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OF BIBLE STUDIES.**

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

- Seeking out lessons from/for the Church -

**- PART TWO -**

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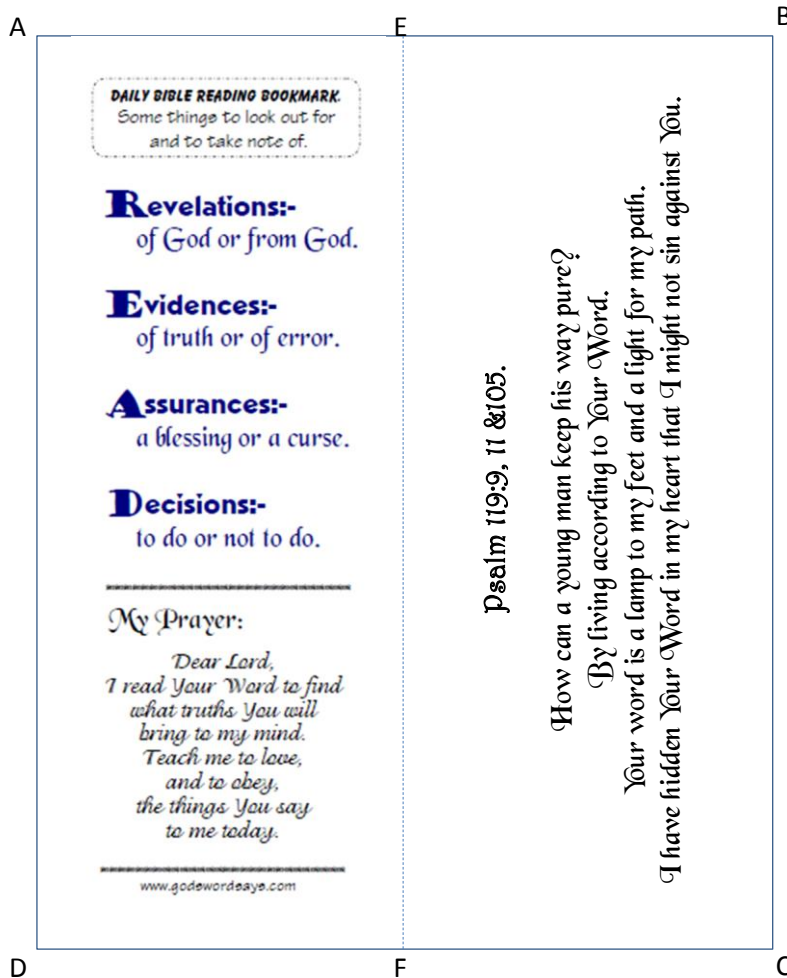
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and cut around  
A,B,C,D.

Then fold along E,F.  
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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.** -  
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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 of the apostles **15** Answer the questions in numerical order - 1,2,3,4... Memory verse: Acts 15:29.

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

**5** On what grounds did Peter claim to have authority to address this matter confidently?

**6** What clear statement of the Gospel did Peter make at the Jerusalem council meeting?

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

**1** What evidence did the teachers from Judea insist on as being necessary for Salvation? And why do you think they demanded this?

**4** What influence in the Jerusalem Church caused some to support the belief that circumcision was necessary for Salvation?

**8** What restrictions did the Jerusalem Church say believers in the Gospel should observe that would help resolve cultural difficulties in harmonizing Jews and Gentiles? Note v 19.

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

**3** How were those who were going up to Jerusalem able to encourage other Believers they met with along the way?

**10** What was the issue that brought discord between Barnabas and Paul? And how did God turn it around for a good outcome?

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

**2** How did the church in Antioch decide to settle the dispute that Paul and Barnabas had with these Judean teachers?

**7** Who summed up the findings of the council that day? And where did he find support for his conclusions?

**9** How did the Jerusalem Church make their decision official and have it made known?

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Acts of the apostles **16** Answer the questions in numerical order - 1,2,3,4... Memory verse: Acts 16:31.

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

**3** What revelations of God - Father, Son and Spirit - do you find in this chapter?

**8** What did God start in this chapter that we today are still benefiting from?

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

**1** What can you discover about Timothy's family and religious background?  
See also 2 Tim 1:5. 3:15.

**2** What do you see to be the focus of Paul and his companions in their travelling around Asia?

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

**6** What assurance did Lydia the jailor and their families display that testified to their genuine repentance and new-found faith?

