

## **Bible Overview – Session Ten – Book of Acts.**

### **Book of Acts Outline.**

- Written by Luke – gentile and physician, companion of Paul on missionary journeys.
- Highest level of Greek in the New Testament
- Historically accurate.
- Chapter 1      Ascension and promise of the Father.
- Chapter 2      Pentecost
- Chapters 3-6    Early Church challenges and persecution
- Chapter 7      Stoning of Stephen, 1<sup>st</sup> Martyr.
- Chapter 8      Gospel expands to Samaria, Ethiopian Treasurer.
- Chapter 9      The call of Paul. – road to Damascus
- Chapter 10     Gentile Pentecost
- Chapter 11-14   1<sup>st</sup> missionary journey and mission to the Gentiles – Turkey (Galatia)
- Chapter 15     The Council at Jerusalem
- Chapter 16     2<sup>nd</sup> missionary journey - Europe
- Chapter 18     3<sup>rd</sup> missionary journey
- Chapters 22-26 Paul's witness to Sanhedrin, Festus, Felix, Agrippa
- Chapter 27-28 Paul goes to Rome.

### **Parallels Between Peter and Paul**

#### **Chapters 1 -12**

- Jerusalem at the center
- Peter the chief figure
- Out to Samaria
- Word rejected by Jew (home)
- Peter imprisoned
- Judgment on Herod

#### **Peter's Ministry**

- First Sermon, 2
- Lame man healed, 3
- Simon the sorcerer, 8
- Peter's shadow, 5
- Laying on of hands, 8
- Peter worshipped, 10
- Tabitha raised from the dead, 9
- Peter imprisoned, 12

#### **Chapters 13-28**

- Antioch at the center
- Paul the chief figure
- Out to Rome
- Word rejected by Jews (abroad)
- Paul imprisoned.
- Judgment on Jews

#### **Paul's Ministry**

- First Sermon, 13
- Lame man healed, 14.
- Elymas the sorcerer, 13
- Paul's Handkerchief, 19
- Laying on of hands, 19
- Paul worshipped, 14.
- Eutychus raised from the dead, 20.
- Paul imprisoned, 28.

## Highlight and Insights

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| Acts 1:8      | You shall receive power.  |
| Acts 2        | Day of Pentecost, Peter's first sermon, the response. (Acts 2:38-42)  |
| Acts 4:12     | Declaration   |
| Acts 4:18-20  | Persecution.  |
| Acts 4:30-33  | Resolve.  |
| Acts 5:12-16  | Peter's Anointing   |
| Acts 7:56 -60 | Stoning of Stephen  |
| Acts 8        | Samaria receives the Gospel, Ethiopian Treasurer  |
| Acts 9        | Conversion of St. Paul – VS 11-16 – God's mandate for Paul.   |
| Acts 10:44-48 | Gentile Pentecost   |
| Acts 11       | Peter shares with the leadership in Jerusalem re: gentiles.   |
| Acts 13/14    | First Missionary Journey: Salamis, Paphos, Antioch, Iconium, Lystra, Derby.   |
| Acts 15       | Council at Jerusalem, Immorality, idolatry, blood sacrificed to idols.  |
| Acts 16-18    | Second Missionary Journey: Philippi, Thes., Berea, Athens, Corinth, <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Philippi imprisonment – jailor converted, one letter.</li><li>• Thessalonica – three weeks, two letters, end times teaching,</li><li>• Berea – examined scripture to see if what Paul taught was true.</li><li>• Athen – Mars Hill Discourse – no church formed.</li><li>• Corinth – two letters, most charismatic church, most problems.</li></ul> |
| Acts 19       | Third Missionary Journey – Ephesus – book burning, Silversmith riot.  |
| Acts 20       | Eutychus raised from the dead in Troas.   |
| Acts 23       | Paul before the Sanhedrin   |
| Acts 24       | Paul before Governor Felix  |
| Acts 25       | Paul before Governor Festus   |
| Acts 26       | Paul before King Agrippa  |
| Acts 27       | Shipwreck   |
| Act 28        | Paul arrives in Rome, awaits trial.   |