



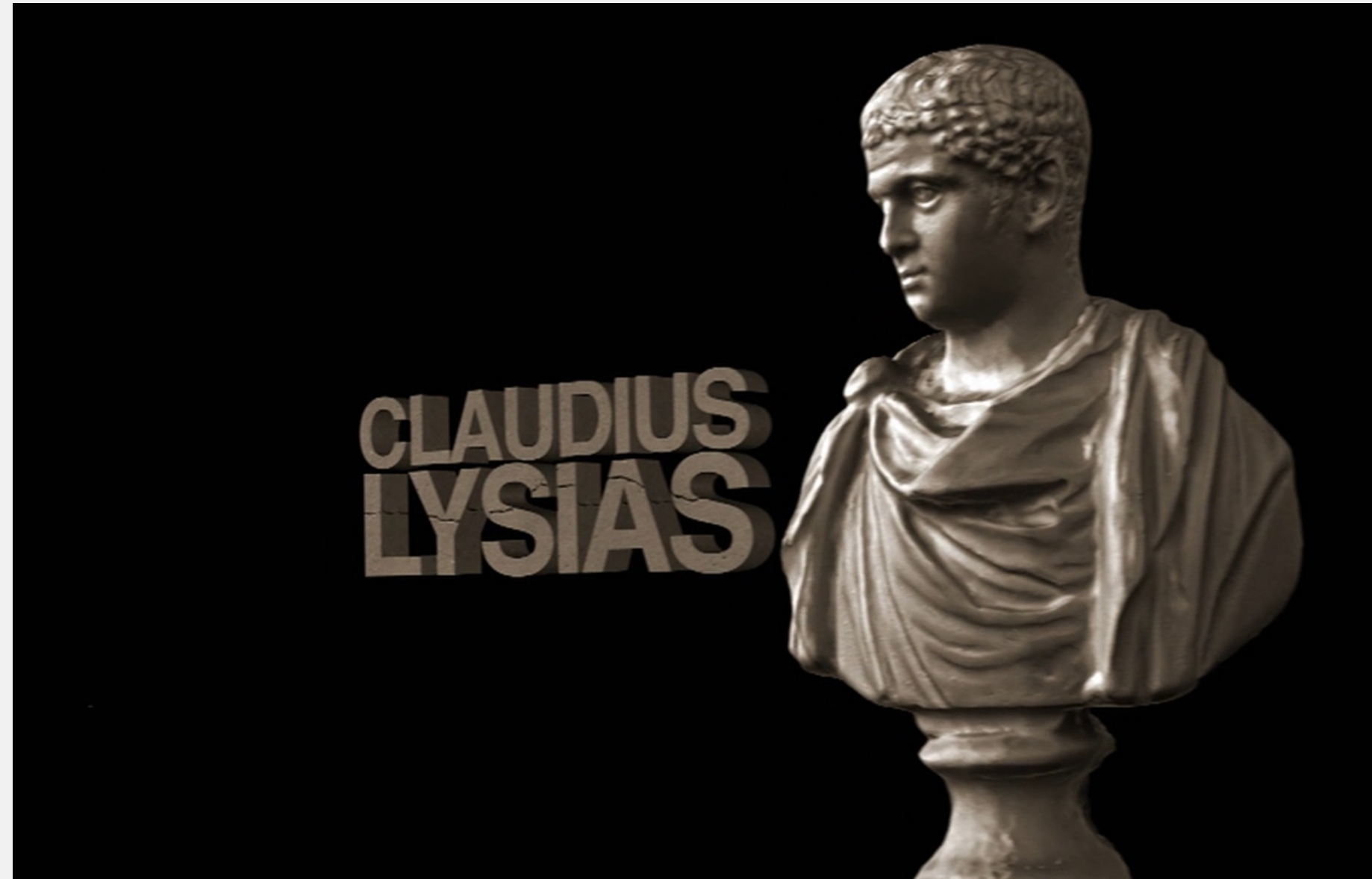
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Roman Tribune

