

BOOK OF ACTS

Chronology and References

ACTS 1:8, Luke's own Outline:

*"But you will receive power
when the Holy Spirit
has come upon you,
and you will be my witnesses ...*

I. in Jerusalem

(Acts 1-6)

Summaries: Acts 2:42-47; 4:32-35; 6:7

II. and in all Judea and Samaria,

(Acts 6-12)

Summaries Acts 9:31; 12:24

III. and to the end of the earth."

(Acts 13-28)

Summaries: Acts 16:5; 19:20, 28:30-31

*In his Gospel and Acts, Luke gives reliable
narrative history selected and arranged for
theological purposes.*

THE CHURCH IN JERUSALEM

30 A.D. (Acts 1-8:3)

30 A.D. Jesus' Ascension & Pentecost

Beginnings of the church

30 – 33 A.D. Ministry and growth

Boldness, Arrests and deliverance

PERSECUTION & EXPANSION

33 A.D. (Acts 8:4-12:25)

Martyrdom of Stephen – Saul rages

Philip in Samaria

Holy Spirit falls on Samaritans 8:14ff

33 or 34 A.D. Conversion of Paul

34-37 A.D Paul in Damascus & Arabia

37 A.D. Paul in Jerusalem (Acts 9:26-30;
Gal. 1:18-20)

Caligula Emperor of Rome-**37--41 A.D.**

39 A.D. Herod Antipas exiled to Gaul

40 A.D. Conversion of Cornelius

Holy Spirit falls on the Gentiles Acts 10:44f

Church in Antioch founded – Barnabas and
Paul minister there.

Claudius Emperor of Rome **41-54 A.D.**

43 A.D. James is killed, Peter imprisoned.

44 A.D. Death of Herod Agrippa

46-48 A.D. Famine in Judea.

Paul and Barnabas sent to Jerusalem for
famine relief. Titus, a Gentile, taken along
(see Gal. 2; Acts 11:27-30)

1st MISSIONARY JOURNEY

48 A.D. (Acts 13:1-14:28)

Paul, Mark, Barnabas sent by Antioch
church to Pisidia, Iconium, and Lystra

John Mark's desertion (Acts 13:13)

49 A.D. Paul writes Galatians (early)

Jews Expelled from Rome

Aquila and Priscilla move to Corinth

Council in Jerusalem (Acts 15:1-35)

2nd MISSIONARY JOURNEY

50 A.D. (Acts 15:36-18:22)

Paul and Barnabas split over Mark's
desertion

49-50 A.D. Paul & Silas travel from Syrian
Antioch through Asia Minor to Macedonia &
Achaia

Paul joined by Timothy at Derbe

The Macedonian Call, Paul joined by Luke
at Troas.

Paul at Philippi (Luke remained there), then
to Thessalonica, Berea, Athens, Corinth,
and Ephesus.

50-52 A.D. Paul in Corinth

Paul's writes 1 & 2 Thessalonians

Gallio proconsul of Achaia (**51-52 A.D.**)

Felix procurator of Judea (**52-60 A.D.**)

Paul's Third Jerusalem Visit (Acts 18:22)

Gospel of Mark written **ca 50--65**

3rd MISSIONARY JOURNEY

53 A.D. (Acts 18:23-21:26)

53-56 A.D. Paul Returns to Ephesus

54 A.D. Nero Emperor of Rome (**54-68 AD**)

Writes 1st Corinthian letter (from Ephesus)

Apollos's ministry in Ephesus and Corinth

55-56 A.D Paul in Macedonia, Illyricum &
Achaia (Acts 20:1-16); Writes 2 Corinthians

Early 57 AD Paul's Letter to the Romans

Paul takes the offering for Jerusalem from
Macedonia (joined by Luke at Phillipi)

57 A.D. Paul's Final Jerusalem Visit

57-59 A.D. Paul's Imprisonment in
Caesarea (Acts 23:11-26:32)

59/60 A.D. Festus succeeds Felix as
procurator of Judea

Gospel of Luke Possibly written at this time

59 A.D. Nero murders his mother Agrippina

PAUL'S VOYAGE TO ROME

60 A.D. (Acts 27 -28)

Paul shipwrecked at Malta

Paul's arrival in Rome

Paul's Letters to Philippians, Colossians,
Ephesus, Philemon

60-62 A.D. Paul's house arrest in Rome



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