

To Boldly Speak
When No One Has Spoken Before

Acts 24 -26

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Psalm 119:41-48 NIV

May your unfailing love come to me, LORD,
your salvation, according to your promise;
then I can answer anyone who taunts me,
for I trust in your word.

Never take your word of truth from my mouth,
for I have put my hope in your laws.

I will always obey your law,
for ever and ever.

I will walk about in freedom,
for I have sought out your precepts.
I will speak of your statutes before kings
and will not be put to shame,
for I delight in your commands
because I love them.
I reach out for your commands, which I love,
that I may meditate on your decrees.

Mathew 10:16-20 NLT

“Look, I am sending you out as sheep among wolves. So be as shrewd as snakes and harmless as doves. But beware! For you will be handed over to the courts and will be flogged with whips in the synagogues. You will stand trial before governors and kings because you are my followers. But this will be your opportunity to tell the rulers and other unbelievers about me. When you are arrested, don’t worry about how to respond or what to say. God will give you the right words at the right time. For it is not you who will be speaking—it will be the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.

Caesarea Maritima - Palace



~58 AD

2014 AD





Antonius Felix



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"revelled in cruelty and lust,
and wielded the power of a
king with the mind of a slave."

Tacitus



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- not guilty - no riot
- not guilty - follow the Way
- not guilty - worshipping

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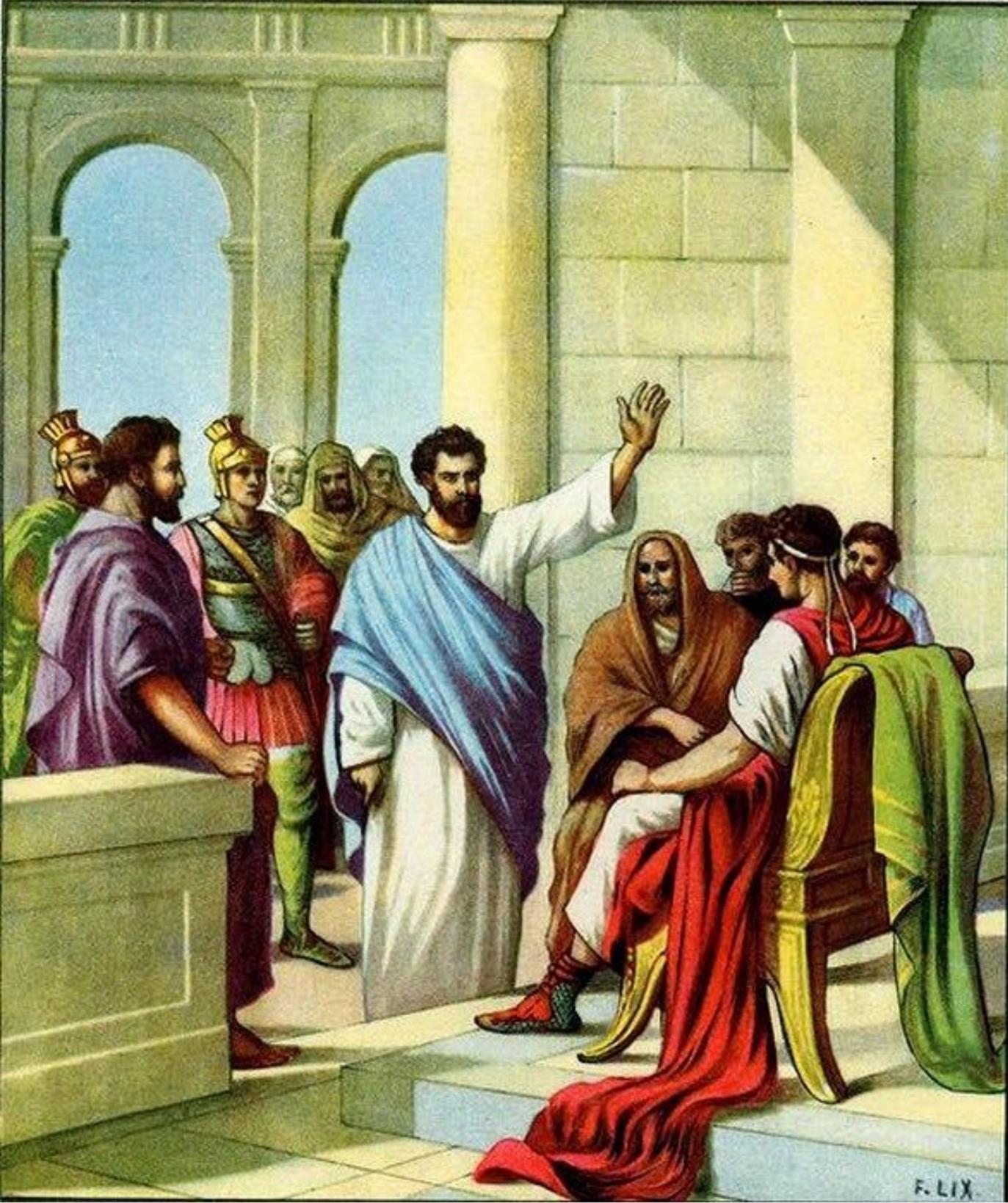
John 16:8 NLT

