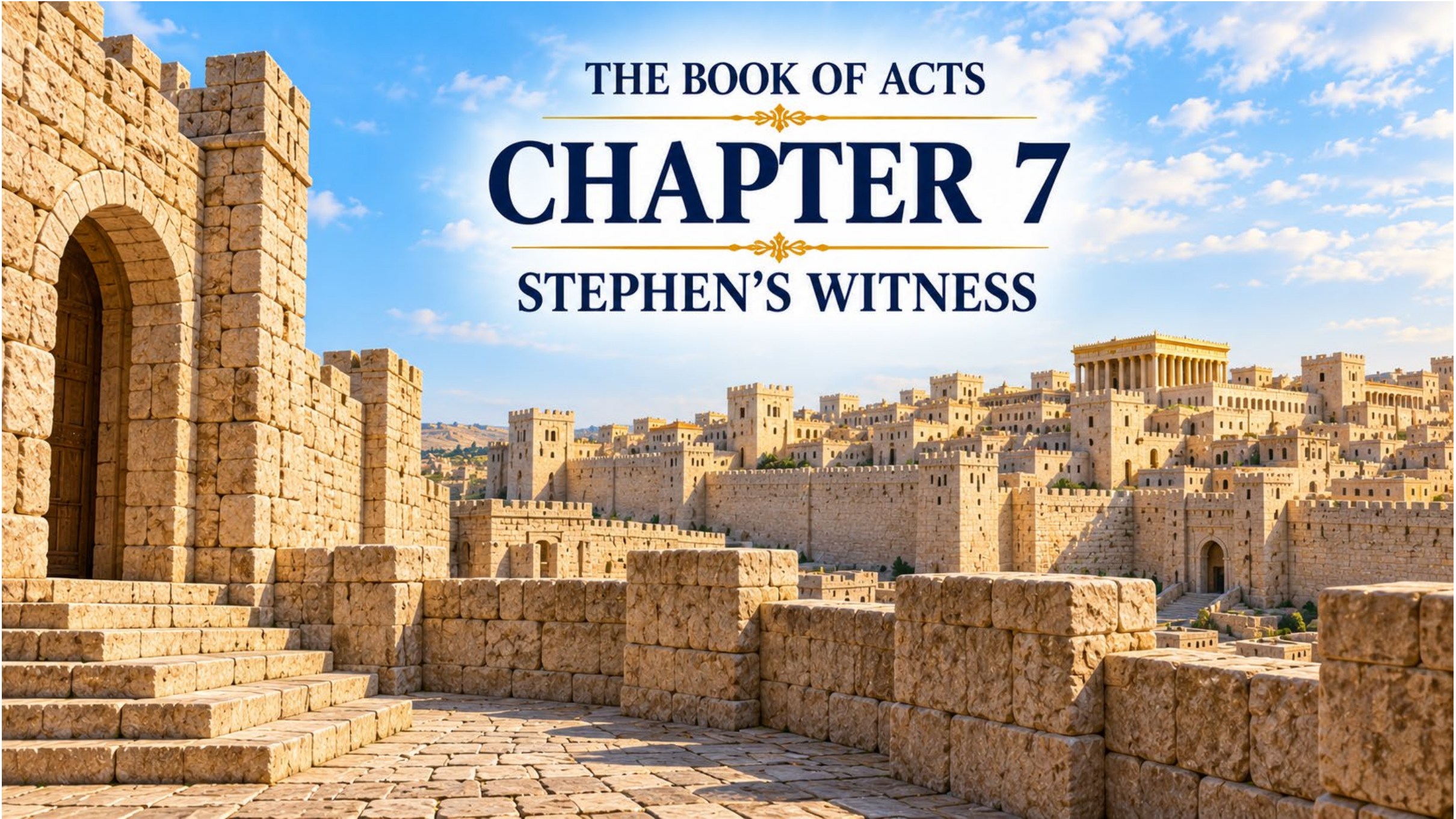
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THE BOOK OF ACTS
CHAPTER 7
STEPHEN'S WITNESS

See Him Coming

Glory and power to the one who loves us,
Honour and praise him forever;
Come Lord Jesus, come Lord Jesus.

