



# Herod Agrippa II

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# Who is Herod Agrippa II?

- Herod Agrippa II, he was born in 27 AD. Originally his name was Marcus Julius Agrippa but was known as Herod Agrippa II, who is the great grandson of Herod the Great. He was only 17 years old when his father died and during that time period he was in Rome being educated the same way as his father when he was beginning to take the throne.
- When his father died, Emperor Claudius had felt that Herod Agrippa II was too young to govern/take the throne instead what he did is his father's territory again became a Roman Province.
- Four years later, Agrippa II was granted the authority over the affairs of the temple of Jerusalem then in 50 AD became king of Chalcis.
- He died at Rome in 100 AD.

# What is his nationality?

- His nationality is a Jewish and Roman identity, his role was being a mediator on behalf of the Jewish people with Roman authorities.
- During the Jewish Revolt against Rome in 66 AD, Agrippa II try to go back to Jerusalem to convince the people of their helplessness against the power of Rome. It Resulted, that his mission failed and he supported Rome in the war that was ensued.

# Accomplishments/Achievements

- He had the rights of the heir of the throne.
- He was given larger territory as well as the oversight over the temple and High Priest once his uncle, Herod II of Chalcis died.
- Years later, he was also given the territory of his uncles, Philip and Lysanias. When Nero became emperor, he added territory, giving him Galilee and Perea.

# Textual Evidence based on Herod Agrippa II

- In the book of Acts 26, Apostle Paul delivers a speech in other words he was making his defense before Agrippa II. Paul was explaining about God's promise based on deliverance and salvation which is the reason why he was on trial. As Paul was telling his testimony of how he persecuted Christians then he had an encounter with the Lord, He sent Paul first to the Jews then He sent Paul to work with the Gentiles to open their eyes and that they may turn away from darkness and walk into the light and he worked with them for the rest of his life. Herod Agrippa II replied that Paul almost persuaded him to become a Christian. Therefore, Agrippa and Berenice arose and said that Paul does not deserve death or even imprisonment.

# His character is positive or negative?

- During the period of Herod Agrippa as King there is little to mention as praiseworthy the reason as to this is because the people hated him because of his random choices or making decision out of whims without having an actual reason one of them was the treatment of the high priesthood.
- He loved his life more than the people's own welfare or even secure their independence from Rome.
- When the temple was completed, artisans became unemployed. In addition, there was excessive taxation by the Romans which led the people to unrest.