

Paul's Defense Before Agrippa and Bernice

Acts 25:13 – 26:32

PART ONE: 25:13-27

Introduction

Paul's innocence was proven to three very important groups:

- 1) The Roman government (25:25; 26:31)
- 2) A Jewish king who overrules the Sanhedrin (25:32)
- 3) High ranking military and public officials (25:23)

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The Herodian Dynasty

Antipater II

Herod the Great (40-4 BC)

Aristobulus

Agrippa I (41 – 44 AD)

Acts 12:1-2

Acts 12:21-23.

Herodias daughter of Aristobulus and sister of Agrippa I.

Agrippa II – born 27 AD.

Bernice – born 28 AD

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"emperor" L. 'Augustus'; Gk *Sebaston*; 'venerable, imperial'

"Caesar" Gk *kaisar*; the name given to a prominent Roman family (e.g., Julius Caesar)

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"I would like to hear the man myself."

"I would like" Gk *kai autos*

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"great pomp" Gk *phantasias*; Eng. 'fantasy' derived.

"tribunes" Gk *chiliarchois*; leaders of a thousand military men.

"Then, at the command of Festus, Paul was brought in."

Truth needs no show, no ceremony, no entourage, no garnishment.

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