Glory and power to the one who freed us
From all our sins by his blood;
Come Lord Jesus, come Lord Jesus.

See him coming on the clouds of heaven,
Every eye behold him now.
He's the Living One, the first and last
Who once was dead,
But now he lives forever and ever.

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A kingdom of priests for God's service;
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Jesus is the Living One,
Who died and came alive;
Jesus is Almighty Lord,
Who was and is to come! (Repeat)

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Hallelujah to the King of Kings

Maker of the heavens and earth
Exalted by the roar of a multitude:
“Salvation and glory and power
Belong to our God”.

The cry of hallelujah resounds
The fullness of time shows his victory
Justice and truth are revealed
His wisdom adored.

Chorus:
Hallelujah to the King of Kings
Hallelujah the Almighty reigns
Let us all rejoice and give him all our praise, our praise.

Praise the Lord you servants of God
All who fear him come, whether small or great:
Fall before his throne in awe
And worship him.

Blessed are those who will feast
At the glorious banquet of God himself;
The wedding of the Lamb has come,
His bride is now here.

Chorus:

Hallelujah to the Lord of Lords
Hallelujah to the God of power
The people of the Lord are ready to see their king, Jesus.

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Holy Is The Lord

We stand and lift up our hands
For the joy of the Lord is our strength
We bow down and worship Him now
How great, how awesome is He

And together we sing

[Chorus]
Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
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Chorus

It's rising up all around
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown

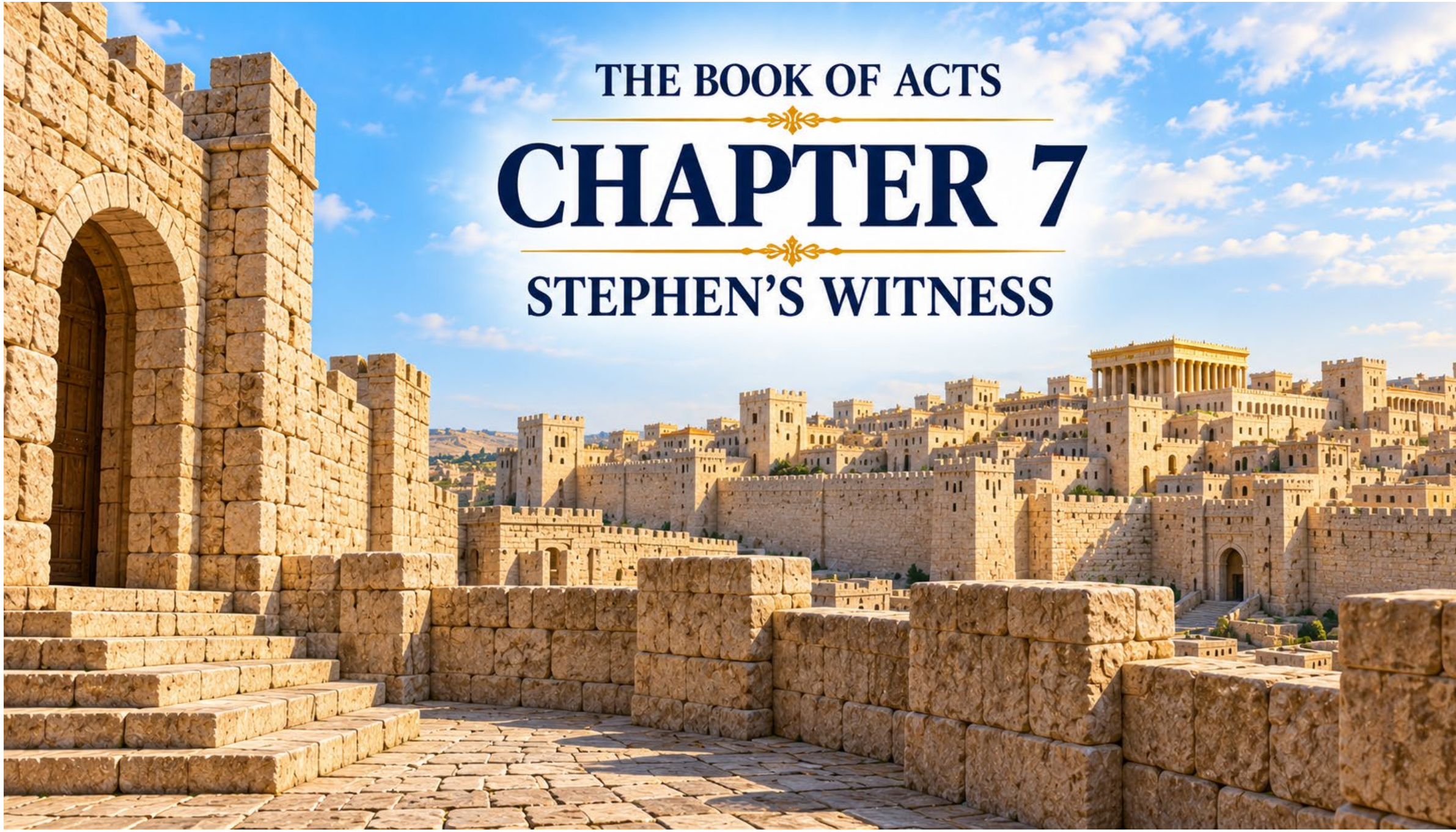
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Chorus