And when he comes, he will
convict the world

- of its sin, and

- of God's righteousness, and

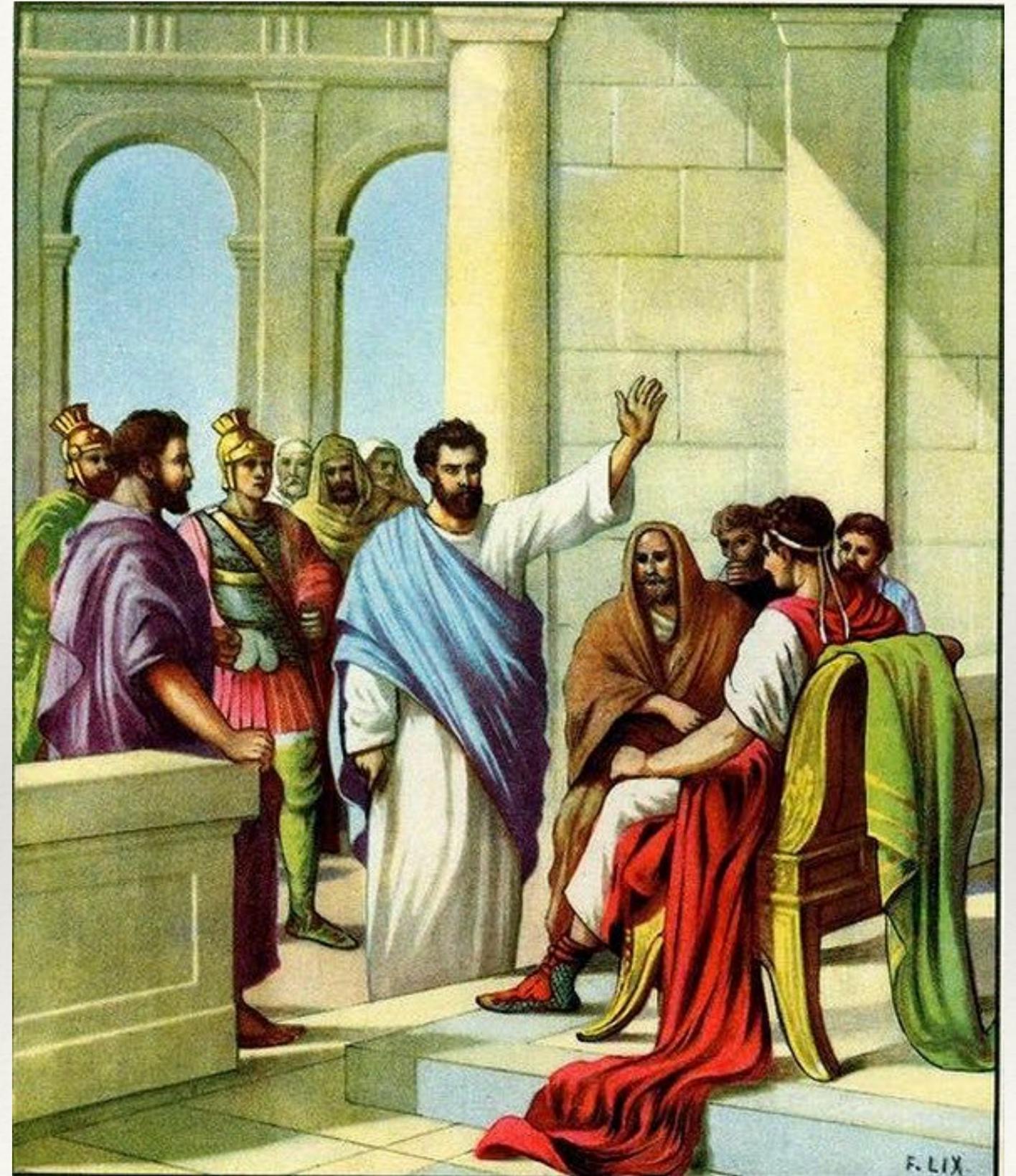
- of the coming judgment.



