that against Stephen, ch. vi. 13.

**28. Greeks into the Temple**] The generic  
plural: *only one* is intended; see next verse.  
They meant, into the inner court, which  
was forbidden to Gentiles.

**29. Trophimus**] See ch. xx. 4, note. We here learn  
that he was an Ephesian.

**30.**] The Levites shut the doors to prevent profanation  
by a riot, and possibly bloodshed, in the temple: hardly, as Bengel, lest Paul should use  
the temple as an asylum :—the right of asylum was only (Exod. xxi. 13, 14) for murder  
unawares. But by ver. 14 there, and by  
Joab’s fleeing to the altar, 1 Kings ii.  
28 ff., we see that it was resorted to on

other occasions.

**31. seeking to kill  
him**] By *beating him:* see ver. 32.

**tidings came**] litcrally, **went** (were carried)  
**up**; *up*, either because of his *high station*,  
as commanding officer, or because he was  
*locally* stationed in the tower Antonia, overlooking (from the N.W.) the temple, where  
the riot was.

**the chief captain of the  
band**] Claudius Lysias (ch. xxiii. 26), the  
*tribune* of the *cohort* (whose proper complement was 1000 men).

**33. with  
two chains**] See ch. xii. 6. He would  
thus be in the custody of two soldiers.  
  
The literally accurate rendering of  
the chief captain’s demand would be, **who  
he might be** (subjective possibility) : and  
**what he had done** (assuming that he must  
have done *something*).

**34. the castle**]  
The camp or barracks attached to the  
tower Antonia;—or perhaps ‘into the  
tower’ itself: but the other is the more  
usual meaning of the word. For a full  
history and description of the fortress of  
Antonia, see Robinson i. pp. 431, 435;  
Williams, Holy City, i. 99; ii. 403—411;  
Howson ii. 311.

**35. upon the  
stairs**] The steps leading up into the  
tower. The description of the tower or  
fort Antonia in Josephus, sets the scene  
vividly before us:—“It was, upon the  
whole, the resemblance of a tower, and  
encompassed with four other towers at  
equal distances one from another, and one  
from every corner: three of them fifty  
cubits in height, and the fourth, that  
looked to the S. and E., of seventy cubits:  
and from thence they had the view of the  
whole temple. From the place where the  
galleries joined, there were upon the right