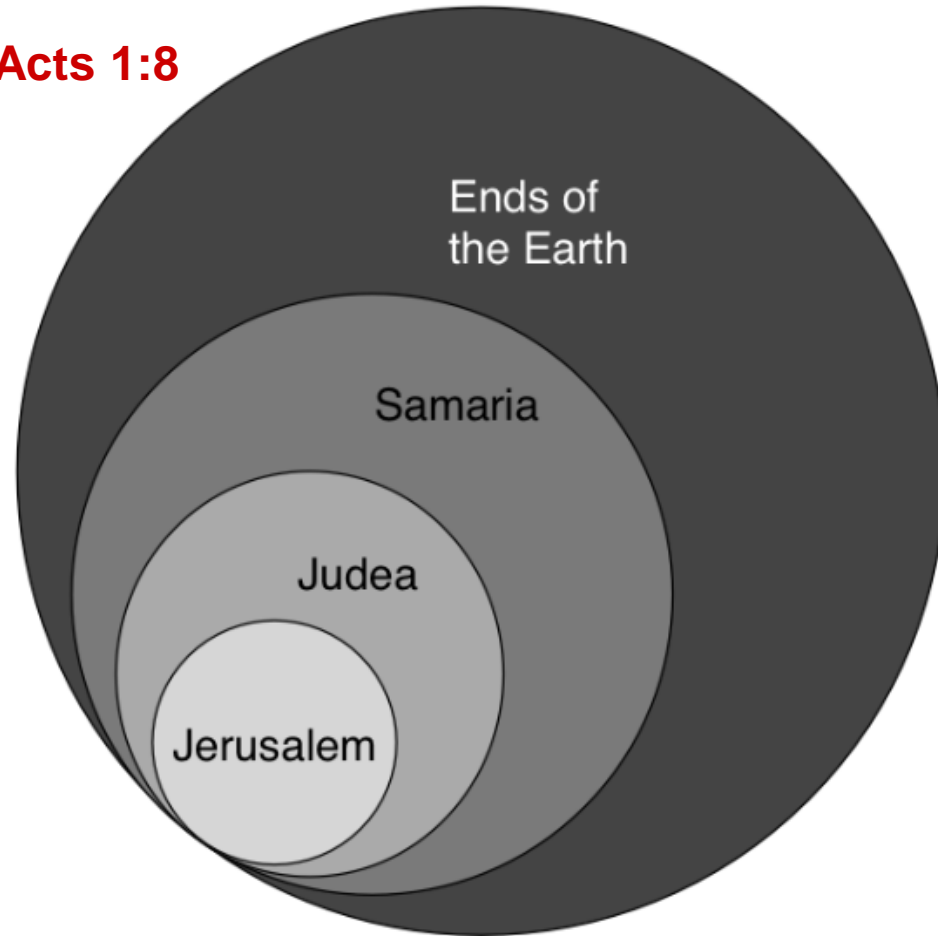


The Book of Acts

“You Shall Be My Witnesses”

