

Structure of Acts

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ACTS

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THE STRUCTURE OF THE BOOK AS A WHOLE.

- Acts 1:1-3. Introduction
 - Acts 1:4 - Acts 2:13. Jerusalem: Mission of The Holy Spirit & Equipment of The Apostles.
 - Acts 2:14 - Acts 8:1. The Ministry of Peter (With Others) To the Nation in Jerusalem And In the Land.
 - Acts 8:11 - Acts 11:30. Peter's Ministry (With Others) In the Land of Israel.
 - Acts 12:1-23. Jerusalem: Peter's Imprisonment & Subsequent Abode (Caesarea) and the Close of Ministry
 - Acts 12:24 - Acts 13:3. Antioch: Mission of The Holy Spirit & Equipment of Paul And Barnabas.
 - Acts 13:4 - Acts 14:28. The Ministry of Paul (With Others) To the Dispersion. Apart from Jerusalem And the Twelve.
 - Acts 15:1 - Acts 19:20. Paul's Ministry in Association with The Twelve.
 - Acts 19:21 - Acts 28:29. Ephesus And Jerusalem: Paul's Arrest and Imprisonment & Subsequent Abode (Rome) And Close of Ministry
- Acts 28:30-31. Conclusion.

The book of Acts is divided into three parts. Acts 1:8

1. The events in Jerusalem. Chapters 1-7
2. The events in Judea and Samaria. Chapters 8-12
3. The events in the Uttermost parts. Chapters 13-28

*Acts 1:8 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**.*

The book can also be divided into two distinct ACTS.

- I. **Act I.** To the Jew. The ministry is confined to the Jew ONLY, or direct gentile proselytes. The principal human agent is Peter. *Confined to the geographical area of parts 1 and 2 above.*
- II. **Act II.** To the Jew FIRST. Once the gospel had spread to the uttermost parts, the message of salvation was extended to the Gentiles, but was always sent to the Jew first. The principal human agent is Paul.

Act III. Would then be *to the Gentiles first*, and closes the book in Acts 28:28.