



STUDY GUIDE

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Life Under the Herods Bad Boys of the Bible

A 5-part Study

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Session 5: The Two Agrippas

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SUMMARY: The story of the early Christian Church, which takes place after the death and resurrection of Jesus, appears in the Book of Acts. There we sense the traumatic political conditions of Roman rule in the land of Israel. These historical conditions not only led to the great Jewish revolt and the destruction of the Temple, but they also fostered the fledgling Christian movement by dispersing it outside of Jerusalem. In this session we gain a little-known and often under-appreciated respect for the historical background of the early Christian Church.

WORDS TO BE DEFINED

1. Agrippa I _____
2. Caligula _____
3. Claudius _____
4. Nero _____
5. Agrippa II _____
6. Bernice _____
7. Felix _____
8. Festus _____
9. Vespasian _____
10. Titus _____
11. zealots _____
12. Jewish revolt _____
13. western wall _____

QUESTIONS FOR COMPREHENSION

1. Who was Agrippa I? What was the nature of his personality? _____

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2. Despite all the characteristics of Agrippa I, which made him an unlikely candidate for a leadership role in the Roman Empire, what was the sequence of events that eventually led to his position as king of the territory once ruled by his grandfather, Herod the Great. _____

3. Describe the two accounts of Agrippa I that we read in the Book of Acts?

4. Who was Agrippa II? What territory did he rule and for what period of time?

5. Who was Felix, and how did he interact with Paul? _____

6. Who was Festus, and how did he interact with Paul? _____

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7. What role did Bernice play both with Agrippa II and with the Roman general Titus?__

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. The Roman Empire was the greatest power the world had ever known. Yet it finally collapsed, in large part because of internal corruption and the moral depravity of its political leaders. List and describe some examples. _____

2. In Acts 12:3 we learn that the Jews were deeply concerned and even agitated by the new Christian movement. This is somewhat surprising given the tradition at the time of multiple Jewish sects. After all, Christianity was another Jewish sect. So who were the Jews who were deeply concerned about the Christians? Does this refer to all Jews? Many Jews? Or some Jews? Explain your answer. _____
