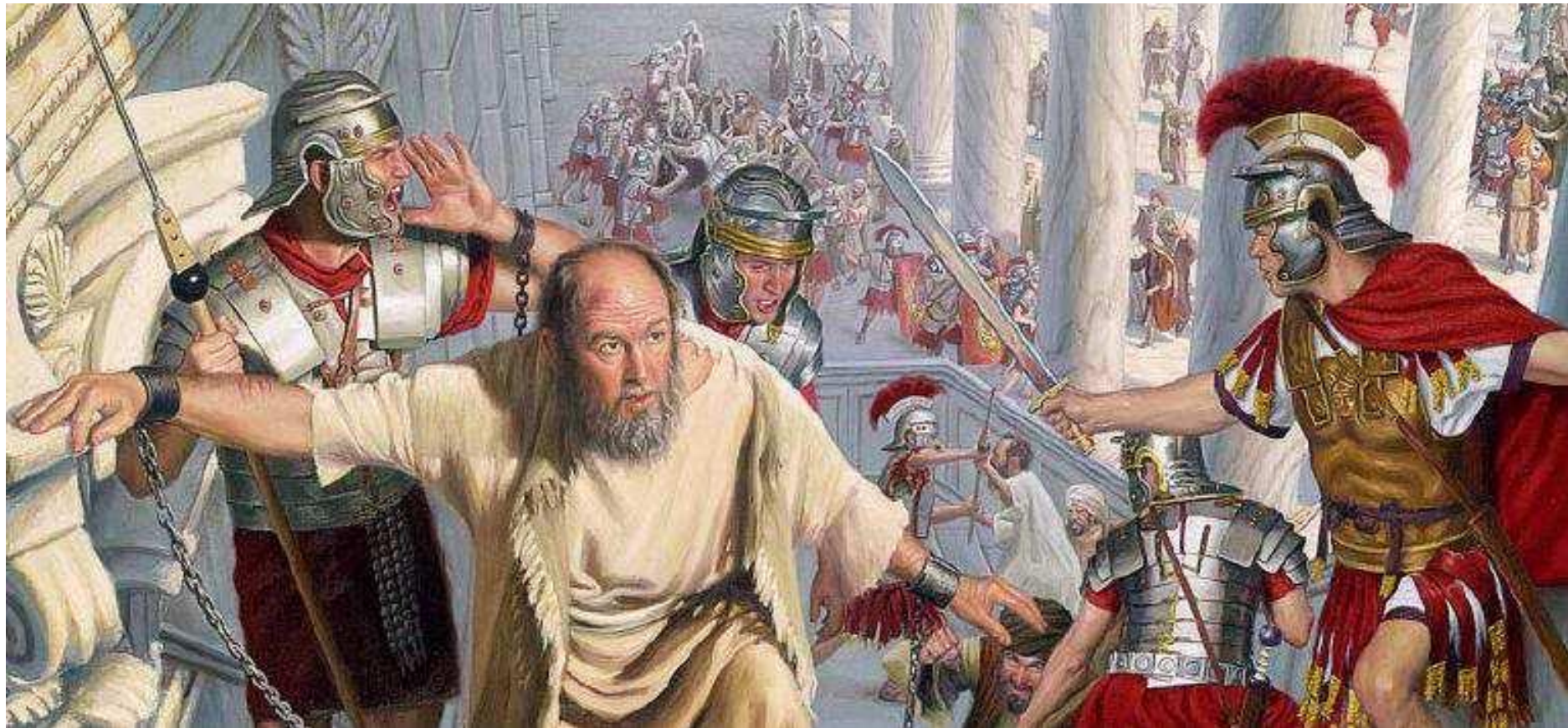


Defense Before Festus~

Acts 25

Review

**After Paul's 3rd Missionary Journey, He is rescued
from a riot by the *Roman commander*.
(Acts 21:33)**



Review

Commander can't get the facts from:

