

# THE OTHER ANANIAS

The first Ananias was slain by the Lord. Strange how some churches teach God does not punish sin. This 2nd Ananias was a man who was not trying to impress people. It seems he did his best to avoid attention. Yet it was he that God chose to inform Saul of the ministry God called Saul to.

**Acts 9:7 And the men which journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice, but seeing no man.**

Saul's companions were in shock after the mighty revelation of Jesus Christ to Saul.

**8 And Saul arose from the earth; and when his eyes were opened, he saw no man: but they led him by the hand, and brought him into Damascus.**

He continued on to his planned destination with a new purpose. Find out what the Lord wanted him to do.

**9 And he was three days without sight, and neither did eat nor drink.**

Saul could do nothing but pray and wait for God.

**10 And there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias; and to him said the Lord in a vision, Ananias. And he said, Behold, I am here, Lord.**

The 2nd Ananias was a disciple. The 1st one was only a man. Every true Christian has this minimum. (Every Marine is a "Grunt.")

**11 And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and enquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold, he prayeth,**

Ananias was to look for a humbled man. God calls praying people. One of the greatest privileges is to be called by God to do something. Ananias was called to call.

**12 And hath seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in, and putting his hand on him, that he might receive his sight.**

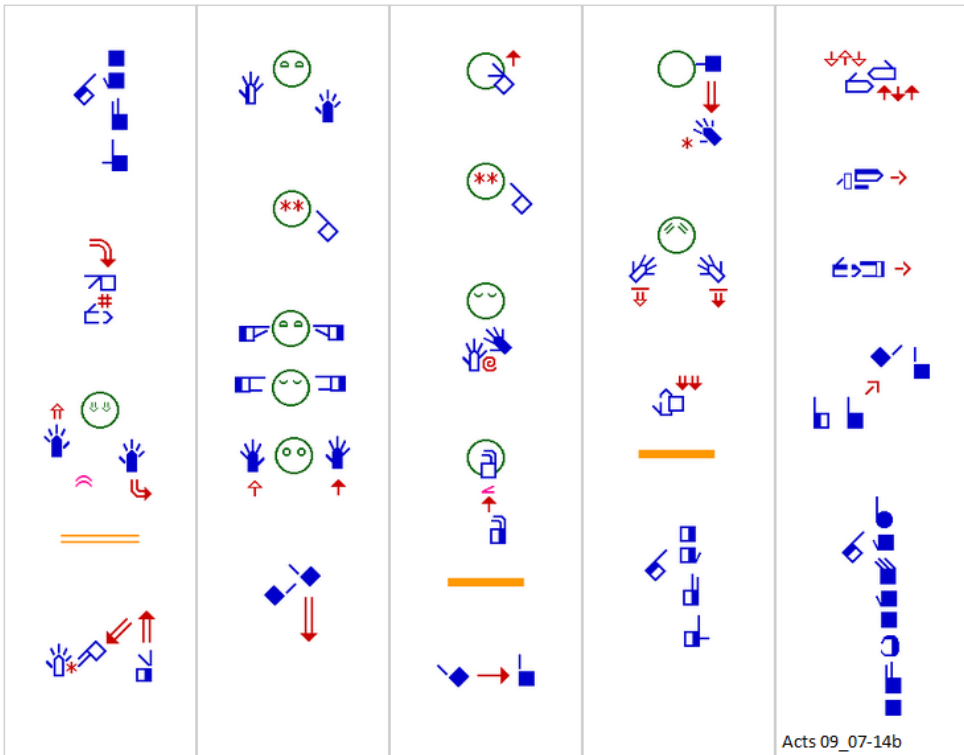
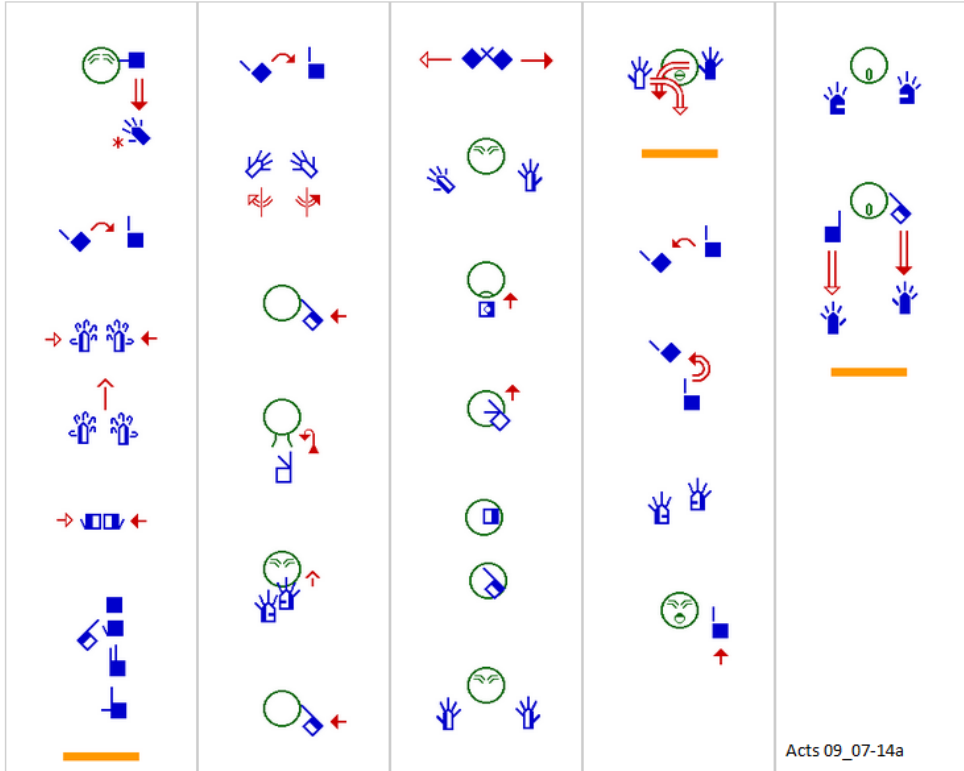
Ananias' message would be confirmed because God told Saul who was coming.

