



# LIFE-CHANGING POWER IN THE BOOK OF ACTS

## PAUL AND KING AGRIPPA – GOD’S POWER OF PERSEVERANCE AND PERSUASION

### ACTS 25:13-26:32

#### A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE POLITICAL LEADERS

- **Festus** – Porcius Festus succeeded Felix as procurator of Judaea. Nothing is known of his life prior to his appointment, and he died in office after about two years. Though Festus tried Paul’s case, he appeared to be convinced of his innocence (26:31) and yet he was prepared to sacrifice Paul to appease the Jews (25:9). Paul appealed to Caesar in the face of an arrangement with the Jews that would have put him in danger of losing his life. Festus brought the case before Agrippa. Paul’s innocence is clearly seen by Agrippa (26:31), though because Paul had appealed to Caesar (25:8-12, 20-21, 25-26; 26:32), his appeal proceeded to Rome.
- **King Agrippa** – Herod Agrippa II was the grandson of Herod the Great who attempted to kill all the male babies (Matthew 2), and the son of Herod Agrippa I, who had arrested and killed James and arrested Peter (Acts 12).
- **Bernice** -- Bernice was Agrippa’s slightly younger sister. She was married as a child of thirteen to Marcus. After the death of her husband Marcus, she married Herod of Chalcis (who was actually her uncle). After her husband’s death she returned to the family home to share the household with her brother Agrippa. Rumors portrayed their relationship as incestuous for which there is no real evidence. To stop the scandalous rumors, she married another monarch, but the marriage did not last.



#### THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF PAUL’S DEFENSE BEFORE KING AGRIPPA

*Acts 25:13-22*

#### PAUL’S DEFENSE BEFORE KING AGRIPPA AND FESTUS

*Acts 25:23-26:23*

- Paul’s life and leadership before Christ (26:4-11)
  - his upbringing as a Pharisee (vv. 4-8)
  - his fanatical persecution of Christ (vv. 9-11)
- Paul’s dramatic conversion experience with Christ (26:12-18)
  - his conversion (vv. 12-15; cf. Acts 9,22)
  - his commissioning (vv. 16-18)
- Paul’s obedience to God’s call and global mission (26:19-23)
  - his obedience (v. 19a)
  - his global mission (vv. 19b-23)

#### THE POLITICAL LEADERS REACT TO THE PRISONER

*Acts 26:24-32*

# SELECTED OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECIES OF JESUS CHRIST

PROPHECY	OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECY	NEW TESTAMENT FULFILLMENT
<b>Prophecies of Christ's Birth</b>		
Family line: He was to be one of the lineage of David	<i>2 Samuel 7:12-18</i>	<i>Matthew 1:1-16</i>
Date / Timeframe	Daniel 9:24 ff. In this passage, a time period is given two cut-off points. Thus the coming one should be born sufficiently before the end of this period to have reached the age of ministry and to have had a ministry before He should be cut off. Some using Genesis 49:10 show that Christ must come and complete the ministry of His first advent before the destruction of Jerusalem in A.D. 70.	
Place: Bethlehem	<i>Micah 5:2</i>	<i>Matthew 2:5-6</i>
Manner: Supernaturally conceived and born of a virgin	<i>Isaiah 7:14</i>	<i>Matthew 1:22</i>
<b>Prophecies of Christ's Life and Character</b>		
Savior and Deliverer	<i>Genesis 3:15; Job 19:25; Isaiah 53:5-6, 12</i>	<i>John 1:29-31; 3:16; 6:53-58; 20:30-31</i>
True Deity	<i>Isaiah 7:14; 9:6; Micah 5:2</i>	<i>John 1:1-18; 5:18; 8:58; 10:33</i>
Preceded by a Messenger	<i>Malachi 3:1; Isaiah 40:3-5</i>	<i>John 1:19-34</i>
To be a Prophet	<i>Deuteronomy 18:15</i>	<i>John 1:21; 4:29; 6:14; Acts 3:20</i>
<b>Prophecies of Christ's Death</b>		
General descriptions	<i>Psalms 22; Isaiah 53</i>	<i>Luke 24:25-27, 44-47</i>
Betrayed by a Friend	<i>Psalms 41:9</i>	<i>Matthew 26:14-15</i>
Sold for Thirty Pieces of Silver	<i>Zechariah 11:12</i>	<i>Matthew 26:15</i>
Spit upon	<i>Isaiah 50:6</i>	<i>Matthew 26:67</i>
Pierced	<i>Psalms 22:16-17</i>	<i>Luke 23:33; John 19:34</i>
Ridiculed	<i>Psalms 22:6-8</i>	<i>Matthew 27:41, 43</i>
Forsaken of God	<i>Psalms 22:1-2, 11, 19</i>	<i>Matthew 27:46</i>
Bones not Broken	<i>Psalms 34:20-21</i>	<i>John 19:33, 36</i>
Silent before Accusers	<i>Isaiah 53:7</i>	<i>Matthew 27:12, 14</i>
To Die with the Wicked	<i>Isaiah 53:9</i>	<i>Matthew 27:38</i>
To make Intercession for Them	<i>Isaiah 53:12</i>	<i>Luke 23:34</i>
To be Buried in a Rich Man's Tomb	<i>Isaiah 53:9</i>	<i>Matthew 27:57-60</i>
To be a Sacrifice for Sin	<i>Isaiah 53:5-6, 12</i>	<i>1 Peter 2:24; Titus 2:14</i>
A Willing Sacrifice	<i>Psalms 40:8-9</i>	<i>John 10:17-18</i>
<b>Prophecies of Christ's Resurrection</b>		
	<i>Psalms 16:10; 118:22-24; Isaiah 52:13; 53:11-12</i>	<i>Matthew 12:38-40; 16:21; 17:9, 23; 20:19; 27:63; Mark 8:31; 9:9; Luke 9:22; John 2:19-21</i>