

# Logos Class – Acts of the Apostles

On Campus and Zoom class for Feb 6, 2022

*Acts Ch 25B-26 – Paul before Agrippa II*

# Our next few weeks...

- ✓ *Feb 6, 2022 - Acts 25b. & 26*
- *Feb 13, 2022 – Acts 27*
- *Feb 20, 2022 – Acts 28 and wrap*
- *Feb 27, 2022 – New study*

*I know Bill talked about the signs of the times with you the last two weeks, and if I can help you understand any of it or other things related, please just ask*

# Quick Review

*In Chapter 24-25A we saw...*

- *We saw Paul arrive safely, and Felix agree to hear his case*
- *We saw Felix understand that Paul was not guilty of the charges of the Jews*
- *We saw Felix recalled, leave Paul, and a new Governor **Festus** on the scene*
- *We saw Festus try to pressure Paul to return to Jerusalem to stand trial*
- *We saw Paul request an appeal to Caesar, even though he was never convicted.*

## Acts Ch 25:9-12 *short intro from last week*

<sup>9</sup> *Festus, wishing to do the Jews a favor, said to Paul, “Are you willing to go up to Jerusalem and stand trial before me there on these charges?”*

<sup>10</sup> *Paul answered: “I am now standing before Caesar’s court, where I ought to be tried. I have not done any wrong to the Jews, as you yourself know very well.*

<sup>11</sup> *If, however, I am guilty of doing anything deserving death, I do not refuse to die. But if the charges brought against me by these Jews are not true, no one has the right to hand me over to them. **I appeal to Caesar!**”*

<sup>12</sup> *After Festus had conferred with his council, he declared: “**You have appealed to Caesar. To Caesar you will go!**”*

## Acts Ch 25:13-14 *Paul gets to present to a King*

***13** A few days later **King Agrippa** and **Bernice** arrived at Caesarea to **pay their respects to Festus**.*

***14** Since they were spending many days there, **Festus discussed Paul's case with the king**. He said: **"There is a man here whom Felix left as a prisoner**.*

# Acts Ch 25:15-19 Felix briefs Agrippa II

*15 When I went to Jerusalem, the chief priests and the elders of the Jews brought charges against him and asked that he be condemned.*

*16 "I told them that it is not the Roman custom to hand over anyone before they have faced their accusers and have had an opportunity to defend themselves against the charges.*

*17 When they came here with me, I did not delay the case, but convened the court the next day and ordered the man to be brought in.*

*18 When his accusers got up to speak, they did not charge him with any of the crimes I had expected.*

*19 Instead, they had some points of dispute with him about their own religion and about a dead man named Jesus who Paul claimed was alive*

## Acts Ch 25:20-22 *Agrippa reacts*

<sup>20</sup> *I was at a loss how to investigate such matters; so, I asked if he would be **willing to go to Jerusalem and stand trial **there** on these charges.***

<sup>21</sup> *But when Paul made his appeal to be held over for the Emperor's decision, I ordered him held until I could send him to Caesar."*

<sup>22</sup> *Then Agrippa said to Festus, "I would like to hear this man myself."*

*He replied, "Tomorrow you will hear him."*

# Acts Ch 25:23-27 *On the record*

***23** The next day Agrippa and Bernice came with great pomp and entered the audience room with the high-ranking military officers and the prominent men of the city. At the command of Festus, Paul was brought in.*

***24** Festus said: “King Agrippa, and all who are present with us, you see this man! The whole Jewish community has petitioned me about him in Jerusalem and here in Caesarea, shouting that he ought not to live any longer.*

***25** I found he had done nothing deserving of death, but because he made his appeal to the Emperor, I decided to send him to Rome.*

***26** But I have nothing definite to write to His Majesty about him. Therefore, I have brought him before all of you, and especially before you, King Agrippa, so that as a result of this investigation I may have something to write.*

***27** For I think it is unreasonable to send a prisoner on to Rome without specifying the charges against him.”*

***Who are Agrippa and Bernice anyway?***

# Acts Ch 26: 1-8 *Paul begins his testimony*

**26** Then Agrippa said to Paul, *“You have permission to speak for yourself.”*

So, Paul motioned with his hand and began his defense:

