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**THE COMPLETE
ACTS OF THE APOSTLES
CHAPTER BY CHAPTER**

- Seeking out lessons from/for the Church -

- PART ONE -

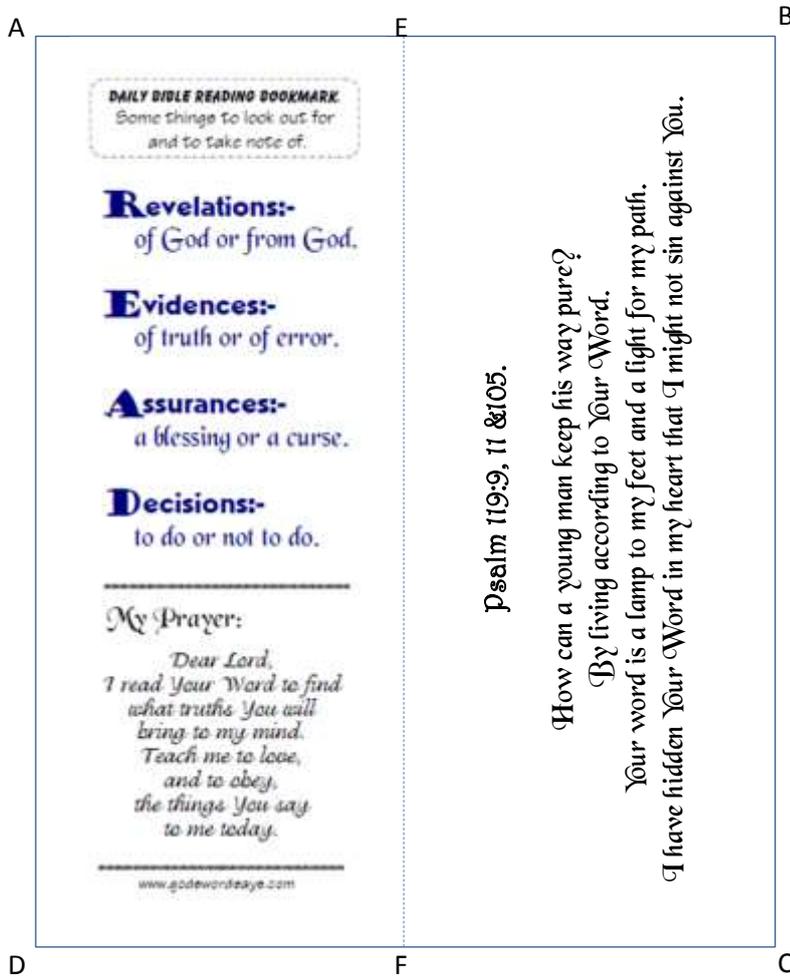
**A SERIES OF 14
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Print off the page
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To assist us in our study of each chapter in the
Acts of the Apostles series
we will be using the headings
given under the acrostic
- **R,E,A,D.** -
on the Bookmark

Answer the questions
in numerical order
each time noting the heading
that the question is focusing on.

Bible Study – ACTS OF THE APOSTLES. Using the R.E.A.D. Bookmark -

REVELATIONS - of God or from God. / **EVIDENCES** - of truth or of error. / **ASSURANCES** - a blessing or a curse. / **DECISIONS** - to do or not to do.

Acts chapter 1. Answer the questions in numerical order - 1,2,3,4...

Memory verse: Acts 1:8.

- **REVELATIONS** - of God or from God.

- 1 What revelations about God and His plan are found in verses 1-2?
- 3 What vital component did Jesus indicate as essential to the next phase of God's plan?

- **EVIDENCES** - of truth or of error.

- 2 What did Jesus do over the 40 day period after His resurrection?
- 4 What did Jesus say had to happen before the Kingdom would be restored to Israel?

- **ASSURANCES** - a blessing or a curse.

- 7 What wonderful assurance was given after Jesus's ascension?
- 8 What curse was prophesied about Judas 1000 years earlier?

- **DECISIONS** - to do or not to do.

- 5 What are we taught to wait upon and depend on for this phase of the Christian life?
- 6 What rebuke did the disciples receive from the two angelic messengers?
- 9 What did the disciples do while waiting for the promised Holy Spirit?

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Acts chapter 2 Answer the questions in numerical order - 1,2,3,4...

Memory verse: 1 John 4:1.

- **REVELATIONS** - of God or from God.

3 What indications are there that all that is referred to in this chapter was anticipated and accomplished in the will of God?

4 How many prophecies can you find referred to in this chapter?

5 How had God commended the Person of Jesus of Nazareth?

- **EVIDENCES** - of truth or of error.

