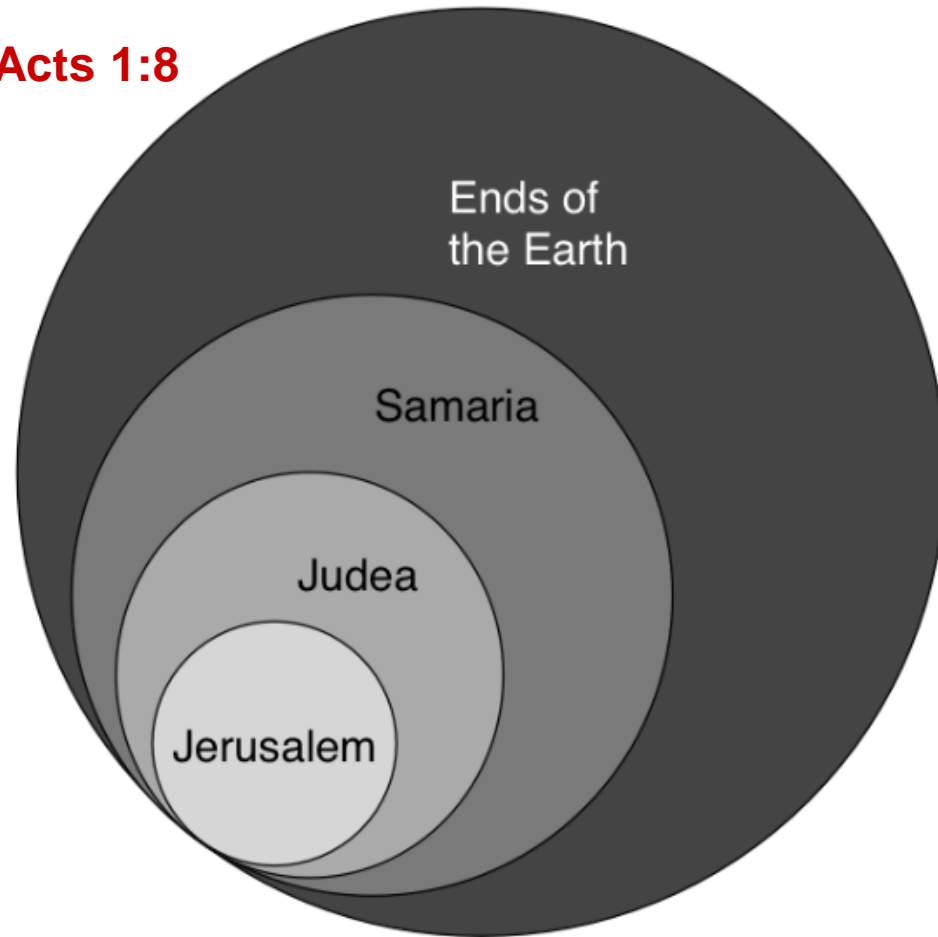


The Book of Acts

“You Shall Be My Witnesses”

