TIMELINE OF THE BOOK OF ACTS

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| Dates | Reference | Events | Books Written | Historical Events | Roman Emperors |
| c. 2 AD | Acts 21:39 | Saul born in Tarsus of Cilicia |  |  | Augustus (27 BC‐14 AD) |
| 7 AD |  |  |  | Judea becomes a Roman Imperial province |  |
| 14 AD |  |  |  |  | Tiberius (14‐37 AD) |
| 26 AD |  |  |  | Pontius Pilate procurator of Judea |  |
| 29 AD | Acts 1‐2 | Jesus is crucified under Pontius  Pilate, Resurrection  Appearances (after Passover) |  |  |  |
|  |  | Ascension |  |  |  |
|  |  | Birth of Church on Pentecost |  |  |  |
|  | Acts 3 | Lame man healed, Peter's 2nd sermon |  |  |  |
|  | Acts 4 | Peter & John before Sanhedrin |  |  |  |
|  |  | Fellowship in Community |  |  |  |
| 29‐31 AD | Acts 5 | Ananias & Sapphira |  |  |  |
|  |  | Multitudes believe and many signs and wonders |  |  |  |
| c. 29‐36 AD | Acts 22:3; Phil 3:5 | Saul in the school of Gamaliel, Jerusalem |  |  |  |
| 31‐35 AD | Acts 6‐7 | Selection of 7 deacons |  |  |  |
|  |  | Arrest and stoning of Stephen |  |  |  |
|  |  | Saul present at Stephen's stoning |  |  |  |
| 35‐36 AD | Acts 8 | Scattering of church: Philip in Samaria, Peter & John travel |  |  |  |
| 36 AD | Acts 9; II Cor 11:32 | Saul's conversion on road to Damascus |  | Aretas king of Damascus (9 BC‐40 AD) |  |
| 36‐39 AD | Gal 1:17 | Saul in Damascus & Arabia for 3 years |  |  |  |
| 39 AD | Acts 9:20‐30 | Saul's first visit to Jerusalem for 15 days, then to Tarsus |  | Herod Agrippa appointed by Tiberius as king of Judea | Gaius (37‐41 AD) also called Caligula |
| 39‐43 AD | Gal 1:21‐24 | Saul preaches in Syria & Cilicia |  |  |  |
| 39‐40 AD | Acts 10 | Peter preaches to Cornelius' household in Caesarea; first Gentiles believe |  |  |  |
| 41 AD |  |  |  | Herod Agrippa appointed by Claudius ruler of ALL Judea (includes Samaria & other provinces) | Claudius (41‐54 AD) |
| 41‐43 AD | Acts 11:22‐26 | Barnabas goes to Antioch |  |  |  |
| 43‐44 AD |  | Barnabas gets Saul from Tarsus, spends year in Antioch |  |  |  |
| 43‐44 AD | Acts 11:27‐30 | Agabus prophesies of famine |  | Famine documented by Josephus |  |
|  |  | Aid sent to Jerusalem with Barnabas & Saul |  |  |  |
| 44 AD | Acts 12:1, 2 | Herod executes James, brother of John |  |  |  |
|  | Acts 12:3‐19 | Peter in prison, rescued by angel |  |  |  |
|  | Acts 12:20‐24 | Herod Agrippa dies during festival given for Claudius |  | March 16, date of Herod's death |  |
| 46‐47 AD | Acts 13:1‐14:27 | 1st Missionary Journey Paul & Barnabas |  |  |  |
| 47‐49 AD | Acts 14:28 | Paul & Barnabas in Antioch |  |  |  |
| 49‐50 AD | Acts 15 | Jerusalem Council |  |  |  |
| 50‐51 AD | Acts 15:30‐36 | Paul & Barnabas in Antioch "some days" | **Galatians** |  |  |

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| 51‐54 AD | Acts 16:1‐18:23 | 2nd Missionary Journey Paul & Silas (2 yrs in Corinth) | **I Thessalonians** | 51‐52 AD Claudius expels Jews from  Rome |  |
| 54‐57 AD | Acts 18:23‐19:41 | 3rd Missionary Journey (in Ephesus 2 yrs and 3 mo) | **I Corinthians** (from Ephesus) |  | Nero (54‐68 AD) |
| 57 AD | Acts 20:1‐21:14 | End of 3rd Journey | **II Corinthians** (from  Macedonia); **Romans**  (from Corinth) |  |  |
| 57‐59 AD | Acts 21:15‐26:32 | Jerusalem and Captivity in Caesarea |  | Felix procurator until 59 AD, Festus replaces him |  |
| 59‐60 AD | Acts 27:1‐28:13 | Trip to Rome, Shipwreck |  | Burrhus prefect in Rome |  |
| 60‐62 AD | Acts 28:14‐31 | Prison in Rome, Hired house | Philemon; Colossians; Ephesians; Philippians |  |  |
| 63‐67 AD |  | Release from prison:  Macedonia, Crete, Troas,  Nicopolis | 1Timothy;Titus; Hebrews? | Great Fire in Rome July 64 AD, Christians blamed by Nero |  |
| 67 AD |  | 2nd Imprisonment, **execution** | II Timothy |  |  |
| 66‐69 AD |  |  |  | Beginning of Jewish revolt against Rome | Vespasian (69‐79 AD) |
| 70 AD |  |  |  | Destruction of the temple  Diaspora begins |  |