1 What evidences accompanied the coming of the Holy Spirit?

2 How did these signs affect the community around them?

- **ASSURANCES** - a blessing or a curse.

6 What assurances are given to the persons who would believe?

- **DECISIONS** - to do or not to do.

7 What were some of the things the Believers did, and that we also should do?

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Acts chapter 3 Answer the questions in numerical order - 1,2,3,4...

Memory verse: Acts 3:6.

- **REVELATIONS** - of God or from God.

2 What authority and power did Peter and the lame man publicly identify with for this miracle?

4 What revelations from God did Peter use to back up the power and grace of God?

- **EVIDENCES** - of truth or of error.

3 What evidences of God's power and authority had been very plain to all around on that day?

5 What fulfilments of prophecy did Peter refer to in his message?

- **ASSURANCES** - a blessing or a curse.

7 What reference did Peter make about the returning Messiah?

8 What miraculous and glorious blessings are freely available to all through Jesus?

- **DECISIONS** - to do or not to do.

1 What activity were Peter and John going to when the miracle took place?

6 What response did Peter urge the people to make in his message to them?

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Acts of the apostles **4** Answer the questions in numerical order - 1,2,3,4...

Memory verse: Acts 4:12.

- **REVELATIONS** - of God or from God.

3 What revelation of God and Jesus did Peter declare before the Jewish rulers in the Sanhedrin?

6 According to their prayer what powers did the Believers reckon on God as having?

- **EVIDENCES** - of truth or of error.

2 What evidence of change do we see in Peter as a result of him being filled with the Holy Spirit? (Note Jn 18:15-18, 25-27.)

7 How did being filled with the Spirit affect the Believers?

- **ASSURANCES** - a blessing or a curse.

4 What message of Salvation did Peter have for these very religious leaders?

- **DECISIONS** - to do or not to do.

1 What response did the religious leaders have to the message of Jesus being the Messiah and Saviour?

5 What reason did the apostles give for deciding not to submit to the ruling of the Sanhedrin?

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Acts of the apostles **5** Answer the questions in numerical order - 1,2,3,4...

Memory verse: Acts 5:32.

- **REVELATIONS** - of God or from God.

- 1 What do we learn about God through the offensive behaviour of Ananias & Sapphira?
- 6 What was Peter able to reveal about God from the events surrounding the killing of Jesus?

- **EVIDENCES** - of truth or of error.

- 2 What sins can you identify in the lives of Ananias & Sapphira indicating that Satan had filled their hearts?
- 4 What evidences did God use to establish the early Church as being genuine?

- **ASSURANCES** - a blessing or a curse.

- 3 What effect did the discipline of God upon Ananias & Sapphira have on the Church?

- **DECISIONS** - to do or not to do.

- 5 What was the response of the religious leaders to God's work through His apostles?
- 7 What reasoning made Gamaliel suggest setting the apostles free?
- 8 What responses of the apostles to religious opposition should we want to imitate?

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Acts of the apostles **6** Answer the questions in numerical order - 1,2,3,4...

Memory verse: Psalm 56:11.

- **REVELATIONS** - of God or from God.

- 9 What revelation did Stephen's opponents witness as they falsely accused him?
- 10 What does the revelation from God in 2 Tim 3:12-13 tell us God's people can expect?

- **EVIDENCES** - of truth or of error.

- 4 What qualifications were the deacons to have that would ensure health and safety?
- 5 What was the outcome in the Church that followed this good working arrangement?

- **ASSURANCES** - a blessing or a curse.

- 6 What evidences assure us of how well Stephen was qualified to meet the needs among the church widows?
- 7 How did Stephen's assurance of what he believed display itself very clearly? and what was his secret?

- **DECISIONS** - to do or not to do.

- 1 What decision needed to be made to improve the organisation within the Church?
- 2 What priorities did the Twelve recognise in their ministry?
- 3 What solution did the Twelve bring to the Church?
- 8 What did the religious opponents decide to do in order to frustrate Stephen's work in the Christian Church?

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Acts of the apostles **7** Answer the questions in numerical order - 1,2,3,4...

Memory verse: Romans 1:21.

- **REVELATIONS** - of God or from God.

- 1 In the chapter what revelations do you find of who God is?
- 2 In the chapter what revelations do you find of what God can do?

- **EVIDENCES** - of truth or of error.

- 3 What clear evidences can you find of God's influence on Abraham's life?
- 4 What clear evidences can you find of God's influence on Joseph's life?
- 5 What evidences of fulfilled prophecy did Stephen speak about?