10th Roman Legion

Prestigious
position in Roman
guard





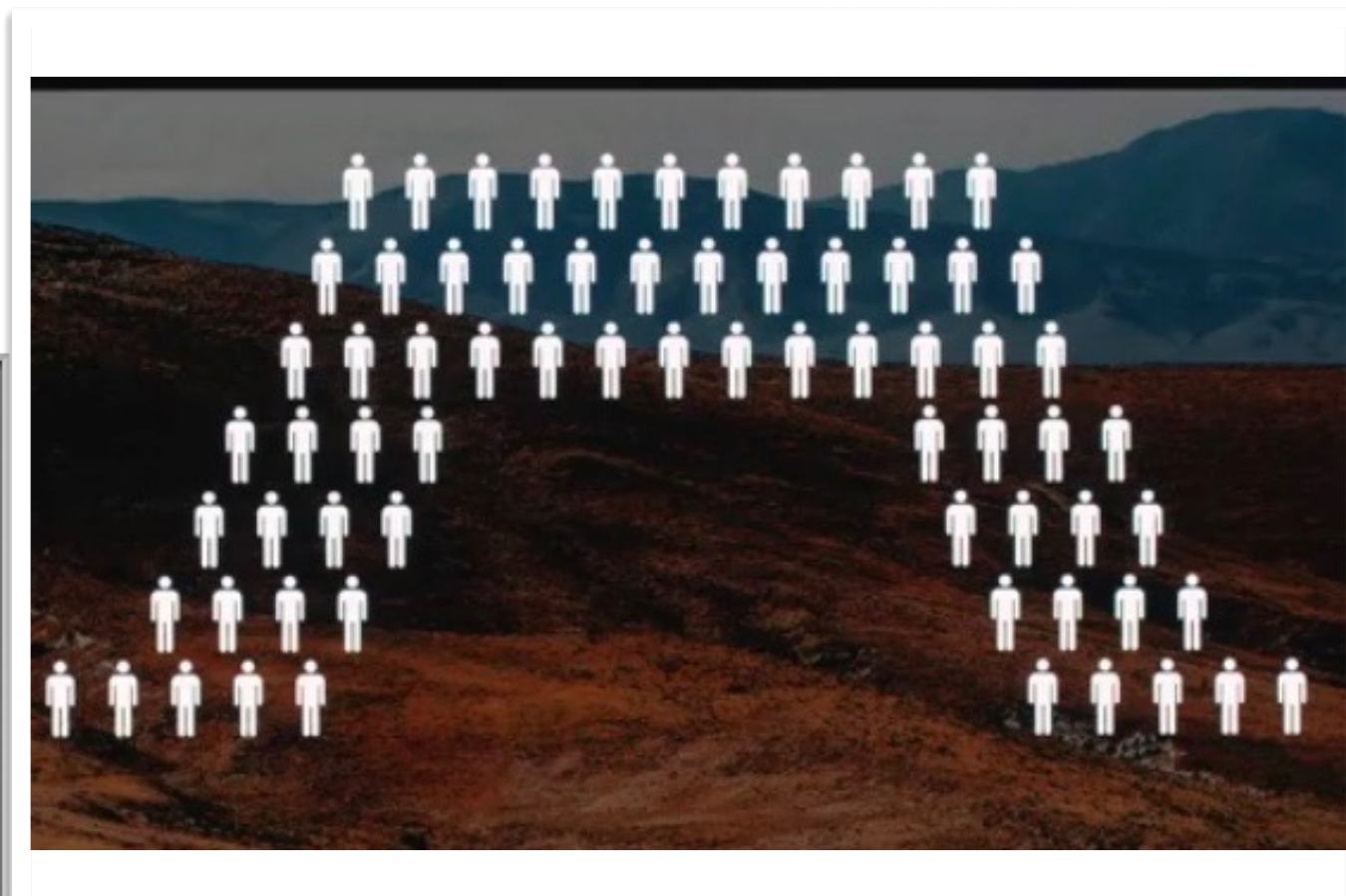
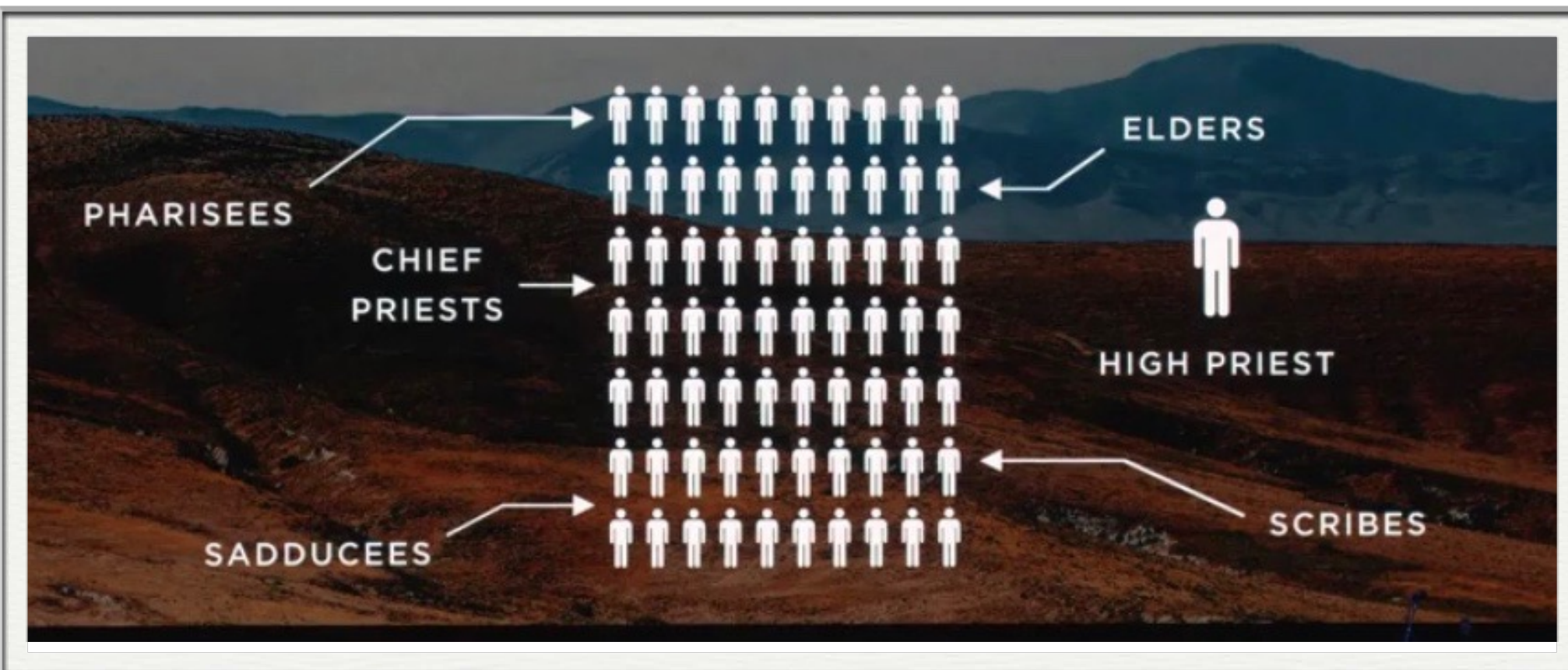
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- Good wage, respected, feared, power and authority
 - Worked up the ladder
 - Responsible for 12 centurions
 - Led 1000 soldiers
 - 6 tribunes in Roman Army under one General Top Tribune



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- Antonia Fortress
 - Military headquarters and barracks
 - First built by Hasmonians 164 BC
 - 19 BC Herod added and made it military housing and named it after Mark Antony



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- Sanhedrin
 - Power Brokers
 - Powerful
 - 71 Members
 - IN CHARGE



Sanhedrin













ANTONIUS FELIX

- *Procurator of Judea 52-60AD*
- *Brother of freedman Pallas*
- *Tacitus: cruel, lustful, exercised royal function in the spirit of a slave*
- *Abused his position crucified many without cause or conscience, put down sacarrii*



Caesarea Maritima



CHARGES...