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.
Give us day by day our daily bread.
And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us.
And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

Luke 11: 2-4


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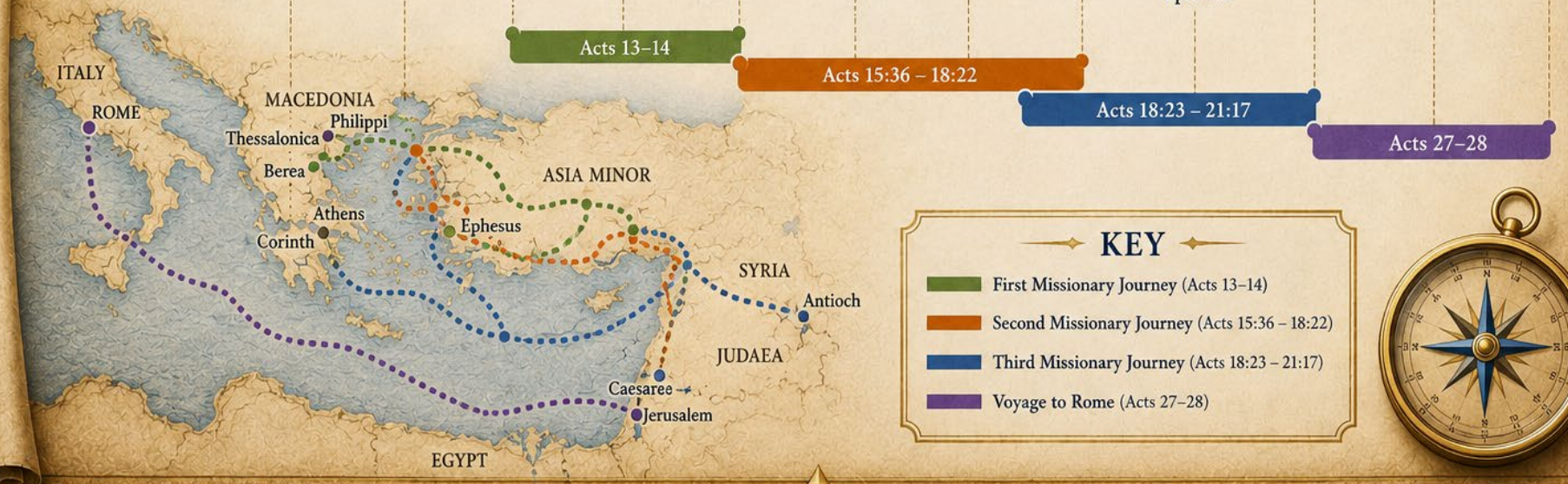
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THE BOOK AT A GLANCE

A CHAPTER SUMMARY OF THE BOOK OF ACTS

ACTS 1–7
JERUSALEM

1 Jesus ascends; Matthias is chosen.
2 The Holy Spirit is poured out.
3 Peter heals a lame man.
4 Peter and John witness boldly.
5 God's holiness is shown.
6 Seven servants are appointed.
7 Stephen becomes the first martyr.



