

Acts 26 Study Guide
April 22nd, 2009

1. What do we know about King Agrippa II? Bernice? Drusilla?(ch.25) Anything learned from outside sources?

2. (2,3)What similarities (or differences) do you see between Paul's greetings/ opening statements to Governor Felix in 24:10 and to King Agrippa II in 26:2, 3?

3. (4,5)Should Paul be so confident in this statement? Why? / Why not? Think about if any of the other players in this scene could make a statement such as this without wavering....Something else to think about: If someone made such a statement, today, would we know for certain that he/ she was telling the truth? Why/why not?

4. (v.6,7) What is this "hope of the promise"? What, if anything, does it have to do with verse 8?

5. Use your cross references to find other places where the words 'hope' and 'promise' are mentioned in Acts. What is this 'hope'? promise? What did it mean to the Jews? Draw some conclusions based on any cross references you've found.

6. (vs. 8)Who are 'you people' in this verse?

7. (vs.9)Paul seems to switch gears, all of the sudden. Why does he begin speaking of his past deeds, here? Consider the audience. What other time did Paul speak of his former self/ deeds? Who was his audience then?
8. (vs.9-11) Do you notice any irony in the fact that Paul is listing what actions *he* took against those who stood for The Way? (given his current situation)
9. (vs. 14) “kick against the goads” – What does Jesus mean by this?
10. (vs. 20b) The New American Standard reads, “deeds appropriate to repentance”. Please write out (if you have these available to you) two other Bible versions of this phrase. What is meant by “deeds appropriate to repentance”?
11. (20, 21) Paul says here one of the reasons that he is in this predicament. What other previous verse, in chapter 26, states why Paul is being harassed by the Jews.
12. (vs. 22) What ‘help from God’ could Paul be referring to here?
13. (vs. 24) What could have prompted this outburst from Festus? Note: We don’t have record of any arguments from this audience until now.
14. (vs. 26) What ‘things’ have not escaped the King’s notice?
15. (vs. 32)What are your thoughts regarding this verse?