

ACTS: PRACTICING CHRISTIANITY

THE BIRTH, DEVELOPMENT & EXPANSION OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

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 **UNLEASHES** an all-out persecution in Jerusalem!
- B. (8:4-13) Philip ministers in Samaria, with **POWER!**
- C. (8:14-25) Peter and John come to Samaria to dispense **POWER!**
- D. (8:26-40) Philip continues ministering, **ALL** the **WAY** to Caesarea!
- E. (9:1-19) Saul the **PHARISEE** 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!

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SUPPLEMENT "D" – FROM SAUL OF TARSUS TO PAUL OF JESUS!

1. Saul's early life: **Acts 21:39; 22:3-5,24-28; 23:1-2,6; 26:4-11; Phil 3:3-6; Rom 9:3; 1 Tim 1:12-14; Acts 7:58-60; 8:1-3**

📖 Born in **TARSUS, CILICIA**

📖 Raised in **JERUSALEM**

📖 Educated as a **PHARISEE**, by Gamaliel

📖 Zealous **OPPONENT** and persecutor of the Lord's church

2. Saul's conversion to Christ: **Acts 9:1-19a; 22:6-16; 26:12-18; Gal 1:15-16**

📖 Saul obtains **PERSMISSION** to persecute in Damascus

📖 Saul's divine **ENCOUNTER** - led in to Damascus

📖 Jesus sends **ANANIAS** to Saul

📖 Saul's sight restored; Saul **BAPTIZED!**

3. Saul's early travels/development: **Acts 9:19b-30; 11:19-30; 22:17-21; Gal 1:15-24; 2:1-10; 2 Cor 11:32-33; Acts 13:1-3,9**

📖 _____ in Damascus → a trip to Arabia → back to Damascus → _____ from Damascus

📖 Among the _____ in Jerusalem (after 3 yrs?) → _____ to Caesarea → sent home to Tarsus

📖 Summoned to _____ with Barnabas in Antioch, for _____

📖 Accompanied Barnabas to deliver _____ to _____ Christians in Judea → returns to Antioch

📖 _____ and _____ by the Holy Spirit, with Barnabas, to the mission field!

📖 Called by his new name, _____!