

Acts 23:24

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And provide them beasts, that they may set Paul on, and bring him safe unto Felix the governor.

Analysis

The provision of 'beasts' (plural) for Paul suggests pack animals for supplies plus mounts for Paul and companions, showing respect for his Roman citizenship. The destination - Felix the governor at Caesarea - represented proper jurisdiction for a Roman citizen's case. God's providence moved Paul from the volatile Jerusalem situation to a venue where civil law would prevail over mob violence.

Historical Context

Felix governed Judea AD 52-60, known for corruption but also for maintaining order. Caesarea was the Roman administrative capital, offering proper legal proceedings unavailable in Jerusalem's hostile religious environment.

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How do you recognize God's providence in circumstances that move you from hostile to more favorable environments?
2. What does this teach about God's sovereignty in arranging venues and authorities for His servants' protection?

Interlinear Text

κτῆνη	τε	παραστήσαι	ἵνα	ἐπιβιβάσαντες	τὸν	Παῦλον
them beasts	And	provide	that	on	G3588	Paul
G2934	G5037	G3936	G2443	G1913		G3972
διασώσωσιν	πρὸς	Φήλικά	τὸν	ἡγεμόνα		
and bring him safe	unto	Felix	G3588	the governor		
G1295	G4314	G5344		G2232		

Additional Cross-References

Acts 25:14 (References Paul): 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:

Acts 23:26 (Parallel theme): Claudius Lysias unto the most excellent governor Felix sendeth greeting.

Acts 24:10 (References Paul): Then Paul, after that the governor had beckoned unto him to speak, answered, Forasmuch as I know that thou hast been of many years a judge unto this nation, I do the more cheerfully answer for myself: