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An Introduction to the Course, "The Chronicles of the Apostles"

A Sequel to the Greatest Story Ever Told and a Time to Rewind Your Religion

A first-century Hebraic/Jewish Approach

A link to the past

Just a Little on the Book of Acts

Luke of Antioch

Acts of the Apostles or Acts of Paul?

An Apologetic for Paul

A Bridge to the Epistles and Beyond

"Hey, That's Not in the Bible!" An Introduction to Jewish Literature

The Great Assembly

The Septuagint (LXX)

The Dead Sea Scrolls

The Midrash

Targums

Pharisees vs. Sadducees

Hillel vs. Shammai

Tanna'im

The Jewish Revolt

Josephus

Philo

Between the Wars

Bar Kokba Revolt

Second-Century Christianity

The Mishnah

The Talmud

Rashi

Rambam

The Zohar

The Strength of Oral and Secondary Tradition and Sources

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Omens in the Temple

Prelude in Acts

Theophilus (an example of remez and strong emergence)

The Forty Days and the Counting of the Omer

The counting of the omer

Shlichim (Apostles)

Απόστολος / שליח (*apostolos / shaliach*)

Immersed in the Holy Spirit

מקווה (*mikvah*)

Restore the Kingdom

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A Fixed Time

Rabbinic parallels (i.e. sitz im leben)

To the Ends of the Earth

Jerusalem (Acts 1-7)

Judea and Samaria (Acts 8-9)

Ends of the Earth (Acts 10-28)

The Ascension: Enoch and Elijah; the Double Portion; the Return

שָׁמַיִם (*shamayim*)

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The Sabbath Limit

תחום שבת (*techum Shabbat; Sabbath's day journey*)

The Upper Room

Sitz im leben: The Upper Room as a first-century place of Torah discussion

The Eleven

The Prayer: Acts 1:14 and the Liturgy of the Day

"the prayer" = התפילה (*HaTefillah*); *the Amidah*

"supplications" = תחנונים (*Tachnunim*)

The One Hundred Twenty

The Vacant Seat

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Criteria for the Twelve

Yosef bar Shabba and Mattiyah

בר סבא (*bar Sabba* - patronymic "*Son of the Aged*")

בר שבת (*bar Shabbat* - "*son of the Sabbath*")

מתתיהו (*Mattityahu*); מתיה (*Mattiyah*)

Casting Lots

Shavuot and the Torah Background for Acts 2

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In the Temple

οἶκος (Oikos; Greek) = הבית (HaBayit; Hebrew) = *The House and is idiomatic for the Temple*

In Solomon's Portico

Tongues of Fire

רוח (ruach; wind, breeze, spirit)

לשון (lashon; tongue)

The Giving of the Torah at the First Pentecost

מתן תורה (Mattan Torah)

The Spirit and the Torah

The Spirit and the Divine Presence

שכינה (Shechinah)

The Seventy Elders

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The Festival Pilgrims

Acts 2:5 εὐλαβῆς (eulabes: *holding fast; devout; Greek term for observant Jew*)

Acts 2:10 προσήλυτος (proselutos: *proselyte; Greek term for legal convert to Judaism*)

The Wide Diaspora

Parthia

Media

Elam (Susa)

Mesopotamia

Pontus

Asia

Pamphylia

Libya around Cyrene

Wine and Spirit

The Third Hour (an idiom for time of prayer preceded by a fast)

Prophecy from Joel; Signs and Wonders

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Prophecy from Joel; Signs and Wonders

All Who Call on the LORD

Confirmed and Raised

A Psalm of David: A Classic Example of Hebraic Exegesis

The classic case of using an apparent contradiction

Peter's take on the Psalm

Exaltation of Messiah: Same Technique, Different Psalm

Hebraic Tool: Gezerah Shavah (Peter uses "right hand" to link the two psalms)

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The Good News - Repent

Baptized in/into the name...