**The Establishment and Growth
of the Lord’s Church**

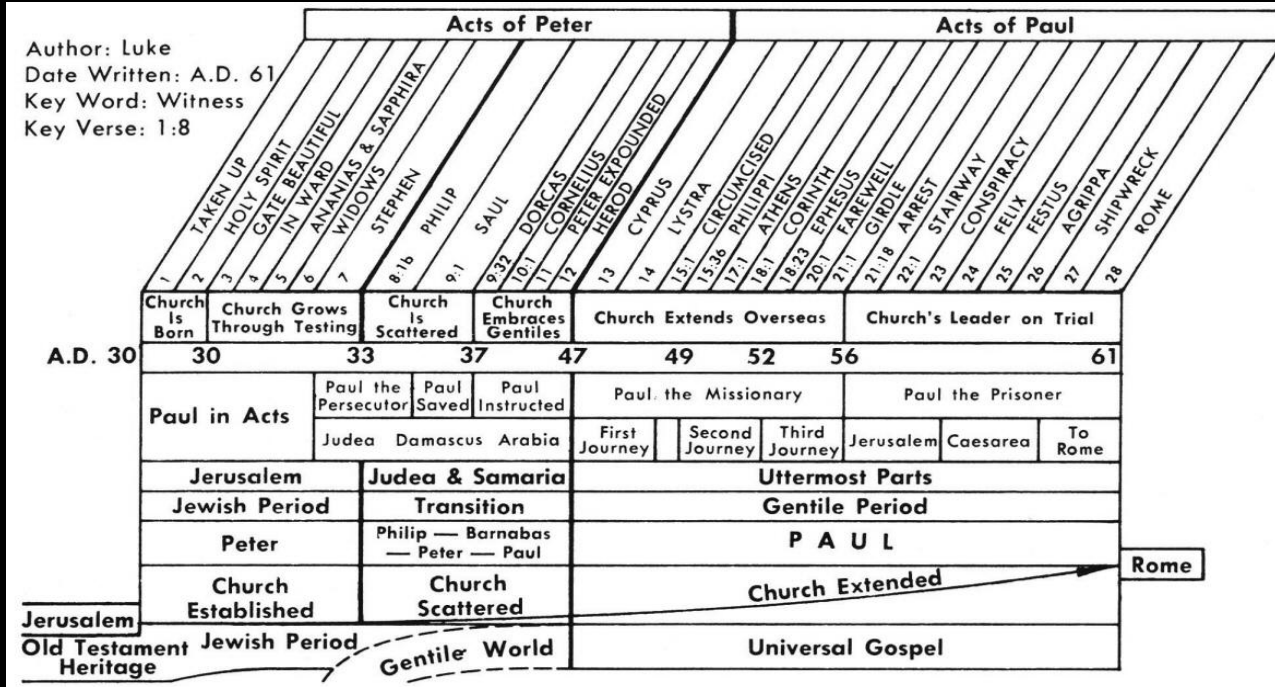
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Outline of the Book

“You Shall Be My Witnesses”

(Acts 1:8)