**7** What assurances do we who proclaim the Name of Jesus get from the events of this chapter?

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

**4** Why do you think the Holy Spirit seemed to turn Paul and his companions from doing missionary work in Asia? Note also Acts 8:26-29.

**5** How often do you find Paul's plans upset or reversed in this chapter?

**9** Why was Paul so reluctant to accept his freedom when the magistrates granted it?

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

**2** What important facts of Paul's message are revealed in this chapter?

**6** What teaching of Paul's really made his message very different from that of all the other gods the people in Athens believed in?

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

**4** What evidence of genuine sincerity did they find from some people in Berea?

**8** How did Paul use the writings of their own poets to undermine the Athenians belief and confidence in images?

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

**7** How did Paul go about trying to convince the thinkers in Athens that the God he proclaimed was the One True God?

**9** Are there others you can find in the Holy Bible who exposed the folly of idolatry?

- **DECISIONS** – to do or not to do.

**1** Paul had made a decision as to how to go about proclaiming the Gospel in a foreign city. What was his custom and how often do we read about it here?

**3** How and why did the majority of the Jewish community respond as they did to Paul's preaching?

**5** What influenced the "crowds" in Berea to behave as they did?

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

**3** What was Paul's message and how did he go about making it known in Corinth?

**9** What words are used in this chapter to tell us what Paul's message was all about?

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

**2** From Aquila & Priscilla's experience in Rome what can we learn about Rome's attitude towards worshippers of the God of Abraham?

**6** What did they accuse Paul of before judge Gallio that shows their misunderstanding of the Gospel of God? And why did Gallio dismiss the case?

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**10** What were some of the very commendable traits of Priscilla & Aquila, and of Appolos?

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

**7** What assurance did Paul give that he was very serious about keeping a vow he had made before God? See what Ecclesiastes 5:4-7 has to say about vows!

**8** What principle taught in James 4:13-17 do we find Paul observing as he said farewell to the Believers in Ephesus?

▪ **DECISIONS** – to do or not to do.

**1** What did Paul have in common with Aquila & Priscilla that would have given him reason to become close friends?

**4** Why did Paul change his focus of preaching to the Gentiles? Did he consider this decision a light one?

**5** Why did Paul not leave Corinth when the Corinthian Jews opposed his preaching?

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

- 1** "Disciple" (v.1) means a learner; a pupil. In Ephesus Paul found "pupils" eager to be given a better understanding of God. What teachings were they willing to accept?
- 8** Why did Demetrius take such strong exception to Paul's preaching of the Gospel?

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

- 2** When evidence of the Holy Spirit had been given to believers in earlier chapters (2:38-41. 10:44-48.) the Apostle Peter had been present. Why not on this occasion?
- 4** Contrast the response of the people to Paul's ministry with God's response.
- 6** How did God use the incident with Sceva's sons to advance the cause of the Gospel?

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

**5** What evidence do we find that not all who use the name of Jesus have God's approval? Name some religions that use Jesus name today but know nothing of His Gospel?

**9** How did the city clerk assure the people that Paul and his friends had not done anything to merit their reaction?

- **DECISIONS** – to do or not to do.

**3** How is Paul's ministry in the Ephesian synagogue described? Which of the following could describe Paul's ministry: Timid /correcting / soothing / with authority / trying to be agreeable / rebuking / avoiding conflict /

**7** Why did the Believers have a bonfire of valuable books instead of selling them?

**10** How should Believers react today to the spread of opposing religious teachings?

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Acts of the apostles **20** Answer the questions in numerical order – 1,2,3,4... Memory verse: Acts 20:24.

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

**6** The Holy Spirit had clearly warned Paul of prison and hardship in Jerusalem. Why was he still determined to go there?

**7** What was the commitment Paul put to the Ephesian elders, and why?

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

**3** How could Paul cope in the way that he did with the accidental death of Eutychus?

**5** What can you find out about the Christ-like lifestyle Paul had had in Ephesus?

**10** At Paul's departure what evidences do we see of shared love and concern?

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

**4** Paul hadn't time to visit Ephesus. What assurance do we have of his genuine concern for the Believers there?

**8** On what basis was Paul's confidence for the Church in Ephesus despite the great trials ahead?

- **DECISIONS** – to do or not to do.