- Disrupts the Peace-personal charge
- Treason- starting new religion against Rome
- Doctrinal charge- profane the temple

UNRESTRAINED DEFENSE



- *I had not enough time to get a mob together to riot*
- *I believe the same as them “God of “our” fathers”*
- *No proof video or 1st hand accounts*



DRUSILLA

- Daughter of King Agrippa I who died in Acts 12 of worms
- Youngest (20 years old now) daughter was married technically to King Aziz of Emesa when she was probably 14 she left him
- Went to live with the upstanding ruler Felix

PAUL STAYS



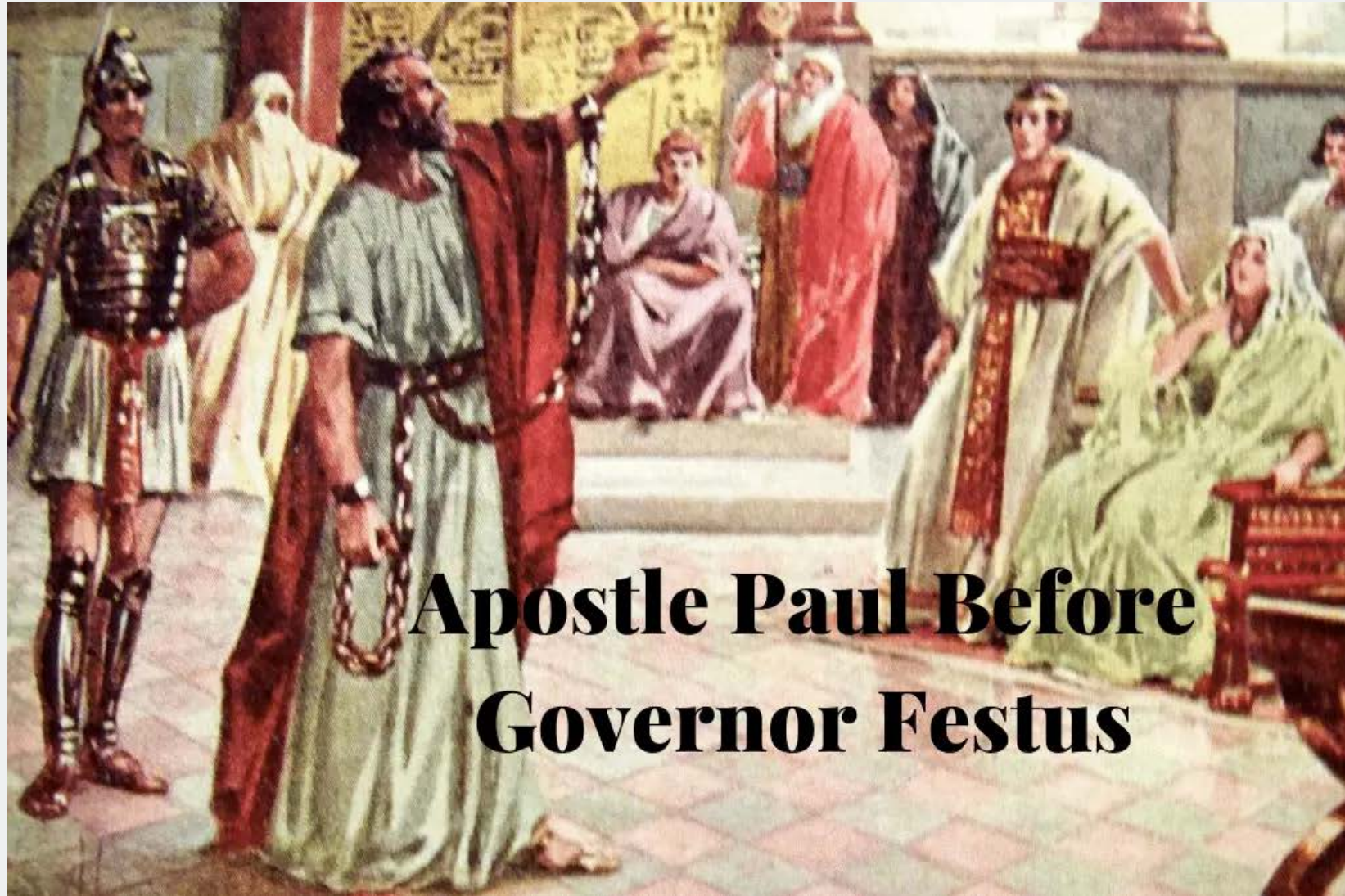
- Stays in Herod's Praetorium for 2 years
- Meanwhile there is a BLOODY uprising in Judea
- Pagans vs the Jewish people
- Felix slaughters so many it's just horrifying
- Felix is Fired and Festus is named new ruler

PORCIUS FESTUS



- Came to power in 60 AD
- Dies 2 years later
- Fair and reasonable
- Don't know much otherwise

TRIAL OF FESTUS



**Apostle Paul Before
Governor Festus**

- Judeans come to bring same “serious” charges as before
- Paul says there is no proof you can’t just kill me to grant a favor
- Paul appeals to ROME and the Emperor



AGRIPPA II

- Son of Agrippa I who died in Acts 12
- Was only 17 when dad died and too young to rule then
- Claudius places him to rule in Northern Judea and lives in Caesarea Philippi
- Agrippa II chooses the high priest in Jerusalem
- Loves Nero so much he changes his name to NERONIUS



