

# SURVEY OF THE BIBLE

## Acts: The Beginning of a New Kingdom

### **Barnabas and Saul in Antioch; Herod's Treatment of James and Peter**

Quarter Four, Lesson Six

**Focus Text:** Acts 11. 19 – 12. 24

**Other Readings:** 1 Peter 1 & 2; 3. 8 – 4. 2; 4.12 – 5. 11

#### **CONTENT**

1. Why did Barnabas go to Antioch?
2. Who joined Barnabas in the work there?
3. Why did Barnabas and Saul leave Antioch (according to Acts 11. 27 – 30)?
4. What was Herod's motivation in arresting Peter?
5. What was the church's response to Peter's arrest?
6. How was Peter delivered from prison?
7. Where did Peter go after his release, and how was he received?
8. How did Herod die?
9. Under what conditions was the word of God growing and multiplying (as 12. 24 says it did)?

*Lesson continues. . . .*

## CONNECTIONS

1. According to Jesus' words just before he ascended to heaven, recorded in Acts 1. 7 – 8, where would the apostles be his witnesses? According to Acts 11, how was the new phase of his prediction brought about?
2. In what context was Barnabas mentioned earlier in Acts? Where is he mentioned outside of Acts?
3. What additional information is provided about John Mark (mentioned in 12. 12) in the following passages:  

Acts 12. 25	Colossians 4. 10
Acts 13. 4 – 13	Philemon 23 – 24
Acts 15. 36 – 41	2 Timothy 4. 11
4. Where else in the New Testament (that is, besides in Acts 11. 26) is the label Christian used? What does it mean?
5. What benevolent work did the Christians in Antioch undertake, and how was it carried out?
6. Two apparently different Jameses are mentioned in Acts 12. On the basis of Galatians 1. 18 – 19 and 2. 7 – 10, who does the James mentioned by Peter in Acts 12. 17 seem to be?
7. According to 1 Peter 1. 3 – 9, what temporary circumstances were being faced by the Christians Peter was addressing?
8. In 1 Peter 2. 11 – 17, what attitude did Peter urge Christians toward those hostile to the faith and toward civil authorities?
9. In what ways do Peter's experiences with civil authorities in Acts 3, 4, 5, and 12 affect your reading of his teaching in 1 Peter 3. 13 – 17, 4. 12 – 19, and 5. 6 – 10?

## PLACES

On the blank map of the eastern Mediterranean region provided in this booklet, indicate the locations of Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch (of Syria).