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Act 7 in God's Story

Expanding the New Community

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Paul's courtroom drama:

1. *Second of Paul's 2 defense speeches in Jerusalem*
 2. *Followed by a perilous journey to Caesarea*
 3. *Followed by 3 more defense speeches*
 4. *Followed by yet another perilous journey Rome*
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- Acts 23:1-6



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Paul's goal is twofold:

- 1. To persuade the Romans these issues are purely religious in nature*
 - 2. To persuade the Jews of their long awaited hope & fulfillment in Jesus*
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Daniel 12:1-3 “Now at that time Michael, the great prince who stands guard over the sons of your people, will arise. And there will be a time of distress such as never occurred since there was a nation until that time; and at that time your people, everyone who is found written in the book, will be rescued. “Many of those who sleep in the dust of the ground will awake, these to everlasting life, but the others to disgrace and everlasting contempt. “Those who have insight will shine brightly like the brightness of the expanse of heaven, and those who lead the many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

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Mishnah:

“he that says there is no resurrection of the dead prescribed in the Torah has no share in the life to come”

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- Acts 23:7-15



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Coincidence? I think NOT!!!

- 1. Son of Paul's sister just happens to show up*
 - 2. Roman Centurion listens to Paul*
 - 3. Roman Commander listens*
 - 4. The son actually follows thru*
 - 5. The Roman Commander lets the boy go*
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6. Sheer size of the Roman cohort

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Tacitus describing Gov. Felix:

“practiced every form of cruelty and lust, wielding the power of a king with all the instincts of a slave”

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6. *Sheer size of the Roman cohort*

7. *Governor Felix the NUT JOB is who God delivers Paul to protection*



● The Seven Churches of Asia (Rev. 1–3):
 addressed by John, some founded by Paul
— Route of the Via Egnatia

0 50 km.
 0 50 miles

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8. The Law governing Cilicia keep Paul in Judea

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Closing thought:

Recognizing God's Fingerprints!