- **ASSURANCES** - a blessing or a curse.

- 8 What did the Israelites do that resulted in the assurance of a curse from God?
- 9 What assurance did Stephen receive from God as he was condemned by the Sanhedrin?

- **DECISIONS** - to do or not to do.

- 6 What decision of the patriarchs (the sons of Jacob) resulted in them all moving down to Egypt?
- 7 Identify some of the important decisions Stephen highlighted that influenced the course of the history of Israel.

- 10 Find the verses that expose their false religion:

VS	YOU REFUSE GOD'S PLANS!
VS.	USE IMAGES IN WORSHIP!
VS.	A TEMPLE AS GOD'S HOME! 1 COR 3:16
VS.	REFUSE TO DEPEND ON JESUS!
VS.	NOT OBEY THE WORD OF GOD!

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Acts of the apostles 8 Answer the questions in numerical order - 1,2,3,4...

Memory verse: Romans 10:14.

- **REVELATIONS** - of God or from God.

- 6 Why did the Holy Spirit not come upon the Samaritan Believers when they first believed?
- 9 How could the Ethiopian have gone to Jerusalem to worship and not hear the message of the Gospel?
- 10 What had prepared the Ethiopian to receive the Gospel of God from Philip?

- **EVIDENCES** - of truth or of error.

- 2 What evidence do we have to show that persecution did not quench but advanced the Gospel witness?
- 3 How had Simon (the sorcerer) been so successful in deceiving the people of Samaria?

- **ASSURANCES** - a blessing or a curse.

- 5 What assurance was missing that would indicate God's acceptance of Samaritan Believers?
- 8 What reasoning of Simon's brought a curse upon him?

- **DECISIONS** - to do or not to do.

- 1 Saul had seen and heard the witness of Stephen. What decision did he make after Stephen's death?
- 4 What decision did those who believed Philip's message make to openly proclaim their new found faith?
- 7 What decision had Jesus made (See Matt 16:19.) that was confirmed here?

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Acts of the apostles **9** Answer the questions in numerical order – 1,2,3,4...

Memory verse: John 16:24.

- **REVELATIONS** – of God or from God.

- 2 Saul had seen and heard much of the Gospel. What revelation finally brought him to acknowledge the Gospel of Jesus Christ?
- 3 What had the Sovereign Lord foreseen that this man Saul would be willing to do as God's servant?
- 10 Why do we not see miracles done on such a scale today?

- **EVIDENCES** – of truth or of error.

- 1 How does Saul's zeal to persecute "the Way" compare or contrast to your/my zeal to promote the Way?
- 6 What were some of the things the new Believer Saul now had on his agenda?
- 7 How did the conversion of this persecutor affect the early Church?

- **ASSURANCES** – a blessing or a curse.

- 5 How was Barnabas able to get the Believers in Jerusalem to accept Saul?
- 9 What gave Peter the confidence to expect a response when he spoke to a lame man and to a dead woman?

- **DECISIONS** – to do or not to do.

- 4 How could Ananias go as Christ's ambassador and visit this known persecutor of the Way?
- 8 What took Peter to Lydda? And what did he do there?

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Acts of the apostles **10** Answer the questions in numerical order - 1,2,3,4...

Memory verse: Acts 10:42.

- **REVELATIONS** – of God or from God.

- 2 As with the rich young ruler (Mark 10:21.) the Lord obviously looked upon Cornelius and loved him. Why do you think God asked him to send for Peter? (Could the angel not have preached the Gospel to him?)
- 4 How did Peter discover what the meaning of the vision was?
- 8 What was the major turning point in Peter's experience that this incident brought in his life and thinking?

- **EVIDENCES** – of truth or of error.

- 5 Although Peter had become a notable preacher and a miracle worker how did he show himself to be humble at the house of Cornelius?
- 6 When Peter arrived what else did he find out about Cornelius and his desire to know about God?

- **ASSURANCES** – a blessing or a curse.

- 9 What great assurance had Peter been commanded to tell these people about?
- 10 What assurance was given to those believing Gentiles that God had indeed accepted them for their faith in Jesus? and that the Christians accepted them as brothers?

- **DECISIONS** – to do or not to do.

- 1 Cornelius was a Gentile (non Jewish). How had he hoped he could become acceptable to God?
- 3 What was the decision God repeatedly called upon Peter to make and why did he find it so difficult?
- 7 What had Cornelius done that indicates he was ready and willing to be corrected and taught in the true worship of God?

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Acts of the apostles **11** Answer the questions in numerical order - 1,2,3,4..

