

# Paul, His Life and Teachings

Paul's Appeal

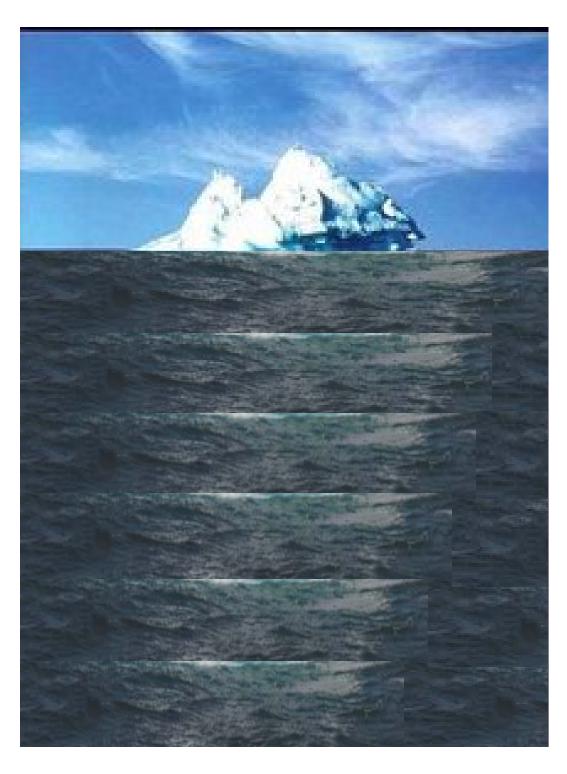
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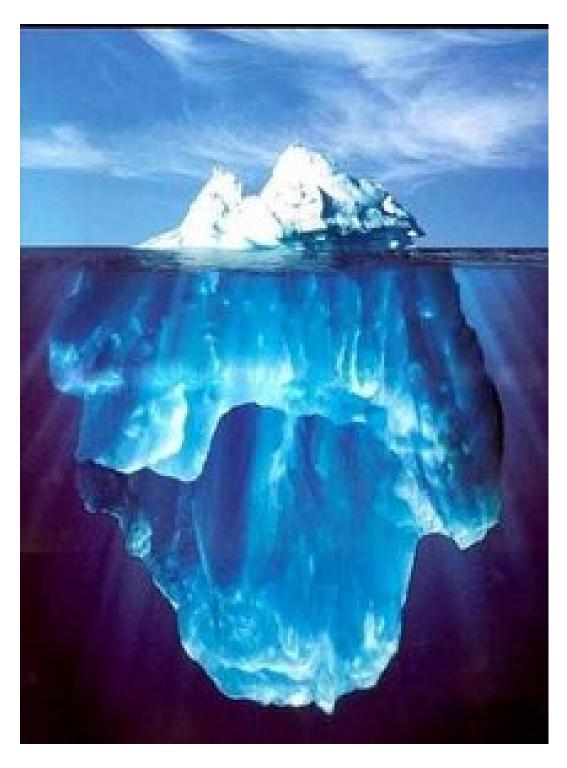
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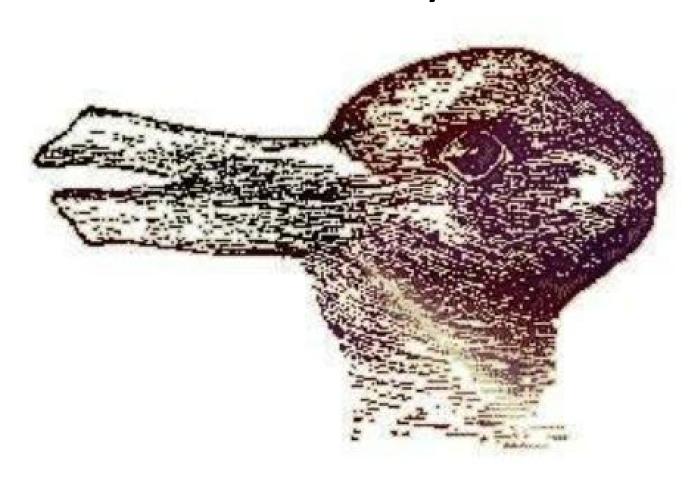
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## That night in the Roman barracks, God comes to Paul

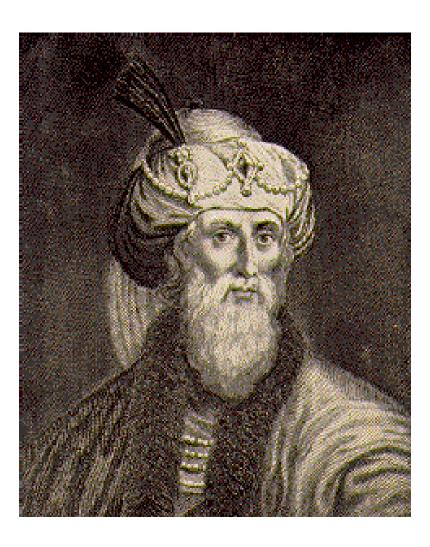


"The Lord stood by him and said, 'Take courage, for as you have testified to the facts about me in Jerusalem, so you must testify also in Rome."

# Watch the optical illusion of history



## Historical viewpoints come, in part, from Flavius Josephus



- Born AD 37
- Top Jerusalem education/Pharisee
- Went to Rome to fight rulings of Felix
- Commander in Jewish war
- Involvement with Agrippa

### A Story of Caesarea



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### A Story of Governor Felix



"Antonius Felix, practiced every kind of cruelty and lust, wielding the power of a king with all the instincts of a slave" - Tacitus

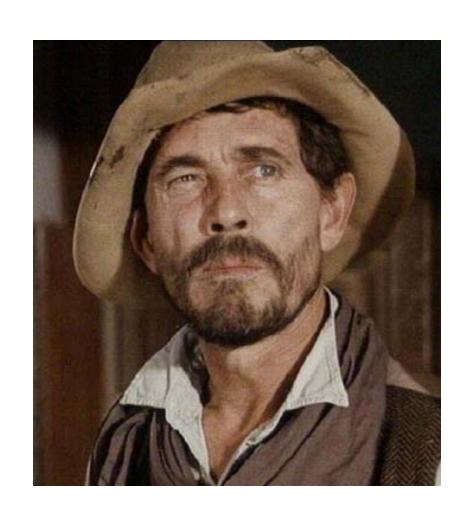


Governor Felix finally loses his job (and maybe more)!

"When two years had elapsed, Felix was succeeded by Porcius Festus. And desiring to do the Jews a favor, Felix left Paul in prison."

(Acts 24:27).



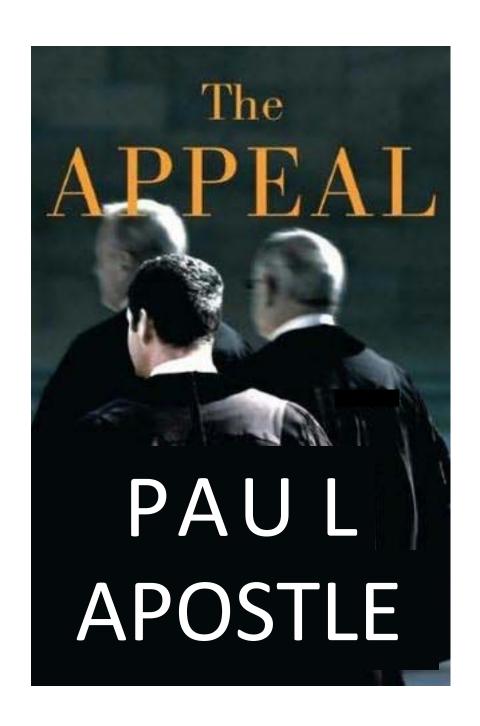


Governor Festus comes in to settle things down

"Now three days after Festus had arrived in the province, he went up to Jerusalem."

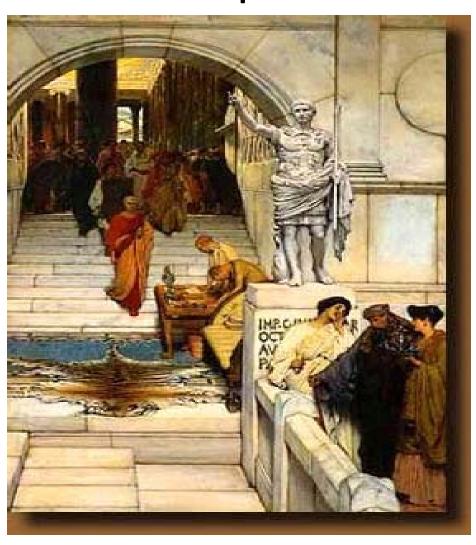
(Acts 25:1).





