



A Study in the Book of Acts
Discovering Our Spiritual DNA
Rooted in Truth



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Acts 25:13 And after certain days king Agrippa and Bernice came unto Caesarea to salute Festus.

A close-up photograph of a hand moving a black chess king piece on a wooden chessboard. The king piece is being lifted from its square. In the background, other chess pieces, including a white king and various pawns, are visible but out of focus. The entire image is overlaid with a semi-transparent dark grey filter.

We see that political expedience
meets God's providence in Acts
25:13.

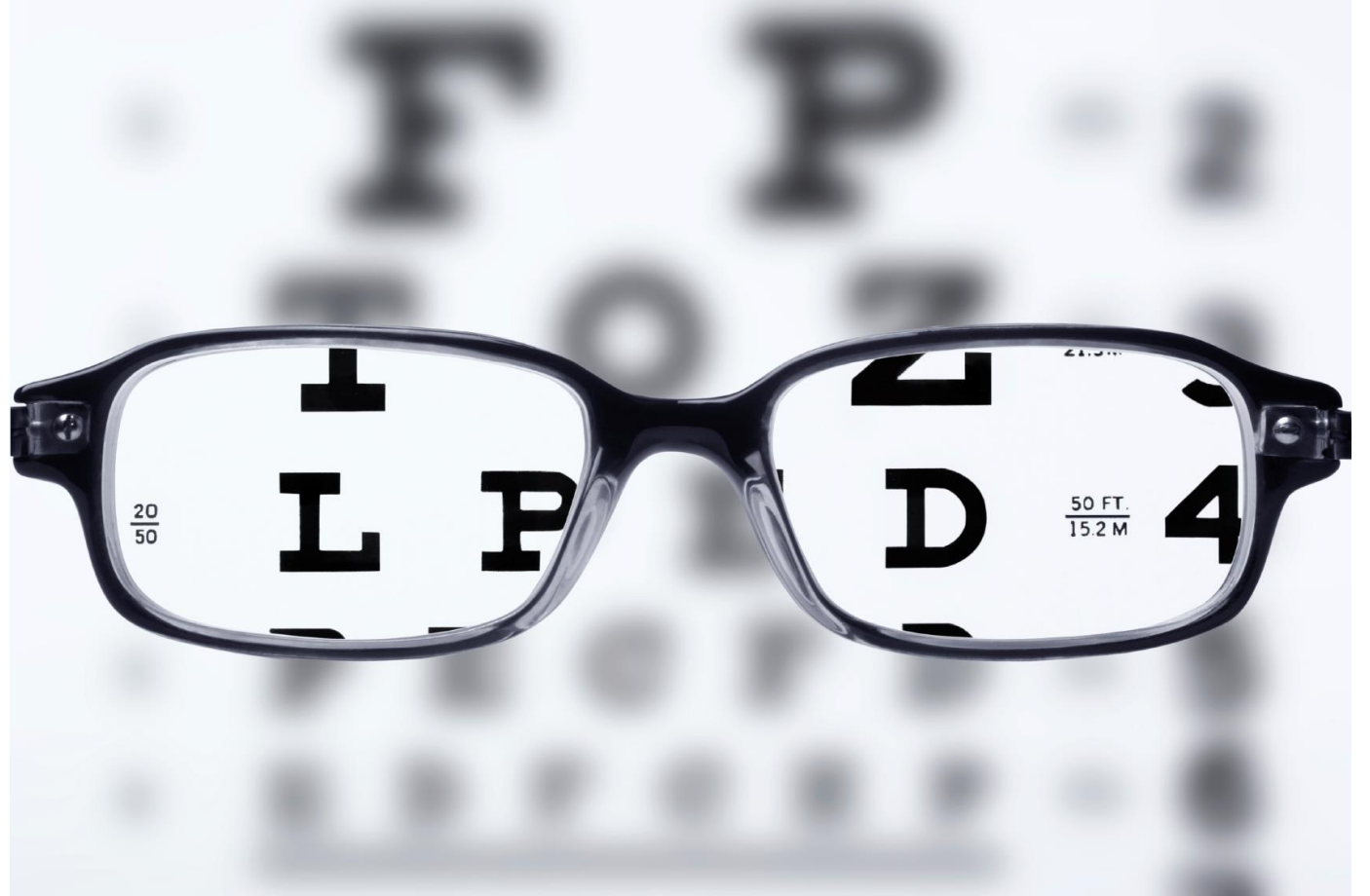
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Agrippa's reasons for travelling to
Caesarea to visit with Festus are
clearly political.