לשם (*leshem*)

בשם (*beshem*)

The Promise of Salvation (the bookend of Joel)

Gezerah Shavah linking Joel 2:32 to Acts 2:39

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The Three Thousand

Another connection to Sinai - a tikkun olam (תיקון עולם)

The Four Devotions

1. The Apostles' Teaching

Διδαχὴ (*Didache*)

2. The Fellowship

Κοινωνία (*Koinonia*); חִבּוּרִים (*Chavurim*)

3. The Breaking of Bread

פרס לַחֵם (*paras lechem*)

4. THE Prayers

ταῖς προσευχαῖς (*tais proseuchais*)

Great Awe

All Things in Common

היחָד (*HaYachad*) - "The Unified Together"

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The Temple Sect

Shacharit

Minchah (name of prayer service at the ninth hour)

Εκκλησία (ekklesia) = קהל (kahal) = Assembly in Temple/Tabernacle

Lame Man at the Beautiful Gate

1. *The Susa Gate (Shushan Gate)*

2. *The Double Hulda Gate*

3. *A gate on the east leading into the Court of Women*

4. *The Nicanor Gate*

Giving Tzedakah

צדקה (tzedakah)

A Miracle at the Temple

The Standing Prayer

עמידה (Amidah; Standing Prayer)

Titles of Messiah

Messianic Titles in Acts 3:13–18			
The Servant	HaEved	העבד	3:13
The Holy One	HaKadosh	הקדוש	3:14
The Righteous One	HaTzaddik	הצדיק	3:14
Prince of Life	Sar HaChayim	שר החיים	3:15
The Anointed One	HaMashiach	המשיח	3:18

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The Messiah Must Suffer

Repentance and the Messianic Era

תשובה (*teshuvah; repentance; turn; return*)

The results of repentance:

The forgiveness of sins

Restoration and renewal

Return of Messiah

Prophet Like Moses

Abraham's Seed

The Opposition

Inquiry of the Sanhedrin

Annas (Chanan ben Seth)

Caiaphas (Yosef Kayafa)

John and Alexander (Yochanan and Alekandros)

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The Stone the Builders Rejected and the Imagery of Psalm 118

No Other Name

ישוע (Yeshua)

The Caliber of Education of the Apostles and the First-Century Context

Damage Control and the Defying of the Sanhedrin

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Released and Psalm 2 and the Book of Exodus

פֶּשֶׁר (*peshet*)

Acts 4:24-30			
24	O Lord, it is You who made the heaven and the earth and the sea, and all that is in them,	Exodus 20:11	For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them.
25-26	Who by the Holy Spirit, through the mouth of our father David Your servant, said, "Why did the gentiles rage, and the peoples devise futile things? The kings of the earth took their stand, and the rulers were gathered together against the LORD and against his Messiah."	Psalm 2:1-2	Why are the nations in an uproar and the peoples devising a vain thing? The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers take counsel together against the LORD and against His Anointed.
27	For truly in this city there were gathered together against Your holy servant Yeshua, whom You anointed,		Against His Anointed
	Both Herod		The kings of the earth
	And Pontius Pilate		The rulers
	Along with the Gentiles		The nations
	And the peoples of Israel		The peoples
28	To do whatever Your hand and Your purpose predestined to occur.		
29	And now, LORD, take note of their threats, and grant that Your bond-servants may speak Your word with all confidence,		
30	While You extend Your hand to heal, and signs and wonders take place through the name of Your holy servant Yeshua.	Exodus 3:20	So I will stretch out my hand ... with all My miracles which I shall do in the midst of it.

Community in Jerusalem: Getting the Context Right

Bar Nabba

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Ananias and Sapphira (Chananyah and Shappirah)

A literary contrast to Barnabas

Their sin was twofold: disingenuousness and breaking a vow

The Torah connection

The Whole Assembly

ἐκκλησία (*ekklesia*) = קהל (*kahal*) = *sacred assembly of Israel*

Signs and Wonders

Continuing to Meet in the Ulam shel Shlomo (Solomon's Colonnade)

The Shadows of Peter

The Jealousy of the Sadducees

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An Angelic Rescue

Cultural/Sitz im leben background

The Sanhedrin Assembles

The Report of the Guards

The Re-Arrest and Teaching in Jesus' Name

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Gamli'el

נָשִׂיא (*nasi*) - *President over Sanhedrin*

רַבָּן (*Rabban*) - *Honorific title, "Our Master"*

Failed Messiahs

Theudas

Judas the Galilean

Gamli'el's Advice

Forty Lashes Minus One

Joy in Persecution

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The Widow's Distribution List

Who Are the Hellenists?

