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ACTS Wk 1 Ses 1: INTRODUCTION (30 Mins): BIBLE TIMELINE CHART

“No need to be a scholar to go through the studies, you just have to be hungry; lover of GOD”

Bible-**Christo centric** (Christ is center of entire story from Genesis to Revelation (Old and New Testament: focus on Jesus/full revelation of Father **TIMELINE**: Structured so other books make sense

Matthew= focused on Jesus and His kingdom, the *kingdom of heaven on earth*, Jesus establishes the *New Kingdom, the new Israel, the new law, new Temple*

ACTS=Expansion of His Kingdom; starts in Jerusalem and expands to include the whole world

See STUDY GUIDE Key to SYMBOLS

ACTS originally part of Gospel of Luke; takes place *after resurrection*/up to 30 yrs. afterwards; story just *fades out*; relies on **tradition** to tell rest of the story; sometimes called **ACTS of the Holy Spirit**

ACTS 1:8. “...but you shall receive **power (Dunamis=dynamite)** when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be My witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth. And when He had said this, as they were looking on, He was lifted up in a cloud that took Him out of their sight.”

FIRST MISSIONARY JOURNEY: Why greatest student of greatest rabbi Gamaliel, goes to Gentile world?

Paul's SECOND MISSIONARY JOURNEY: Checks on churches he established; writes 1/2 Thes.

Paul's THIRD MISSIONARY JOURNEY: Writes remaining 11 epistles; starts major churches in Corinth, Ephesus, Thessalonica, Colossians; teaches/converts Gentiles; solves problems

St. Luke: Author of the ACTS of the Apostles; physician; joins Paul/uses *physician language*; written about 60 AD (prior to destruction of Temple); writes in *macro view*; wrote ACTS/Gospel of Luke together; was inspired by GOD; makes more sense to read ACTS and Gospel of Luke together and note *parallels* between life of Christ (Gospel)/life of Church (ACTS of Apostles); Both written in Greek

RELATIONSHIP: between Gospel of Luke (Life of Jesus), and ACTS (Apostle's life in the Church).

PRAYER: (Luke 3:21), Jesus praying after His baptism; in ACTS, the disciples pray as they await the baptism the Holy Spirit (Luke 3:32), the Spirit descends on Jesus after prayer. In ACTS 2, the Spirit fills the disciples after their prayers.

PARALLELS: ACTS of Apostles: Mostly about Peter (Ch 1-12; Prime Minister, Poppa, Pope, 1st to have *keys to the Kingdom*) and Paul (13+) (Super apostles)

Paul must defend his apostleship to Jews and becomes apostle to the Gentiles; Peter has apostolic authority to the Gentiles and the Jews

Intertextual relationship between Jesus and the Church in Luke; and Peter/Paul in ACTS

JESUS in LUKE

THE CHURCH IN ACTS

3:21	Jesus prays after His baptism	1:14, 1:24	Disciples pray as they await the baptism of Holy Spirit
3:21-22	Anointing by Holy Spirit	2:1-4	Anointing by Holy Spirit
2:14-39, 13:16-41	Jesus preaches to the Jews	2:14-4, 13:16-41	Peter preaches to Jews; Paul preaches to Jews
4:16-30	Jesus' ministry begins w/sermon about fulfillment of Scripture and people's rejection of Him	2:14-40	Church's ministry begins w/sermon involving fulfillment of Scripture and people's rejection of Jesus
4:31-8:56	Fulfillment is demonstrated by preaching/healing. Conflict illustrates rejection	2:41-12:17	Fulfillment illustrated by prophecy/wonders. Persecutions illustrates unbelief
5:17-26	Jesus heals paralytic	3:1-10, 20:9-12	Peter heals paralytic; Paul heals paralytic
4:40	Sick are brought to be healed	28.9	Sick are brought to be healed
17:11-19	Jesus' Healing ministry extends to Samaritans	8:4-8	Phillip's healing ministry extends to Samaritans
22:26, 23:1, 23:8, 23:13	4 trials of Jesus (Sanhedrin, Pilate, Herod Antipas, Pilate)	23-26	4 trials of Paul (Sanhedrin, Felix, Festus, Herod Agrippa)
22:66-71	Jesus' trial before Sanhedrin	22:30-23:10	Paul's trial before Sanhedrin
23:16, 23:22	Pilate says he will release Jesus	26:32	Agrippa says, "This man could have been released."
23:34, 23:46	Final surrender to the Father; prayers for forgiveness of persecutors	7:59-60	Final surrender to the Father; prayers for forgiveness of persecutors

