

“Adjournment, Interview, Proclamation, & House Arrest!”

Acts 24:22-27

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REVIEW

Both Sides Have Presented Their Cases Before The **Roman Governor Felix**:

Prosecution of Jewish & Roman Law By The Sanhedrin – Tertullus

Acts 24:1-9

Defense of Citizenship of Rome & Gospel of Jesus Christ – Paul

Acts 24:10-21

NEW EVENTS

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VERDICT

Adjournment – “Amplius”

A Judgement Reserved Until Further Inquiry

Felix Buys Time & Keeps Court Proceedings Legal

By Demanding Further Inquiry From The **Roman Commander Lysias**,
Who Brought About These Legal Proceedings By His Judgement As A Roman Officer

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“Where Did Felix Get His More Accurate Knowledge of the ‘Way’?”

A - Most Likely Source

His Wife Drusilla, Who was a Member of The Jewish Royal Family

And the Youngest of Three Daughters of **Herod Agrippa 1st**

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Drusilla, Daughter of Herod Agrippa 1st

The chief other source of information regarding **Drusilla** is Josephus’ History. **Drusilla** was the Youngest of the Three Daughters of **Herod Agrippa I**, **Her Sisters** being the oldest, **Bernice** and the middle child, **Mariamne**. **Herod Agrippa I** also had One Heir and Son, **Herod Agrippa II**.

Drusilla was born about **38 A.D.** and was married at the age of 14 in **52 A.D.** to **Azizus, Priest / King of Emeza** (Arabic Kingdom of Southeastern Modern Day Turkey & Syria). Shortly afterward, about 1 year later, **Drusilla Was Seduced** to desert her husband by **Marcus Antonius Felix Who, Who** employed a **Cyprian Sorcerer, Simon (Magnus)**, to Carry Out **His Seductive Purposes**. **Drusilla** was also influenced to take this step by the Cruelty & Abuse of her **Husband Azizus** and the Hatred of **Her Sister, Bernice, Who** was always jealous of **Drusilla’s Beauty**.

In fact, **Bernice** Who helped make the arrangements to marry off **Drusilla** to **Azizus** in the first place, as a long-standing tension had existed between the **Kingdom of Emeza** & the Line of **Idumean Kings** of **Her Father's Lineage**. This marriage was supposed to ease tensions between the **Two Roman Vassal Kingdoms**.

Her Marriage to **Felix** took place in **54 A.D.** and **She** had one **Son**, **Agrippa III**, Who perished at the age of 23, under the **Rule of Emperor Titus** in the Eruption of Mt. Vesuvius in **79 A.D.**

See: Josephus's History – Antiquities: XX, vii, 2

Drusilla's Sister, Bernice, & **Brother Herod Agrippa II**, are mentioned as Ruling Over **Judea** During the **2nd Trial** of **Paul** under the **Roman Governor Festus's Rule** ... **Acts Chapter 25:13- 26:32**

Drusilla's Father, Herod Agrippa I, Was **Reigning in Judea**, From **37 – 44 A.D.** **Herod Agrippa I** is Mentioned (**x3**) in the **Book of Acts Chapter 12: 1) Punishment & Imprisonment of Peter; 2) Beheading of James the Apostle; & 3) His Own Death Being Eaten By Worms** By The Divine Judgement of God.

Paul's Continued House Arrest During His Adjournment As A Roman Citizen

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Paul's Private Interview With The Roman Governor & His Spouse
& The Proclamation of The Gospel of Jesus Christ

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Paul's Main Three Points Concerning The Gospel

- 1) **Righteousness** – How We Ought To Live According To God
- 2) **Self-Control** – How We Actually Live According To Our Choices
- 3) **Judgment To Come** – How God Will Judge Each Of Us In The Next Life

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“What Was Felix & Drusilla's Response To The Gospel?”

A

Personal Fear & Panic!

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Acts 24:25b

Marcus Antonius Felix's True Character: 'A Reflection of His Self-Control'

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After Two Years, In True Bureaucrat Tradition,

Marcus Antonius Felix Is Promoted,

Even Though He Failed Miserably In A Bloody Insurrection
In Jerusalem The Next Year.

He Was Bailed Out By His Brother, Pallas

Who Held A Political Posting In Rome,

Which Gave Him A Lot Of Clout & Influence!

Felix Even In His Departure From His Governor's Post

Manages To Remain A Politically Correct Bureaucrat To The End!

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***“Let Us God’s True Followers,
Continue To **Testify** To The **Message of His Gospel** ¹
Of Forgiveness, Love, Mercy, Peace, & Second Chances!
Let Us **Demonstrate Holiness & Righteousness**, ^{1a}
Let Us **Remain In Self-Control Subjected Under God’s Will & Word**, ^{1b}
And Let Us **Testify** To Everyone We Meet About **Final Judgement**, ^{1c}
Which Will Come At Our Lord’s Glorious Return To Earth,
To Claim His Beloved People As His Own!”***