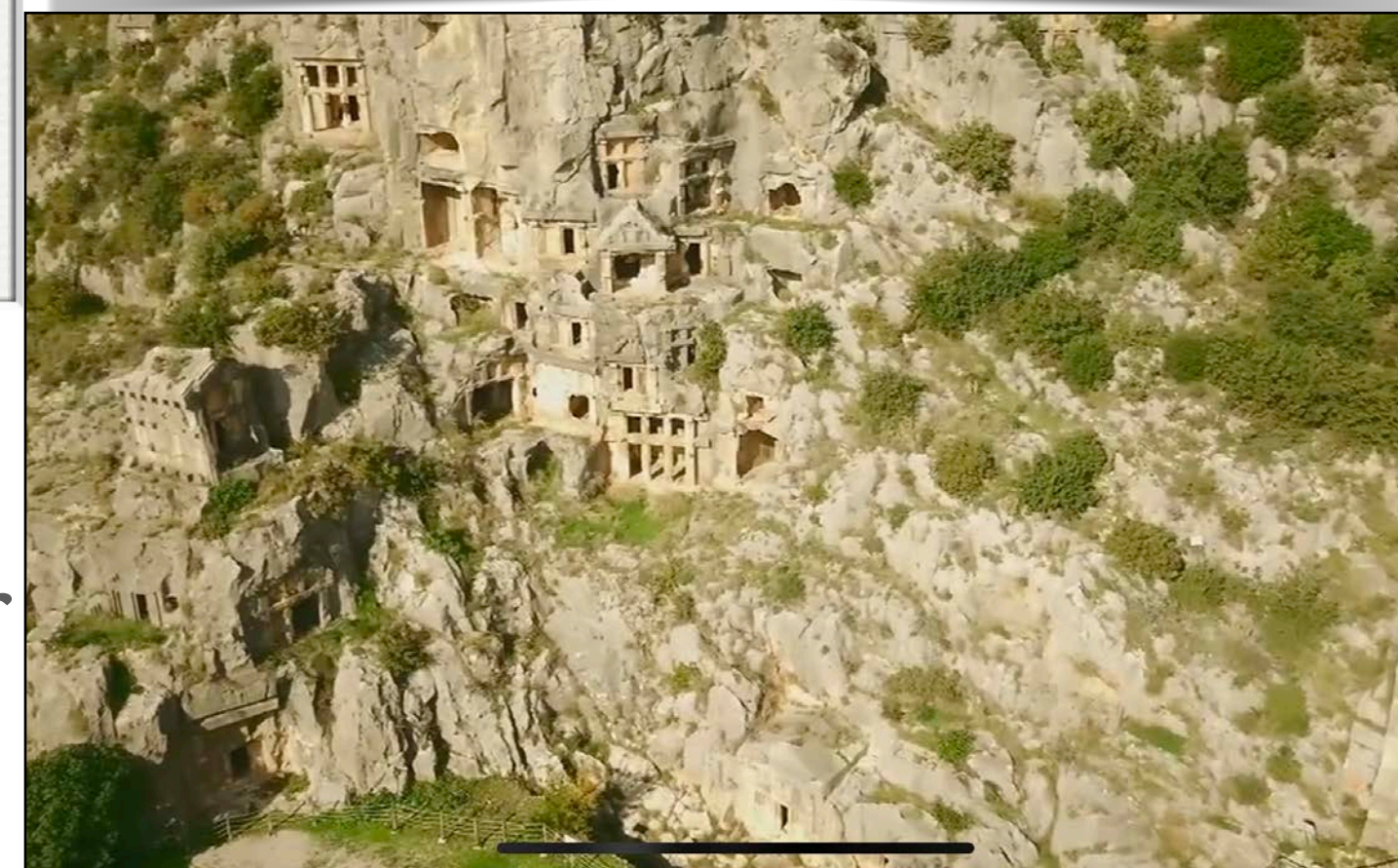
BERNICE

- *Daughter of Agrippa I (yep ew gross brother sister deal)*
- *Was married to her uncle but he died*
- *Eventually becomes the mistress of Vespasian and Titus and lives her days out in Rome*



PAUL BEFORE AGRIPPA II

- Festus and Agrippa II co regents
- Festus explains the Paul situation
- Agrippa II is pumped to hear him
- Agrippa II agrees there is nothing there, Agrippa is Jewish and Festus is Greek
- Paul appealed to Rome so to Rome he goes



*Finally heading to Rome sweet Rome!
Boarded a ship from southern province of
Asia to Sidon, then from Sidon to Myra*



They board a Grain freighter ship in Myra to go the rest of the way





MALTA



- *The Word “Malta” means refuge*
- *58 miles south of Italy of*
- *17 miles long 9 miles wide*

MALTA



- Inhabited for a LONG time 800 BC by the Phoenicians
- 400BC Carthaginians ruled
- Malta flourished under Roman Rule
- Cicero “The importance of the Temple of Juno” a BIG landmark

SHIPWRECKED



- Did not wreck by the recognizable port of Valleta at Malta
- Wrecked on the Northern part of the Island, Luke specific in observation
- Place is Called Paul's Bay now, appropriately. It's still not a port



THE PEOPLE

- Kind People
- Spoke Punic which is close to Hebrew so Paul could probably communicate
- Built a bonfire for the shipwrecked people



UNRESTRAINED SNAKE

- Paul helping to gather called up to serve
- Paul added firewood to the fire and a snake jumps out and fastens itself to his hand (echidna- viper)
- People of Malta say he must be a murderer and although he escaped from the sea “Justice” got him
- “Justice” is the name for one of the island gods called “Dike”
- Paul does not die or even swell up so they change their opinion and now he is a god himself



PUBLIUS'S HOME

- Governor- literally means first man of the island
- Invites the 276 for 3 days to his villa
- Paul heals his father of fever and dysentery
- Paul heals the sick of the island
- A “Publius” ends up being a bishop in Athens and is Martyred
- Malta has 365 churches today

TWIN GODS



- Ship was called the “Twin Gods” referring to Castor and
- Castor: Mortal Son of mortal King Tyndarus
- Pollux: Immortal Son of Zeus
- Identical in looks and action, inseparable and good luck for sailors



PUTEOLI

- Also known as Pozzuoli
- Best Harbor for a big Grain freighter
- 170 mile walk to Rome



APPIAN WAY

- Friends met Paul and Co from Rome
- Julius is still chaperone of the prisoners
- First Road of Rome 312 BC started as 132 miles
- By 244 BC extended 244 miles to southern Rome to the “heel” of Italy



APPIAN WAY

- *Aqua Claudia- Rome's famous Aquaduct*
- *Appian Market (40 miles SE of Rome)*
- *Three Inns (unsavory sailors frequents this place, taverns and inns, eateries)*
- *Romans road... I wonder if it was discussed*



Rome...