- a) the **rioters** 21; b) **Paul's** speech 21;
- c) **beating** Paul 22; d) Or Sanhedrin 23;

Claudius Lysius sends Paul to **Felix**.
(Acts 23:24f)

Lawyer Tertullus has baseless **charges**
(Acts 24:1-8)

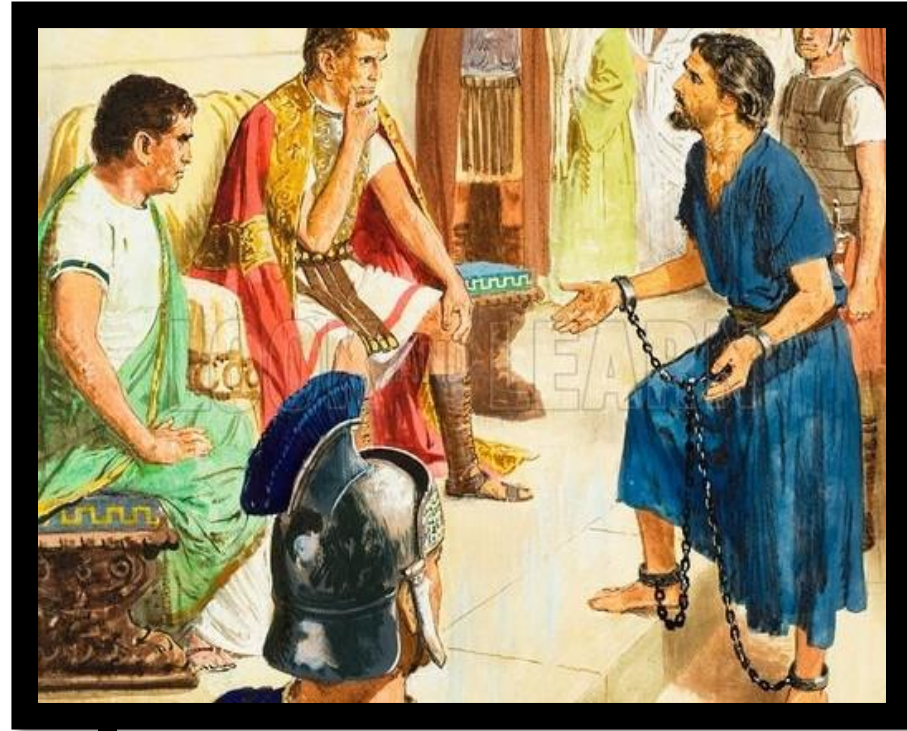
Paul's simple response: I was in Jeru 12 days;
I brought gifts, I engaged in no discussions,
I caused no problems; and if I'm charged with
causing problems in Asia, why aren't Asians
here to accuse me? Acts 24:9-21



Review

Acts 24:22 But Felix, *having a more exact knowledge about the Way*, put them off..

Felix was acquainted with the jealousies & religious parties of the Jew. [Barnes says Felix ruled 7 years]



Acts 24:26 *Felix hoping for a bribe* sent quite often for Paul and conversed with him.

Acts 24:27 After 2 years, Felix was replaced by Porcius Festus, and to do the Jews a favor, Felix left Paul imprisoned.

I. Paul's Trial Before Festus~ Acts 25:1-12

**Herod's Palace –
West Jerusalem**

Acts 25:1-2
Festus having arrived
in the province, 3 days
later went up to **Jerusalem**
from Caesarea.

Acts 25:2 **Priests & Jewish** leaders appeared
before him and presented the charges against Paul.

³ They urgently requested Festus, as a favor to them,
to have Paul transferred to Jerusalem, for they were
⁵ preparing an ambush to kill him along the way.

