

Acts 25:1

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Now when Festus was come into the province, after three days he ascended from Caesarea to Jerusalem.

Analysis

Now when Festus was come into the province—Porcius Festus replaced Felix as procurator (Greek eparchos, ἔπαρχος), arriving in AD 59-60. The phrase **after three days he ascended from Caesarea to Jerusalem** shows immediate political wisdom: Jerusalem's cooperation was essential for governing Judea. The verb anebe (ἀνέβη, ascended) is geographically accurate—Jerusalem sits at higher elevation—but also carries theological weight throughout Luke-Acts, as 'going up' to Jerusalem signals approaching destiny. Festus' prompt visit demonstrates administrative competence, but also exposed him to Jewish manipulation regarding Paul.

Historical Context

Roman procurators governed Judea from Caesarea but maintained Jerusalem relations carefully. The three-day interval allowed Festus to settle affairs before the politically crucial Jerusalem visit. Festus proved more competent than Felix but still faced the challenge of governing volatile Judea.

Related Passages

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. How do political transitions create both opportunities and dangers for God's people?
2. What does Festus' immediate visit to Jerusalem teach about the importance of understanding local power dynamics?

Interlinear Text

Φῆστος	οὗν	έπιβὰς	τῇ	ἐπαρχίᾳ,	μετὰ	τρεῖς	ἡμέρας
when Festus	Now	was come	G3588	into the province	after	three	days
G5347	G3767	G1910		G1885	G3326	G5140	G2250
ἀνέβη	εἰς	Ἰεροσόλυμα	ἀπὸ	Καισαρείας			
he ascended	to	Jerusalem	from	Caesarea			
G305	G1519	G2414	G575	G2542			

Additional Cross-References

Acts 23:34 (Parallel theme): And when the governor had read the letter, he asked of what province he was. And when he understood that he was of Cilicia;

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