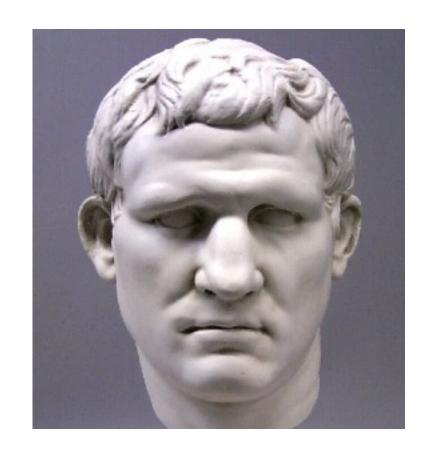
Paul Makes his appeal to Caesar Nero

# Meanwhile, King Agrippa and Bernice show up for a visit



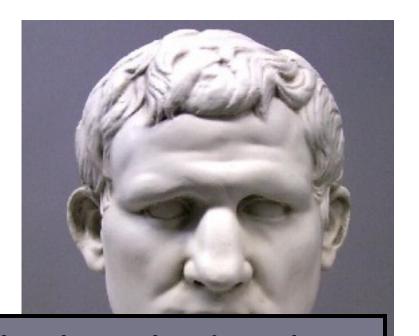
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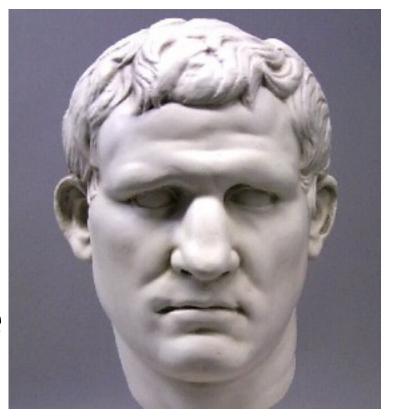
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"About that time Herod the king laid violent hands on some who belonged to the church. He killed James the brother of John with the sword, and when he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also" (Acts 12:1-3)

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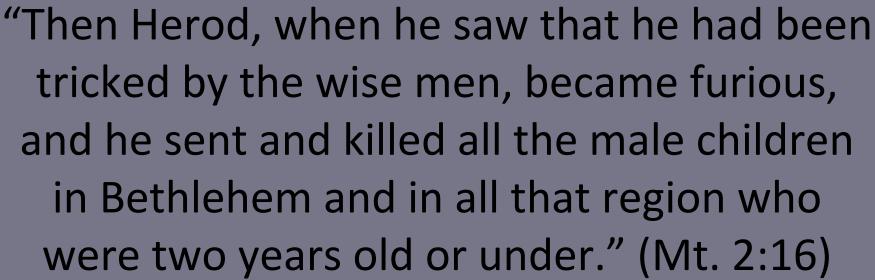
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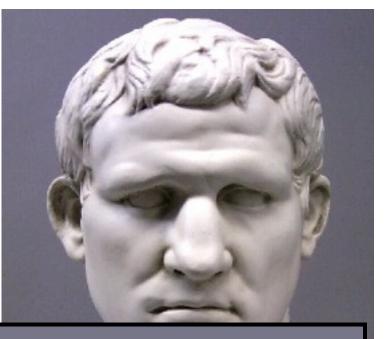


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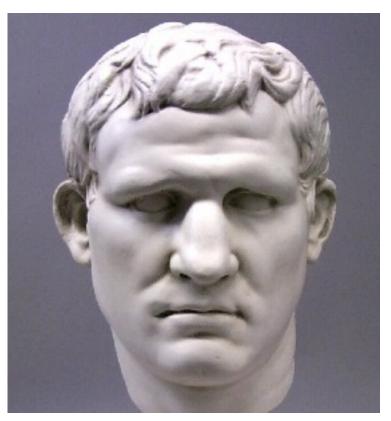
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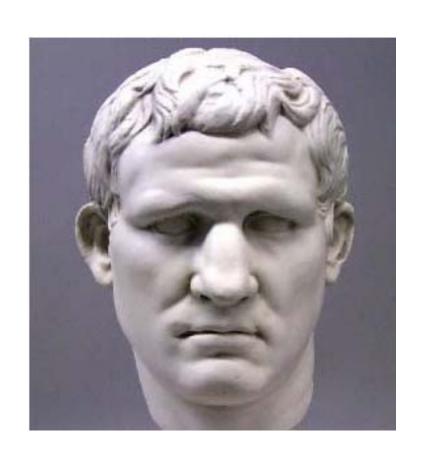