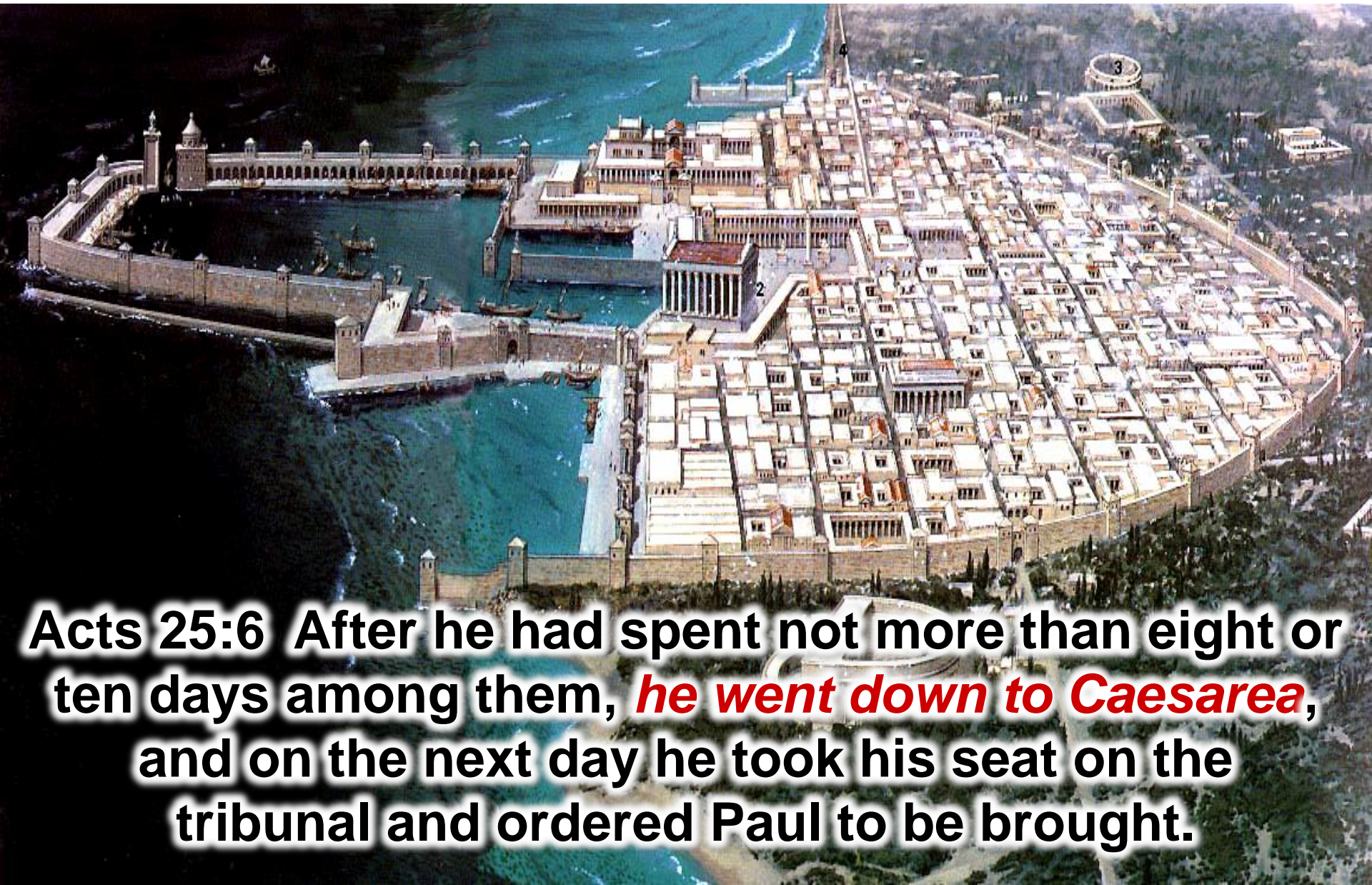
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Acts 25:4-5 Festus then answered that **Paul was being kept in custody at Caesarea** and that he himself was about to leave shortly.

