

# **P.T. BIBLE SURVEY**

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- ◎ Who wrote it?
  - Acts is the second of a two-volume set (The Gospel of Luke and Acts), written by Luke the physician.
  - Acts picks up where Luke's Gospel ends. (Luke 24:48-53; Acts 1:1-11)

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## ◎ Timing of Events:

- A.D. 33 to 62
- Acts is the historical link between the Gospels and the epistles, and is the only book in the Bible that chronicles the history and growth of the church.

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- Jesus' words in Acts 1:8 are fulfilled as the church begins in Jerusalem, and extends to Judea and Samaria, and then the uttermost parts of the world.

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## Overview of the Acts of the Apostles





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## ◎ III. The Witness to the End of the Earth (13:1-28:31)

- Paul's Three Missionary Journeys
- Paul's Trip to Rome

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- ◎ Summary in 10 words or less:
  - The Holy Spirit's arrival heralds the beginning of Christian church.

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## ◎ Cast of Characters:

- **God:** through the Holy Spirit, leads the followers of Jesus out into the world
- **Jesus:** Acts begins with His final instructions and ascension to heaven
- **Matthias:** chosen as replacement for the Judas
- **Peter:** explains the work of the Holy Spirit
- **Ananias, Sapphira:** die after lying to the Holy Spirit

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## ◎ Cast of Characters:

- **Philip:** an evangelist; miraculously transported by the Holy Spirit
- **Saul of Tarsus:** vehement opponent of Christianity; becomes Paul, apostle to the Gentiles
- **Barnabas:** the disciple known as “the encourager” (4:36; 11:23)

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## Verse to Remember

“But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.”

(Acts 1:8)



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## ◎ Interesting Facts:

- Acts 1:8 is the Book of Acts in miniature:
  - Acts 1:1 - 8:4 - Jerusalem.
  - Acts 8:5 - 12:25 - Judea and Samaria.
  - Acts 13-28 - To the end of the earth.  
“Uttermost parts of the earth.” (KJV)
- Through the first 12 chapters the major character is Peter. Through the final 16 chapters the major character is Paul.
- Acts tells of the first Christian martyr, Stephen, stoned to death for blaming Jewish leaders for the death of Jesus (Chapter 7).

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- ◎ What is my take away?
  - Let's pray that the same power of the Holy Spirit that overtook the church in Acts will overwhelm the church today and spread like fire across America and the world!

# THE BOOK OF ACTS

## ◎ Home Study

- Read a couple chapters daily in Romans this week.
- Review your One-Sentence Summaries.
- Recite your memory verses.