Hellenists (Ελληνιστές)

The Hebrews

Hebrews (עברית)

Establishing an Organizational Structure

The idiom "waiting/serving tables"; Forming a Beit Din

Criteria for the New Servants

Sitz im leben: Why seven deacons?

The effortless reference to Torah

A new Sanhedrin!

More *Sitz im Leben*: Who Are These Men?

Chazzan (servant, חזן)

Shammash (servant, שמש)

Parnas (provider, פרנס)

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Priests Joining the Community

The Spirit of Stefanos

The meaning of the name Stephen

The Synagogue of the Freedman

Debate in the Beit Midrash

Meeting Paul for the first time

Trouble in the Synagogue

The False Witnesses

The four charges against Stephen

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

The Face of an Angel (an idiom)

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Are These Charges True?

Charges against Stephen:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Overview of Stephen's Response

Follows a pattern (effortless quoting of Scripture); 1 Samuel 12

Outline of the response:

Patriarchal Narratives (7:2-8)

Temple rooted in patriarchal promises

Promise of Messiah implicit in patriarchal promises

Joseph Narrative (7:9-16)

Joseph rejected and unrecognized

Joseph exalted

Tombs of the fathers in Hebron and Shechem

Moses Narrative (7:17-38)

High view of Moses

Moses' attempt at redeeming Israel unrecognized

Messiah is a prophet like Moses

Moses' Torah equals Words of Life

Israel historically rejected Moses

Israel's Rebellion (7:39-43)

Rejection of Moses (Torah) led to idolatry

Idolatry led to exile

Tabernacle and Temple (7:44-50)

The Tabernacle was ordained at Sinai

The Temple stands in continuity with the Tabernacle

God is not contained in the Temple

The Accused becomes the Accuser (7:51-53)

By rejecting Messiah, the leadership has broken Torah

The Call of Abraham (The Patriarchal Narrative)

Acts 7:7	Genesis 15:14
...after that they will come out and serve me in this place.	...after that they will come out with many possessions.

This Place (HaMakom; המקום)

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The Joseph Narrative

The rejection of Joseph

Seventy or seventy-five?? (More Stephen reconstructions)

The tombs of the patriarchs (Another Stephen reconstruction)

The Moses Narrative

Moses lovely before God (More Stephen annotations)

Powerful in word and deed

The age of forty

The rejected redeemer

Moses ruler and deliverer

The prophet like Moses

The giving of the Torah

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The Moses Narrative (*continued*)

Moses ruler and deliverer

The prophet like Moses

The giving of the Torah

Disobedience to Torah

The Golden Calf

Idolatry and Exile

From Tabernacle to Temple

The Temple Above

Turning the Tables

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Blasphemy

Βλασφημία (*blasphemia*)

The Stoning

Saul the Benjaminite (and the *Acts of Philip*)

The Flock Scatters

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Saul the Persecutor

The Divine Hand of Persecution

Conversations with Philip

Philip Goes to Samaria

Simon the Magician

Simon Repents

Official Apostolic Inquiry

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An Apostolic Inquiry

The Impartation of the Holy Spirit

The ever-broadening spheres of Acts 1:8

1	The Jews	Acts 2
2	The Samaritans	Acts 8
3	The Gentiles	Acts 10

Simon and Simony

Simon vs. Simon

John and Peter Return

The Way to Gaza

The Ethiopian Eunuch

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The Ethiopian Eunuch

The Scroll of Isaiah and the Suffering Servant

A Place of Water

Translation and Philip in Hierapolis

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Saul and Caiaphas

The "Heresy" of *The Way*

αἵρεση (*hairese*)

מִיָּן (*min*)

הַדֶּרֶךְ (*HaDerech*)

***The Way* in Damascus**

Saul's Transformation

A Voice from Heaven

בַּת קוֹל (*bat kol*)

Double repetition of a name

"Kicking Against the Goats"

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Who Are You Lord?

