

~MAGISTRATE (137)

- Under the government of Babylon, police magistrates were civil officers in the jurisdictional districts who were learned in the Law and exercised limited judicial authority. They were among the officials gathered to bow to Nebuchadnezzar's image of gold.
- And Nebuchadnezzar himself as king sent to assemble the satraps, the prefects and the governor's, the counselors, the treasurers, the judges, the police **magistrates** and all the administrators of the jurisdictional districts to come to the inauguration of the image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up. ([Daniel 3:2](#))
- At that time the satraps, the prefects and the governor's, the counselors, the treasurers, the judges, the police **magistrates** and all the administrators of the jurisdictional districts were assembling themselves for the inauguration of the image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up, and they were standing in front of the image that Nebuchadnezzar had set up. ([Daniel 3:3](#))
- In Roman colonies, the administration of government was in the hands of civil **magistrates**, generally known in Latin as *duumviri*. There could be 3,4, usually 5, or even 10 or 12 making up the **magisterial** board. These had the duties of keeping order, administering finances, trying and judging Law violators, and ordering the execution of punishment.
- Sometimes their names and titles appear on coins issued by a city. Constables, or lictors, were assigned to them to carry out their orders.

See Also CONSTABLE

- The civil **magistrates** in the Roman colony of Philippi.
- And from there to Philippi, a colony, which is the principal city of the district of Macedonia. We continued in this city, spending some days. ([Acts of Apostles 16:12](#))

- Without a trial, had Paul and Silas put into stocks. The next day, hearing that they were Roman citizens, the **magistrates** sent constables to release them.
- But Paul, in order to give public and legal vindication to the Good News that he preached, demanded that the **magistrates** personally release them. The **magistrates**, fearing trouble with Rome over flogging Roman citizens, entreated Paul and Silas and released them.
- Well, when her masters saw that their hope of gain had left, they laid hold of Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace to the rulers. (**Acts of Apostles 16:19**)
- And, leading them up to the civil **magistrates**, they said; These men are disturbing our city very much, they being Jews. (**Acts of Apostles 16:20**)
- And they are publishing customs that it is not lawful for us to take up or practice, seeing we are Romans. (**Acts of Apostles 16:21**)
- And the crowd rose up together against them, and the civil **magistrates**, after tearing the outer garments off them, gave the command to beat them with rods. (**Acts of Apostles 16:22**)
- After they had inflicted many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, ordering the jailer to keep them securely. (**Acts of Apostles 16:23**)
- Because he got such an order, he threw them into the inner prison and made their feet fast in the stocks. (**Acts of Apostles 16:24**)
- But about the middle of the night Paul and Silas were praying and praising God with song, yes, the prisoners were hearing them. (**Acts of Apostles 16:25**)
- Suddenly a great earthquake occurred, so that the foundations of the jail were shaken. Moreover, all the doors were instantly opened, and the bonds of all were loosened. (**Acts of Apostles 16:26**)
- The jailer, being awakened out of sleep and seeing the prison doors were open, drew his sword and was about to do away with

himself, imagining that the prisoners had escaped. (**Acts of Apostles 16:27**)

- But Paul called out with a loud voice, saying; Do not hurt yourself, for we are all here! (**Acts of Apostles 16:28**)
- So he asked for lights and leaped in and, seized with trembling, he fell down before Paul and Silas. (**Acts of Apostles 16:29**)
- And he brought them outside and said; Sirs, what must I do to get saved? (**Acts of Apostles 16:30**)
- They said; Believe on the Lord Jesus and you will get saved, you and your household. (**Acts of Apostles 16:31**)
- And they spoke the word of Yehowah to him together with all those in his house. (**Acts of Apostles 16:32**)
- And he took them along in that hour of the night and bathed their stripes, and, one and all, he and his were baptized without delay. (**Acts of Apostles 16:33**)
- And he brought them into his house and set a table before them, and he rejoiced greatly with all his household now that he had believed God. (**Acts of Apostles 16:34**)
- When it became day, the civil **magistrates** dispatched the constables to say; Release those men. (**Acts of Apostles 16:35**)
- So the jailer reported their words to Paul; The civil **magistrates** have dispatched men that you two might be released. Now, therefore, come out and go your way in peace. (**Acts of Apostles 16:36**)
- But Paul said to them; They flogged us publicly uncondemned, men who are Romans, and threw us into prison, and are they now throwing us out secretly? No, indeed! But let them come themselves and bring us out. (**Acts of Apostles 16:37**)
- So the constables reported these sayings to the civil **magistrates**. These grew fearful when they heard that the men were Romans. (**Acts of Apostles 16:38**)
- Consequently they came and entreated them and, after bringing

them out, they requested them to depart from the city. (**Acts of Apostles 16:39**)