"Therefore," he said, "let the influential men among you go there with me, and if there is anything wrong about the man, **let them prosecute him.**"



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Acts 25:6 After he had spent not more than eight or ten days among them, *he went down to Caesarea*, and on the next day he took his seat on the tribunal and ordered Paul to be brought.

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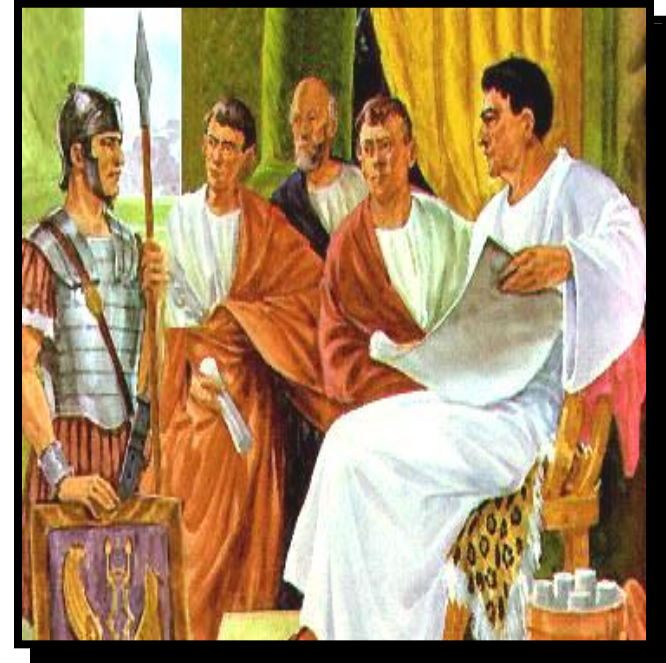
25:7 The Jews who had come.. *bringing many and serious charges against him which they **could not prove.***

25:8 Paul said " *I have committed no offense either against (1) The **Law of the Jews or (2) Against the **Temple,** (3) Or against **Caesar.**"***

I. Paul's Trial Before Festus~ Acts 25:1-12

Acts 25:9 Festus, wishing to do the Jews a favor, answered Paul and said, " *Are you willing to go up to Jerusalem and stand trial before me on these charges?*"

10 But Paul said, "I am standing *before Caesar's tribunal*, where I ought to be tried. I have done no wrong to the Jews, *as you also very well know.*"



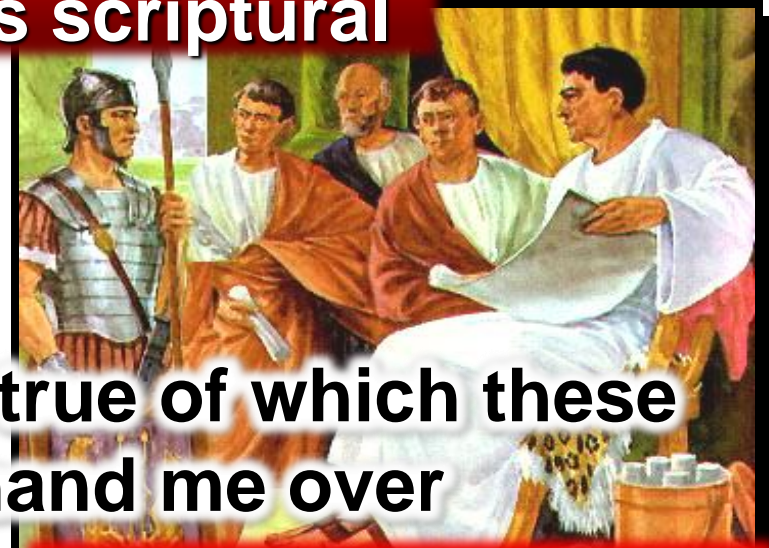
Paul realizes that the present administration is no more interested in justice than the previous one.

I. Paul's Trial Before Festus~ Acts 25:1-12

Acts 25:11 "If, then, I am a wrong doer and have committed anything worthy of death, I do *not refuse to die*.