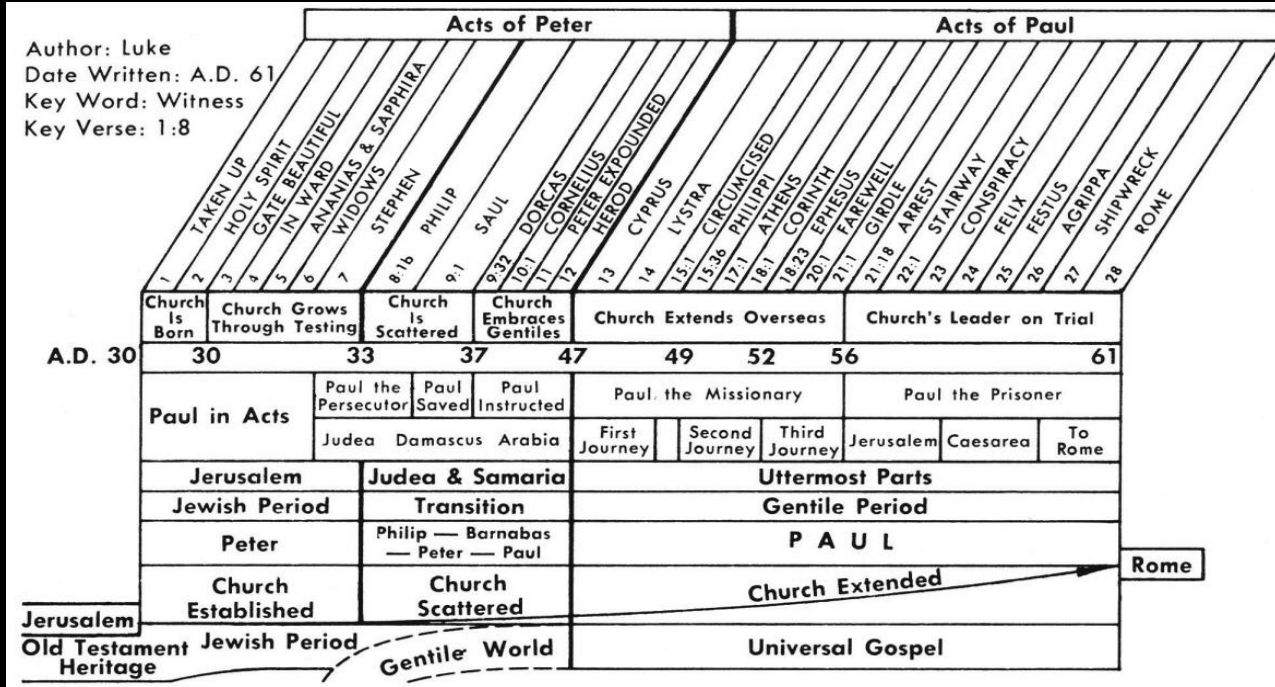
**The Establishment and Growth
of the Lord’s Church**

Acts 1:8



Outline of the Book

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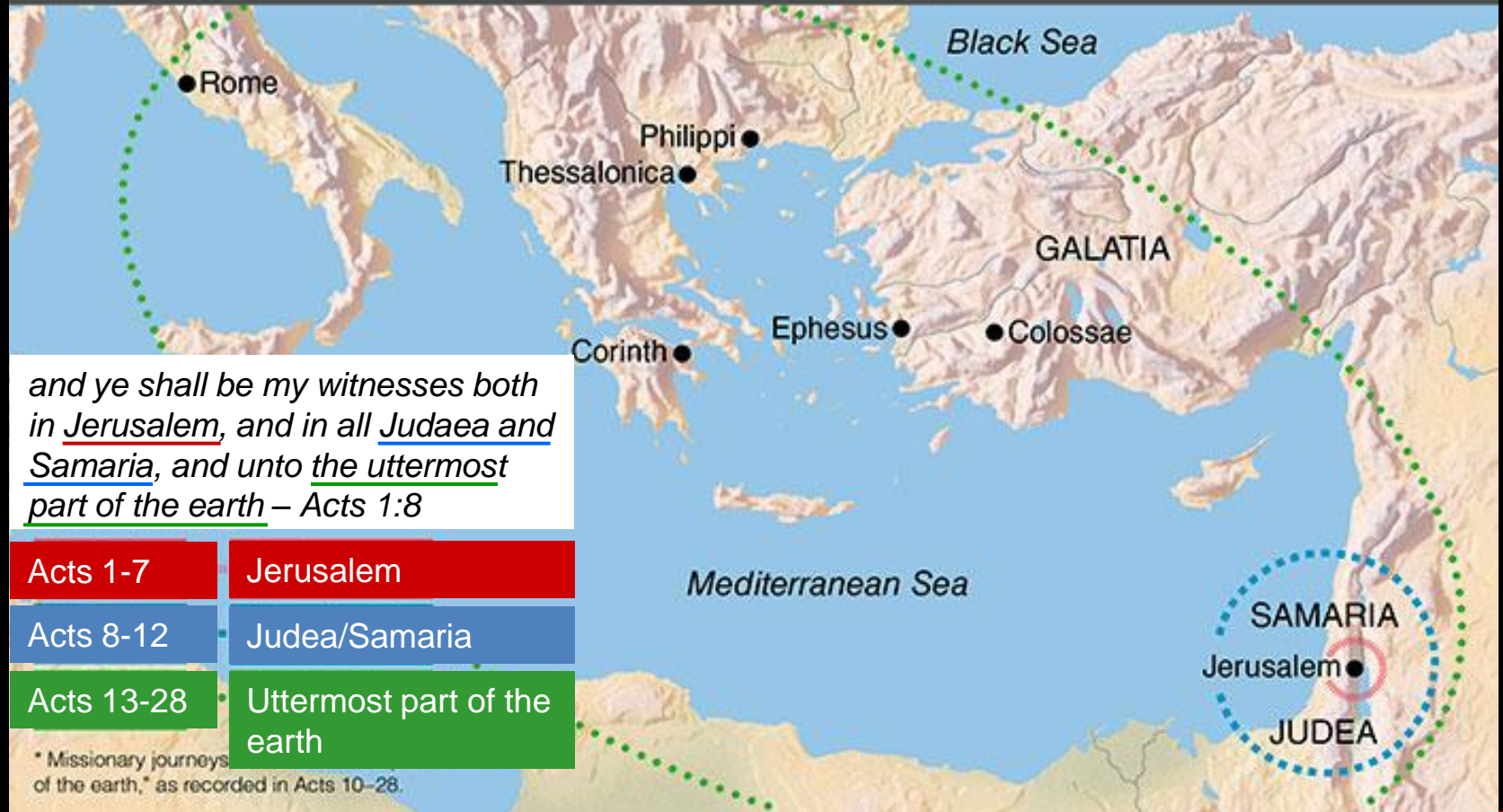