The Legal Roman Name: Praenomen, nomen, cognomen

Blinded by the Light

Three Days of Fasting

Ananias of Damascus

Ananias = Chananyah (חנניה)

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The Mission for the Chosen Instrument

The Healing of Saul

The Baptism of Saul

Saul in Arabia

Saul in the Synagogues

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Saul the Debater and the Plot Against Saul

Return to Jerusalem

Back to the Synagogue of the Freedmen

The Escape from Jerusalem and a Brief Respite

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Peter Does "Every Member Visits"

The "Holy Ones" at Lydda/Lod and Aeneas

Tabitha of Joppa

Peter Arrives in Joppa and Raises the Dead

Simon the Tanner

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The "Shift" in Acts: The Jesus Movement Goes Global

A little about Caesarea

What is a God-Fearer?

Ben Noach or Noachide

Why were gentiles in the Roman Empire attracted to Judaism and a Jewish Messiah?

Cornelius the God-Fearer

Tzedakah (צדקה)

Cornelius and the Messenger (Angel)

The idiom of Tzedakah (צדקה) and Tefillah (תפילה)

Send for Simon Peter

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Up on the Roof

The Vision of the Sheet and What It is NOT About

Common and Unclean

Unclean = ἀκάθαρτος (*akathartos*) = טמא (*tamei*)

Unholy = κοινός (*koinos*) = חלל (chullin)

Perplexed/Struggling with the Vision

The Meaning of the Vision of the Sheet (Peter Himself and Cultural Context to the Rescue!)

From Joppa to Caesarea

A Roman Reception

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Jews and Gentiles and the Eighteen Measures

Let's Review: Peter's Own Interpretation of the Vision

Cornelius Explains and Peter's Response on the Impartiality of God

Peter Summarizes and Presents the Gospel of Jesus the Messiah to Gentiles

The Gentile Pentecost

The three "Pentecosts" of the book of Acts

The Jews (Acts 2)
The Samaritans (Acts 8)
The Gentiles (Acts 10)

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The Baptism of the Gentiles

An Apostolic Inquiry (Setting the stage for Acts 15)

Peter's Tells the Story

A Contemporary Extra-biblical Account to Acts 10: The Conversion of King Izates

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At That Time....

James and Agrippa

It Pleased the Yehudim

What else is going on at the same time? Agrippa's children and the Passover of Dense Throngs

Simon Peter Arrested

Prayer in the House of Mary

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Prayer in the House of Mary

The Angelic Rescue (Verbal Tally - Effortless Quoting of Scripture)

Rhoda the Servant Girl and Peter's "angel"

Simon Peter Hides as Escape Is Discovered

Festival in Caesarea

The Embargo on Tyre and Sidon and Agrippa the Divine

The Omen Returns

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Going to Jerusalem

The Gospel According to Paul

The Authority of the Apostles and James

Running in Vain

The Big Meeting

The Opposition

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The Opposition

Titus as Test Case and the Decision

The Apostle to the Gentiles

Remember "the Poor"

Paul's Magical Mystery Tour

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Paul's Magical Mystery Tour

Thorn in the Flesh

Return to Antioch

Peter in Antioch and Eating with Gentiles

Certain Men from James

Judaizing - the Real, Contextual, Cultural, Historical Meaning of the Term

Judaize (Ἰουδαΐζω; *Ioudaizo*)

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Prophets and Teachers at Antioch

Simon, called Niger (know any other Simons from Cyrene???)

