

The Book of Acts

This Week:

Lesson Intro: Introduction to the Book of Acts

Scripture: Acts 1:1-10

Next Week:

Homework Scripture Read: Acts 1



Who is Luke:

- Only Gentile author of the entire Bible
- Physician, known as “The Great Historian”
(Med School: Athens, Alexandria, Tarsus)
(Unger’s Acts and Archaeology ¶1)
- Loyal companion to Paul from Syrian Antioch (Paul’s 2nd)
- Wrote more of the New Testament by volume (Luke+Acts) than any other author

Writing of Acts:

- “most excellent Theophilus” – Acts 1:1-3
- Luke part II – Acts 1:4-10
- Possible a legal treatise for the benefit of Paul
- Date A.D. 62 (?) – See Wilkinson/Boa ¶ Date and Setting

Introduction to Wilkinson/Boa Outline and Maps:

We will be introducing NT Books as they are written in the chronological timeline of our study in the Book of Acts! (Handouts)

Sections in Acts based on Acts 1:8:

- Jerusalem – Peter (Ch. 1-7)
- Judea and Samaria – Peter & Philip (Ch. 8-12)
- The uttermost parts of the earth – Paul (Ch. 13 – end)

Historic Significance of Acts:

- Virtually the ONLY contemporary history of the apostolic age church
- Author traveled with Paul and met with other Apostles and disciples
- Provides many archeologically verified historic references
- Provides the historic frame for authorship for almost all NT books
- Provides the historic context of content for many NT books