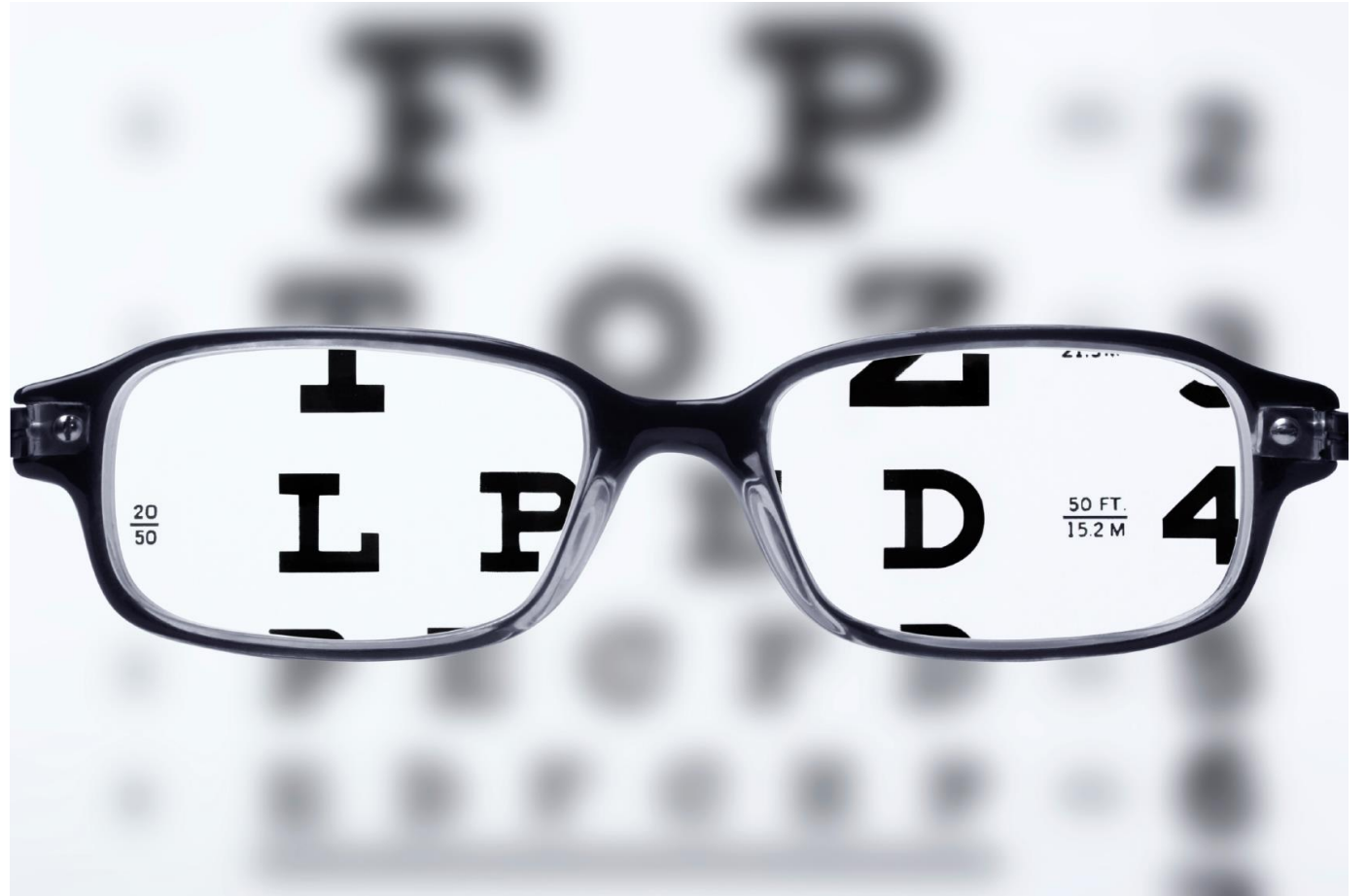


Felix, the governor Festus replaced was Herod Agrippa II's brother in law as Drucilla mentioned in *Acts 24:24* was his sister.

This was an
opportunity
for Festus to
have clarity.