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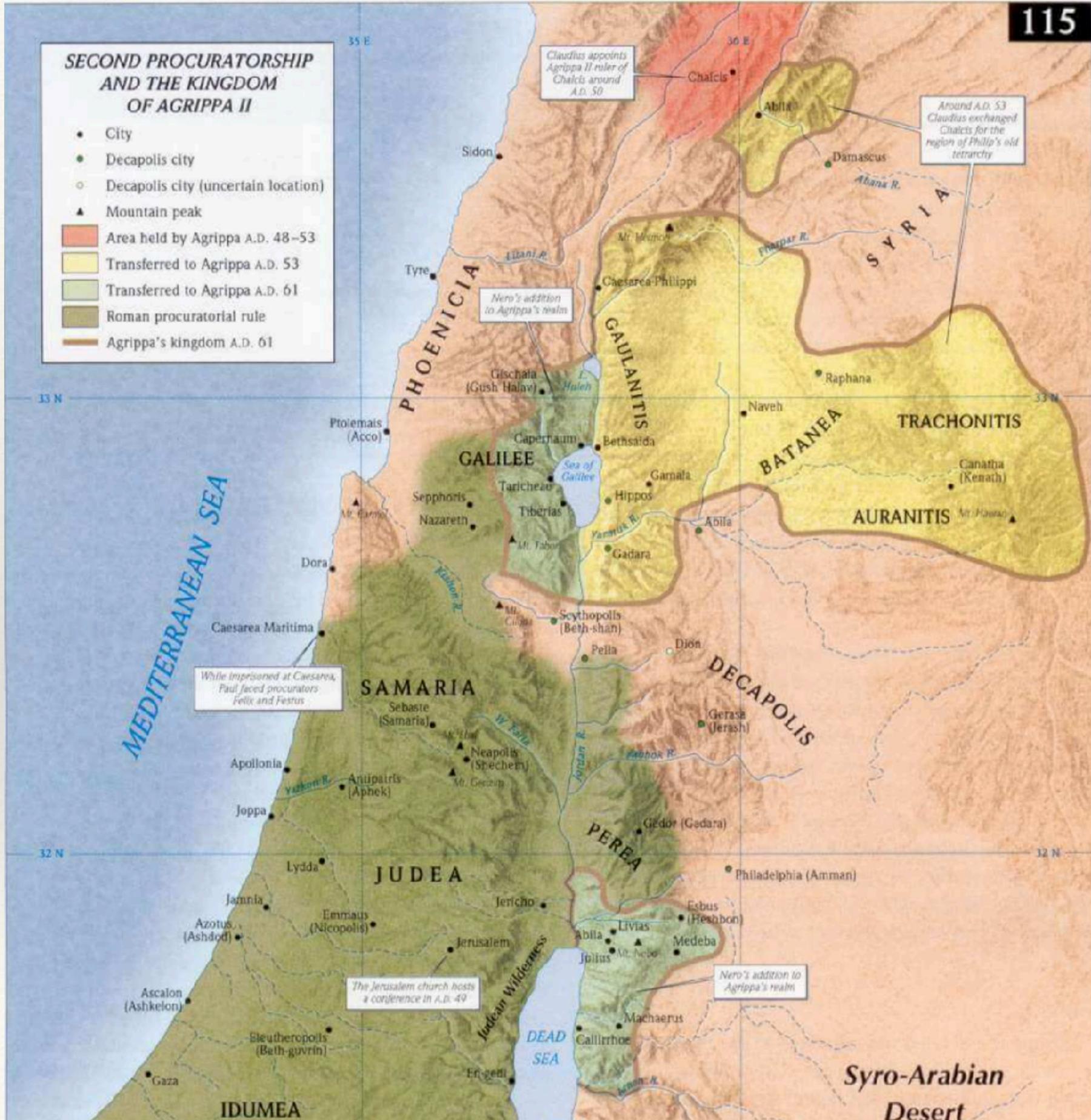
Acts 25:18 NIV

“When his accusers got up to speak, they did not charge him with any of the crimes I had expected. Instead, they had some points of dispute with him about their own religion and about a dead man named Jesus who Paul claimed was alive. I was at a loss to know how to investigate these things,”



