XU 1. THE ACTS.   
   
 made an oration unto them. \* And the people gave a   
 shout, saying, It is the voice of a god, and not of a man.   
 \*3 And immediately the angel of the Lord %smote him, \*1$\*3,2%7-   
 because "he gave not God the glory: and he was eaten of risus.   
   
 worms, and gave up the ghost. \*\* But ‘the word of God \*'g.Jy   
 grew and multiplied. 25 And Barnabas and Saul returned \*   
   
 from Jerusalem, when they had fulfilled their ss ministry, \* ch.x1.20,   
 and ‘took with them " John, whose surname was Mark. 1. 5,   
 XIII. 1 Now there were in the church that was at24   
 xiv.26:   
 Antioch [" certain] prophets and teachers; as > Barnabas, » 2 si.92~25,   
 and Symeon that was called Niger, and ¢ Lucius of Cyrene, ¢Rom.xvi.21.   
   
 U omit.   
   
 silver, struck with the first glitter of the ment of the progress and prosperity of the   
 solar rays, cast a splendid refiection, church of God forms the transition from   
 zling the eyes of the beholders, and oue portion of the history to another,   
 struck fear into them. Aud immediately 23.] The jouruey (ch. xi. 30) took place   
 his flatterers called out, in words unpro- after the death, about the time of the   
 pitious to him or any one, from all parts death, of Herod   
 of the assembly hailing him as God, Be pose of the m x   
 gracious to us; if we have hitherto feared accomplished: Saul wonld naturally not   
 thee as a man, henceforth we confess thee remain longer in Jernsalem than was un-   
 more than mortal. The king did not re- avoidable, and would court no publicity :   
 buke them, nor even reject this impions and hence there seems an additional reason   
 flattery. Looking up however shortly for plucing the visit Herod’s death :   
 utter, he saw an owl over his head, sitting for, of all the persons whose execution   
 on a rope, and straightway felt that it would be pleasing to the Jews, Saul would   
 a presage of mischief.” Josephus goes on hold the foremost place. Our verse is pro-   
 to relate that he was immediately seized bably inserted as a note of passage from   
 with a violent pain in his bowels, of which the last recorded fact of and Saul   
 he died after five days’ agony. On tho (xi, 30), to their being found at Antioch   
 fraud committed by Eusebius in citing this (( 1). John} See above on ver.   
 account of Josepbus’s, see Greek Test.— 12.   
 The circumstance related in our text, the Cusp. XU. 1—XIV. 28,] First at1s-   
 answer to the Sidonian embassy, of which SIONARY JOURNEY OF PAvL AND Barna-   
 Josephus seems not to have been aware, BAS. Henceforward the history follows   
 having been one object of tlerod on the Saul (or Paul, as be is now [ver. 9] and   
 occasion, shews an accuracy of detail which froin this time denominated), his ministry,   
 well accords with the view of the material and the events of his life, to the exclusion   
 of this part of the Acts having been col- (with the sole exception of the council in   
 lected at Caesarea, where the event hap- ch. xv.) of all the other Apostles.   
 pened (see Introd. to Acts, § 2. 11). XHI. 1.] The word “certain” has been   
 23.) The fact may be correctly related by interpolated, to make it appear that the   
 Josephus (see above): but our narrative persons mentioned were not the only pro-   
 alleges the cause of happened to have phets and teachers at Antioch. It is   
 been the displeasure of God, and the omitted by all our most ancient autho-   
 stroke to have been inflicted by His angel. rities. The enumeration is probably in-   
 Compare 2 Kings xix. 35; 1 Chron. xxi. serted on account of the solemnity of the   
 15, 16, But no appearance of an angel is incident about to be related, that it might   
 implied. he was eaten of worms} be known who they were, to whom the   
 Another additional particular ; and one to Holy Spirit entrusted so weighty a com-   
 be expected from a physician. In several mission, prophets] See on ch. xi. 27.   
 cases of deaths by divine judgment we teachers] Those who had the gift   
 have accounts of this loathsome termina- of teaching, sce 1 Cor. xii. Eph. iv. 11.   
 tion of the disease. See examples in hey were probably less immediately the   
 my Greek Test. 24.) Similarly, organs of the Holy Spirit than the   
 ch, v. 12 ff.5 vi. ix. 31, a general state- but under His continual guidance in the