

Study 18: Review - chapters 1-12

Introduction

The “the ministry in Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria” is now drawn to a close, as has most of the recorded ministry of Peter. Luke now moves into the ministry “to the rest of the world”.

The study so far - through the first half of the book - has taken several months, and it is appropriate to review the studies and refresh our memories before moving on.

We will work through this on a study by study basis, and look at the outline and content of each chapter, noting the timing and major events.

Study 1: Introduction to the Book

- Authorship of the book: Who wrote the book, and how do we know?
- When was it written, and what period of history does it cover, and how do we know?
- Content: What are the major themes, Who are the major players?
- What verse summarises the book?

Go to study: [Acts Study 1 - Introduction.doc](#)

Study 2: Acts Chapter 1

- What period is covered by chapter 1?
- What major events are covered by chapter 1?
- Who are the major players?

Go to study: [Acts Study 2 - Chapter 1.doc](#)

Study 3: Acts Chapter 2

- When did the events of the chapter occur?
- What major events are covered by chapter 2?
- Who are the major players?

Go to study: [Acts Study 3 - Chapters 2.doc](#)

Study 4: Acts Chapter 3

- When did the events of the chapter occur?
- What major events are covered by chapter 3?
- Who are the major players?

Go to study: [Acts Study 4 - Chapter 3.doc](#)

Study 5: Acts Chapter 4

- When did the events of the chapter occur?
- What major events are covered by chapter 4?
- Who are the major players?

Go to study: [Acts Study 5 - Chapter 4.doc](#)

Study 6: Jewish Sects

- What were the Major Jewish Sects?
- What were their significant characteristics?

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Go to study: [Acts Study 6 - Jewish Sects.doc](#)

Study 7: Acts Chapter 5

- When did the events of the chapter occur?
- What major events are covered by chapter 5?
- Who are the major players?

Go to study: [Acts Study 7 - Chapter 5.doc](#)

Study 8: Acts Chapter 6

- When did the events of the chapter occur?
- What major events are covered by chapter 6?
- Who are the major players?

Go to study: [Acts Chapter 6.doc](#)

Study 9: Acts Chapter 7

- When did the events of the chapter occur?
- What major events are covered by chapter 7?
- Who are the major players?

Go to study: [Acts Study 9 - Chapter 7.doc](#)

Study 10: Problems in Acts Chapter 7

What are the 6 major discrepancies in Acts 7, and what is the answer to them?

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| 1 | Answer: |
| 2 | Answer: |
| 3 | Answer: |
| 4 | Answer: |
| 5 | Answer: |
| 6 | Answer: |

Go to study: [Acts Study 10 - problems in chapter 7.doc](#)

Study 11: Acts Chapter 8

- When did the events of the chapter occur?
- What major events are covered by chapter 8?
- Who are the major players?

Go to study: [Acts Study 11 - Chapter 8.doc](#)

Study 12: The Early Life of Paul

- Where and when was Paul born, and how was he a Roman citizen?
- What were his Hebrew background and his early education?
- What was his later education, and how did he spend his early adulthood?

Go to study: [Acts Study 12 - Chapter 9.doc](#)

Study 13: Acts Chapter 9

- When did the events of the chapter occur?
- What major events are covered by chapter 9?
- Who are the major players?

Go to study: [Acts Study 13 - Chapter 9.doc](#)

Study 14: Acts Chapter 10

- When did the events of the chapter occur?
- What major events are covered by chapter 10?
- Who are the major players?

Go to study: [Acts Study 14 - Chapter 10.doc](#)

Study 15: The Holy Spirit in Conversions

- What was the role of HS in conversion of Eunuch (chapter 8)
- What was the role of HS in conversion of Saul (chapter 9)
- What was the role of HS in conversion of Cornelius (chapter 10)

Go to study: [Acts Study 15 - The Holy Spirit in Conversion.doc](#)

Study 16: Acts Chapter 11

- When did the events of the chapter occur?
- What major events are covered by chapter 11?
- Who are the major players?