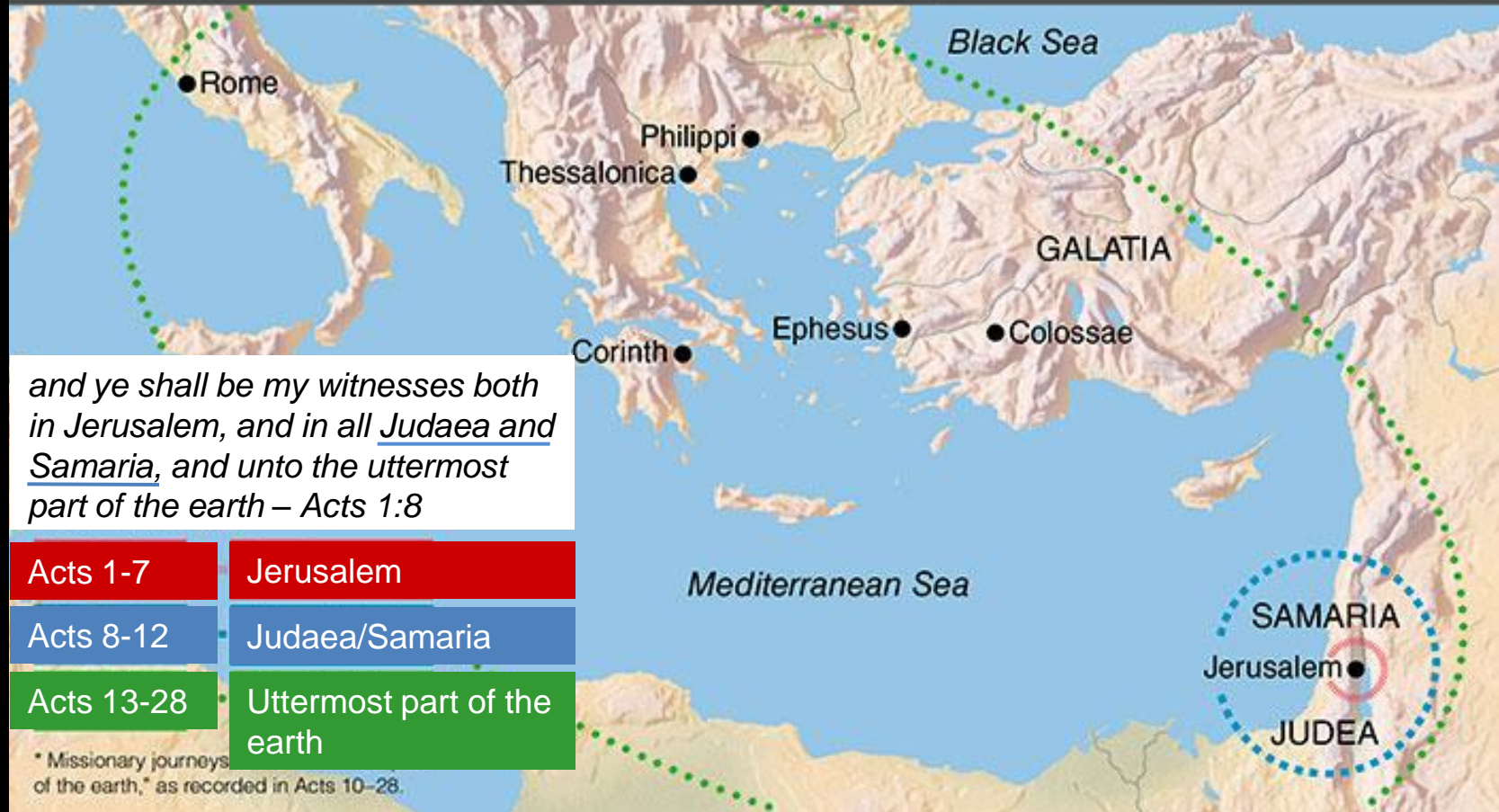


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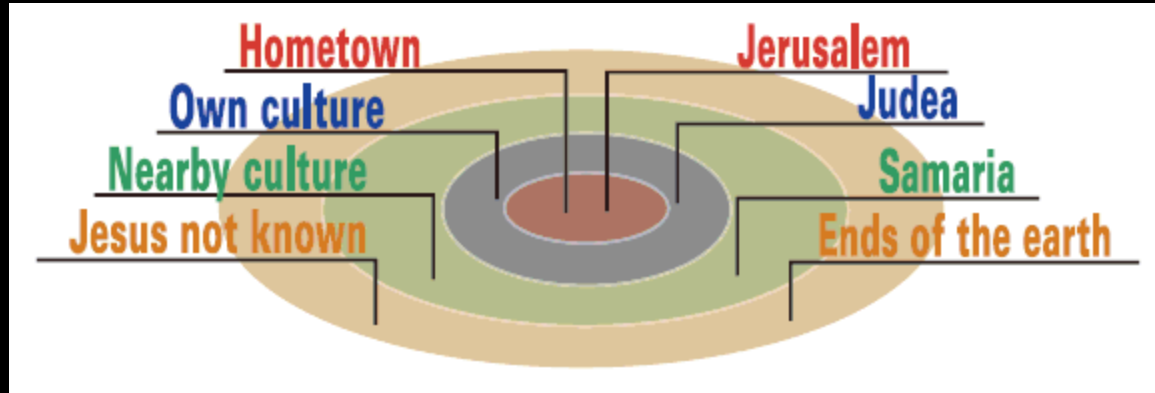
	The Church Established at “Jerusalem”	The Church Enlarged to “Judea and Samaria”	The Church Expanded to “the Ends of the Earth”	
AD 30	The church is . . . born tested purified strengthened <i>CHAPTERS</i> 1–7	The gospel is . . . spreading multiplying changing lives breaking traditions <i>CHAPTERS</i> 8–12	The witness is . . . extended received and rejected changing lives unifying Jews and Gentiles <i>CHAPTERS</i> 13–28	AD 60
Leaders	The apostle Peter		The apostle Paul	
Emphasis	Jewish evangelism	Transition	Gentile evangelism	
Time	AD 33 (1:1–2:47)	AD 36 (8:1)	AD 40 (9:32)	AD 46 (13:1) AD 57 (21:18)
Scope	City evangelism	National evangelism		Cross-cultural evangelism
Theme	In the power of the Holy Spirit, Jesus’s followers carry the good news of Christ to the world.			
Key Verse	1:8			
Christ in Acts	Jesus is the glorified, enthroned Savior, who continues His ministry in the world by means of the Holy Spirit working through His disciples until He returns (1:7–9).			