**1** Travelling to Macedonia Paul's interest was not in sight-seeing - what was his interest in? What does this imply?

**2** When was Paul's last day in Troas and what did he spend it doing?

**9** How did Paul demonstrate - "It is more blessed to give than to receive"? (v. 35.)



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**Acts of the apostles 21** Answer the questions in numerical order - 1,2,3,4... **Memory verse:** Revelation 2:10.

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

**3** Paul was very aware of what lay ahead for him, but what affect would the disciples' attitude and advice have on him in Tyre and Caesarea?

**9** How did God use ungodly powers to rescue Paul at that time? Can you think of other Biblical incidents of God using ungodly people to accomplish His purposes?

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

**1** What parallel do you find in the attitude of the disciples in Tyre and the disciples in John 11:7-16? How would you explain their attitude?

**4** What was remarkable about the home they stayed in at Caesarea? What significance might be attached to the daughters' virginity?

**6** How did the Church leaders respond to the reports of Paul's ministry among the Gentiles? Had they any difficulties?

**8** What caused the Jews to turn against Paul despite his efforts to identify with and promote their cultural practices?

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

**5** Do you think the ministry of Agabus was meant to be an encouragement or a discouragement for Paul? Explain your answer.

**7** What action did the Church leaders propose to assure the Jewish converts that Paul's message did not required Jews to abandon their culture and practices?

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

**2** Was the disciples' reaction to Paul going to Jerusalem a response in step with the Spirit?

**10** Why do you think Paul wanted an opportunity to speak to the blood-thirsty mob who wanted to kill him?

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Acts of the apostles **22** Answer the questions in numerical order – 1,2,3,4... Memory verse: 2 Timothy 3:12.

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

**2** How did God bring such a religious zealot to repent and be converted to the "Way" of Jesus?

**4** How did the vision affect him? And what was the only known antidote?

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

**1** List the highlights Paul gave of his zealous Jewish background prior to his conversion.

**3** On that Damascus road what evidence did Saul give to show that he was now ready and willing to submit to the teachings of Jesus Christ?

**5** How did Paul describe the character of Ananias, the messenger God sent to him?

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

**7** How did Paul's attitude prior to his conversion prove to be typical of the attitude his fellow Jews would show against him? And what affect would it have on his ministry?

**10** In the light of Romans 13:1-5 are Believers always to submit to the laws and actions of the authorities of their country to enjoy God's favour? In your answer consider also Mark 12:17. / Ex 1:15-21. / 1 Sam 24:3-7. 2 Sam 1:5-16. / Acts 5:29. 4:19-20.

- **DECISIONS** – to do or not to do

**6** What do you think about the advice in Ecclesiastes 3:7 that is clearly backed up by what God told Paul while in a trance in Jerusalem?

**8** What did the people of Jerusalem decide to do after hearing Paul's testimony of God's dealings with him?

**9** As a Christian was Paul right to appeal to his Roman citizenship in order to be treated differently?

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Acts of the apostles **23** Answer the questions in numerical order - 1,2,3,4...

Memory verse: Joshua 1:5.

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

**4** Do you think there was a hint of bad news as well as good news for Paul in the revelation he received from the Lord?

**6** How did God rescue Paul from such a serious threat?

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

**1** What evidences can you think of in Paul's (Saul's) background that would confirm his claim in verse 1?

**5** How serious and imminent was the Jewish plot against Paul? And should Paul be afraid?

**9** Can you think of some of the other times when evil men plotted against God's plans in vain?

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

**3** How was Paul able to remain true to the Gospel and yet divide the Sanhedrin in their opposition to him?

**10** Paul was obviously in the will of the Lord, see v 11. What can we learn about being in the will of God from Paul's experiences?

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

**2** What can we learn from Paul's encounter with the high priest?

**7** What did the Roman centurion use to rescue Paul from what seemed like certain death?

**8** Who was Paul being sent to and why?

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Memory verse: 2 Tim 1:8.

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

**5** What key doctrine of Christian faith did Paul bring into his defence before Felix? and why?

**7** What message did Paul proclaim to Felix?

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

**1** Who was the prosecuting lawyer brought against Paul? and what charges did he bring?

**2** Would these alleged charges be of concern to the Roman governor?

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

**4** How did Paul answer to the alleged charges against him?

**10** What assurances do you think Paul could have found comfort in during these years of unlawful imprisonment?

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

**3** Compare the introductions of Tertullus and Paul in addressing Felix.

**6** What do you think may have contributed to Felix appearing to show some leniency towards the prisoner?

**8** What was Felix's response to Paul message to him?

**9** What motives did Felix have for wanting to keep Paul in prison?

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Acts of the apostles **25** Answer the questions in numerical order – 1,2,3,4...

