

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 ὅπως μεταπέμψηται αὐτὸν
And desired favour against him that he would send for him
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