

What Revival Looks Like
How Revival Acts
Acts 25:1-12

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Acts 25:1 Now when Festus was come into the province, after three days he ascended from Caesarea to Jerusalem.

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3 And desired favour against him, that he would send for him to Jerusalem, laying wait in the way to kill him.

4 But Festus answered, that Paul should be kept at Caesarea, and that he himself would depart shortly *thither*.

5 Let them therefore, said he, which among you are able, go down with *me*, and accuse this man, if there be any wickedness in him.

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.

7 And when he was come, the Jews which came down from Jerusalem stood round about, and laid many and grievous complaints against Paul, which they could not prove.

8 While he answered for himself, Neither against the law of the Jews, neither against the temple, nor yet against Caesar, have I offended any thing at all.

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?

10 Then said Paul, I stand at Caesar's judgment seat, where I ought to be judged: to the Jews have I done no wrong, as thou very well knowest.

11 For if I be an offender, or have committed any thing worthy of death, I refuse not to die: but if there be none of these things whereof these accuse me, no man may deliver me unto them. I appeal unto Caesar.

12 Then Festus, when he had conferred with the council, answered, Hast thou appealed unto Caesar? unto Caesar shalt thou go.

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- The background features a warm, textured orange and red color palette. Several stylized hands in shades of yellow, green, and brown are raised, overlapping each other. From behind the hands, several thick, diagonal rays of light in shades of orange and red extend upwards and outwards, creating a sense of radiance and hope.
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(a) The High Priest's Plea, 25:1-3a

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“...laying wait in the way to kill him.”

(2) The Refusal, 25:4-5

(a) The Request was Promptly Refused, 25:4

Acts 25:4 But Festus answered, that Paul should be kept at Caesarea, and that he himself would depart shortly *thither*.

(b) The Request was Properly Refused, 25:5

Acts 25:5 Let them therefore, said he, which among you are able, go down with *me*, and **accuse this man, if there be any wickedness in him.**

b. Festus and the Prisoner, 25:6-12

(1) Paul's Legal Dilemma, 25:6-9

(a) The Trial, 25:6-8

i. Paul Summoned, 25:6

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.

Original Word: βῆμα

Transliteration: béma

Usage: an elevated place ascended by steps, a throne, tribunal.

béma (from *bainō*, "to step, ascend") – properly, a platform to which someone walked up to receive *judgment*; (figuratively) the administration of justice – literally, given from "a tribunal-chair" (throne) where rewards and punishments are meted out.

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2 Cor. 5:10 For we must all appear before **the judgment seat of Christ**; that every one may receive the things *done* in *his* body, according to that he hath done, whether *it be* good or bad.

ii. Paul Slandered, 25:7

Acts 25:7 And when he was come, the Jews which came down from Jerusalem stood round about, and **laid many and grievous complaints against Paul, which they could not prove.**

iii. Paul Stirred, 25:8

Acts 25:8 While he answered for himself, Neither against the law of the Jews, neither against the temple, nor yet against Caesar, **have I offended any thing at all.**

(b) The Trap, 26:9

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?

(2) Paul's Legal Decision, 25:10-12

(a) His Rights Claimed, 25:10-11

i. His Indignation, 25:10

Acts 25:10 Then said Paul, I stand at Caesar's judgment seat, where I ought to be judged: **to the Jews have I done no wrong, as thou very well knowest.**

ii. His Insistence, 25:11

Acts 25:11 For if I be an offender, or have committed any thing **worthy of death, I refuse not to die:** but if there be none of these things whereof these accuse me, no man may deliver me unto them. I appeal unto Caesar.

(b) His Rights Confirmed, 25:12

Acts 25:12 Then Festus, **when he had conferred with the council,** answered, Hast thou appealed unto Caesar? unto Caesar shalt thou go.

Prov. 11:14 Where no counsel *is*, the people fall: but **in the multitude of counsellors *there is safety.***

Prov. 24:6 For by wise counsel thou shalt make thy war: and **in multitude of counsellors *there is safety.***

Conclusion

Rev. 2:8 And unto the angel of the church in Smyrna write; These things saith the first and the last, which was dead, and is alive;

9 I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (**but thou art rich**) and *I know* the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but *are* the synagogue of Satan.

10 Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast *some* of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: **be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.**