Lucius of Cyrene

Manaen (Menachem)

Prayer and Fasting

Λειτουργία (*Leitourgia*; liturgy)

The Commissioning of Barnabas and Paul

Cyprus

Paphos and Bar Jesus

Sergius Paulus

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Son of Jesus

A Curse

The Faith of Sergius Paulus

The Leaving Behind of John Mark

Journey to Pisidian Antioch (Antioch of Galatia)

The Synagogue Service and the Invitation to Speak

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The Gospel Invitation

The Final Exhortation to Believe

The Jewish Reaction to Paul's Sermon

The Gentile Reaction to Paul's Sermon

The Jewish Reaction to the Gentile Reaction

Paul's Reaction to the Jewish Reaction to the Gentile Reaction

Driven from Antioch

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Iconium

Trouble for the God-Fearers

Many Days in Iconium

Divided Opinions

A Plot Against the Apostles

Timothy of Lystra

A Healing in Lystra

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A Healing in Lystra

A Case of Mistaken Identity on a Divine Scale

Presenting the Message from Ground Zero: Paul Encounters Non-God-Fearing Gentiles

The Stoning of Paul and a Textual Variant for Acts 14:9

Derbe

The Return Trip

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The *Sitz im Leben* of the Jerusalem Council of Acts 15

The recent events of 44 - 48 CE

The Passover disaster of 49

The burning of the Torah scroll

Disturbances in Rome

Challenges in Antioch

Great Dissension

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Great Dissension

The Appeal to Jerusalem (The Apostolic Beit Din)

Journey to Jerusalem

Report to the Apostles and Elders

The Objection

The Jerusalem Council

The original question and charge (Acts 15:1, 5)

The rebuttal (Acts 15:10-11)

The scriptural basis - Amos 9:11-12 (David's Fallen Tabernacle) (Acts 15:16-18)

The decision (Acts 15:19)

The prohibitions (Acts 15:19-20)

- 1. Gentiles will abstain from things contaminated by idolatry*
- 2. Gentiles will abstain from fornication*
- 3. Gentiles will abstain from unclean food that has been "strangled"*
- 4. Gentiles will abstain from blood*

The expectation of Gentiles after the decision - Acts 15:21, to be in the synagogue each Sabbath learning Moses

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Summary of Previous Two Classes

The "Four Laws" of James and the Noahide Laws

More Than God-Fearers, More Than Sons of Noah -*The Ger Toshav*

The Four Up Close

Abstain from things offered to idols

And from blood

And from things strangled

And from fornication

The Goal of James - Overcome the Social Obstacles Causing Separation

The Divine Invitation Extended by James

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The "Second Journey of Paul" Begins

Paul and Barnabas Part Ways

Two Early Writings Attributed to Barnabas

Paul Chooses Silas

Syria and through the Cilician Gates



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The Circumcision of Timothy - Wait! I Thought Paul Was Against Circumcision

The Messianic Jew and the Messianic Ger Toshav

A Disciple of Paul

Four marks of authentic first-century Galilean discipleship

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| 1. | 3. |
| 2. | 4. |

Delivering the Decrees

Divine Direction

Troas and a Vision in the Night

The Voyage to Macedonia



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The Voyage to Macedonia

Philippi

Cultural Clue: The Place of Prayer and a Sabbath Fellowship

Lydia

The Python Girl



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The Exorcism of the Python and Jews on the Loose

Beaten and Imprisoned

Song in the Night

Psalm 119:62 and Tikkun Chatzot

The Jailer's Conversion

Roman Men

Farewell to Philippi

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Making Their Way to Thessalonica

Paul and Paradosis (παράδοσις) - The Mesorah (מסורה) of Messiah

Trouble in Thessalonica

Released on Bond

The Noble Bereans

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<i>For in him we live and move and have our being.</i>	A grave have [they] fashioned for thee, O holy and high One, the lying Cretans, who are all the time liars, evil beasts, idle bellies; but thou diest not, for to eternity thou livest and standest; for in thee we live, and move, and have our being. (Epimenides, Cretica)
<i>We are his offspring.</i>	Let us begin with Zeus. Never, O men, let us leave him unmentioned. All the ways are full of Zeus, and all the market-places of human being. The sea is full. Of him; so are the harbors. In every way we have all to do with Zeus, For we are truly his offspring." (Aratus, c. 310 BCE)

