

Chapter Twenty-Five

Chapter 25

- In verse 1 we are introduced to Porcius Festus, who replaced Felix as governor.
 - What did the high priest and the principal men of Judea ask of him?
 - According to verse 3, what was their real intent regarding Paul?
 - What was Festus's response?
 - In verse 5, we have the statement of Festus regarding Paul. Does it sound like Festus granted Paul the presumption of innocence?
- In verses 6-7 we see Paul brought before Festus in Caesarea.
 - How does verse 7 characterize the charges that were

brought against him?

- According to verse 8, Paul's response to these charges is recorded.
 - What did he say about the Torah?
 - What did he say about the Temple?
 - What did he say about Caesar?
 - As Paul has made it clear that he is not anti-Torah or anti-Temple, why do so many modern theologians and Bible teachers claim the exact opposite?
 - Shouldn't we believe Paul's own statements?
- According to verse 9, why did Festus ask Paul to go to Jerusalem for further examination?
 - Like it was with his predecessor Felix, do you think politics was involved here as well?
- According to verses 10-11, what did Paul do?
 - As a Roman citizen, Paul had this right of appeal.
 - Do you think he saw this as a way to fulfill his desire to visit Rome as well as the fulfillment of Yeshua's

prophecy to him about his going to Rome?

- According to verse 12, what was the response of Festus?
- In verse 13, we see the arrival of King Agrippa and his wife Bernice.
- In verses 14-15, Festus related the story of how he “inherited” this legal action against Paul from his predecessor. He further explained how he attempted to address the issue.
- According to verse 16, what was the custom of the Romans regarding legal proceedings against a Roman citizen?
- According to verses 18-19, how does Festus characterize the charges that were made against Paul?
- According to verses 20-22, how did this action resolve?
- According to verse 23, how does Luke describe the setting for this hearing of Paul?
 - Considering that King Agrippa and Bernice, along with their retinue and the commanding officers and the principal men of the city were all present, do you

think that Paul might have felt a little intimidated?

- In verses 24-27, Festus presents the reasons for the proceedings.
 - Do you read any exaggeration in his statements?
 - Do you read any self-serving sentiment in his statements?