- Largest City in Roman Empire
- Population of 1 Million
- Eternal City, Eternal Flame
- Flame went out under Emperor Theodosius who outlawed pagan worship

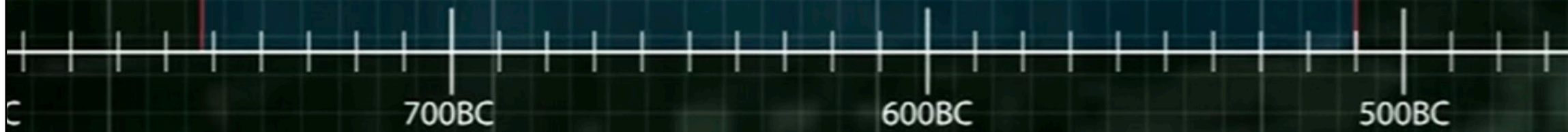
Legend...



- Romulus and Remus
- Raised by She-wolf
- Founded Rome April 21, 753BC
- Romulus killed Remus and Named Rome after himself

ROMAN MONARCHY

(753 - 510 BC)



ROMAN REPUBLIC

(510 - 31 BC)

500 BC

400 BC

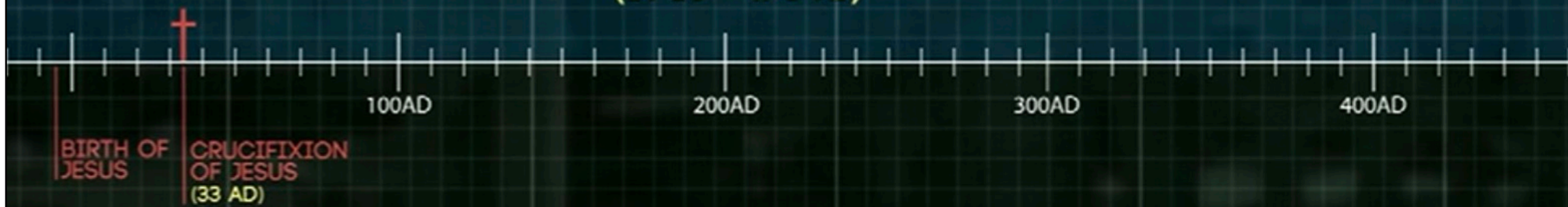
300 BC

200 BC

100 BC

ROMAN EMPIRE

(31 BC - 476 AD)





I found Rome a city of bricks and
left it a city of marble.

~ Augustus



Nero

- Ruled from 54AD-68AD
- Started Well, did not end well
- Suetonius Roman historian spoke of Nero



Suetonius ...

- Nero started out with a parade of virtue giving Claudius a lavish funeral... as a further guarantee of his virtuous intentions, he promised to model his rule on the principles laid down by Augustus and never missed an opportunity of being generous or merciful or of showing what a good companion he was.

