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Book of Acts

INTRODUCTION:





Authorship: Luke

External Evidence

- Early church fathers attributed it to Luke.
 - The Muratorian Fragment (170 A.D.)
 - Against Heresies by Irenaeus (180 A.D.)
 - And the writings of Clement of Alexandria, Eusebius, Tertullian, Jerome and Origen.

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Internal Evidence

- Similarities between the book of Luke and Acts
 - Both have the same basic thrust.
 - Both were written in chronological order.
 - Acts takes up where Luke left off.
 - Both addressed to Theophilus.
 - Both have the same style.
 - Luke uses medical terms.
 - 50 words found in Luke and Acts that are not found anywhere else in NT.
 - Both written to Gentile audience (define Jewish words).
- The “We” “They” verses
 - (16:1-17; 20:5-21:18; and 27:1-28:16)



Date of Writing

Probably written 62 A.D. or 63 A.D.



Time Period Covered in the Book

Approximately 29-30 years –
From the ascension of Christ (33 A.D.)
to Paul's second year in prison (62-63
A.D.)

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A.D. 33 Establishment of the church in Jerusalem (1-6).

35 Stoning of Stephen, dispersion of the church (7,8).

35 Conversion of Saul (9).

38 Paul's first visit to Jerusalem after his conversion (9).

40 Conversion of Cornelius the Gentile (10).

42 Reception of Gentiles into the church at Antioch (11).

44 Paul's second visit to Jerusalem (12).

45-48 First evangelistic journey (Paul and Barnabas) (13,14).

50 Meeting at Jerusalem (15).

50-53 Second evangelistic journey (Paul and Silas) (16-18).

54-57 Third evangelistic journey (Paul) (19,20).

58 Paul reached Jerusalem (20-23).

58-60 Paul in Caesarea (24-26).

60-61 Paul's voyage to Rome (27,28).

61-63 Paul in Rome for two years (28).

Outline of Acts

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Four Point Outline

Acts 1:8

“You will be My witnesses”

1. In Jerusalem (Acts Chapters 2-7)
2. In Judea (Acts 8:1-4)
3. In Samaria (Acts 8:5-25)
4. End of the earth (Acts 8:26-End of Book)



Overview

Christianity from Jerusalem to Rome

Acts Divided into 2 sections

- 1st Section Chapters 1-12
- 2nd Section Chapters 13-28



Overview

Jerusalem to Rome

- Peter primary in 1st section/Paul primary in 2nd section.
- Jerusalem primary city 1st section/Antioch of Syria primary city in 2nd section.
- Message begins in Jerusalem spreads into Judea and Samaria in the 1st section. In the 2nd section, from Antioch and spreads throughout the world.

Similarities in Acts with Peter and Paul

Peter

Acts 2 long sermon of Peter recorded.

Acts 3 Peter heals a cripple.

Acts 5 Peter preforms extra ordinary miracle.

Acts 8 Peter deals with a magician/sorcerer (Simon).

Acts 8 Peter lays hands on someone to impart miraculous gifts.

Acts 9 Peter raises Dorcus from the dead.

Paul

Acts 13 a long sermon of Paul recorded.

Acts 14 Paul heals a cripple.

Acts 19 Paul preforms extra ordinary miracle.

Acts 13 Paul deals with a sorcerer (Bar-Jesus).

Acts 19 Paul lays hands on people to impart miraculous gifts.

Acts 20 Paul raises Eutychus from the dead.



Similarities in Acts with Peter and Paul Cont'd

Peter

Paul

Acts 10 Peter is worshipped by Cornelius.

Acts 14 Paul is worshipped in Lystra.

Acts 10 Peter received a vision to go to Cornelius.

Acts 16 Paul receives a vision to go to Macedonia.

Acts 12 Peter is in prison.

Acts 16 Paul is in prison.



Keyword

1. Witness
Martyr

Other keywords in the book:

2. Raise up or stand up (171 times)
3. God (170 times)
4. Paul (128 times)
5. Called (112 times)
6. Lord (108 times)
7. Day (106 times)
8. Hear (96 times)
9. Jew or Judea (91 times)
10. Do (75 times)
11. Spirit or wind (70 times)
12. Name (62 times)
13. Jerusalem (59 times)
14. Peter (56 times)
15. Gentiles (43 times)

Summary of Acts using the Keywords:

God called Peter to be a witness to the Jews in Jerusalem and Paul to be a witness to the Gentiles. That they might hear by inspiration of the Spirit, the name of the Lord and do His will, so they may be raised up on the last day.

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