SECOND PROCURATORSHIP AND THE KINGDOM OF AGRIPPA II

- City
- Decapolis city
- Decapolis city (uncertain location)
- ▲ Mountain peak
- Area held by Agrippa A.D. 48-53
- Transferred to Agrippa A.D. 53
- Transferred to Agrippa A.D. 61
- Roman procuratorial rule
- Agrippa's kingdom A.D. 61



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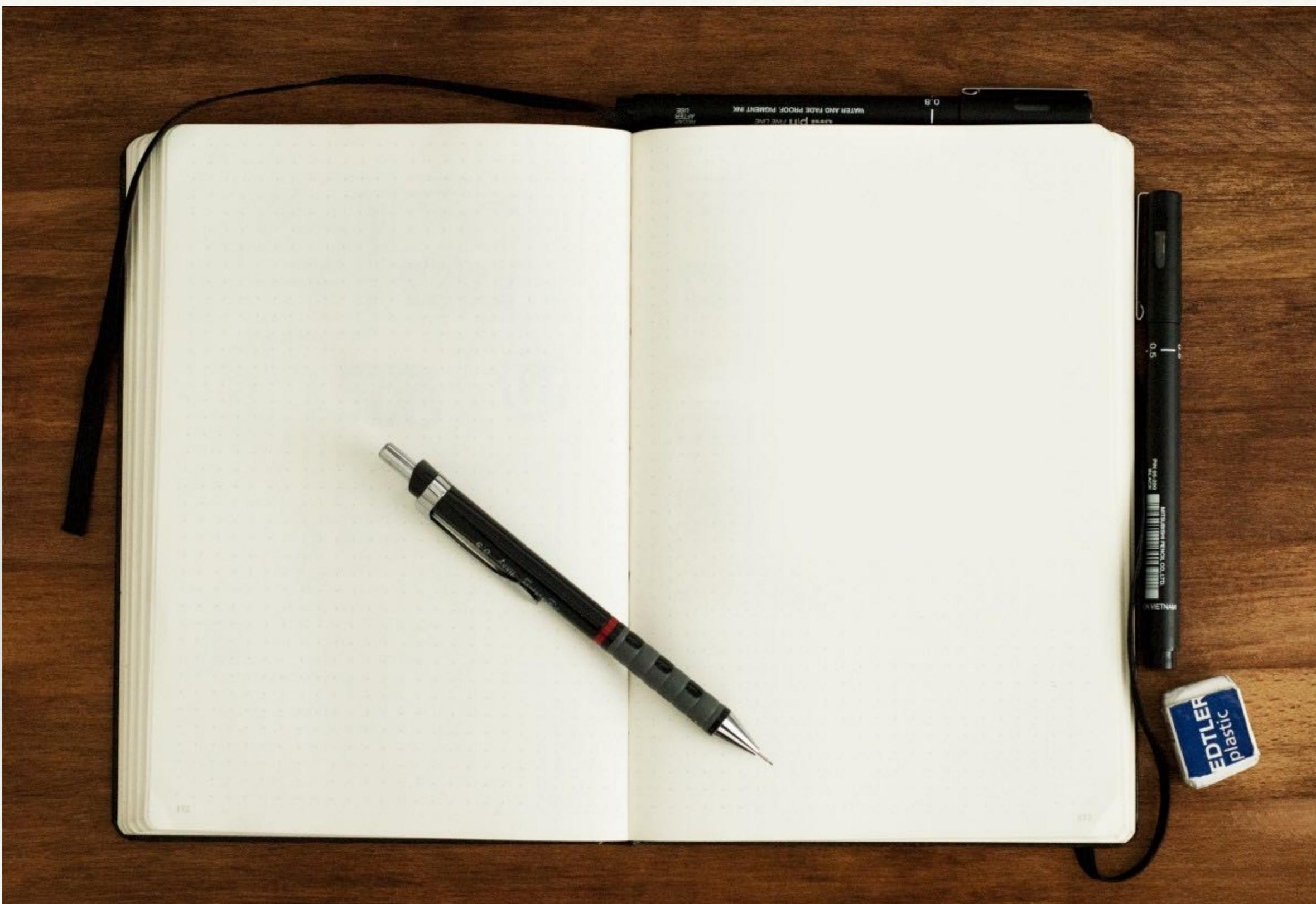
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2 Corinthians 10:10 NLT

For some say, "Paul's letters are demanding and forceful, but in person he is weak, and his speeches are worthless!"





John 14:26 NLT

But when the Father sends the Advocate as my representative—that is, the Holy Spirit—he will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I have told you.

John 16:13,14 NLT

When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own but will tell you what he has heard. He will tell you about the future. He will bring me glory by telling you whatever he receives from me.