The Folly of Idolatry

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Cos, Rhodes, and Patara

Tzor

Akko

Acts 20	Subject	Parallel in Pauline Epistles
17-19	Paul reminds them of his manner of life among disciples	2 Corinthians 12:18; 1 Thessalonians 2:1-2, 2:10-11, 5:10-11; Philippians 4:15; 2 Timothy 3:10-11
19	Paul's humility	2 Corinthians 10:1, 11:7; 1 Thessalonians 2:6
19	Paul's fears and persecutions	Romans 9:2; 2 Corinthians 2:4, 11:24-26; Philippians 3:18; 1 Thessalonians 2:14-16
20-21	Paul taught both Jew and Gentile	Romans 1:16; 1 Corinthians 9:20
22	Paul's uncertainty about the future	Romans 15:30-32
24	Paul's lack of concern for his own life	2 Corinthians 4:7-5:10, 6:4-10; Philippians 1:19-26; 2:17; 3:8; 2 Timothy 4:6
24	Paul is appointed to preach the Gospel	Galatians 1:15-16; 2 Corinthians 6:1; Ephesians 3:2-10; Philippians 1:16
26	Paul is innocent of the blood of all men	1 Thessalonians 2:10
27	Paul boldly proclaims the message	Romans 1:16; Ephesians 6:20
28	Paul tells the elders to shepherd the flock	1 Timothy 3; 2 Timothy 2-3
29-31	Paul warns about apostasy	2 Thessalonians 2:3-12; 1 Timothy 4:1-5; 2 Timothy 3:1-9
32	Paul commends them to God's grace	Conclusion of most of Paul's epistles
34-35	Paul supported himself by his own trade	1 Corinthians 9:1-19; 2 Corinthians 11:9; 1 Thessalonians 2:9, 4:11

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Expenses for Five Nazirites Completing Their Vow Numbers 6:13–21	
<i>Item</i>	<i>Sacrifice</i>
5 unblemished yearling lambs	Burnt Offerings
5 unblemished yearling ewe lambs	Sin Offerings
5 unblemished rams	Peace Offerings
33 liters (nearly 2 bushels) of fine flour mixed with oil	Grain Offerings
8 liters (2 gallons) of wine	Wine libations
5 baskets of unleavened bread with oil	Additional Grain Offerings

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On the Day of Pentecost

More Charges Against Paul

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The Prosecution Opens

The Ringleader of the *Notzrim* (Nazarenes)

The Prosecution Rests

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A Tangent from the Course: One Word from One Verse in Revelation

Revelation 3:14 – Why is Jesus called "The Amen"?

The world of *Binah* (the *Radiance*); The name of God associated with *Binah*

The world of *Malchut*; The name of God associated with *Malchut*

Uniting *Binah* and *Malchut* (i.e. the Kingdom of Heaven)

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The Dilemma of Festus

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Paul at Sea

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Welcome on the Beach

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Cast Him Down

You Will not Strike Your Foot

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The Beast

The Name of the Beast

Caesar Nero		
<i>Hebrew</i>		<i>Numeric Value</i>
ק	K	100
ס	S	60
ר	R	200
נ	N	50
ר	R	200
ו	O	6
ן	N	50
Total:		666

Artist and Entertainer

The Fire of Rome

Neropolis and the Golden House

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Rabbi Abraham Zacuto and The Zohar

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The Gospel of John

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Love of God and Neighbor

The Long, but Short Way

Chasidic parallels

Five Levels of Love

Level One: Refrain from doing harmful actions toward your fellow human

Level Two: Doing unto your fellow as you would have done to you

Level Three: Realizing that loving one's fellow is the love of one's self

Level Four: Seeking out actions of love that we can do for our neighbor

Level Five: Be proactive. Do not wait for your fellow to ask for help