

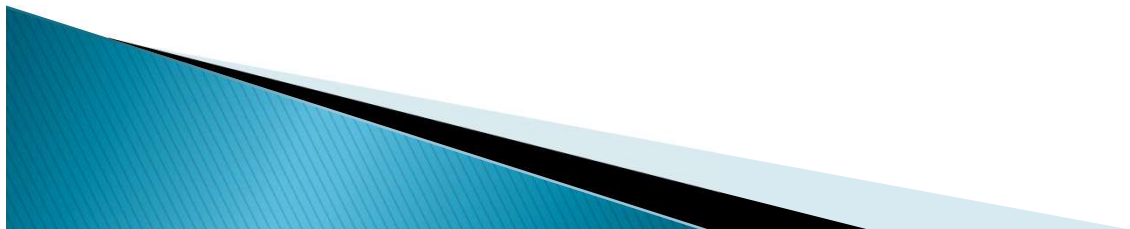
King Agrippa and Bernice, and Paul

- ▶ Herod Agrippa II
- ▶ Possibly married to his sister Bernice
- ▶ Festus laid the case before King Agrippa
- ▶ Festus's description of the situation
 - Chief priests and elders of the Jews in Jerusalem wanted Paul delivered to them, but accused should first meet the accusers to answer for himself the charges
 - The two parties brought together
 - The charges were not as Festus had suspected, but were about their own religion and about Jesus who had died, whom Paul affirmed to be alive
 - Festus uncertain of those questions, so he asked whether Paul would be willing to go to Jerusalem and be judged there
 - But Paul appealed to Caesar's judgment
- ▶ King Agrippa wants to hear Paul himself



A Royal Setting

- ▶ Agrippa and Bernice came with great pomp/pageantry
- ▶ Commanders and prominent men of the city
- ▶ Festus lays out again the case before Agrippa
 - He is hopeful Agrippa will help him with something to write to Caesar concerning Paul and the charges against him
- ▶ Paul is before a King
 - Matthew 10:18; Luke 12:11 – a promise to Jesus' chosen apostles
 - Paul was an apostle born out of due time
 - Acts 26:16–18



Acts 26

- ▶ Paul's early life – verses 1–11
- ▶ Paul's conversion – verses 12–18
- ▶ Paul's life after his conversion – verses 19–23
- ▶ Festus' reaction
- ▶ Paul's response
 - “words of truth and reason”
 - Paul says King Agrippa knows about these things regarding Jesus
 - Paul's question to Agrippa
- ▶ Agrippa's response
 - You
 - Almost
 - Persuade Me
 - To become
 - A Christian