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Overview of the Acts of the Apostles



Will We Take the Gospel to the Lost?



Approximate Chronology of Acts

Date	Chapter in Acts	Event	NT Books Written
A.D. 45-49	13-14	Paul's 1st preaching trip from Antioch	Galatians (?)
A.D. 50	15	Jerusalem meeting	
A.D. 50-54	15:36 – 18:22	Paul's 2nd preaching trip from Antioch	1 Thessalonians 2 Thessalonians (from Corinth)
A.D. 54-58	18:23 – 21:17	Paul's 3rd preaching trip from Antioch	1 Corinthians (from Ephesus) 2 Corinthians (from Macedonia) Romans (from Corinth)



Some Jews cause uproar & attack Jason's House seeking for Paul & Silas

Paul called to preach in Macedonia

Paul forbidden by the Spirit to preach in Asia & Bithynia

Timothy joins Paul & Silas

Paul & Barnabas divided over John Mark
Barnabas & John Mark sail to Cyprus
Paul & Silas go through Syria and Cilicia

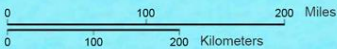
Lydia & her household believe
Paul & Silas beaten & thrown in jail
Jailer and his household believe

Paul speaks at the Areopagus

Paul meets Aquila & Priscilla
Paul brought before Gallio

Bereans receive the Word

c. A.D. 50-54



PAUL'S SECOND MISSIONARY JOURNEY

Acts 15:36 - 18:22

- City
- One of the "Seven Churches of Asia" - Rev. 2-3
- Paul's Route





Acts 16

Lessons for Today

1. Young Christians should live in a good way so that they are “well reported of by the brethren” (16:3; 2 Tim. 4:12).
2. Local churches today can still be strengthened in the faith and increase in number daily if each of its members will zealously do the Lord’s work (16:5; Eph. 4:13-16).

Acts 16

Lessons for Today

3. When you are forbidden by God (in the scriptures) to do something, don't do it (16:6-7; Deut. 4:23).
4. The greatest "help" you can offer a person is to give that person the saving gospel (16:9-10; Heb. 2:16).

Acts 16

Lessons for Today

5. Sometimes God implies things in his word (speaks indirectly) and he expects us to necessarily infer (conclude) what he implied (16:10; Acts 10:28, 34; 11:18).
6. Hearing the gospel, believing it, and being baptized are necessary for salvation (16:13-15, 30-34; Mk. 16:15-16).

Acts 16

Lessons for Today

7. A person with an open heart will obey God's word (16:14; Lk. 8:15).
8. Hospitality is a much needed, but often neglected, practice today in the church today (16:15, 34; 1 Pet. 4:9).

Acts 16

Lessons for Today

9. We need to be “servants of the Most High God” (16:17; Dan. 3:26).

10. The world feels troubled when Christians preach and practice the truth (16:20; Jn. 15:18-20).

Acts 16

Lessons for Today

11. Pray and sing hymns when you are in difficult circumstances (16:25; Jas. 5:13).

12. Asking what to do to be saved is one of the greatest questions you will ever ask (16:30-32; Mt. 19:16).

Acts 16

Lessons for Today

13. Be immediate about your conversion and don't put it off (16:33; 2 Cor. 6:2).

14. Even Christians who have been persecuted can comfort other Christians (16:40; 2 Cor. 1:3-7; 1 Thess. 3:1-10).