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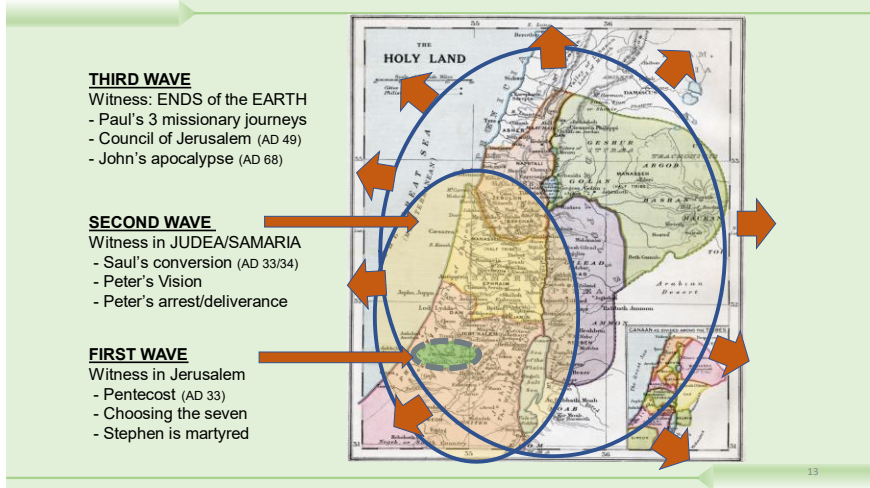
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PETER in ACTS

PAUL in ACTS

2:1-4	A special manifestation of the Spirit	13:1-3	A special manifestation of the Spirit
2:14-40	Apostolic preaching results from HS	13:16-40	Apostolic preaching results from HS
2:22-39	Preaches to the Jews	13:26-41	Preaches to the Jews
3:1-10	A mighty work follows; a lame man is healed	14:8-13	A mighty work follows; a lame man is healed
3:12-26	Healing of lame man followed by a <i>speech beginning</i> "Men,...why?"	14:15-17	Healing of lame man followed by a <i>speech beginning</i> "Men,...why?"
5:15	Heals through a sign of his presence	19:12	Heals through a sign of his presence
6:8-8:4	Stephen is stoned to death at the instigation of Jews of the Diaspora after a speech. The result is the preaching in a widening context.	14:19-23	Pau8l is stoned at the instigation of the Jews from Antioch and Iconium after a speech and is thought to be dead. The result is more preaching in a wider context.
8:17	Confers Holy Spirit <i>through laying on of hands</i>	29:6	Confers Holy Spirit <i>through laying on of hands</i>
8:18-24	Rebukes a magician	13:6-11	Rebukes a magician
9:36-41	Raises the dead	20:9-12	Raises the dead
10-11	Peter has a mission to the Gentiles. Divine Guidance leads Peter in a direction different than what he has planned. In 10:9-16, Holy Spirit guides Peter through a vision. He then has to justify his actions in Jerusalem	13-21	Paul has a mission to the Gentiles. Divine guidance leads Paul in a direction different from what he has planned. In 16:6-10, Paul is led by vision to Macedonia. He then has to justify his actions in Jerusalem
12	First half of ACTS ends with imprisonment of Peter at a Jewish feast (2:4). The jailing of Peter is associated with a "Herod" (2:5-6) involves escape from the hands of the Jews (3:3-4, 6-11), and concludes with no information about the fate of Peter (12:17) but only <i>the success of the Word of GOD</i> (12:24)	21-28	The second half of ACTS ends with the jailing of Paul at a Jewish feast (21:16). The jailing has loose relation to a "HEROD" (25:13, 23-24), involves escape from death at the hands of the Jews (23:12-35), and concludes with no information about the fate of Paul (28:30-31) but only the success of the <i>Word of God</i> (28:30-31)
12:6-11	Miraculous delivery from prison	20:9-12	Miraculous delivery from prison

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Three parts to Study:

1). Bible Timeline: *Story of Salvation* (Big picture narrative); **2). Matthew:** *The King and His Kingdom* (Introduces Jesus, the Messiah fulfilling GOD's Promises/establishing GOD's Kingdom); **3). ACTS of the Apostles** (Work of Jesus after His resurrection and establishment of His Church through Holy Spirit).

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STRUCTURE and OUTLINE: ACTS 1:1-8:3 (Witness to Jerusalem); **ACTS 8:4-12:25** (Witness in Judea/Samaria); **ACTS 13:1-28:31** (Witness to ends of the earth)