ACTS 8–12
JUDEA & SAMARIA

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9 Saul is converted.
10 Cornelius, a Gentile, receives the gospel.
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ACTS 13–28
TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

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14 Churches are established in Asia Minor.
15 Jerusalem Council confirms Gentiles.
16 Paul reaches Europe (Macedonia).
17 Paul in Thessalonica, Berea, Athens.
18 Paul in Corinth.
19 Ephesus: great impact.
20 Paul's farewell to the elders.
21 Paul returns to Jerusalem; arrested.
22 Paul defends before crowds.
23 Plot against Paul is discovered.
24 Paul before Felix.
25 Paul before Festus.
26 Paul before King Agrippa.
27 Shipwreck on the way to Rome.
28 Paul arrives in Rome; preaches freely.

THE BOOK OF ACTS – THE WORLD STAGE

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BIBLE STUDY QUIZ

THE SANHEDRIN

10 QUESTIONS

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Old Testament written primarily in **Hebrew**, - New Testament written entirely in **Greek**.

1. Hellenization (The Greek Influence)

- Many ancient Hebrew cities were given new Greek names to honor rulers or fit Greek style.
- Local populations began using the Greek versions of names for trade, law, and daily life.

2. Hebrew to Greek Changes

- Greek does not have certain sounds that Hebrew does (like the "sh" sound).
- Greek names also usually require specific endings (like *-os*, *-as*, or *-em*).
- **Eg:**
  - Hebrew **Shechem** became the Greek **Sychem** (or *Sichem*) in Acts 7:16.
  - Hebrew **Miriam** became the Greek **Maria** (Mary).
  - Hebrew **Eliyahu** became the Greek **Elias** (Elijah).

3. Translation of Meaning

- **Eg:** -The Aramaic name *Tabitha* means "gazelle."
  -Acts 9:36, her name in Greek is *Dorcas*—also means "gazelle."

4. New Political Borders

- Old tribal territories of Israel (eg Judah, Ephraim, or Dan) reorganized into Roman provinces
- Acts uses **Judea, Samaria, and Galilee**.

Acts 6

False witnesses against Stephen

[**9**] Then there arose certain of the
synagogue, which is called the synagogue of
the Libertines, and Cyrenians, and
Alexandrians, and of them of Cilicia and of
Asia, disputing with Stephen.
[10] And they were not able to resist the
wisdom and the spirit by which he spake.
[11] Then they suborned men, which said,
We have heard him speak blasphemous
words against Moses, and against God.
[12] And they stirred up the people, and the
elders, and the scribes, and came upon him,
and caught him, and brought him to the
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This man ceaseth not to speak blasphemous
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Acts 7

Stephen's Witness

[**1**] Then said the high priest, Are these things so?

Our father Abraham

[**2**] And he said, Men, brethren, and fathers, hearken; The God of glory appeared unto our father Abraham, when he was in Mesopotamia, before he dwelt in Charran,
[**3**] And said unto him, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and come into the land which I shall shew thee.
[**4**] Then came he out of the land of the Chaldaeans, and dwelt in Charran: and from thence, when his father was dead, he removed him into this land, wherein ye now dwell.
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[**6**] And God spake on this wise, That his seed should sojourn in a strange land; and that they should bring them into bondage, and entreat them evil four hundred years.
[**7**] And the nation to whom they shall be in bondage will I judge, said God: and after that shall they come forth, and serve me in this place.

A covenant with Israel

[**8**] And he gave him the covenant of circumcision: and so Abraham begat Isaac, and circumcised him the eighth day; and Isaac begat Jacob; and Jacob begat the twelve patriarchs.
[**9**] And the patriarchs, moved with envy, sold Joseph into Egypt: but God was with him,

Jospeh sold for 20 pieces of silver
Jesus sold for 30 pieces of silver

[**10**] And delivered him out of all his afflictions, and gave him favour and wisdom in the sight of Pharaoh king of Egypt; and he made him governor over Egypt and all his house.
[**11**] Now there came a dearth over all the land of Egypt and Chanaan, and great affliction: and our fathers found no sustenance.
[**12**] But when Jacob heard that there was corn in Egypt, he sent out our fathers first.
[**13**] And at the second time Joseph was made known to his brethren; and Joseph's kindred was made known unto Pharaoh.

