

# Outlines of Acts

## Personality Outline:

The Acts of Peter (chs. 1-12) and Paul (chs. 13-28)

## Geographic Outline:

Acts 1:8 ESV But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

From Jerusalem (1:1–6:7)

To Judea and Samaria (6:8–9:31)

To the ends of the earth (9:32–28:31)

## Repeated Theme Outline about the increase of God's Word/Church:

- Acts 6:7 ESV ¶ And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.
- Acts 9:31 ESV ¶ So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria had peace and was being built up. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it multiplied.
- Acts 12:24 ESV ¶ But the word of God increased and multiplied.
- Acts 16:5 ESV So the churches were strengthened in the faith, and they increased in numbers daily.
- Acts 19:20 ESV So the word of the Lord continued to increase and prevail mightily.

Prologue – Foundations for the church and its mission (1:1-2:41)

The Church in Jerusalem (2:42-6:7)

Wider Horizons for the Church: Stephen, Samaria and Saul (6:8-9:31)

Peter and the first Gentile convert (9:32-12:24)

Paul turns to the Gentiles (12:25-16:5)

Further Penetration into the Gentile World (16:6-19:20)

On to Rome – (19:21-28:31)

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## Mixed outline (from *The Lutheran Study Bible*)

- I. Prologue (1:1–2)
- II. Peter and the Church's Foundation: The Gospel Spreads from Judea to Galilee and Samaria (1:3–14:28)
  - A. The Church Is Born (1:3–2:47)
    1. Jesus teaches about the kingdom of God, promises the Holy Spirit, and ascends into heaven (1:3–11)
    2. Matthias chosen to replace Judas: the foundation of the 12 apostles is restored (1:12–26)
    3. Pentecost: the descending Spirit gives birth to the Church (ch 2)
  - B. Peter and John Carry On the Work of Christ in Jerusalem (chs 3–5)
    1. Peter and John's first trial and its effects (3:1–5:11)
    2. Peter and John's second trial and its effects (5:12–42)
  - C. The Martyrdom of Stephen and Initial Spread of the Gospel (chs 6–8)
    1. Stephen and his martyrdom (6:1–8:1a)
    2. The persecution of the Church leads to the Gospel's spread (8:1b–40)
  - D. The Conversion of Paul and the Vision of Peter Pave the Way for Outreach to the Gentiles (chs 9–14)
    1. Saul's conversion on the road to Damascus (9:1–31)
    2. Peter's vision and the extension of the Gospel (9:32–11:18)
    3. The Church in Antioch (11:19–30)
    4. Peter's escape; Herod's death (ch 12)
    5. Paul's first missionary journey (chs 13–14)
- III. The Jerusalem Council: Paul's Work Endorsed by Peter and James (15:1–35)
  - A. Paul's Missionary Work Sparks Controversy (15:1–5)
  - B. Paul's Missionary Work Evaluated (15:6–21)
  - C. The Council Sends a Letter to the Churches (15:22–35)
- IV. Paul Carries the Gospel to the Ends of the Earth (15:36–28:31)
  - A. Paul's Second Missionary Journey (15:36–18:22)
  - B. Paul's Third Missionary Journey (18:23–21:16)
  - C. Paul Goes to Rome (21:17–28:31)
    1. Paul's imprisonment in Jerusalem (21:17–23:35)
      - a. Paul's arrest (21:17–22:29)
      - b. Trial before the Council (22:30–23:11)
      - c. Transfer to Caesarea (23:12–35)
    2. Paul's imprisonment in Caesarea (chs 24–26)
      - a. Trial before Felix (ch 24)
      - b. Trial before Festus (25:1–12)
      - c. Hearing before Festus and Agrippa (25:13–26:32)
    3. Voyage to Rome (27:1–28:15)
    4. House arrest in Rome: the Gospel is preached (28:16–31)