

THE CAST OF CHARACTERS

Dramatis Personae IN ACTS 24-26

God	The Sovereign, Supreme Authority who faithfully and providentially works all things according to the counsel of His will.
Ananias	High priest in Jerusalem during much of Paul's early ministry. He was known for his harshness, ruthlessness, corruption and cruelty. Because of his pro-Roman policies, he was very unpopular with the Jews, and saw Paul as a threat to his position.
The Elders	Key leaders of the Sanhedrin, the Supreme Court of Israel. The Sanhedrin was comprised of the Pharisee and the Sadducee factions. According to the historian Josephus, "In the time of Christ, the Sanhedrin was formally led by the Sadducean high priests, but practically ruled by the Pharisees."
Tertullus	An attorney and skilled orator hired to bring charges against Paul to Governor Felix.
Felix 52-29AD	Officially named Antonius Felix, he was a former slave who was promoted to the office of (Procurator) Governor of Judea by Claudius Caesar. He was described as "cruel, licentious, and base," by the Roman historian Tacitus. Attracted to Drusilla, a daughter of Herod Agrippa I, he enticed her away from her husband, and they later married. As he listened to Paul, by his side sat Drusilla, with whom he was at that time living in open and wanton adultery.
Claudias Lysias	Commander of the Roman garrison in Jerusalem at the time of Paul's arrest.
Drusilla	A Jewess and the youngest daughter of Herod Agrippa I, who was the grandson of Herod the Great, the king who ordered the slaughter of all baby boys in Bethlehem following the birth of Jesus. According to the historian Josephus, she was given in marriage to King Azizus at the age of fourteen, but was later seduced by Felix and illegitimately became his third wife. They had a son named Agrippa who later died when Mount Vesuvius erupted in AD 70.
Festus 59-62AD	Officially named Porcius Festus, he was the Roman governor (procurator) of Judea during the reign of Nero. He was the successor of Governor Felix. When Paul made his defense in the presence of King Agrippa, Festus interrupted the proceedings and shouted that Paul was mad.
King Agrippa	This is Herod Agrippa II, the son of the Herod who killed James and imprisoned Peter; great-grandson of Herod the Great who ruled when Jesus was born. He was well-versed in Jewish affairs. He had an incestuous relationship with his sister, Bernice, and was the brother of Drusilla.
Bernice	A daughter of Herod Agrippa I, she and her sister Drusilla have been described as two of the most corrupt and shameless women of their time in Roman history. She was accused of having an incestuous relationship with her brother, King Agrippa. She became a mistress of Emperor Vespasian, and then of his son, Titus. When Titus became emperor, he cast her aside.