



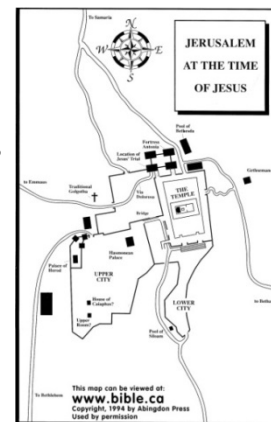
Acts to Revelation Bible Course Lesson 1

Name: _____

The Book of Acts

The book of Acts is the record of those who took the Great Commission of the Gospel of Matthew (chap. 28:19, 20) seriously and began to spread the news of a risen Savior to the remote corners of the known world. The book of Acts traces important events in the early history of the New Testament church from the ascension of Christ to the outpouring of the Holy Spirit to the rapid progress of the gospel, beginning at Jerusalem, then to Judea and Samaria, and finally “to the uttermost part of the world.” Luke is clearly seen as the author of this book, when comparing Acts 1:1 with the opening verses of Luke 1. As a traveling companion with Paul on Paul’s missionary journeys, Luke had the opportunity to be an eyewitness of many of the events of which he wrote. The date of the writing of this book is not clear, but it seems to be sometime after 62 A.D. The resurrected Savior is the key theme of this book, as seen in the recorded sermons and defenses in Acts. A key verse in this book, which emphasizes this theme, is Acts chapter 4 verse 12: “Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.” The Spirit of God used this gospel message for the conversion of many, as “the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved (chap. 2:47).”

1. The book of Acts was written by _____.
2. The history in Acts covers the spread of the gospel, beginning at _____, then to _____, and finally to the _____.
3. This book was written sometime after the year _____.
4. The main theme of this book is _____.
5. Who was an eyewitness to many of the events in Acts? _____.
6. In what way were converts added to the church? _____.



Read Chapter 1

The book of Acts clearly portrays the spread of the gospel. In chapters 1 – 7, the focus is on the church beginning in Jerusalem among the Jews and the opposition from the Jews. Chapter one and two describe the birth of the early church with the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost and Peter’s first recorded sermon. Peter uses Christ’s miraculous works, His resurrection, and His sending of the Holy Spirit to show that Jesus is both God and the Messiah.

7. What question did the disciples ask in verse 6, which showed their lack of understanding of the work of Christ on earth?

8. What is meant by the fact that Christ's ascension was "visible?"

9. Give 3 thoughts regarding the value of the ascension for the church:

Question: Of what advantage to us is Christ's ascension into heaven?

Answer: First, that He is our Advocate in the presence of His Father in heaven; secondly, that we have our flesh in heaven as a sure pledge that He, as the head, will also take up to Himself, us, His members; thirdly, that He sends us His Spirit as an earnest, by whose power we "seek the things which are above, where Christ sitteth at the right hand of God, and not things on earth." (Heidelberg Catechism #49)

- a. _____
b. _____
c. _____

10. The apostles waited for _____ days for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. They continued in _____ and _____ with one

11. Describe the end of Judas Iscariot.

12. Who was chosen to be the 12th apostle and how was this done?

13. Pentecost was how many days after Christ's resurrection? See verse 3. (Hint: 'pentekonta' is Greek for 'fifty')

Read Chapter 2

14. Name the 3 specific signs which accompanied the outpouring of the Spirit.

- a. _____
b. _____
c. _____

15. Compare these signs with John 3:8 and Matthew 3:11.

16. Briefly summarize Peter's sermon.

17. Which Old Testament prophet does Peter refer to in his sermon? _____
18. What was the effect of Peter's sermon (verses 37 and 41)? _____

19. How is God's sovereignty seen in verse 47?

20. How is the close fellowship of early believers seen in verses 42-46?

Read Chapter 3

As the early church grows, the miracle in chapters 3 and 4 was visible to many and leads to Peter's 2nd sermon which again focuses on Jesus Christ. This results in growing opposition from the Sadducees.

21. The healing of a _____ at the _____ gate is recorded.

22. When God works in a person's life, what fruit can be seen?

23. Write out verse 19, which records Peter's call to repentance.

24. In what way is the lame man a type of a saved sinner?
Compare with 2 Samuel 9:3 and 13.

Read Chapter 4

25. Why were Peter and John arrested?

26. Write out verse 12.

27. How many people "believed" in this chapter? _____

28. Which verse tells us that we must obey God rather than men? _____

29. Who willingly sold land and brought the money to the apostles to distribute?

30. What does this suggest to us about our giving to the Lord? (See also 2 Cor. 9:7)

Evaluator: _____

Pentecost

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Come, gracious Spirit, heavenly Dove,
With light and comfort from above,
Our waiting souls set free;
Be Thou our Guardian, Thou our Guide,
O'er every thought and step preside,
And draw us after Thee.

Conduct us safe, conduct us far
From every sin and snare,
That we may not Thee grieve;
Apply Thy Word that rules must give,
And teach us lessons how to live
And firmly to believe.

Lead us to Christ, our only rest,
And in His love may we be blest,
While in His precious Name we meet;
Let precious drops of heavenly dew,
Our courage and our strength renew
And make the Promise sweet.