Paul vs. 12-13

A. Forty Jews swore to kill him
   1) "banded" = poieo = "to make" + sustrophe = "a rolling up together, hence, a dense mass"
   2) "an oath" = anathematizo = "to declare one's self to be devoted to destruction"
   3) They would not, "eat nor drink"

B. They had religious sanction vs. 14-15
   1) They told the council vs. 14
   2) They need their co-operation vs. 15

II. A Nameless Nephew vs. 16

A. He heard of the plot
   1) "he heard of their lying in wait"

B. He went and told Paul
   1) "he told Paul"

III. A Faithful Army Officer vs. 17-22

A. Paul called a centurion vs. 17
   1) He listened to Paul
   2) He granted Paul's request

B. An attentive officer vs. 18-19
   1) What is it thou hast to tell me?
   2) This was done in private

C. The plot was unveiled vs. 20-21
   1) The Jews will make a request
   2) Do not yield unto them
   3) They expect you to agree