

Acts 25:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Then the high priest and the chief of the Jews informed him against Paul, and besought him,

Analysis

Then the high priest and the chief of the Jews informed him against Paul—the Greek *enephanisan* (ἐνεφάνισαν) means 'made clear charges,' using legal terminology. The phrase **and besought him** (*parekaloun, παρεκάλουν*) indicates persistent, urgent entreaty. After two years (Acts 24:27), the Jewish leadership immediately revived Paul's case with the new governor, revealing their undiminished hostility. Their 'informing' was accusatory intelligence meant to prejudice Festus before he heard evidence—a manipulation of justice through political pressure.

Historical Context

The high priest at this time was likely Ishmael ben Phabi, appointed by Agrippa II. 'Chief of the Jews' refers to Sanhedrin leaders and influential priests who wielded political power with Roman authorities.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Study Questions

1. How does persistent opposition to God's servants reveal the spiritual battle underlying visible circumstances?
2. What does the leaders' immediate action upon Festus' arrival teach about the vigilance required to protect truth against political manipulation?

Interlinear Text

ἐνεφάνισάν δὲ αὐτὸν ὁ ἀρχιερεὺς καὶ οἱ πρῶτοι
informed him **Then** **him** G3588 **the high priest** **and** G3588 **the chief**
G1718 G1161 G846 G749 G2532 G4413

τῶν Ἰουδαίων κατὰ τοῦ Παύλου καὶ παρεκάλουν αὐτὸν
G3588 **of the Jews** **against** G3588 **Paul** **and** **besought** **him**
G2453 G2596 G3972 G2532 G3870 G846

Additional Cross-References

Acts 25:15 (Parallel theme): About whom, when I was at Jerusalem, the chief priests and the elders of the Jews informed me, desiring to have judgment against him.

Acts 24:1 (References Paul): And after five days Ananias the high priest descended with the elders, and with a certain orator named Tertullus, who informed the governor against Paul.

Proverbs 4:16 (Parallel theme): For they sleep not, except they have done mischief; and their sleep is taken away, unless they cause some to fall.