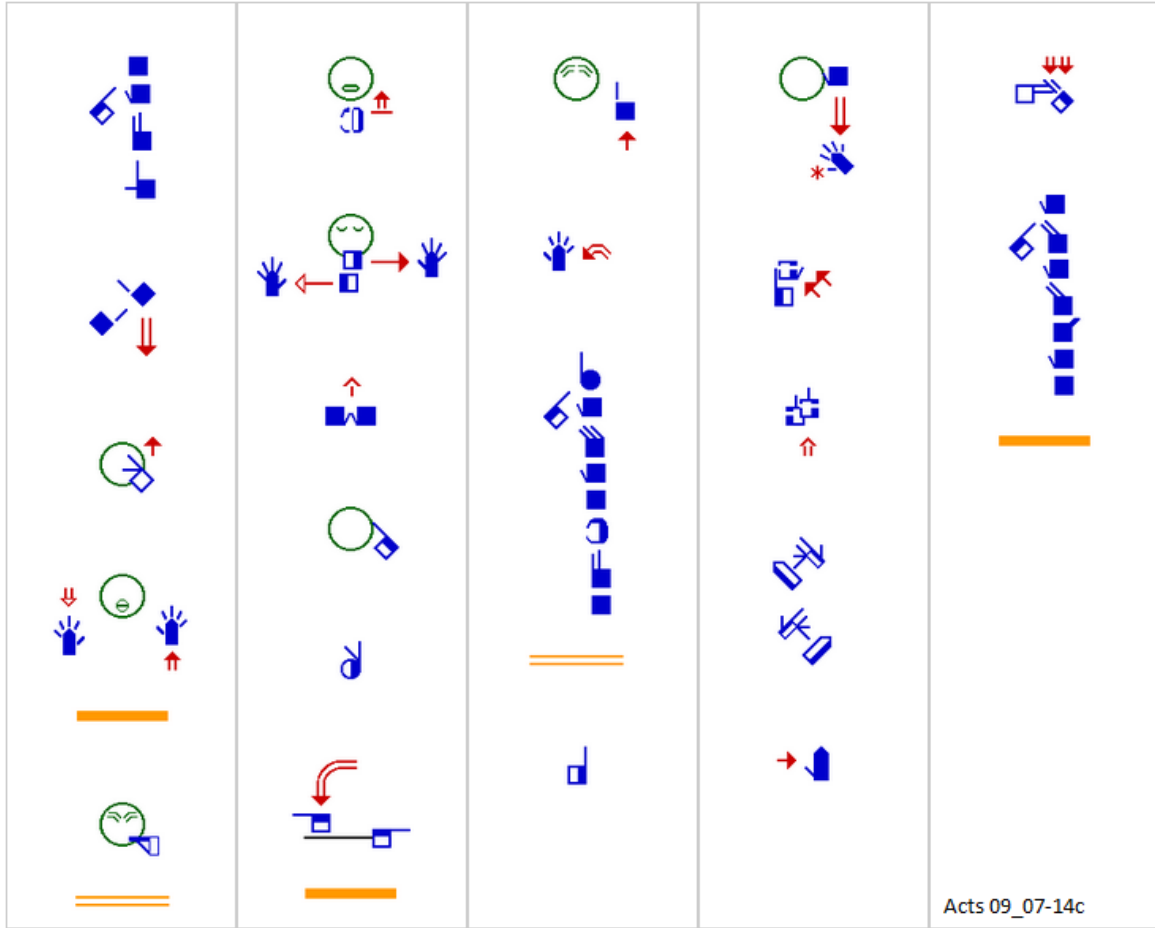
**13 Then Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he hath done to thy saints at Jerusalem:**