Down into Egypt

[**14**] Then sent Joseph, and called his father Jacob to him, and all his kindred, threescore and fifteen souls.
[**15**] So Jacob went down into Egypt, and died, he, and our fathers,
[**16**] And were carried over into Sychem, and laid in the sepulchre that Abraham bought for a sum of money of the sons of Emmor the father of Sychem.(Ephron the son of Zohar Genesis 23:8)

[**17**] But when the time of the promise drew nigh, which God had sworn to Abraham, the people grew and multiplied in Egypt,

[**18**] Till another king arose, which knew not Joseph.
[**19**] The same dealt subtilly with our kindred, and evil entreated our fathers, so that they cast out their young children, to the end they might not live.

subtilly (an archaic spelling and adverb form of *subtly*) means craftily, cunningly, artfully, or with sly deceit.

John 4:[21] Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father.
[**22**] Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews.
[**23**] But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

Moses sent to save Israel

[**20**] In which time Moses was born, and was exceeding fair, and nourished up in his father's house three months:
[**21**] And when he was cast out, Pharaoh's daughter took him up, and nourished him for her own son.
[**22**] And Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and in deeds.
[**23**] And when he was full forty years old, it came into his heart to visit his brethren the children of Israel.

Moses defends his brethren

[**24**] And seeing one of them suffer wrong, he defended him, and avenged him that was oppressed, and smote the Egyptian:
[**25**] For he supposed his brethren would have understood how that God by his hand would deliver them: but they understood not.
[**26**] And the next day he shewed himself unto them as they strove, and would have set them at one again, saying, Sirs, ye are brethren; why do ye wrong one to another?
[**27**] But he that did his neighbour wrong thrust him away, saying, Who made thee a ruler and a judge over us?

[**28**] Wilt thou kill me, as thou diddest the Egyptian yesterday?
[**29**] Then fled Moses at this saying, and was a stranger in the land of Madian, where he begat two sons.(most commonly spelled **Midian** in English Bibles)

Moses and the burning bush

[**30**] And when forty years were expired, there appeared to him in the wilderness of mount Sina an angel of the Lord in a flame of fire in a bush. (**Mount Sinai** - also known as Mount Horeb)
[**31**] When Moses saw it, he wondered at the sight: and as he drew near to behold it, the voice of the Lord came unto him,
[**32**] Saying, I am the God of thy fathers, the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Then Moses trembled, and durst not behold.
[**33**] Then said the Lord to him, Put off thy shoes from thy feet: for the place where thou standest is holy ground.
[**34**] I have seen, I have seen the affliction of my people which is in Egypt, and I have heard their groaning, and am come down to deliver them. And now come, I will send thee into Egypt.
[**35**] This Moses whom they refused, saying, Who made thee a ruler and a judge? the same did God send to be a ruler and a

deliverer by the hand of the angel which appeared to him in the bush.

Moses in the Wilderness

[**36**] He brought them out, after that he had shewed wonders and signs in the land of Egypt, and in the Red sea, and in the wilderness forty years.
[**37**] This is that Moses, which said unto the children of Israel, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear.
[**38**] This is he, that was in the church in the wilderness with the angel which spake to him in the mount Sina, and with our fathers: who received the lively oracles to give unto us:

Israel rejects God

[**39**] To whom our fathers would not obey, but thrust him from them, and in their hearts turned back again into Egypt,
[**40**] Saying unto Aaron, Make us gods to go before us: for as for this Moses, which brought us out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him.
[**41**] And they made a calf in those days, and offered sacrifice unto the idol, and rejoiced in the works of their own hands.