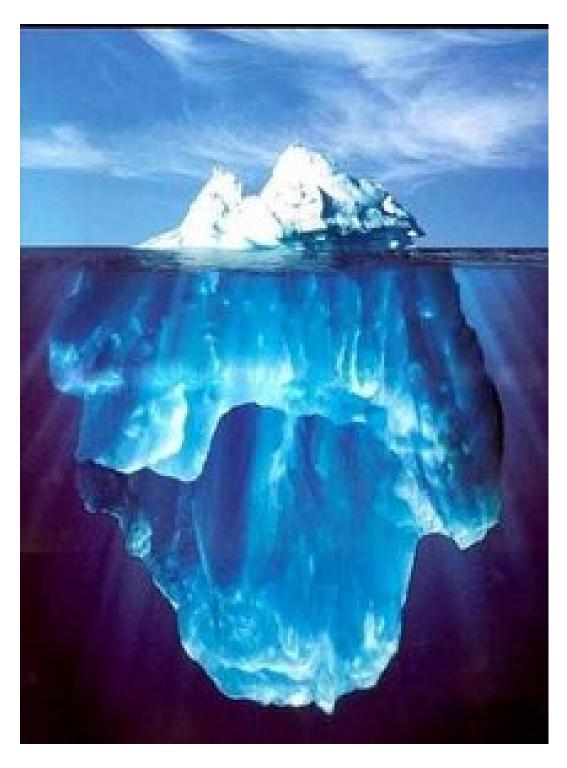
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- Three sisters: youngest Drusilla (married to ex-Gov. Felix)
- Oldest sister Bernice (Berenice)