Here Ananias' intimacy with Jesus is revealed. Caution, is not a sin, neither is doubt. We are to make sure when we have a thought or vision it is really God.

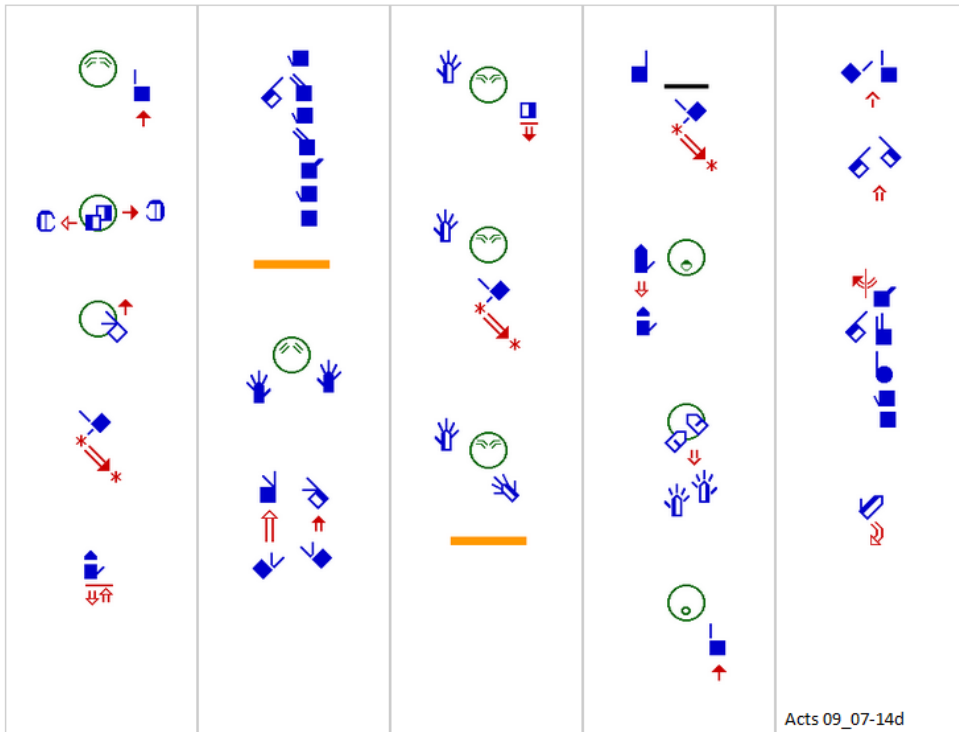
**14 And here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that call on thy name.**

There is no question that it is the Lord, Ananias is speaking with, is Jesus. This is the inheritance and possession of every true saint and disciple of Jesus Christ: a relationship that is real. **(Genesis 15:1)**





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