Festus seeks
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Agrippa in
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25:13-21



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Acts 25:14 And when they
had been there ***many days***,
Festus declared Paul's cause
unto the king, saying, There is
a certain man left in bonds by
Felix:

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Acts 25:15-16 About whom, when I was at Jerusalem, the chief priests and the elders of the Jews informed me, desiring to have judgment against him. 16 To whom I answered, It is not the manner of the Romans to deliver any man ***to die***, before that he which is accused ***have the accusers face to face***, and have licence to answer for himself concerning the crime laid against him.

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Acts 25:17 *Therefore,
when they were come
hither, **without any
delay** on the morrow I
sat on the judgment seat,
and commanded the
man to be brought forth.*

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***Acts 25:6 And when he
had tarried among them
more than ten days, he
went down unto Caesarea;
and the next day sitting on
the judgment seat
commanded Paul to be
brought.***

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25:13-21

Acts 25:18-19 Against whom
when the accusers stood up,
they brought none accusation
of such things ***as I***
supposed: 19 But had
certain questions against him
of ***their own superstition,***
and of one ***Jesus,*** which was
dead, whom ***Paul affirmed to***
be alive.

Festus
retained the
main thing
Paul wanted
planted in his
mind.

***Acts 4:12 Neither is there
salvation in any other: for
there is none other **name**
under heaven given
among men, whereby we
must be saved.***

Now we see
Festus twist
the story to
make himself
look good to
King Agrippa.
Acts 25:20

***Acts 25:20 And because I
doubted of such manner of
questions, I asked him
whether he would go to
Jerusalem, and there be
judged of these matters.***

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***Acts 25:9 But Festus, willing
to do the Jews a pleasure,
answered Paul, and said, Wilt
thou go up to Jerusalem, and
there be judged of these
things before me?***

Festus shares the latest that Paul appealed to Caesar and the die is cast by law.

Acts 25:21 *But when Paul had appealed to be reserved unto the hearing of Augustus, I commanded him to be kept till I might send him to Caesar.*

We see in *Acts* 25:22 that Agrippa wants to hear Paul himself.

Acts 25:22 Then Agrippa said unto Festus, ***I would also hear the man myself.*** To morrow, said he, thou shalt hear him.



Festus seeks clarity from Agrippa in **public**. *Acts 25:24-27*

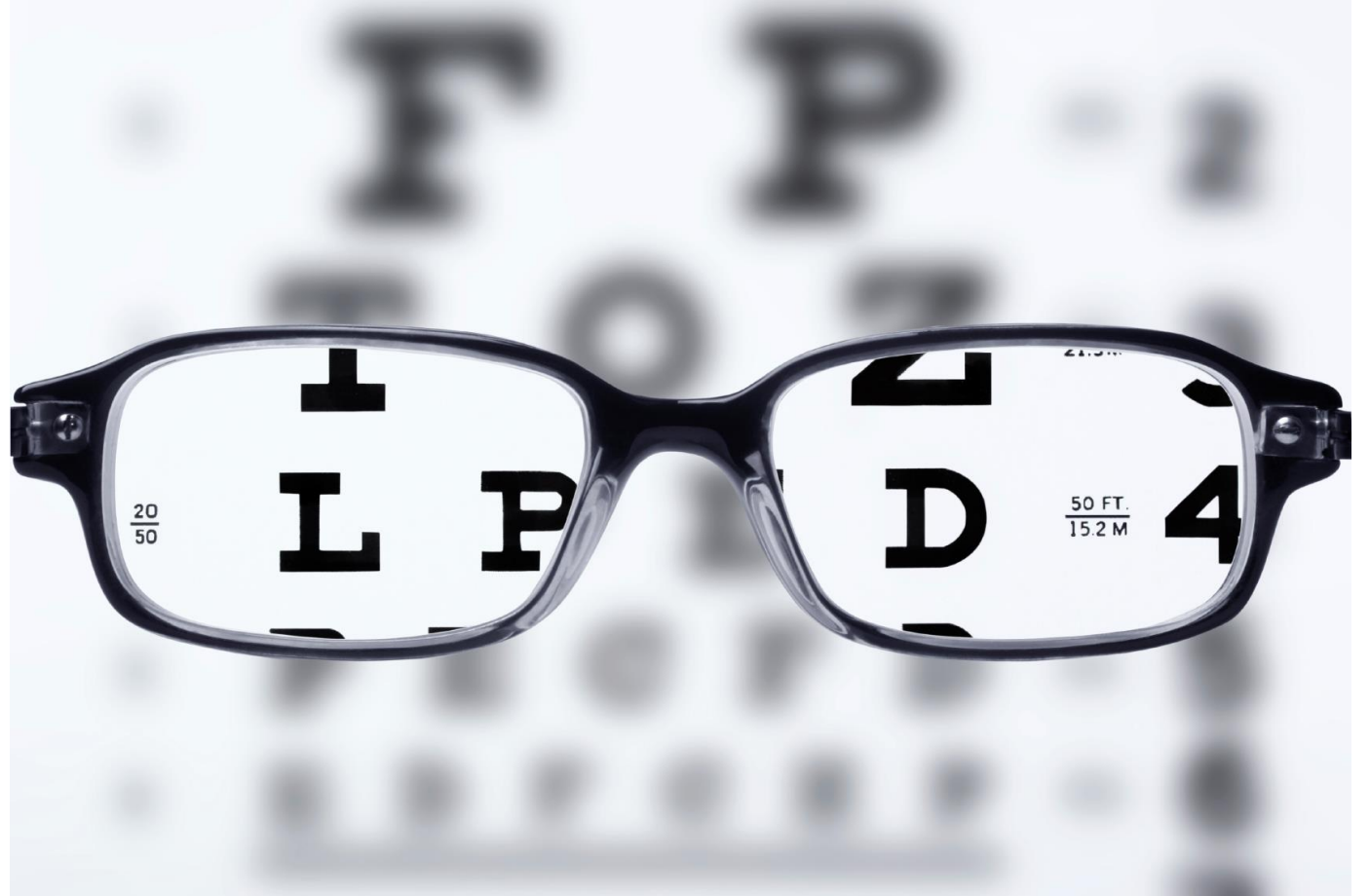
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25:24-27

