

Playing Four Dimensional Chess

Acts 23.6-12

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Before the Council



- Roman inquiry leads Paul before a hostile Jewish council.
- The response of the high priest reveals the brokenness of his audience.
- Paul's speech frames his entire journey.
- God's encouragement prepares Paul for a long journey.

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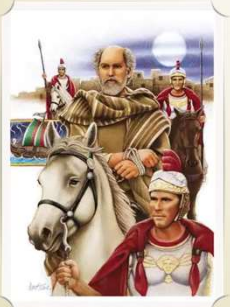
The Plot

- The plotters offer a counterpoint to God's reassurance.
- Their plot reveals the darkness of those who are claiming to follow God.
- Paul is caught up in events beyond his control.



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The Letter



- God can even use a flawed, self-serving politician to accomplish his purposes.
- The letter shows that Paul has succeeded in framing the issue for the Romans.
