

# **Study Outline of the Book of Acts**

## **“The Acts Blueprint”**

**We will note the highlights of the movement of the Holy Spirit at work in the lives of the Apostles and the body of Messiah. Please take notes as we come into the “rhema revelation” within the Scripture of how the church grew and evangelized the known world! - *Shepherd Lambur*.**

**The Book of Acts, also known as the Acts of the Apostles, is a key text in the New Testament that details the early history of the Christian church following the ascension of Yahshua Messiah. It serves as a blueprint for understanding how the Holy Spirit guided and empowered the apostles and early believers to spread Christianity. Below is a detailed outline that explains this “Acts Blueprint” and how it can be applied to contemporary believers.**

### **I. Introduction to Acts**

**Purpose: The Book of Acts was written by Luke as a sequel to his Gospel. Many the is Luke’s second Gospel. Acts aims to document the growth of the early church and demonstrate how the Holy Spirit worked through believers.**

**Audience: The book is addressed to Theophilus, likely a Roman official or a patron, but also intended for all Christians.**

### **II. The Ascension and Promise of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1)**

**Yahshua’ Ascension: After His resurrection, Yahshua instructs His disciples to wait in Jerusalem for the promised Holy Spirit (Acts 1:4-5).**

**Great Commission: Yahshua commands them to be His witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8).**

### **III. Pentecost and Empowerment by the Holy Spirit (Acts 2)**

**Arrival of the Holy Spirit: On Pentecost, the Holy Spirit descends upon the apostles, enabling them to speak in various languages (Acts 2:1-4).**

**Peter’s Sermon: Peter preaches about Jesus’ death and resurrection, leading to about 3,000 conversions (Acts 2:14-41).**

#### **A. Key Elements of Empowerment**

**Boldness in Proclamation: The apostles speak fearlessly about their faith.**

**Miraculous Signs: Healing and wonders accompany their ministry.**

**Community Life: Believers share possessions and support one another (Acts 2:42-47).**

#### **IV. Early Church Growth and Challenges (Acts 3-7)**

##### **A. Miracles and Teachings**

**Healing at Beautiful Gate: Peter heals a lame man (Acts 3).**

##### **B. Opposition from Religious Leaders**

**Arrest of Peter and John: They are imprisoned for preaching about Jesus but continue boldly despite threats (Acts 4).**

##### **C. Ananias and Sapphira Incident**

**Deception within Community: Their story illustrates integrity within community life (Acts 5).**

##### **D. Stephen's Martyrdom**

**First Martyr: Stephen's defense before Sanhedrin leads to his stoning; this event catalyzes further persecution but also spreads believers beyond Jerusalem (Acts 6-7).**

#### **V. Expansion Beyond Jerusalem (Acts 8)**

##### **A. Philip's Ministry**

**Evangelism in Samaria: Philip preaches in Samaria; many believe and are baptized (Acts 8:5-12).**

##### **B. Ethiopian Eunuch**

**Conversion through Guidance: Philip explains Scripture leading to baptism; this signifies outreach beyond Jewish communities.**

#### **VI. Saul's Conversion and Missionary Journey Begins (Acts 9)**

##### **A. Transformation of Saul**

**Encounter with Christ on Road to Damascus: Saul becomes Paul after being blinded by light; he later regains sight through Ananias' intervention.**

##### **B. Early Ministry**

**Paul begins preaching immediately after conversion, demonstrating rapid obedience.**

#### **VII. The Gentile Mission (Acts 10-11)**

##### **A. Peter's Vision**

**Cornelius' Conversion: God reveals that salvation is for all people; Peter baptizes Cornelius, marking a significant expansion into Gentile territory.**

##### **B. Church at Antioch**

**This becomes a center for missionary activity; believers are first called Christians here**

## **VIII. Paul's Missionary Journeys (Acts 13-21)**

### **A. First Journey**

**Commissioning by Antioch Church.**

**Establishment of churches across Asia Minor.**

### **B. Second Journey**

**Revisiting established churches.**

**Expansion into Europe with notable converts like Lydia.**

### **C. Third Journey**

**Strengthening existing churches.**

**Extended stay in Ephesus where significant ministry occurs.**

## **IX. Trials and Imprisonment (Acts 21-26)**

### **A. Arrest in Jerusalem**

**Paul faces opposition from Jewish leaders.**

**Defense before various authorities including Felix and Festus.**

### **B. Appeal to Caesar**

**Paul appeals his case to Rome which leads him on a journey filled with challenges yet opportunities for witness.**

## **X. Conclusion - Arrival in Rome (Acts 27-28)**

### **A. Shipwreck**

**Paul survives shipwreck on way to Rome; demonstrates God's protection over him during trials.**

### **B. Ministry in Rome**

**Paul continues preaching under house arrest; he boldly proclaims Christ despite limitations.**

## **XI. Application - Living Out the Acts Blueprint Today**

**The "Acts Blueprint" emphasizes several key principles that can guide contemporary believers:**

**Empowerment by the Holy Spirit - Just as early Christians were empowered by the Holy Spirit, modern believers are encouraged to seek guidance through prayer and reliance on God's presence.**

**Bold Proclamation of Faith - Like Peter and Paul, Christians today are called to share their faith actively despite potential opposition or challenges.**

**Community Support & Integrity - Following examples from Acts encourages building authentic relationships within church communities while maintaining integrity.**

**Inclusivity & Outreach - Emphasizing outreach beyond cultural boundaries reflects God's desire for all people to know Him.**

**Perseverance Through Trials - Believers can draw strength from Paul's example during hardships while trusting God's plan even when circumstances seem dire.  
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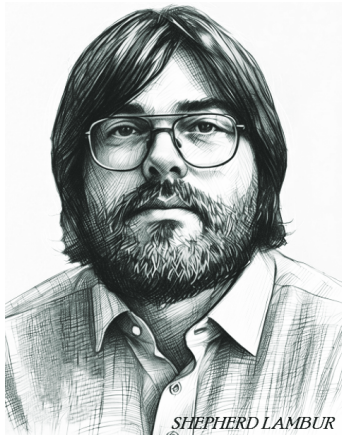
*This is a study outline on the topic which Shepherd Lambur teaches on with his students...  
There is much more expounded upon in this course which is shared.*

## **ACTS 29**

**Questions: What Have you seen and gained in this study and explain what you have seen in the template of our study and what actions do you believe you should live to continue the book of Acts in your generation?**

**Are you ready now to make a difference and be noted by God and others who see you as an example of living the live of ACTS 29?**

**Discussion & Q&A.**



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