

The Acts of the Apostles

Act 7 in God's Story

Expanding the New Community

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Review:

- 1. Paul gets called by Jesus to Jerusalem, Spirit tells friends he will suffer*
 - 2. On arrival James & the church have a plan*
 - 3. Jewish Leadership seize & accuse him of taking a Gentile in the Temple*
 - 4. Roman cohort rushes down & saves him*
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Review:

- 5. Roman Commander allows Paul to speak*
 - 6. Speech goes well until Paul ends with his calling from God to preach to the Gentiles*
 - 7. Turns into a near riot, commander removes him to scourge him*
 - 8. Paul shares he is a Roman citizen. Brought back to the Sanhedrin*
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Review:

9. *Paul's words split them down the middle*
 10. *Roman commander saves him again,
assigns 1/2 cohort to take him to Caesarea
fleeing the 40 assassins*
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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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Luke 21:12-13 “But before all these things, they will lay their hands on you and will persecute you, delivering you to the synagogues and prisons, bringing you before kings and governors for My name’s sake. “It will lead to an opportunity for your testimony.



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- Acts 24:2-16



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Psalm 96:10-13 Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns; Indeed, the world is firmly established, it will not be moved; He will judge the peoples with equity." Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; Let the sea roar, and all it contains; Let the field exult, and all that is in it. Then all the trees of the forest will sing for joy Before the LORD, for He is coming, For He is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness And the peoples in His faithfulness.

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- Acts 24:17-23



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Coincidence? I THINK NOT!

1. *Paul is assigned to the Centurion*
 2. *“freedom”*
 3. *Full access to his friends and family*
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- Acts 24:24-25
 1. *Drusilla was previously married to Azizus, King of Emesa*
 2. *Youngest daughter of Jerod Agrippa I and sister of Herod Agrippa II*
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“The Gospel is designed to comfort the disturbed and disturb the comfortable”

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- Acts 24:26-27



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Closing thoughts:

1. *Paul's Kingdom Perspective*
 2. *Ultimately people need to make up their own mind about God*
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