Act 7 in God's Story

Expanding the New Community

- 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

- 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

- 9. Paul's words split them down the middle
- 10.Roman commander saves him again, assigns ½ cohort to take him to Caesarea fleeing the 40 assassins
- 11. Paul has a trial of sorts before Felix & the Jewish Sanhedrin (probably Sadducees)
- 12.For roughly 2 years Felix & Drusilla beckon Paul to share his faith with them

- 13. Finally the Jews send a delegation to Rome
 - Felix is removed, enter Festus as the new Roman Gov. of Judea

Theme:

Gracious Providential Care of God

Acts 25:1-3



Acts 25:4-12

Ex. 14:14 "The Lord will fight for you and you only need to keep still"

Joshua 1:6 "Be strong & very courageous for you shall put this people in possession of the land I swore to give to you"

Acts 25:13

AGRIPPA II'S KINGDOM UNTIL THE JEWISH REVOLT Chalcis Sidon Damascus Caesarea Philippi 2 GAULANITIS Sepphoris Therias Galiles Ptolemais TRACONITIS **AURANITIS** Gadara Caesarea Scythopolis 0 Sebaste SAMARIA Antipatris Gadora Joppa Philadelphia Jericho Azotus Jerusalem JUDEA Held by Agrippa II AD 48–53 Gaza IDUMEA Added to Agrippa II in AD 53 Added to Agrippa II in AD 54 20 km. Area under Roman 20 miles procuratorial rule

— Agrippa II's kingdom in AD 61

Acts 25:14-27

Closing thoughts:

- 1. Do we look for "mirrors" of Jesus in our life?
- 2. Do we view our lives as helpless victims?