[**42**] Then God turned, and gave them up to worship the host of heaven; as it is written in the book of the prophets, O ye house of Israel, have ye offered to me slain beasts and sacrifices by the space of forty years in the wilderness?
[**43**] Yea, ye took up the tabernacle of Moloch, and the star of your god Remphan, figures which ye made to worship them: and I will carry you away beyond Babylon.
[**44**] Our fathers had the tabernacle of witness in the wilderness, as he had appointed, speaking unto Moses, that he should make it according to the fashion that he had seen.

[**45**] Which also our fathers that came after brought in with Jesus into the possession of the Gentiles, whom God drave out before the face of our fathers, unto the days of David;
[**46**] Who found favour before God, and desired to find a tabernacle for the God of Jacob.

A temple built by Solomon

[**47**] But Solomon built him an house.
[**48**] Howbeit the most High dwelleth not in temples made with hands; as saith the prophet,
[**49**] Heaven is my throne, and earth is my

footstool: what house will ye build me? saith the Lord: or what is the place of my rest?
[**50**] Hath not my hand made all these things?

Direct attack on the Sanhedrin

[**51**] Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye.
[**52**] Which of the prophets have not your fathers persecuted? and they have slain them which shewed before of the coming of the Just One; of whom ye have been now the betrayers and murderers:

[**53**] Who have received the law by the disposition of angels, and have not kept it.

The Sanhedrin condemned

- *uncircumcised in heart and ears*
- *resisted the Holy Ghost*
- *persecuted the prophets*
- *killed the prophets of Jesus*
- *betrayers and murderer of Jesus*
- *received the law but not kept it*

The Sanhedrin are furious

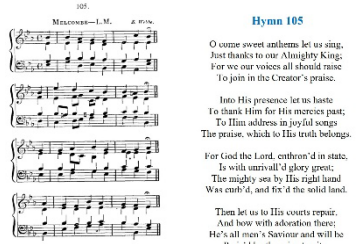
[**54**] When they heard these things, they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed on him with their teeth.

Stephen in the power of The Holy Ghost

[**55**] But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God,
[**56**] And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God.
[**57**] Then they cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and ran upon him with one accord,

Stephen stoned…Saul (Paul) introduced

[**58**] And cast him out of the city, and stoned him: and the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet, whose name was Saul.
[**59**] And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.
[**60**] And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep.



Hymn 105

O come sweet anthems let us sing,
Just thanks to our Almighty King;
For we our voices all should raise
To join in the Creator's praise.

Into His presence let us haste
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To Him address in joyful songs
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For God the Lord, enthron'd in state,
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129.

Moderate. AHAVA S.M. double.



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(Ps. 144; Eph. 6/12; Rom. 13/10)

EQUIP me for the war,
And teach my hands to fight;
My simple, upright heart prepare,
And guide my words aright.
Control my every thought;
My whole of sin remove;
Let all my works in Thee be wrought,
Let all be wrought in love.

O arm me with the mind,
Meek Lamb! which was in Thee;
And let my knowing zeal be join'd
With perfect charity:
With calm and temper'd zeal
Let me enforce Thy call;
And vindicate Thy gracious will,
Which offers life to all.

O may I love like Thee!
In all Thy footsteps tread!
Thou hatest all iniquity,
But nothing Thou hast made.
O may I learn the art,
With meekness to reprove;
To hate the sin with all my heart,
But still the sinner love.

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What Was the Sanhedrin?

- The highest Jewish religious and judicial council during the time of Jesus Christ.
- Traditionally consisted of 71 members, including the High Priest, who presided over the council.
- Included chief priests, elders and scribes, with members drawn from both the Pharisees and Sadducees.
- Met in Jerusalem and exercised considerable authority over Jewish religious and legal matters.
- Interpreted and enforced Jewish law, including matters relating to the Law of Moses.
- Could conduct trials and pronounce judgments, although its authority was restricted under Roman rule.
- Played a central role in the trial of Jesus, condemning Him before delivering Him to Pontius Pilate (Matthew 26:57–66).
- Questioned and persecuted the apostles for preaching about Jesus and His resurrection (Acts 4:5–21).
- Included some sympathetic members, such as Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathaea (John 7:50–51; Luke 23:50–51).
- Lost its traditional authority following the destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple in AD 70.