

Acts 25:3

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And desired favour against him, that he would send for him to Jerusalem, laying wait in the way to kill him.

Analysis

The Jewish leaders **desired favour against him** (aitoumenoi charin, αἰτούμενοι χάριν)—literally 'requesting a favor,' revealing manipulation disguised as reasonable request. Their supposed desire for justice masked murderous intent: **laying wait in the way to kill him** (enedran poiountes, ἐνέδραν ποιοῦντες, making an ambush). This renewed assassination plot, two years after the first conspiracy (Acts 23:12-15), demonstrates satanic persistence in opposing Paul's Roman testimony. The leaders' willingness to violate both Torah and Roman law while claiming religious authority exposes complete moral bankruptcy.

Historical Context

The 60-mile Jerusalem-Caesarea road through Judean wilderness provided numerous ambush sites. The Jewish leaders gambled that a new governor, unfamiliar with Paul's case, would grant their 'reasonable' request for local trial, enabling assassination.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. How does Satan persist in attacking God's purposes even when initial attempts fail?
2. What does this renewed plot reveal about religious leaders who prioritize institutional preservation over truth?

Interlinear Text

αἰτούμενοι	χάριν	κατὰ	αὐτὸν	ὥπως	μεταπέμψηται	αὐτὸν
And desired	favour	against	him	that	he would send for	him
G154	G5485	G2596	G846	G3704	G3343	G846
εἰς	Ἱερουσαλήμ	ἐνέδραν	ποιοῦντες	ἀνελεῖν	αὐτὸν	κατὰ
to	Jerusalem	wait	laying	to kill	him	against
G1519	G2419	G1747	G4160	G337	G846	G2596
τὴν	ὁδόν					
G3588	the way					
	G3598					

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