

¹Now when Festus was come into the province, after three days he ascended from Caesarea to Jerusalem.²Then the high priest and the chief of the Jews informed him against Paul, and besought him,³And desired favour against him, that he would send for him to Jerusalem, laying wait in the way to kill him.⁴But Festus answered, that Paul should be kept at Caesarea, and that he himself would depart shortly thither.⁵Let them therefore, said he, which among you are able, go down with me, and accuse this man, if there be any wickedness in him.⁶And 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.⁷And 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.⁸While 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.⁹But 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?¹⁰Then 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.¹¹For 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.¹²Then Festus, when he had

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¹فَلَمَّا قَدِمَ فِسْتُوسُ إِلَى الْوَلَايَةِ صَعِدَ بَعْدَ ثَلَاثَةِ أَيَّامٍ مِنْ قَيْصَرِيَّةَ إِلَى أُورُشَلِيمَ.²فَعَرَضَ لَهُ رَئِيسُ الْكَهَنَةِ وَوُجُوهُ الْيَهُودِ صِدِّ بُولُسَ، وَالتَّمَسُوا مِنْهُ³ طَالِبِينَ عَلَيْهِ مَنَّةً، أَنْ يَسْتَحْضِرَهُ إِلَى أُورُشَلِيمَ، وَهُمْ صَانِعُونَ كَيْمِيًّا لِيَقْتُلُوهُ فِي الطَّرِيقِ.⁴فَأَجَابَ فِسْتُوسُ، أَنْ يُحْرَسَ بُولُسُ فِي قَيْصَرِيَّةَ وَأَنَّهُ هُوَ مُزْمِعٌ أَنْ يَنْطَلِقَ عَاجِلًا.⁵وَقَالَ: فَلْيَنْزِلْ مَعِيَ الَّذِينَ هُمْ يَتَنَكَّمُ مُقْتَدِرُونَ، وَإِنْ كَانَ فِي هَذَا الرَّجُلِ شَيْءٌ فَلْيَسْتَكُونُوا عَلَيْهِ.

⁶وَبَعْدَ مَا صَرَفَ عَنْهُمْ أَكْثَرَ مِنْ عَشْرَةِ أَيَّامٍ انْحَدَرَ إِلَى قَيْصَرِيَّةَ، وَفِي الْعَدِّ جَلَسَ عَلَى كُرْسِيِّ الْوَلَايَةِ وَأَمَرَ أَنْ يُؤْتَى بِبُولُسَ. فَلَمَّا حَضَرَ وَقَفَ حَوْلَهُ الْيَهُودُ الَّذِينَ كَانُوا قَدْ انْحَدَرُوا مِنْ أُورُشَلِيمَ وَقَدَّمُوا عَلَى بُولُسَ دَعَاوِي كَثِيرَةً وَتَقِيلَةً لَمْ يَقْدِرُوا أَنْ يُبْرِهُنُوهَا.⁸إِذْ كَانَ هُوَ يَحْتَجُّ: أَنِّي مَا أَخْطَأْتُ بِشَيْءٍ لَا إِلَى تَامُوسِ الْيَهُودِ وَلَا إِلَى الْهَيْكَلِ وَلَا إِلَى قَيْصَرٍ. وَلَكِنْ فِسْتُوسُ إِذْ كَانَ يُرِيدُ أَنْ يُودِعَ الْيَهُودَ مَنَّةً قَالَ لِبُولُسَ: أَسْأَلُكَ أَنْ تَصْعَدَ إِلَى أُورُشَلِيمَ لِنَحَاكَمَ هُنَاكَ لَدَيَّ مِنْ جِهَةِ هَذِهِ الْأُمُورِ؟¹⁰ فَقَالَ بُولُسُ: أَنَا وَاقِفٌ لَدَى كُرْسِيِّ الْوَلَايَةِ قَيْصَرٍ حَيْثُ يَتَّبِعُنِي أَنْ أَحَاكَمَ. أَنَا لَمْ أَطْلِمِ الْيَهُودَ بِشَيْءٍ كَمَا تَعْلَمُ أَنْتَ أَيْضًا جَدًّا.¹¹لَآئِي إِنْ كُنْتُ أَثِمًّا أَوْ صَنَعْتُ شَيْئًا يَسْتَحِقُّ الْمَوْتَ فَلَسْتُ أَسْتَعْفِي مِنَ الْمَوْتِ، وَلَكِنْ إِنْ لَمْ يَكُنْ شَيْءٌ مِمَّا يَسْتَكِينِي عَلَيَّ بِهِ هَؤُلَاءِ فَلَيْسَ أَخَذُ يَسْتَطِيعُ أَنْ يُسَلِّمَنِي لَهُمْ. إِلَى قَيْصَرٍ أَنَا رَافِعٌ دَعْوَايَ.¹²حَيْثُ تَكَلَّمَ فِسْتُوسُ مَعَ أَرْبَابِ الْمَشُورَةِ فَأَجَابَ: إِلَى قَيْصَرٍ رَفَعْتُ دَعْوَاكَ، إِلَى قَيْصَرٍ تَذَهَبُ.

