

God's Sovereign Plan Fulfilled

Acts 25:1-12 (NASB)

**"From Damascus Rd. To
Caesar's Court"**



Prophecy & Fulfillment

**1This is what the Lord says to Cyrus His
anointed,**

Whom I have taken by the right hand,

To subdue nations before him

**And to undo the weapons belt on the
waist of kings;**

**To open doors before him so that gates
will not be shut:**

Isaiah 45:1-3(NASB)



Prophecy & Fulfillment

2 “I will go before you and make the rough places smooth; I will shatter the doors of bronze and cut through their iron bars.

Isaiah 45:1-3(NASB)



Prophecy & Fulfillment

**3 I will give you the treasures of
darkness**

**And hidden wealth of secret places,
So that you may know that it is I,
The Lord, the God of Israel, who
calls you by your name.**

Isaiah 45:1-3(NASB)



Divine Interruption on the Road

4 and he fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, **"Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?"**
5 And he said, "Who are You, Lord?"
And He said, **"I am Jesus whom you are persecuting, 6 but get up and enter the city, and it will be told to you what you must do."**

Acts 9:4-6(NASB)



God's Revelation to Ananias

15 But the Lord said to him, **"Go, for he is a chosen instrument of Mine, to bear My name before the Gentiles and kings and the sons of Israel; 16 for I will show him how much he must suffer in behalf of My name."**

Acts 9:15-16(NASB)



The Lord Assures Paul

9 And the Lord said to Paul by a vision at night, **“Do not be afraid any longer, but go on speaking and do not be silent; 10** for I am with you, and no one will attack you to harm you, for I have many people in this city.”

Acts 18:9-10(NASB)



The Lord's Revelation to Paul

1 But on the following night, the Lord stood near him and said, **"Be courageous! For as you have testified to the truth about Me in Jerusalem, so you must testify in Rome also."**

Acts 23:11(NASB)



Foreshadowed Fulfillment Ahead

Acts 26:16-18

Acts 27:23-24

Acts 28:14-31

Keep Watching as God's Plan Unfolds



God Sets the Stage

1 Festus, then, after arriving in the province, went up to Jerusalem from Caesarea three days later. 2 And the chief priests and the leading men of the Jews brought charges against Paul, and they were pleading with Festus,

Acts 25:1-2(NASB)



God Turns Schemes His Way

3 requesting a concession against Paul, that he might have him brought to Jerusalem (at the same time, setting an ambush to kill him on the way). 4 Festus then answered that Paul was being kept in custody in Caesarea, and that he himself was about to leave shortly.

Acts 25:3-5(NASB)



God Turns Schemes His Way

5 “Therefore,” he said, “have the influential men among you go there with me, and if there is anything wrong about the man, have them bring charges against him.”

Acts 25:3-5(NASB)



Integrity Under Scrutiny

6 After Festus had spent no more than eight or ten days among them, he went down to Caesarea, and on the next day he took his seat on the tribunal and ordered that Paul be brought.

Acts 25:6-8(NASB)



Integrity Under Scrutiny

7 After Paul arrived, the Jews who had come down from Jerusalem stood around him, bringing many, and serious, charges against him which they could not prove, **8** while Paul said in his own defense, "I have not done anything wrong either against the Law of the Jews, or against the temple, or against Caesar."

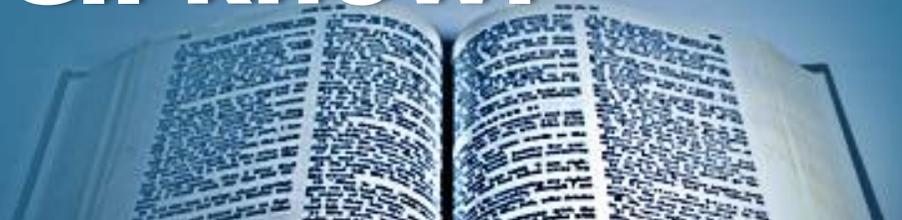
Acts 25:6-8(NASB)



“Appealing to Caesar” Moments

9 But Festus, wanting to do the Jews a favor, replied to Paul and said, “Are you willing to go up to Jerusalem and stand trial before me on these charges?” 10 But Paul said, “I am standing before Caesar’s tribunal, where I ought to be tried. I have done nothing wrong to the Jews, as you also very well know.

Acts 25:9-12(NASB)



“Appealing to Caesar” Moments

11 If, therefore, I am in the wrong and have committed something deserving death, I am not trying to avoid execution; but if there is nothing to the accusations which these men are bringing against me, no one can hand me over to them. I appeal to Caesar.”

Acts 25:9-12(NASB)



“Appealing to Caesar” Moments

12 Then when Festus had conferred with his council, he answered, “You have appealed to Caesar; to Caesar you shall go.”

Acts 25:9-12(NASB)



What God Still Has In Store

**Paul will preach boldly in Rome
(Acts 28:14-31)**

**His testimony will reach
Caesar's household**

Prophecies Yet To Be Fulfilled



God's Faithful Completion

6 For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work among you will complete it by the day of Christ Jesus.

Philippians 1:6(NASB)



God's Sovereign Glory

2 And the Lord said to Gideon, "The people who are with you are too many for Me to hand Midian over to them, otherwise Israel would become boastful, saying, 'My own power has saved me.' 3 Now therefore come, proclaim in the hearing of the people, saying, 'Whoever is afraid and worried, is to return and leave Mount Gilead.'" So, twenty-two thousand from the people returned, but ten thousand remained.

Judges 7:2-7(NASB)



God's Sovereign Glory

4 Then the Lord said to Gideon, "The people are still too many; bring them down to the water and I will test them for you there. So it shall be that he of whom I say to you, 'This one shall go with you,' he shall go with you; but everyone of whom I say to you, 'This one shall not go with you,' he shall not go."

Judges 7:2-7(NASB)



God's Sovereign Glory

5 So he brought the people down to the water. Then the Lord said to Gideon, "You shall put everyone who laps the water with his tongue as a dog laps in one group, and everyone who kneels down to drink in another."

Judges 7:2-7(NASB)



God's Sovereign Glory

6 Now the number of those who lapped, putting their hand to their mouth, was three hundred men; but all the rest of the people kneeled down to drink water. **7** And the Lord said to Gideon, "I will save you with the three hundred men who lapped and will hand the Midianites over to you; so, have all the other people go, each man to his home."

Judges 7:2-7(NASB)