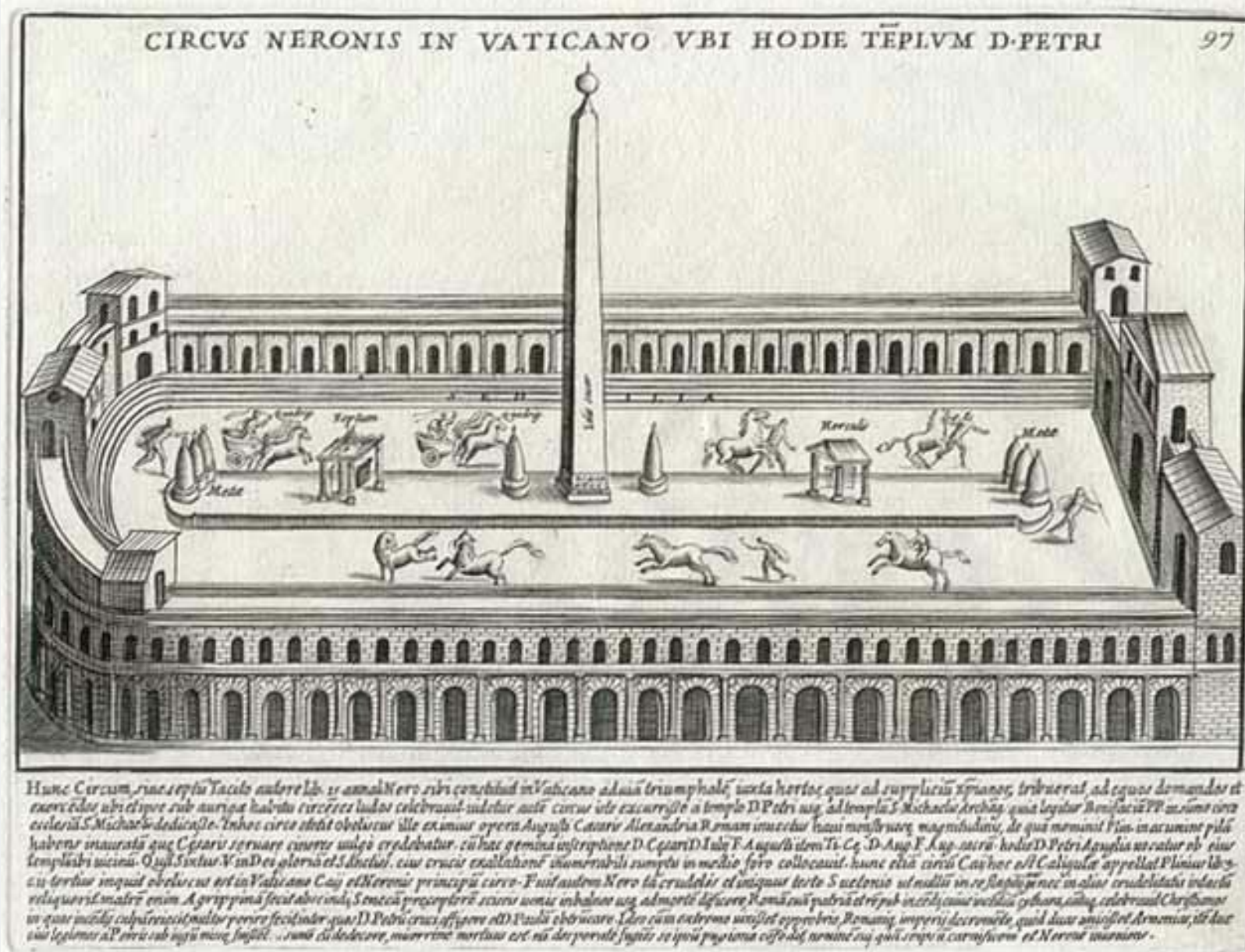


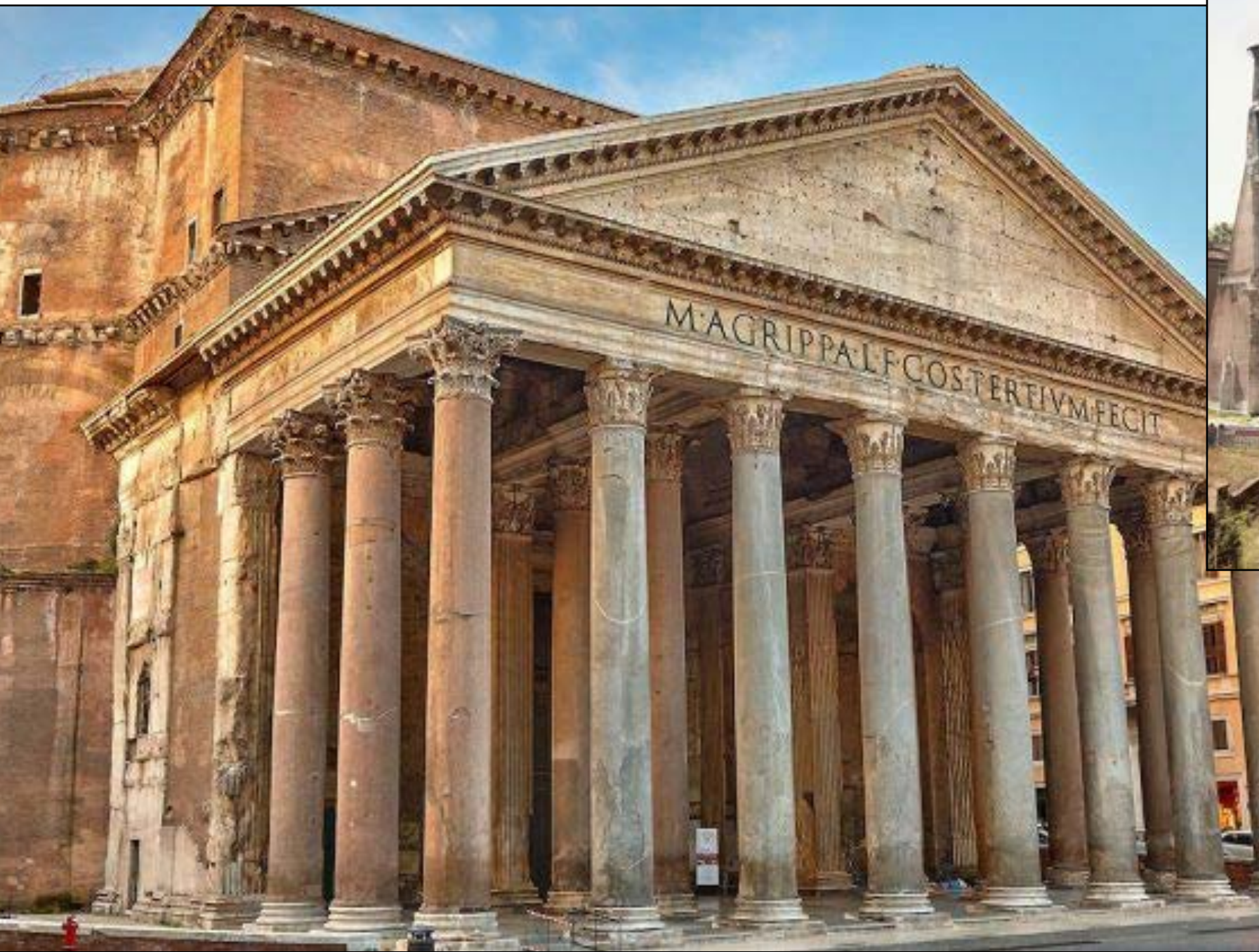
Nero

- In the end he falls off the mark
- Burns Rome
- Blames Christians
- So he can build a new palace for himself

NERO'S CIRCUS

- Church history has Peter Dying here
- Criminals would be executed, crucified on the isthmus in the center
- This was located in the Vatican section of Rome