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¹³وَبَعْدَ مَا مَضَتْ أَيَّامٌ أَقْبَلَ أَغْرِيْبَاسُ الْمَلِكُ وَتَرْيِيكِي إِلَى قَيْصَرِيَّةَ لِيَسْلَمَا عَلَى فِسْتُوسَ.¹⁴وَلَمَّا كَانَا يَضْرِفَانِ هُنَاكَ أَيَّامًا كَثِيرَةً عَرَضَ فِسْتُوسُ عَلَى الْمَلِكِ أَمْرَ بُولُسَ قَائِلًا: يَوْجُذُ رَجُلٌ تَرَكَهُ فِيلَكُسُ أَسِيرًا¹⁵ وَعَرَضَ لِي عَنْهُ رُؤَسَاءُ الْكَهَنَةِ وَمَسَايِخُ الْيَهُودِ لَمَّا كُنْتُ فِي أُورُشَلِيمَ طَالِبِينَ حُكْمًا عَلَيْهِ.¹⁶فَأَجَبْتُهُمْ: أَنْ لَيْسَ لِلرُّومَانِيِّينَ عَادَةٌ أَنْ يُسَلَّمُوا أَحَدًا لِلْمَوْتِ قَبْلَ أَنْ يَكُونَ الْمُسْكُوُّ عَلَيْهِ مُوَاجَهَةً مَعَ الْمُسْتَكِينِ فَيَحْضُلَ عَلَى فُرْصَةٍ لِلْإِحْتِجَاجِ عَنِ الشُّكُوفِ.¹⁷فَلَمَّا اجْتَمَعُوا إِلَيَّ هُنَا جَلَسْتُ مِنْ دُونِ إِمْفَهَالٍ فِي الْعَدِّ عَلَى كُرْسِيِّ الْوَلَايَةِ وَأَمَرْتُ أَنْ يُؤْتَى بِالرَّجُلِ.¹⁸فَلَمَّا وَقَفَ الْمُسْتَكُونُ حَوْلَهُ لَمْ يَأْتُوا بِعِلَّةٍ

conferred with the council, answered, Hast thou appealed unto Caesar? unto Caesar shalt thou go.¹³ And after certain days king Agrippa and Bernice came unto Caesarea to salute Festus.¹⁴ And when they had been there many days, Festus declared Paul's cause unto the king, saying, There is a certain man left in bonds by Felix:¹⁵ About whom, when I was at Jerusalem, the chief priests and the elders of the Jews informed me, desiring to have judgment against him.¹⁶ To whom I answered, It is not the manner of the Romans to deliver any man to die, before that he which is accused have the accusers face to face, and have licence to answer for himself concerning the crime laid against him.¹⁷ Therefore, when they were come hither, without any delay on the morrow I sat on the judgment seat, and commanded the man to be brought forth.¹⁸ Against whom when the accusers stood up, they brought none accusation of such things as I supposed.¹⁹ But had certain questions against him of their own superstition, and of one Jesus, which was dead, whom Paul affirmed to be alive.²⁰ And because I doubted of such manner of questions, I asked him whether he would go to Jerusalem, and there be judged of these matters.²¹ But when Paul had appealed to be reserved unto the hearing of Augustus, I commanded him to be kept till I might send him to Caesar.²² Then Agrippa said unto Festus, I would also hear the man myself. To morrow, said he, thou shalt hear him.²³ And on the morrow, when Agrippa was come, and Bernice, with great pomp, and was entered into the place of