**2** *“King Agrippa, I consider myself fortunate to stand before you today as I make my defense against all the accusations of the Jews,*

**3** *and especially so because you are well acquainted with all the Jewish customs and controversies. Therefore, I beg you to listen to me patiently.*

**4** *“The Jewish people all know the way I have lived ever since I was a child, from the beginning of my life in my own country, and also in Jerusalem.*

**5** *They have known me for a long time and can testify, if they are willing, that I conformed to the strictest sect of our religion, living as a Pharisee.*

**6** *And now it is because of my hope in what God has promised our ancestors that I am on trial today.*

**7** *This is the promise our twelve tribes are hoping to see fulfilled as they earnestly serve God day and night. King Agrippa, it is because of this hope that these Jews are accusing me.*

**8** *Why should any of you consider it incredible that God raises the dead?*

# Acts Ch 26:9-14. *Me too...but then...*

<sup>9</sup> *"I too was convinced that I ought to do all that was possible to oppose the name of Jesus of Nazareth.*

<sup>10</sup> *And that is just what I did in Jerusalem. On the authority of the chief priests, I put many of the Lord's people in prison, and when they were put to death, I cast my vote against them.*

<sup>11</sup> *Many a time I went from one synagogue to another to have them punished, and I tried to force them to blaspheme. I was so obsessed with persecuting them that I even hunted them down in foreign cities.*

<sup>12</sup> *"On one of these journeys I was going to Damascus with the authority and commission of the chief priests.*

<sup>13</sup> *About noon, King Agrippa, as I was on the road, I saw a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, blazing around me and my companions.*

<sup>14</sup> *We all fell to the ground, and I heard a voice saying to me in Aramaic, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads.'*

# Acts Ch 26:15-18 A call and task given

*15 “Then I asked, ‘Who are you, Lord?’*

*“ ‘I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting,’ the Lord replied.*

*16 ‘Now get up and stand on your feet. I have appeared to you to **appoint you as a servant and as a witness of what you have seen and will see of me.***

*17 I will rescue you from your own people and from the Gentiles. I am sending you to them*

*18 to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.’*

# Acts Ch 26: 19-23

***19 “So then, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the vision from heaven.***

***20 First to those in Damascus, then to those in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and then to the Gentiles, I preached that they should repent and turn to God and demonstrate their repentance by their deeds.***

***21 That is why some Jews seized me in the temple courts and tried to kill me.***

***22 But God has helped me to this very day; so, I stand here and testify to small and great alike. I am saying nothing beyond what the prophets and Moses said would happen—***

***23 that the Messiah would suffer and, as the first to rise from the dead, would bring the message of light to his own people and to the Gentiles.”***

# Acts Ch 26:24-27 *Festus butts-in*

<sup>24</sup> At this point *Festus* interrupted Paul's defense. ***"You are out of your mind, Paul!"*** he shouted. ***"Your great learning is driving you insane."***

<sup>25</sup> ***"I am not insane, most excellent Festus,"*** Paul replied. ***"What I am saying is true and reasonable."***

<sup>26</sup> *The king is familiar with these things, and I can speak freely to him. I am convinced that none of this has escaped his notice, because it was not done in a corner.*

<sup>27</sup> ***King Agrippa, do you believe the prophets? I know you do."***

# Acts Ch 26:28-32     *Agrippa Reacts*

*28 Then Agrippa said to Paul, “Do you think that in such a short time you can persuade me to be a Christian?”*

*29 Paul replied, “Short time or long—I pray to God that not only you but all who are listening to me today may become what I am, except for these chains.”*

*30 The king rose, and with him the governor and Bernice and those sitting with them.*

*31 After they left the room, they began saying to one another, “This man is not doing anything that deserves death or imprisonment.”*

*32 Agrippa said to Festus, “This man could have been set free if he had not appealed to Caesar.”*

# Next week

- *Praise Him for the healing in our midst*
- *Pray for our Church, Pastors, and leaders*
- *Pray for our Country, Counties, and Leaders*
- *Continue to Pray for healing of all the Covid and serious situations in our class and families*
- *For the following week, Finish Acts 27 and read Acts 28, and come ready to discuss them*