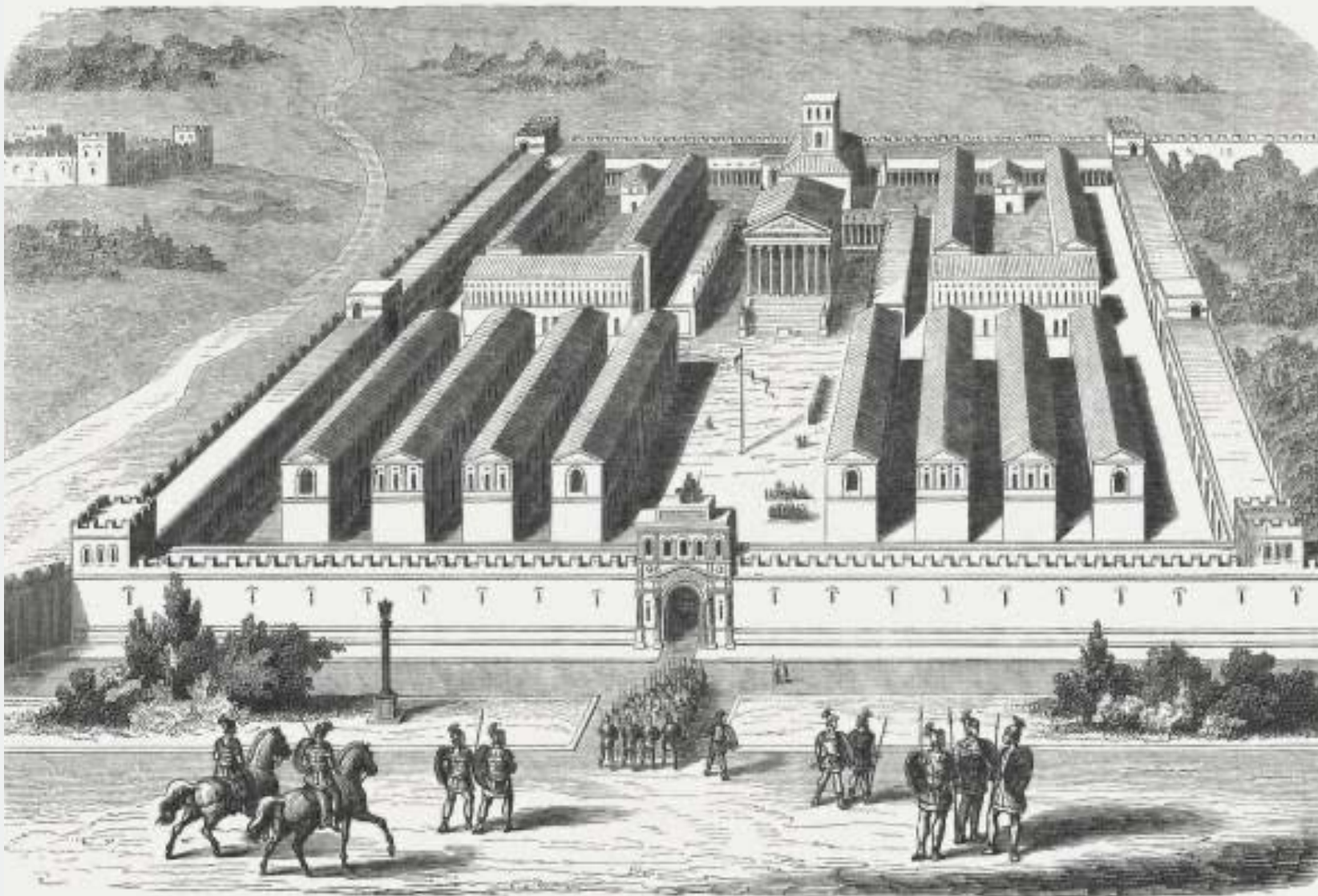




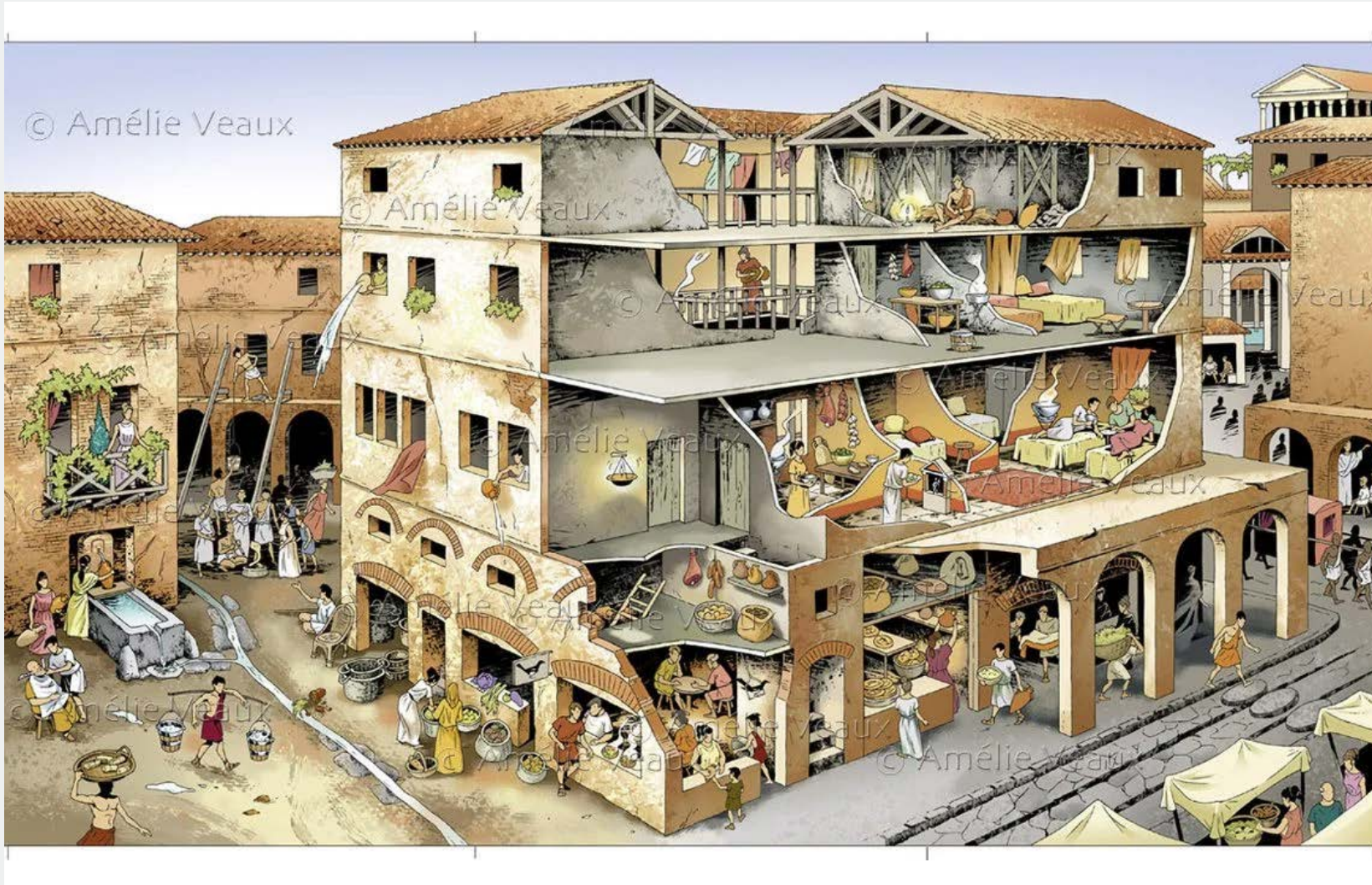
Porta Capina

CASTRA PRAETORIA

- Army barracks for the Praetorian guard just outside of Rome



ROMAN INSULAE



- Low income apartment homes for rent. 3-4 Levels a store at the bottom
- Lots of issues with safety, not up to code