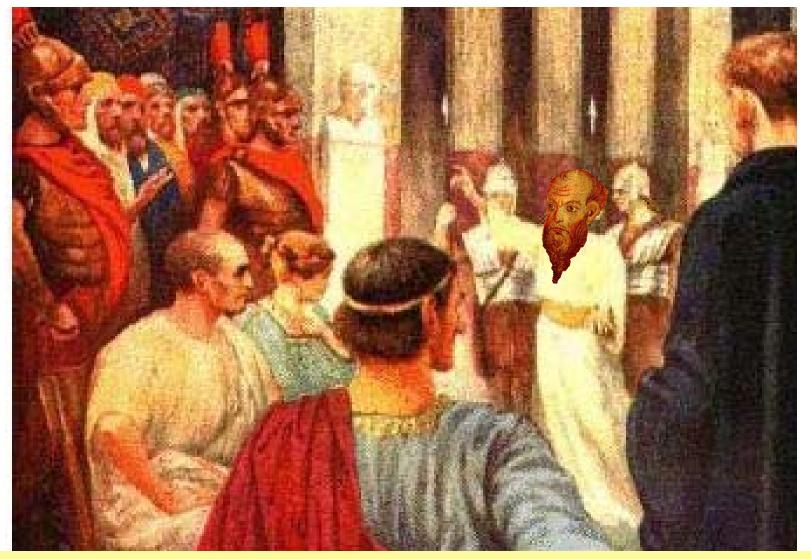




King Agrippa commended Josephus's history



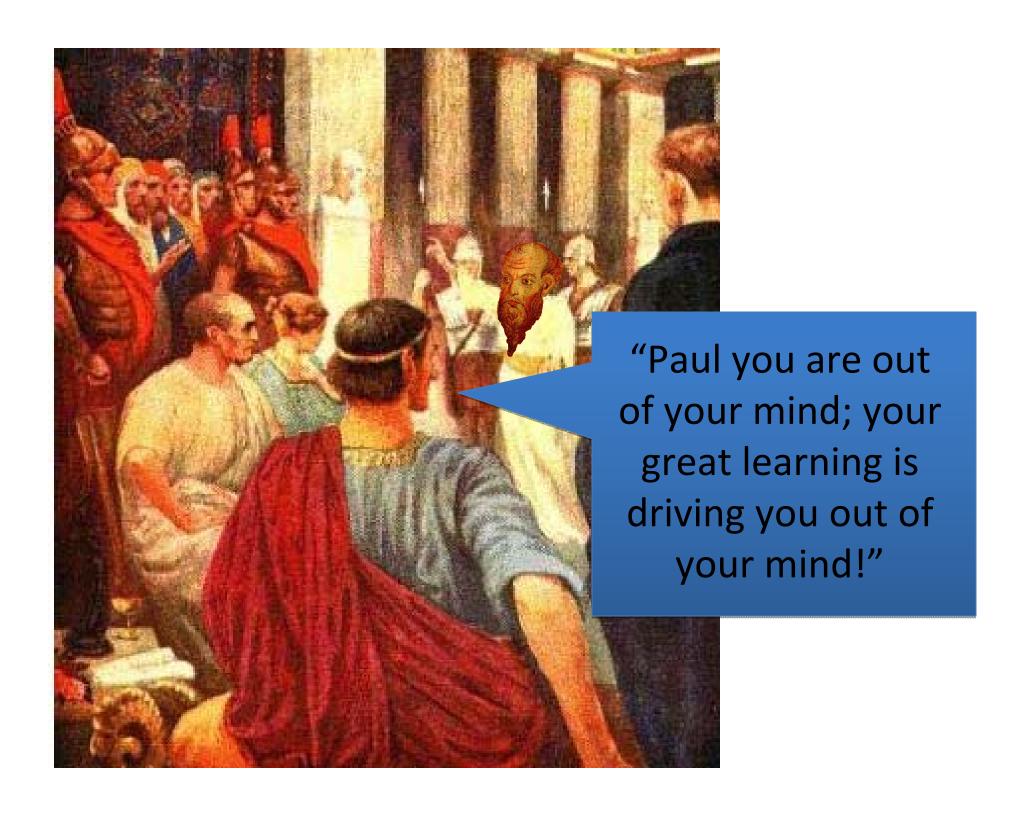
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Paul appears before King Agrippa and Bernice

"I consider myself fortunate that it is before you, King Agrippa, I am going to make my defense today against all the accusations of the Jews, especially because you are familiar with all the customs and controversies of the Jews. Therefore I beg you to listen to me patiently."

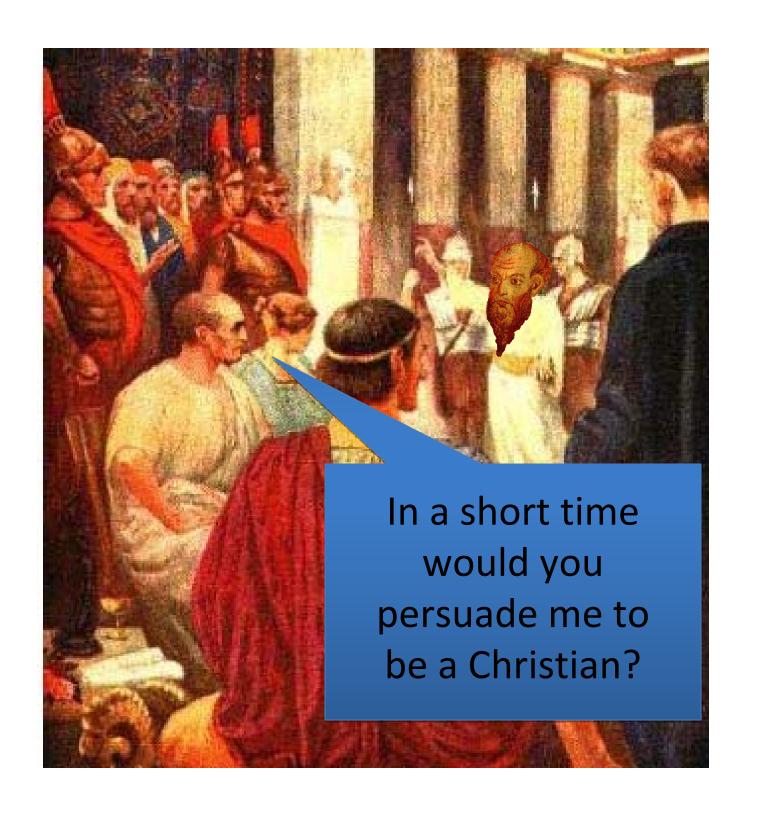




"I am not out of my mind, most excellent Festus, but I am speaking true and rational words. For the king knows about these things, and to him I speak boldly. For I am persuaded that none of these things has escaped his notice, for this has not been done in a corner."







"Whether short or long,
I would to God that not
only you but also all
who hear me this day
might become as I am –
except for these
chains."







"Now when some days had passed" (Acts 25:13)





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God's timing is profound; God's vision is profound

#### Roman Caesar

King and "Prominent men"

**Roman Governors** 

Roman Tribune

Sanhedrin







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Rather than be "out of our mind" we are the ones in our right minds!





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This is a personal decision – no more, no less