Memory verse: Galatians. 6:10.

- **REVELATIONS** - of God or from God.

- 3 What was God's response when Peter was reluctant to go against Jewish tradition?
- 4 Why do you think the vision from God was repeated three times?
- 7 What conclusion did the Jewish Believers in Jerusalem come to after hearing Peter's story?
- 8 How did our great Omni-competent God (able to turn every circumstance to His advantage) turn the events of the persecution around for His praise and glory?

- **EVIDENCES** - of truth or of error.

- 2 What evidences did Peter use to defend his break with tradition?
- 9 News of Greeks (Gentiles) turning in faith to Jesus reached Jerusalem and they sent a trusted representative called Barnabas to investigate. What did he find and do in Antioch?

- **ASSURANCES** - a blessing or a curse.

- 6 As Peter spoke to the Gentiles what assurance did he have that God was truly accepting the Gentile Believers?

- **DECISIONS** - to do or not to do.

- 1 What issue did the circumcised believers in Jerusalem have against Peter?
- 5 How long was it before Peter really understood what God meant by the vision?
- 10 How did the Believers react to the news that others were going to experience severe famine?

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Acts of the apostles **12** Answer the questions in numerical order - 1,2,3,4...

Memory verse: Psalm 91:15.

- **REVELATIONS** - of God or from God.

3 Throughout the Bible what has God revealed to us about the ministry of God's angels?

9 What were some of the things you learn about God in this chapter?

- **EVIDENCES** - of truth or of error.

1 The "time of peace" enjoyed by the Church (9:31.) did not last for long! Who became an opponent of the Christians and what did he do?

4 What evidence do we find in Acts 12 of the ministry of angels?
Did Peter believe it was an angel?

6 What evidence do we find showing that all the believers gathered in the house of Mary (except one) lacked faith in their praying?

- **ASSURANCES** - a blessing or a curse.

8 What curse happened to Herod? Why did this happen to him?

10 What effect did this opposition and persecution have upon the young Church?

- **DECISIONS** - to do or not to do.

2 What action did the Church make when Herod began to persecute the Church? Would this be better than a protest march?

5 What did Peter decide to do as soon as he realised he was miraculously freed from prison?

7 What did Herod decide to do about Peter's escape?

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Acts of the apostles **13** Answer the questions in numerical order – 1,2,3,4... Memory verse: Acts 13:39.

- **REVELATIONS** – of God or from God.

3 What evidences do we see in the life of Saul (Paul) that show he was a "prophet" of God?

5 When in Pisidian Antioch why do you think Paul gave the people a history lesson?

- **EVIDENCES** – of truth or of error.

6 What serious mistake had the people of Jerusalem and their rulers made?

7 What evidence did Paul have to support their message about Jesus being the Messiah?

10 What evidence is given to show that God was at work despite the opposition?

- **ASSURANCES** – a blessing or a curse.

8 What glorious assurances did Paul proclaim in his message to his hearers?

- **DECISIONS** – to do or not to do.

1 What were some of the particular gifts the Church in Antioch recognised among their members? Can you think of other leadership gifts that were recognised in the N.T. Churches?

2 When and how did the Church in Antioch decide to send off some of their leaders?

4 On their missionary trip where did the team often go to in order to proclaim their message? Why did they do that?

9 What was the general response of the Jews to the Gospel concerning Jesus Christ?

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Acts of the apostles **14** Answer the questions in numerical order - 1,2,3,4...

Memory verse: Acts 14:22.

- **REVELATIONS** - of God or from God.

5 What wrong view did the Lycaonian people have that was sure to arouse God's wrath?

7 What can you find out about God from the apostles response to the Lycaonian people?

- **EVIDENCES** - of truth or of error.

1 What contributed to the great number of Jews and Gentiles who believed at Iconium? So how important is our presentation and explanation of the Gospel?

2 What evidence do we find as another response that can be expected to effective preaching of the gospel? And how did the preachers respond?

4 I am sure there were many sick and handicapped people around in Lystra so why did Paul focus on this cripple man?

- **ASSURANCES** - a blessing or a curse.

9 What assurances did the apostles bring to the Believers in Lystra, Iconium & Antioch?

10 What commendable characteristics can you find out about the "home Church" in Antioch?

- **DECISIONS** - to do or not to do.

3 Did the preachers respond in a right way when the opposition became life-threatening?

6 How did Paul and Barnabas respond to the great admiration and praise the Lycaonian people lavished upon them? Was their response a natural human one?

8 What reversed the attitude of the Lycaonian people towards the apostles? And what do you make of Paul's response to their violent attitude?