Memory verse: Matt 5:11.

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

**9** How did Festus summarize the case against Paul when informing king Agrippa and Bernice about it?

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

**1** Why did the Jewish leaders want the newly appointed governor Festus to send Paul to Jerusalem for trial? and why did they think they might get him to attend to it urgently?

**3** What serious flaws came to light when Festus arranged for Paul's trial in Caesarea?

**5** What argument or defence did Paul use before his accusers?

**6** What conclusion had Festus come to about Paul and the accusations being brought against him?

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

**7** How and why did Paul end up having to be sent to Rome (where God had already said he would testify to the Gospel)? (Acts 23:11.)

- **DECISIONS** – to do or not to do.

**2** Do you think it was just chance that Festus did not give in to their request? Can you explain or support your answer?

**4** Did you notice anything strange or improper about Festus' response to Paul's defence?

**8** Why do you think Festus was eager to discuss Paul's case with king Agrippa and even to arrange a special hearing where Paul could set forth his defence?

**10** What problem did Festus have in sending Paul to appear before Caesar?

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Acts of the apostles **26** Answer the questions in numerical order - 1,2,3,4... Memory verse: Acts 5:30-31

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

**3** What did Paul say was the critical theme in his message that caused the religious leaders to oppose him?

**6** What did God reveal to Paul about the work He wanted him to take on to do?

**8** What obvious change do we discover in Paul's life and message?

**9** Note the sources of revelation Paul relied on in his new ministry.

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

**1** What would you say about Paul's attitude and respect towards Agrippa in making his defence against the false accusations of the Jews.

**2** Why does it seem strange that the Jewish religious leaders would be opposed to someone with Paul's background?

**4** What did Paul do as a zealot for God that was in direct opposition to God?

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

**5** What assurance changed the course of Paul's zeal for God?

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

**7** Did Paul have any choice in the change in his life?

**10** What different responses do we find from Festus and from Agrippa to Paul's testimony?

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Acts of the apostles **27** Answer the questions in numerical order – 1,2,3,4.. Memory verse: Romans 8:28.

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

**6** Why do you think God did not intervene sooner with the angelic message of hope to Paul?

**7** Can you find evidence of God's grace; God's omniscience (all-knowing); God's omnipotence (all-powerful); God's omnipresence (everywhere present); God's loving providence; and God's mercy; in verses 21-26?

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

**1** Paul was going to Rome. From chapter 27 find out who was appointing this trip and who were his travelling companions?

**4** What was it that blew away the plans and purposes of their decisions?

**8** How were the sailors going to threaten the plan and purpose God had for these people?

**10** How did the soldiers threaten to dash the plan of God for those on board the ship?

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

**2** How was the first part of their journey very difficult? And what conclusion did Paul predict about the rest of the journey?

**9** Paul was in no doubt about the outcome but how did he prepare the 276 on board for the ordeal he knew was ahead?

- **DECISIONS** – to do or not to do.

**3** What factors influenced the decision to continue on their journey?

**5** What actions did the experienced seamen take to try to avoid disaster? Compare the seamen in Jonah 1:6, 13-16.

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Acts of the apostles **28** Answer the questions in numerical order – 1,2,3,4... Memory verse: 1Tim 2:3b-4.

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

**3** What changed their mind about Paul, and what further wrong conclusion did they come to?

**4** What happened on Malta that reminds us of the words of Jesus in John 11:4?

**7** What was the basis of Paul's arguments concerning the message and ministry of Jesus Christ?

**9** What prophecy of Scripture did Paul see being fulfilled in this response?

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

**1** What evidences do we have that Paul was obviously in God's care?

**2** What conclusion did the friendly islanders on Malta jump to when the viper bit Paul?

**10** What conclusion did Paul bring from this that was also a fulfilment of the plan and purpose of God?

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

**5** Count your many blessings! Can you recall some of the blessings and encouragements Paul experiences on his eventful and difficult trip to Rome?

- **DECISIONS** – to do or not to do.

**6** What were the circumstances that led to Paul being "compelled to appeal to Caesar"?

**8** What were the different responses of the Jews to Paul's proclamation of the Gospel of Christ based on their Scriptures?