

Acts Chapters 25-28 **Question and Answers**

1. Who is king Agrippa and what is his relationship to Bernice? Acts 25:13,23; 26:30;

Acts 25:13 “Now when some days had passed, Agrippa the king and Bernice arrived at Caesarea and greeted Festus.”

Acts 25:23 “So on the next day Agrippa and Bernice came with great pomp, and they entered the audience hall with the military tribunes and the prominent men of the city. Then, at the command of Festus, Paul was brought in.”

Acts 26:30 “Then the king rose, and the governor and Bernice and those who were sitting with them.”

This King Agrippa was the son of Herod Agrippa, who killed James the brother of John, and of whose death mention is made in Acts 12:1 the Jewish chronologer (1) (Ganz Tzemach David, par. 1. fol. 26. 1.) calls him Agrippa the Second, the son of Agrippa the First, the fifth king of the family of Herod: John Gill

Bernice was first married to her uncle Herod, king of Chalcis, and after his death to Polemon, king of Cilicia, from whom she separated, and lived in too great familiarity with her brother Agrippa, as she had done before her second marriage, as was suspected, to

which incest Juvenal refers⁽¹¹⁾; and with whom she now was, who came together to pay a visit to Festus, upon his coming to his government, and to congratulate him upon it. (11. Satyr 6.) John Gill

She was sister of Agrippa. She had been married to Herod, king of Chalcis, her own uncle by her father's side. After his death, she proposed to Polemon, king of Pontus and part of Cilicia, that if he would become circumcised she would marry him. He complied, but she did not continue long with him. After she left him, she returned to her brother Agrippa, with whom she lived in a manner such as to excite scandal. Josephus directly charges her with incest with her brother Agrippa. (Antiq. b. xx. chap. vii. 3.) Albert Barnes

2. What was governor Festus primary reason for wanting Paul to appear before King Agrippa? (Acts 25)

Acts 25:26-27 “But I have nothing definite to write to my lord about him. Therefore I have brought him before you all, and especially before you, King Agrippa, so that, after we have examined him, I may have something to write. For it seems to me unreasonable, in sending a prisoner, not to indicate the charges against him.” (ESV)

3. Why did Festus deem the Apostle Paul “mad”, and how should we live so that we too might be though “mad”.

Acts 26:24 “And as he was saying these things in his defense, Festus said with a loud voice, “Paul, you are out of your mind; your great learning is driving you out of your mind.”(ESV)

4. Why do you think that Publius was inclined to have Paul heal his father?

Acts 28:8 “It happened that the father of Publius lay sick with fever and dysentery. And Paul visited him and prayed, and putting his hands on him healed him.” (ESV)

Acts 28:3-7 “When Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks and put them on the fire, a viper came out because of the heat and fastened on his hand. When the native people saw the creature hanging from his hand, they said to one another, “No doubt this man is a murderer. Though he has escaped from the sea, Justice has not allowed him to live.” He, however, shook off

the creature into the fire and suffered no harm. They were waiting for him to swell up or suddenly fall down dead. But when they had waited a long time and saw no misfortune come to him, they changed their minds and said that he was a god. Now in the neighborhood of that place were lands belonging to the chief man of the island, named Publius, who received us and entertained us hospitably for three days.” (ESV)

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LIST THREE THINGS YOU LEARNED ABOUT THE BOOK OF ACTS BY WATCHING THE VIDEOS THAT YOU DID NOT PREVIOUSLY KNOW?

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Prayer Time