وَاجِدَةٍ مِمَّا كُنْتُ أَطْلُبُ،¹⁹ لَكِنْ كَانَ لَهُمْ عَلَيْهِ مَسَائِلُ مِنْ جِهَةِ دِيَانَتِهِمْ وَعَنْ وَاحِدٍ، اسْمُهُ يَسُوعُ، قَدْ مَاتَ وَكَانَ بُولُسُ يَقُولُ إِنَّهُ حَيٌّ.²⁰ وَإِذْ كُنْتُ مُزْتَاباً فِي الْمَسْأَلَةِ عَنْ هَذَا قُلْتُ: أَلَعَلَّهُ يَشَاءُ أَنْ يَذْهَبَ إِلَى أُورُشَلِيمَ وَيُحَاكَمَ هُنَاكَ مِنْ جِهَةِ هَذِهِ الْأُمُورِ؟²¹ وَلَكِنْ لَمَّا رَفَعَ بُولُسُ دَعْوَاهُ لِكَيْ يُحْفَظَ لِقَحْصِ أَوْغُسْطُسَ أَمَرْتُ بِحِفْظِهِ إِلَى أَنْ أُرْسِلَهُ إِلَى قَيْصَرٍ.²² فَقَالَ أَغْرِيْبَاسُ لِقَيْسُوسَ: كُنْتُ أُرِيدُ أَنَا أَيْضاً أَنْ أَسْمَعَ الرَّجُلَ. فَقَالَ: عَدَا تَسْمَعُهُ.²³ فَفِي الْعَدَلِ لَمَّا جَاءَ أَغْرِيْبَاسُ وَتَرْيِيكِي فِي اخْتِقَالٍ عَظِيمٍ وَدَخَلَ إِلَى دَارِ الْإِسْتِمَاعِ مَعَ الْأَمْراءِ وَرِجَالِ الْمَدِينَةِ الْمُقَدَّمِينَ، أَمَرَ قَيْسُوسُ قَاتِي بُولُسَ. فَقَالَ قَيْسُوسُ: أَيُّهَا الْمَلِكُ أَغْرِيْبَاسُ وَالرَّجَالُ الْخَاضِرُونَ مَعَنَا أَجْمَعُونَ، أَنْتُمْ تَنْظُرُونَ هَذَا الَّذِي تَوَسَّلَ إِلَيَّ مِنْ جِهَتِهِ كُلُّ جُمْهُورِ الْيَهُودِ فِي أُورُشَلِيمَ وَهُنَا صَارِخِينَ، أَنَّهُ لَا يَنْبَغِي أَنْ يَحْيَا بَعْدُ.²⁵ وَأَمَّا أَنَا فَلَمَّا وَجَدْتُ أَنَّهُ لَمْ يَفْعَلْ شَيْئاً يَسْتَحِقُّ الْمَوْتَ وَهُوَ قَدْ رَفَعَ دَعْوَاهُ إِلَى أَوْغُسْطُسَ عَرَمْتُ أَنْ أُرْسِلَهُ.²⁶ وَلَيْسَ لِي شَيْءٌ يَقِينٌ مِنْ جِهَتِهِ لِأَكْتُبَ إِلَى السَّيِّدِ، لِذَلِكَ أَتَيْتُ بِهِ لَدَيْكُمْ وَلَا سَبِيحاً لَدَيْكَ، أَيُّهَا الْمَلِكُ أَغْرِيْبَاسُ، حَتَّى إِذَا صَارَ الْقَحْصُ يَكُونُ لِي شَيْءٌ لَأَكْتُبَ. لِأَنِّي أَرَى حَمَاقَةً أَنْ أُرْسِلَ أَسِيرًا وَلَا أَشِيرَ إِلَى الدَّعَاوِي الَّتِي عَلَيْهِ.

hearing, with the chief captains, and principal men of the city, at Festus' commandment Paul was brought forth.²⁴ And Festus said, King Agrippa, and all men which are here present with us, ye see this man, about whom all the multitude of the Jews have dealt with me, both at Jerusalem, and also here, crying that he ought not to live any longer.²⁵ But when I found that he had committed nothing worthy of death, and that he himself hath appealed to Augustus, I have determined to send him.²⁶ Of whom I have no certain thing to write unto my lord. Wherefore I have brought him forth before you, and specially before thee, O king Agrippa, that, after examination had, I might have somewhat to write.²⁷ For it seemeth to me unreasonable to send a prisoner, and not withal to signify the crimes laid against him.