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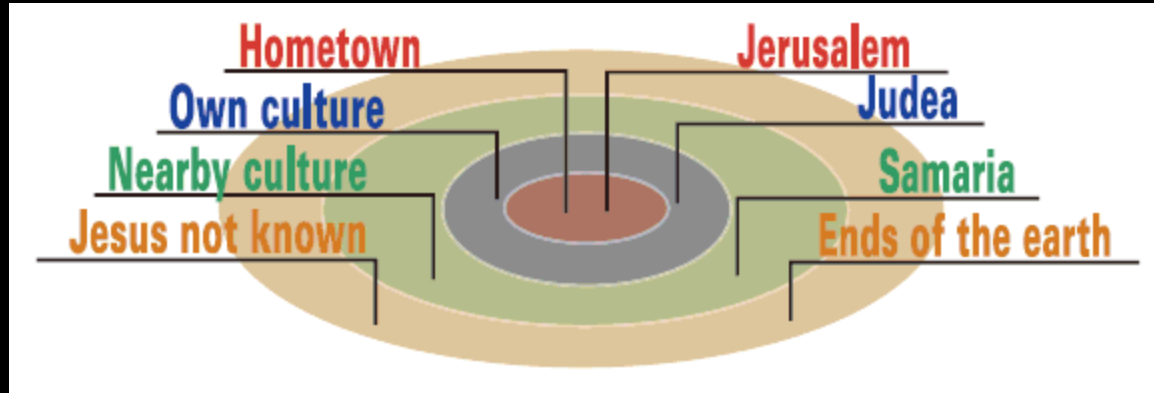
	The Church Established at "Jerusalem"	The Church Enlarged to "Judea and Samaria"	The Church Expanded to "the Ends of the Earth"
AD 30	The church is . . . born tested purified strengthened <i>CHAPTERS</i> 1-7	The gospel is . . . spreading multiplying changing lives breaking traditions <i>CHAPTERS</i> 8-12	The witness is . . . extended received and rejected changing lives unifying Jews and Gentiles <i>CHAPTERS</i> 13-28
Leaders	The apostle Peter		The apostle Paul
Emphasis	Jewish evangelism	Transition	Gentile evangelism
Time	AD 33 (1:1-2:47)	AD 36 (8:1)	AD 40 (9:32) AD 46 (13:1) AD 57 (21:18)
Scope	City evangelism	National evangelism	Cross-cultural evangelism
Theme	In the power of the Holy Spirit, Jesus's followers carry the good news of Christ to the world.		
Key Verse	1:8		
Christ in Acts	Jesus is the glorified, enthroned Savior, who continues His ministry in the world by means of the Holy Spirit working through His disciples until He returns (1:7-9).		

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Overview of the Acts of the Apostles



Will We Take the Gospel to the Lost?



