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 MISSION TRIP (13-14) A.D. 48-49
VI. THE LEADERS' CONFERENCE IN JERUSALEM (15) A.D. 49
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VIII. PAUL'S THIRD MISSION TRIP (18:23b-21:16) A.D. 53-57
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SEVEN: PAUL'S SECOND MISSION TRIP

SECTION LEAD-IN: Following the leaders' meeting in Jerusalem and the disagreement between Paul and Barnabas, Paul sets out on his second mission trip with a new co-missionary, Silas (aka Silvanus). This second mission effort would last much longer and go much further and to many more places than the first mission trip.

SECTION BREAKDOWN: (See BIG PICTURE Outline)

VII. PAUL'S SECOND MISSION TRIP (15:39-18:23a) A.D. 49-52

A. (15:39-41) Paul & Silas STRENGTHEN the churches in Syria, Cilicia

B. (16:1-5) Back to Derbe and Lystra

1) In Lystra, Paul recruits TIMOTHY
2) The Jerusalem leaders' DECISION communicated to the churches
3) Strength and DAILY growth in the churches! (See Acts 2:47)

C. (16:6-10) Led by the Spirit

1) BLOCKED to the left and to the right, then led to Troas—where LUKE, the book's author, joins Paul and company!

["WE" PASSAGES: Acts 16:8-18 (From Troas to Philippi); Acts 20:3-15; 21:1-18 (From Philippi to Jerusalem); Acts 27:1-28:16 (From Jerusalem to Rome) See Col 4:10-14; Phm 24; 2 Tim 4:11.]

2) Called to Macedonia (First step into EUROPE!)

D. (16:11-40) Paul and Silas in Philippi

1) The conversion of LYDIA and her family
2) The INCIDENT in the marketplace
3) Paul and Silas ARRESTED, beaten and imprisoned
4) The conversion of THE JAILER and his family

E. (17:1-15) CHASED from Thessalonica to Berea to Athens

1) FRUITFUL ministry in Thessalonica cut short by Jewish opposition
2) FRUITFUL ministry in Berea cut short by the SAME Thessalonian Jews!
3) Paul taken to ATHENS, where he would wait for Silas and Timothy

F. (17:16-34) Paul preaches the Gospel in Athens

1) *Paul speaks up in the synagogue and in the MARKETPLACE*
2) *Paul taken to the Areopagus to explain his "STRANGE, new" teaching*
3) *Paul's sermon about the One True God and His Appointed, RISEN Judge!* [Acts 17:24-31 insert below]

MEET YOUR MAKER! (Acts 17:24-31)

1. The first big "life question:" WHERE DO WE COME FROM? (ORIGIN)
   a) *From God, Who MADE everything and everyone!*
   b) *From God, Who RULES OVER everything!*
   c) *From God, Who OWNS/HAS everything, therefore NEEDS nothing!*
   d) *From God, Who GIVES and SUSTAINS all life!*
2. The second big "life question:" WHY ARE WE HERE? (PURPOSE)
   a) *Our purpose as humans: To SEEK and KNOW God!*
   b) *Our purpose as Christians: To GLORIFY God & MAKE Him KNOWN!*
3. The third big "life question:" _____ ARE WE _____? (DESTINY)
   a) *To God, Who now _____ everyone, everywhere to _____!*
   b) *To God, Who _____ a _____ to judge us!*
   c) *To God, Who _____ up and _____ up a Judge!*

4) *Mixed responses*

G. (18:1-17) Paul's ministry in Corinth

1) *Paul finds Aquila and Priscilla and begins preaching in the synagogue*
2) *Silas and Timothy _____ Paul*
3) *Many Corinthians, (including Crispus) _____, _____ and are baptized!*
4) *The Lord Jesus _____ Paul, who stays for ____ months-plus*
5) *The Jews take _____ to court, but the proconsul takes no action*

H. (18:19-23a) Paul's return trip to Antioch

1) *Paul's _____ in Cenchreae*
2) *A _____ visit to Ephesus*
3) *From Ephesus to Caesarea to Antioch*