Acts 25:24 And Festus said,
*King Agrippa, and all men
which are here present with
us, ye see this man, about
whom all the multitude of the
Jews have dealt with me,
both at Jerusalem, and also
here, crying that **he ought
not to live any longer.***

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clarity from
Agrippa in
public. Acts
25:24-27

Acts 25:25-27 *But when I found that he had committed nothing worthy of death, and that he himself hath appealed to Augustus, I have determined to send him. 26 Of whom **I have no certain thing to write unto my lord**. Wherefore I have brought him forth before you, and specially before thee, O king Agrippa, that, after examination had, **I might have somewhat to write**. 27 For it seemeth to me unreasonable to send a prisoner, and not withal to signify the crimes laid against him.*

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Opportunity to satisfy
Agrippa's curiosity.
Acts 25:22



*Acts 25:22 Then Agrippa
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Festus wanted
Agrippa's ego satisfied.
Acts 25:23

A marble bust of a man with curly hair, likely a Roman figure, set against a dark red background. The bust is white with some brown staining on the neck and chest area.

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Acts 25:23 And on the morrow, when Agrippa was come, and Bernice, with great **pomp**, and was entered into the place of hearing, with the chief captains, and principal men of the city, at Festus' commandment Paul was brought forth.



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Psalms 75:5-7 Lift not up your horn on high: speak not with a stiff neck. 6 For promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south. 7 But God is the judge: he putteth down one, and setteth up another.

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Psalms 8:3-4 *When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; 4 What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?*



Opportunity for Paul to fulfill his calling. *Acts 25:23, 26:1-32*



Paul enters the assembly with power not pomp.

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*Galatians
6:17 From
henceforth let
no man trouble
me: for I bear
in my body the
marks of the
Lord Jesus.*



Opportunity for Paul to fulfill his calling. *Acts 25:23, 26:1-32*

Paul was excited to be able to preach and share the gospel one more time to this distinguished group of guests!



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Romans 1:15-16 So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also. 16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.



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2 Timothy 4:1-2 I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; 2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.



Opportunity for Paul to fulfill his calling. Acts 25:23, 26:1-32

*But what is the use
of preaching the
Gospel to men
whose whole
attention is
concentrated upon
a mad, desperate
struggle to keep
themselves alive?*
**William Booth,
Founder of the
Salvation Army**



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*Philippians 2:3-5 Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in **lowliness of mind** let each esteem other better than themselves. 4 Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. 5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:*



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