Death penalty
is scriptural

But if none of those things is true of which these men accuse me, no one can hand me over to them. *I appeal to Caesar*



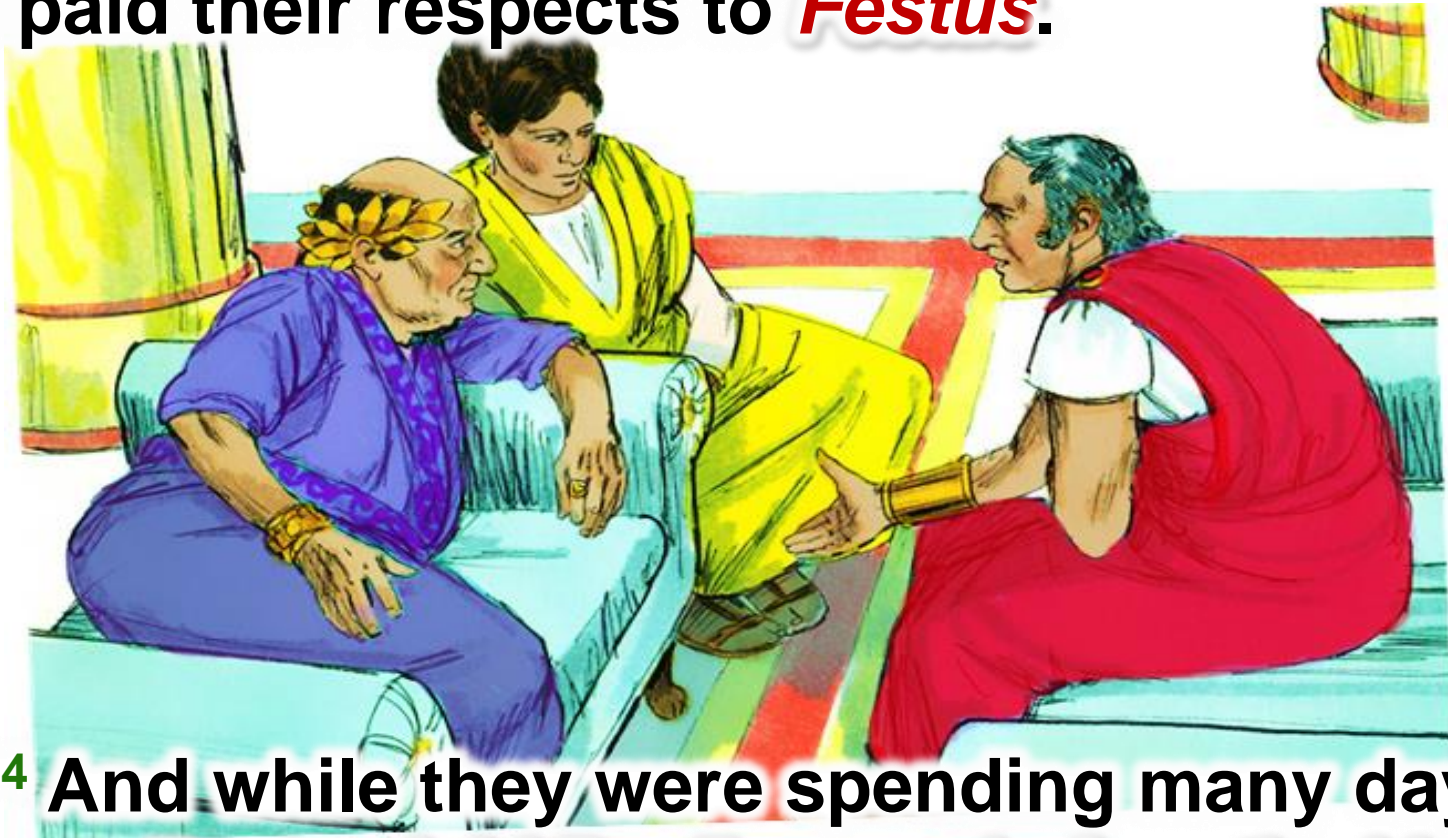
Right of every
citizen since 509 BC

12 When Festus conferred with his council, he answered, "*You have appealed to Caesar, to Caesar you shall go.*"

2 yrs in Caesarea (24:27), After travel & shipwreck, arrival in Rome (28:11-14) 2 yrs in house-arrest (28:30)

III. Paul Meets Agrippa~ Acts 25:13-22

Acts 25:13 Now when several days had elapsed, *King Agrippa and Bernice arrived at Caesarea*, and paid their respects to *Festus*.

