

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 **JERUSALEM** to Caesarea to **TARSUS**!
- G. (9:31) A "**PROGRESS** report" on the Lord's church! (see 1:8)
- H. (9:32-43) Peter follows up on **PHILIP'S** work in the coastal towns of Judea!
- I. (10:1-48) Peter preaches to and **CONVERTS** a Gentile family in Caesarea!
- J. (11:1-18) Peter **DEFENDS** preaching the Gospel to Gentiles!
- K. (11:19-30) Barnabas and Saul **MINISTER** 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 "E" – SALVATION EXTENDED TO GENTILES! (ACTS 10-11)

1. The Salvation of Gentiles ("the nations") PROMISED

- 📖 Through the _____: Genesis 12:1-3; 22:18; 26:4-5; 49:10
- 📖 Through the _____: Isaiah 2:2-3; 27:6; 49:6; 52:10; Daniel 7:13-14; Joel 2:28-32; Zech 2:10-11
- 📖 In _____ teaching: Mat 8:10-12; 24:14; Luke 14:15-24; John 3:16; 10:16

2. The Salvation of Gentiles COMMANDED

- 📖 Matthew 28:18-20 [GO → DISCIPLE ALL → BAPTIZE ALL → TEACH ALL]
- 📖 Mark 16:15-20 [GO → PREACH TO ALL → BELIEF + BAPTISM = SALVATION; UNBELIEF = CONDEMNATION → MESSAGE-CONFIRMING "SIGNS"]
- 📖 Luke 24:46-49 [PREACH REPENTANCE & FORGIVENESS TO ALL, STARTING IN JERUSALEM]
- 📖 Acts 1:8 [SPIRIT-POWERED APOSTOLIC WITNESSES → JERUSALEM → JUDEA → SAMARIA → EVERYWHERE!]

3. The Salvation of Gentiles INITIATED (Acts 10:1-48)

- 📖 DAY ONE: Cornelius' vision at 3 pm; sends three of his men to Joppa
- 📖 DAY TWO: Peter's vision at 12pm; welcomes Cornelius' men
- 📖 DAY THREE: Peter and company (6 + 3) travel north to Caesarea
- 📖 DAY FOUR: Peter and company arrive to a gathering of Cornelius' family and friends (10:24)
 - a) Opening EXCHANGE (10:25-29)
 - b) Cornelius recounts the vision and its PURPOSE (10:30-33)
 - c) Peter preaches an INCLUSIVE Gospel message (10:34-43)
 - d) Divine INTERVENTION/INTERRUPTION (10:44-46)
 - e) INESCAPABLE conclusion (10:47)
 - f) NECESSARY step (10:48)

4. The Salvation of Gentiles DEFENDED (Acts 11:1-18)

- 📖 A CRITICISM (11:1-3)
- 📖 Peter's EXPLANATION (11:4-17)
- 📖 The Jerusalem church leaders' APPROVAL/ACCEPTANCE! (11:18)