

ACTS: PRACTICING CHRISTIANITY

THE BIRTH, DEVELOPMENT & EXPANSION OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

A BIG PICTURE OUTLINE OF ACTS

PART ONE: THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CHRIST'S CHURCH (Chapters 1-12)

- I. FINAL KINGDOM PREPARATIONS (1) A.D. 30
- II. THE DAY OF PENTECOST-KINGDOM COME! (2) A.D. 30
- III. THE CHURCH IN JERUSALEM (2-7) A.D. 30-35?
- IV. PERSECUTION & PROLIFERATION (8-12) A.D. 35-45?

PART TWO: THE EXPANSION OF CHRIST'S CHURCH (Chapters 13-28)

- V. PAUL'S FIRST MISSIONARY TRIP (13-14) A.D. 48-49
- VI. THE LEADERS' CONFERENCE IN JERUSALEM (15) A.D. 49
- VII. PAUL'S SECOND MISSIONARY TRIP (16:1-18:23a) A.D. 49-52
- VIII. PAUL'S THIRD MISSIONARY TRIP (18:23b-21:16) A.D. 53-57
- IX. PAUL'S DEFENSE IN JERUSALEM (21:17-23:35) A.D. 57
- X. PAUL'S DEFENSE IN CAESAREA (24:1-26:32) A.D. 57-59
- XI. PAUL TAKEN TO ROME, IN CUSTODY (27-28) A.D. 60-62

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FOUR: BREAKING NEW GROUND!

SECTION LEAD-IN: Like a wise chess master who executes a series of moves to set up for a checkmate, the Lord Jesus was getting His pieces in place to make a big move. What "big move?" To propel Christianity deep and wide into the Roman Empire, and beyond! His surprising first move was to "move" the believers out of Jerusalem ...

SECTION BREAKDOWN: (See BIG PICTURE Outline)

IV. PERSECUTION & PROLIFERATION (8-12) A.D. 35-45?

- A. (8:1-3) Saul _____ an all-out persecution in Jerusalem!
- B. (8:4-13) Philip ministers in Samaria, with _____!
- C. (8:14-25) Peter and John come to Samaria to dispense _____!
- D. (8:26-40) Philip continues ministering, _____ the _____ to Caesarea!
- E. (9:1-19) Saul the _____ is converted to Christ!
- F. (9:20-30) Saul's early travels: From Damascus to _____ to Caesarea to _____!
- G. (9:31) A "_____ report" on the Lord's church! (see 1:8)
- H. (9:32-43) Peter follows up on _____ work in the coastal towns of Judea!
- I. (10:1-48) Peter preaches to and _____ a Gentile family in Caesarea!
- J. (11:1-18) Peter _____ preaching the Gospel to Gentiles!
- K. (11:19-30) Barnabas and Saul _____ together in Syrian Antioch!
- L. (12:1-19) _____ is beheaded, Peter is imprisoned, but _____ by an angel!
- M. (12:20-25) King Herod Agrippa I _____ by an angel!