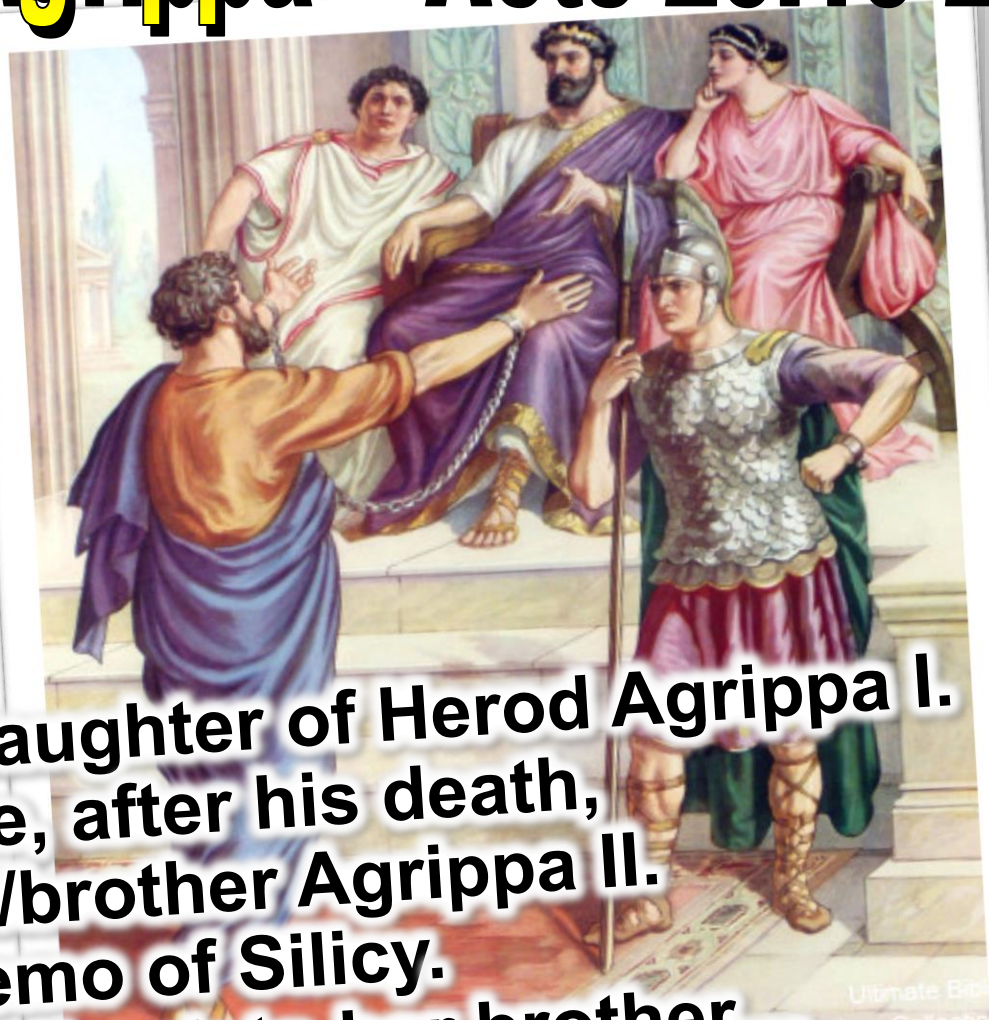


¹⁴ And while they were spending many days there, *Festus* laid Paul's case before *the king*...
ie Harod Agripp II (Read summary v. 14-22)

III. Paul Meets Agrippa~ Acts 25:13-22

Acts 25:23-27
So, on the next day when Agrippa came together with Bernice amid great pomp.