Date	Chapter in Acts	Event	Approximate Miles Traveled
A.D. 48-49 (2 years)	13-14	Paul's 1st preaching trip from Antioch	1,235 miles
A.D. 50	15	Jerusalem meeting	600 miles
A.D. 51-54 (3 years)	15:36 – 18:22	Paul's 2nd preaching trip from Antioch	2,700 miles (1,290 sea, 1,410 land)
A.D. 54-58 (4 years)	18:23 – 21:17	Paul's 3rd preaching trip from Antioch	2,515 miles (1,190 sea, 1,325 land)
A.D. 60-61 (6 months)	27:1 – 28:14	Paul's voyage to Rome	2,130 miles (1,920 sea, 210 land)



Paul preaches the Gospel for 2 yrs under house arrest as he awaits for his appeal to Caesar

Three Taverns
Appii Forum
Puteoli
Paul meets fellow believers and is encouraged

Paul bitten by a viper suffers no harm
Many come to faith and are healed

Ship lost in storm
All aboard swim safely to shore

Ship caught in storm
14 days tempest-tossed
Hope to be saved given up
Paul encourages all aboard saying only ship will be lost

Paul's warning about the dangers of the voyage ignored

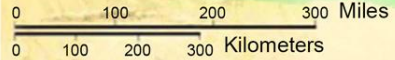
Change to a grain ship sailing to Italy

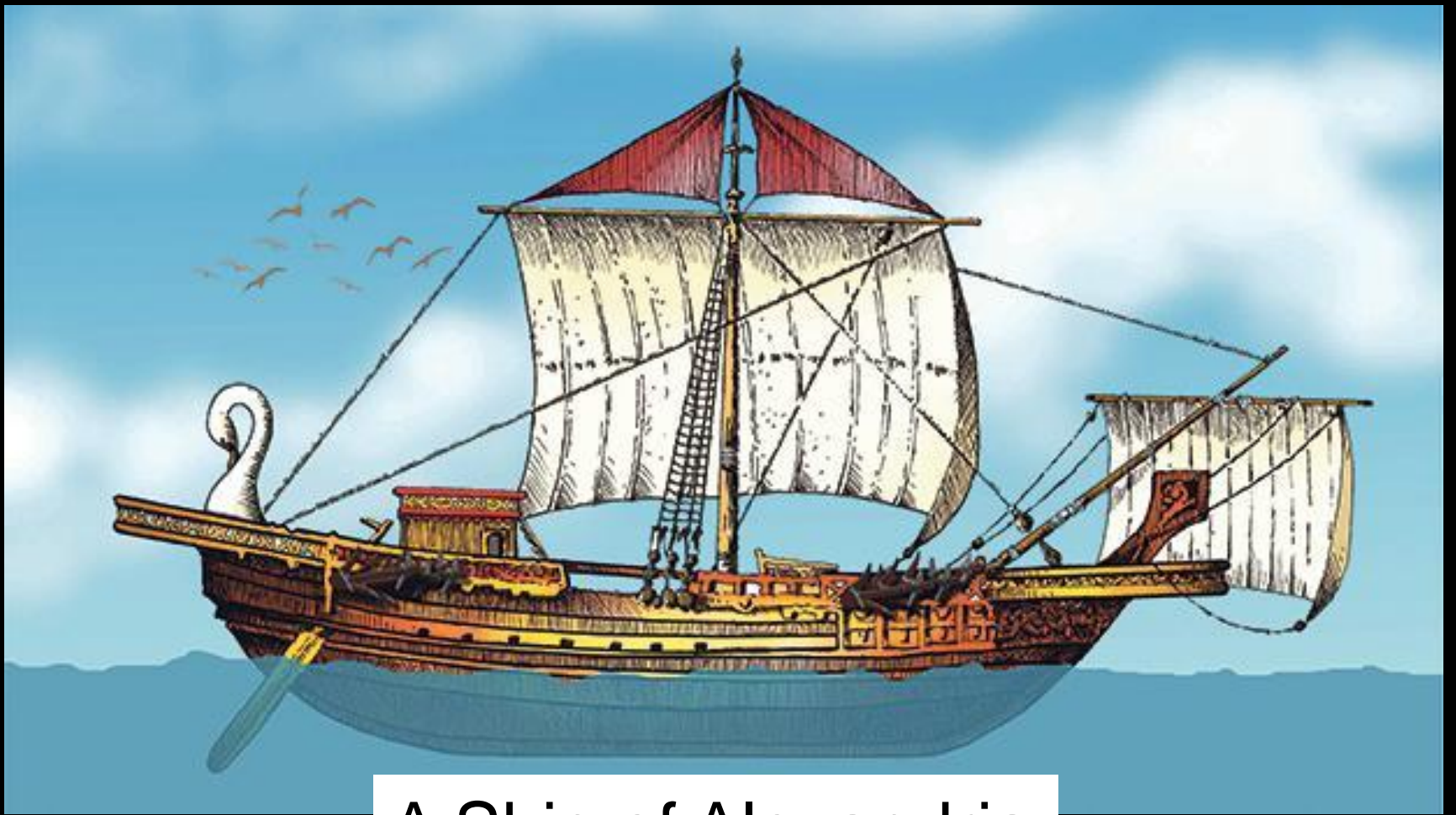
Paul boards a ship
Sent to Rome to appeal to Caesar

