

## **“The New Roman Governor Visits Jerusalem & Makes His Inquiry!”**

**Acts 25:1-6a**

Now **Three Days** After (**Porcius Festus** (Roman Governor) Had Arrived in the **Province of Palestine**, He went up to **Jerusalem** from **Caesarea (Philippi)**. And the **Chief Priests** and the **Principal Men of the Jews** (**Inner Circle of the Sanhedrin Council**) **Laid Out Their Case** Against **Paul**, and They Urged Him (**Festus**), asking as a (**Personal**) **Favor** Against **Paul** that He (**Governor**) **Summon Him** (**Paul**) to **Jerusalem**, Because They (**Inner Circle of the Sanhedrin Council & Asian Minor Jews**) **Were Planning an Ambush to Kill Him** (**Paul**) Along the Way. **Festus Replied** that **Paul Was Being Kept (Under House Arrest)** at **Caesarea (Philippi)** and that He (**Governor**) **Himself** intended to go (back) **There** shortly. He (**Festus**) Said, “So, Let the **Men of Authority Among You (Inner Circle of the Sanhedrin Council)** go down with **Me**, and **‘If’ There Is Anything Wrong About the Man (Paul)**, Let **Them Bring (Formal) Charges Against Him.**” After He (**Festus**) Stayed Among **Them** not more than **Eight** or **Ten Days**, (then) He went down (back) to **Caesarea (Philippi)**. **Acts 25:1-6a**

### **REVIEW**

So Far, **Paul** Has Undergone A Public Beating  
& Was Saved From Death By The **Roman Commander**  
Of the **Antonia Fortress Garrison** In **Jerusalem**.  
He Also **Testified** To **His Conversion Experience**  
By **Proclaiming** the **Lordship & Resurrection of Jesus Christ**

**Acts 21:27 & 22:1-29**

**Paul** Underwent A **1<sup>st</sup> Inquiry / Trial**  
Before The **Sanhedrin Council** The Next Day,  
In The **Roman Fortress** With The **Roman Garrison** Present.  
There He Again Was Saved From Death  
By The **Roman Commander** & **His Soldiers**.

**Acts 22:30 & 23:1-10**

**Paul** Was Visited & Encouraged By The **Resurrected Lord** In His Cell.  
He Was Reminded Of The **Prophecies** Concerning **His Ministry & Death**.

**Acts 23:11**

**Paul’s Life** Was Again Saved By The Unveiling Of A Plot  
To Murder Him By The **Jewish Authorities** By **His Nephew**.  
He Was Taken To Temporary Safety By The Quick Actions  
Of The **Roman Commander** In **Jerusalem** To Send Him By Night  
To **Caesarea Philippi** & The **Roman Governor’s Garrison**.

**Acts 23:12-35**

**Paul** Then Underwent **His 2<sup>nd</sup> Inquiry / Trial** Before The **Sanhedrin Council**.  
However, This One Was A Formal Case With **Accusations Against Him**  
Brought Before The **Roman Governor, Antonius Felix**

**Acts 24:1-22**

**Paul** Then Was **Kept Under House Arrest**,  
But Afforded Many Privileges Due To His **Roman Citizenship**.  
**Paul** Is Given an **Audience** With **Felix & His Wife Drusilla**,  
Where He Again **Testifies** To The **Message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ**.

**Acts 24:23-26**

The **Roman Governor Antonius Felix** (52-59 A.D.)  
Is Replaced After Two Years Of **Paul’s Imprisonment** (57-59 A.D.)  
With A **New Roman Governor Porcius Festus** (59-62 A.D.)

**Acts 24:27**

We Now Find **Paul** Still Under House Arrest In **Caesarea Philippi**.

The **New Roman Governor, Porcius Festus**, Has Gone On A **Goodwill Journey** To **Jerusalem**.

This **Official Governmental Trip** Has **Two Goals**:

- 1) To **Greet & Legitimize** The **Jewish Religious Authorities**,
- 2) To **Listen To Their Case Against Paul** of **Tarsus**

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The **Jewish Religious Authorities** Recognizing

The **New Governor's** Legitimizing Of Their **Official Rule Over The People**

Try To Use **Porcius Festus** As A **Political Pawn To Their Advantage**

And **They** Urged **Him (Festus)**, asking as a (**Personal**) **Favor** Against **Paul** that **He (Governor)** **Summon Him (Paul)** to **Jerusalem**. **Acts 2b-3a**

The **Real Reason** For Their '**Personal Favor**'

Was To Provide An Opportunity To Once Again, Murder **Paul!**

Because **They (Inner Circle of the Sanhedrin Council & Asian Minor Jews)** **Were Planning an Ambush to Kill Him (Paul)** Along the Way. **Acts 25:3b**

The **Roman Governor Offers A Lawful Solution**

**Festus Replied** that **Paul Was Being Kept (Under House Arrest)** at **Caesarea (Philippi)** and that **He (Governor) Himself** intended to go (back) **There** shortly. He (Festus) Said, "So, **Let the Men of Authority Among You (Inner Circle of the Sanhedrin Council) go down with Me, and 'If' There Is Anything Wrong About the Man (Paul), Let Them Bring (Formal) Charges Against Him.**" **Acts 25:4-5**

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The **Roman Governor Returns Home**

After **He (Festus)** Stayed Among **Them** not more than **Eight** or **Ten Days**, (then) **He** went down (back) to **Caesarea (Philippi)**. **Acts 25:6a**

**Next Week - Preview**

The **Roman Governor Holds Court**

... And the Next Day, Sitting on the **Judgment Seat**, **He (Festus)** **Commanded Paul** To be Brought (Before **Him & The Sanhedrin Council Inner Circle**).

**Acts 25:6b**

**"Let Us Not Look To Man's Laws & Man's Courts To Guarantee Our Freedoms, Or Our Livelihood On Earth. Let Us Rather Look To God's Holy Spirit To Set Us Truly Free, & To Provide For Our Every Need! As We See More Of Our Earthly Freedoms Erode Away, Let Us Be Alert & Look Up For The Day Of Our Deliverance Draws Closer Than Ever Before! As God Sustained & Allowed Paul To Carry Out His Plan To Preach & Teach The Gospel of His Only Son, Even In Custody Under House Arrest, So He Will Sustain & Allow Each of Us, & Our Church To Carry Out That Same Mission! Let Us Once Again, Here The Admonition & Instruction And Encouragement & Promise Of Our Brother In Faith, Paul To The Church!"**

**Admonition & Instruction**

**"Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, But he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life ...**

**Galatians 6:7-8**

**Encouragement & Promise**

... And **Let Us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season We shall reap if we do not lose heart. Therefore, as We have opportunity, Let Us do good to all, Especially to Those Who are of the Household of Faith ...**

**Galatians 6:9-10**