Go to study: [Acts Study 16 - Chapter 11.doc](#)

Study 17: Acts Chapter 12

- When did the events of the chapter occur?
- What major events are covered by chapter 12?
- Who are the major players?

Go to study: [Acts Study 17 - Chapter 12.doc](#)

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[Acts Study 19 - Chapter 13.doc](#)

Summary of the Book of Acts (Part 1)

- Authorship of the book: Luke, because of the similarities and introductions with the third gospel.
- Written around AD 63 or 64 covering from Jesus ascension in AD 33 until Paul's first Roman imprisonment in AD 63, but excludes destruction of Jerusalem.
- Major themes: Spread of the gospel, Establishment and growth of the church, Sermons to the lost and their conversions to Christ, The Holy Spirit.

Chapter 1:8 summarises the book: ... you will receive power when **the Holy Spirit comes** on you; and you will be my witnesses ***in Jerusalem***, and in all ***Judea and Samaria***, and to ***the ends of the earth*** (NIV)

Chapter 1

- AD 33 Jerusalem – Passover to Pentecost
- **Major events:** Jesus tells disciples to wait in Jerusalem for HS; Jesus' ascension; election of Matthias.

Chapter 2

- AD 33 Jerusalem - Pentecost
- **Major events:** HS comes upon the apostles; Speaking in tongues; Joel's prophecy fulfilled; Peter convinces Jews that Jesus was promised Messiah they had crucified; Told to repent and be baptised; Lord added saved to church.

Chapter 3

- AD 33 Jerusalem – Soon after Pentecost
- **Major events:** Healing of the lame man; Peter's consequent preaching to the people.

Chapter 4

- AD 33 Jerusalem – Soon after Pentecost
- **Major events:** Continuation of the healing of the lame man; Peter and John's arrest and appearance before the Sanhedrin; Peter's 3rd sermon; growth of the Jerusalem church.

Chapter 5

- AD 33 Jerusalem (June)
- **Major events:** Discipline of Ananias and Sapphira; further growth of the church; High Priest & Sadducees put Apostles before Sanhedrin; Gamaliel's defence.

Chapter 6

- Late AD 33 / early AD 34 Jerusalem
- **Major events:** Dispute between Greeks and Jews over benevolence; 7 deacons chosen; Apostles laid hands on the deacons; Miracles are worked by Stephen; Stephen accused of teaching against God & Moses.

Chapter 7

- Late AD 33 / early AD 34 Jerusalem
- **Major events:** Stephen before the Sanhedrin; A brief history of the Jews (Israel); Moses' prophecy concerning Christ; These Jews resist God – just as their fathers did; Stephen is stoned; Saul is a witness.

Chapter 8

- Late AD 33 / early AD 34 Jerusalem – Judea – Samaria
- **Major events:** Persecution of the church at Jerusalem; Disciples (except apostles) scattered spreading the word; Saul made havoc of the church; Philip in Samaria – worked miracles; Simon sorcerer baptised; Apostles came to Samaria to pass on HS; Simon tried to buy gift of HS; Eunuch baptised.

Chapter 9

- AD 34 – 35 Damascus, Jerusalem, Joppa
- **Major events:** Saul given authority by High Priest to persecute disciples; Saul's conversion – immediately preached Christ in Synagogues; Saul joins disciples at Jerusalem; Peter raises Dorcas from the dead at Joppa.

Chapter 10

- AD 37 Caesarea, Joppa
- **Major events:** Cornelius is told to call for Peter; Peter sees vision of animals – nothing is unclean; Peter comes to Cornelius and preaches Christ; HS falls on them; they were baptised in Jesus' name.

Chapter 11

- AD 37 - 43, Jerusalem, Antioch
- **Major events:** Peter recounts conversion of Cornelius to apostles at Jerusalem; The church is established at Antioch; Barnabas is sent to Antioch, and then goes to find Saul and brings him back to Antioch; Disciples are called christians; a great drought is prophesied.

Chapter 12

- AD 43 – 44, Jerusalem, Caesarea
- **Major events:** James is killed; Peter is imprisoned, Peter freed by an angel – then appears at Mary's house. Herod is killed for not giving glory to God.