MAP OF PAUL'S JOURNEY TO ROME

Acts 27 & 28

- City
- One of the "Seven Churches"
- Paul's Itinerary





A Ship of Alexandria

Acts 27

Lessons for Today

1. True Christian friends are always refreshing (27:3; 1 Cor. 16:18; 2 Tim. 1:16).
2. God should be one whom we truly serve and in whom we truly believe (27:23-25; 1 Pet. 2:9-10; 1 Thess. 1:9; Heb. 9:14).

Acts 27

Lessons for Today

3. If we really believe God, we can “fear not” and be of “good cheer” even in the face of trouble (27:23-25; Mt. 10:31; 1 Pet. 3:14; Rev. 2:10).
4. Salvation has some “except” conditions that must be met by all (27:31; Mt. 5:20; 18:3; Jn. 3:3, 5; 6:53; 8:24; 15:4; Lk. 13:3, 5; Rev. 2:5, 22).

Acts 27

Lessons for Today

5. Take time to pray before a meal and give thanks; it sets a good example for others (27:35; Mk. 6:41; 8:6; 1 Tim. 4:4-5).



Porta Capena Leading Into Rome



Castra Praetoria in Rome



Mamertine Prison in Rome



Luke's Summaries of Church Growth

And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem exceedingly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith – **Acts 6:7**

So the church throughout all Judaea and Galilee and Samaria had peace, being edified; and, walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, was multiplied – **Acts 9:31**

But the word of God grew and multiplied – **Acts 12:24**

So the churches were strengthened in the faith, and increased in number daily – **Acts 16:5**

So mightily grew the word of the Lord and prevailed – **Acts 19:20**

preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching the things concerning the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness, none forbidding him – **Acts 28:31**

Acts 28

Lessons for Today

1. If unbelievers can show kindness, surely we as Christians can show kindness to others (28:1-10; Gal. 5:22; 6:10; Col. 3:12; 1 Pet. 4:9; 2 Pet. 1:7).
2. Meeting with faithful brethren makes us thankful and gives us courage (28:14-15; 2 Cor. 7:16).

Acts 28

Lessons for Today

3. A Christian can be bound physically, but not allow the gospel to be bound (28:16, 30-31; 2 Tim. 2:9).
4. Christians are often spoken against (28:22; 1 Pet. 2:12; 3:16; 4:14-16).

Acts 28

Lessons for Today

5. Use scriptural arguments to tell others about God and Jesus (28:23; Lk. 24:26-27, 44).
6. Preaching the truth often brings positive and negative responses (28:24; Acts 13:42-51; 14:2-4; 17:4-5, 32-34; 18:6-8; 19:8-9).

Acts 28

Lessons for Today

7. When some people don't want the truth; don't give up; find others who do (28:25-28; Mt. 10:14).
8. Preach and teach to whomever you can and do so with all boldness (28:30-31; 2 Cor. 3:12; Eph. 6:19).

Acts 28

Lessons for Today

9. God will make opportunities for faithful Christians to proclaim his word without hindrance or being forbidden (28:31; Col. 4:3)