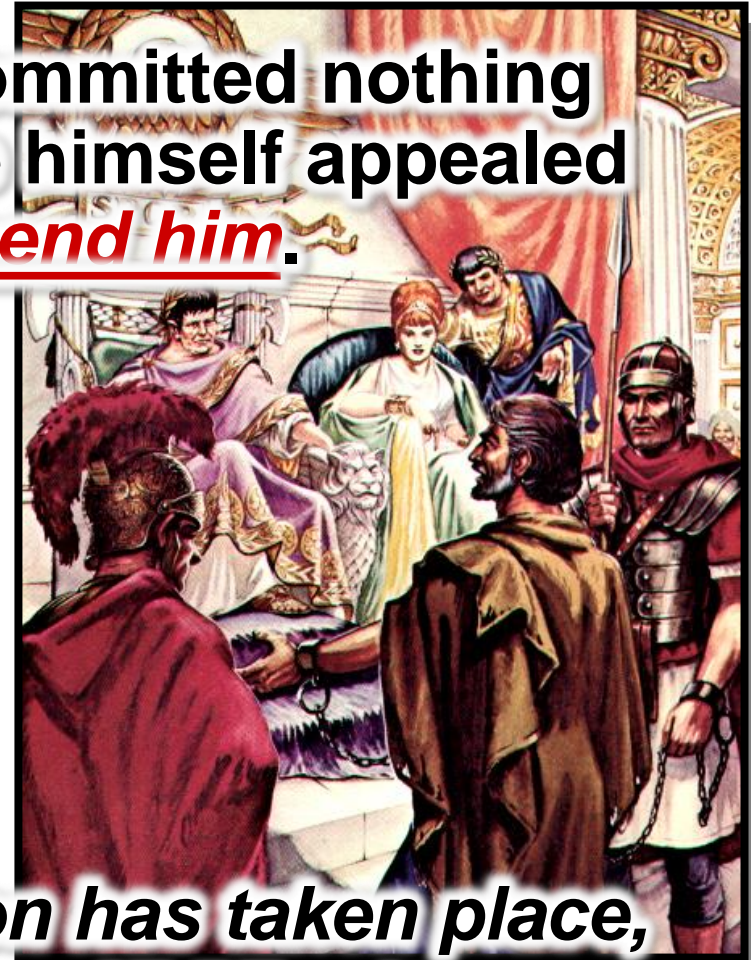
Bernice, eldest daughter of Herod Agrippa I. Married her Uncle, after his death, Lives in Incest w/brother Agrippa II. She marries Polemo of Silicy. Leaves him, goes back to her brother...



III. Paul Meets Agrippa~ Acts 25:13-22

25 "But I found that he had committed nothing worthy of death; and since he himself appealed to the Emperor, *I decided to send him.*

26 " *Yet I have nothing definite about him to write* to my lord. Therefore I have brought him before you all and especially before you, King Agrippa,



*So that after the investigation has taken place, I may have something to write. 27 "For it seems **absurd to me** in sending a prisoner, not to indicate also the charges."*

I. Paul Accused Before Felix ~ Acts 24:1-9

HERE are the CHARGAES:

Huge
Charges

Acts 24:5 Pest... ie plague, disease, pestilence

- #1 Stirs up dissension among all the Jews (v.5)
- #2 Head of a religious group of Nazarenes (v.5)
- #3 He even tried to desecrate the temple (v.6)

He is the **cause of** extensive disturbances everywhere among the Jews by preaching doctrines contrary to Moses & *exciting the Jews to tumult & disorder.*

**SO, this Roman Citizen
SHOULD BE EXECUTED !!!**