PAUL AND THE ROMAN ELDERS



- They had not heard about the Paul dilemma
- Even those who came from Jerusalem did not know
- They were curious and willing to come and hear the whole story and wanted everyone to hear



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- Some believed
 - Some refused to believe
 - So they left disagreeing

The Holy Spirit Spoke Well....



- Thus says the LORD to YOUR fathers
- You will keep hearing but Never understand....
- We know too much so we cannot humble...
- WE have been so “right”

The Holy Spirit Spoke Well....



- Thus says the LORD to YOUR fathers
- You will keep seeing but Never perceive....
- We thought we looked so good and were doing good so we don't want to see where we have harmed...
- WE refuse to see our own need to repent

The Holy Spirit Spoke Well....



- Thus says the LORD to YOUR fathers
- Your heart has grown thick....
 - We have been so prosperous and successful because we have the formula...
 - Hearts grew thick because we pat ourselves on the back with our percentages and numbers (Prof 4:23)
 - Thick hearts drive us up the way of the dragon

Ears barely hear...

- We want to hear what we want to hear...even if the Truth is missed



Eyes have closed...

- We Don't want to see...
- What we have done and who we have become





For fear ...

- If we see with eyes and hear with our ears and understand with our hearts...
- We would see our own need to repent
- For fear we would lose everything we have been straining so hard to achieve
- The enemy keeps us in abject fear of humbling



To HEAL ...

- NOT to Harm..
- Our Exposure is for love not hate
- In the LIGHT our wounds are HEALED
- So He cannot allow our Towers of Babel to stay upright

To Do T'shuvah ...

➤ To Turn back..

➤ TO GOD

➤ To HIS Word

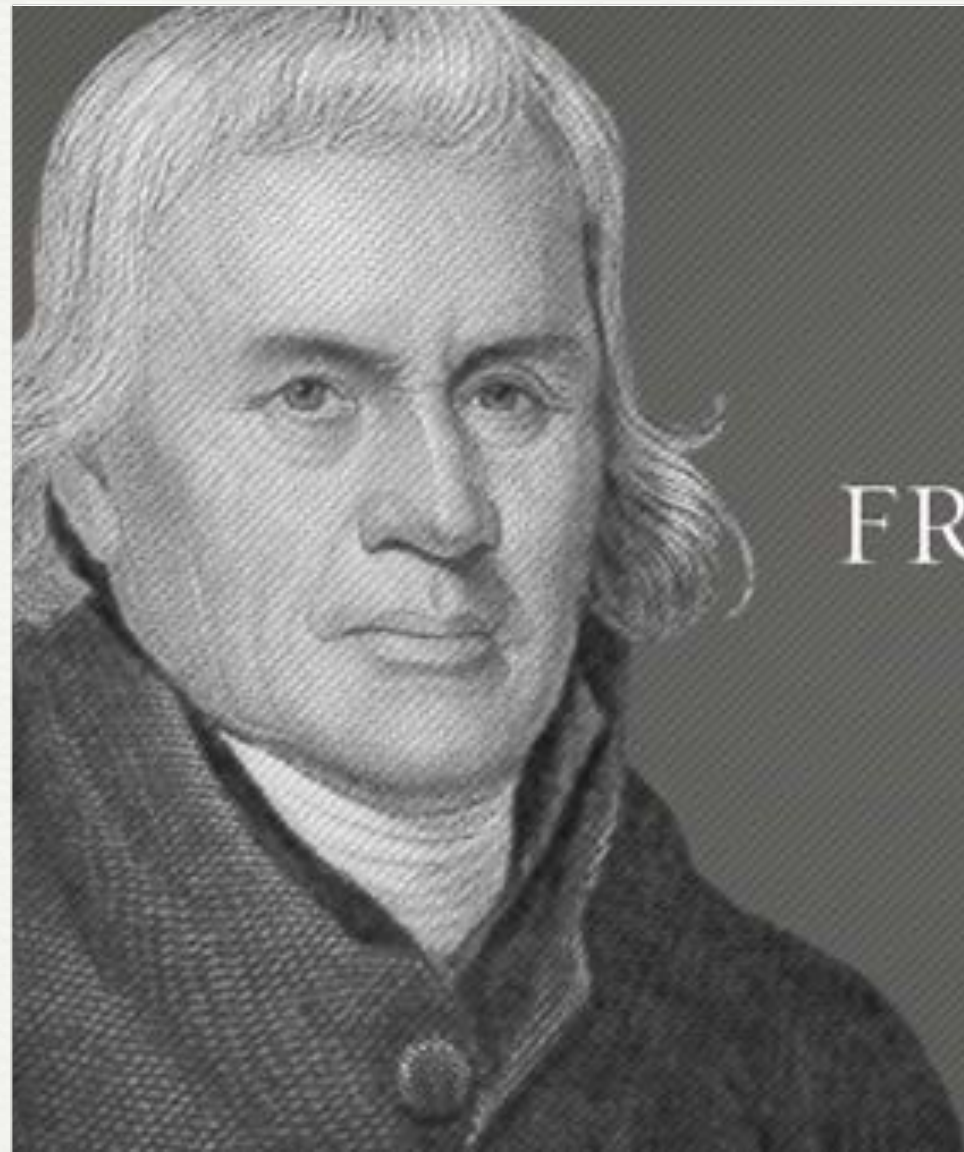
➤ TO Humble

➤ TO Repent





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FRANCIS ASBURY
1745-1816





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