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**Study of Acts:
Chapters 12-13**

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Persecution of the church by Herod (12:1-5)

- This Herod was Herod Agrippa I. He was the grandson of Herod the Great. Other Palestinian rulers in the Herodian family were his uncles: Herod Antipas, Herod Philip, and Archelaus; and his son, Herod Agrippa II. All of these rulers are mentioned in the New Testament.**



Persecution of the church by Herod (12:1-5)

- **James, the brother of John, was executed by Herod, and Peter is arrested. (12:1,2)**
- **Peter is placed in prison and guarded by four squads of soldiers. The Jerusalem church is earnestly praying for him. (12:4,5)**



Peter is miraculously released from prison (12:6-11)

- **An angel releases Peter out of his cell and through the prison gate (12:6-10)**
- **Peter exclaims: "Now I am sure that the Lord has sent an angel and rescued me from the hand of Herod." (12:11)**

Peter goes to the house of Mary (12:12-17)

- Peter is met at the gate by a maid, Rhoda. In her excitement she rushes to tell the disciples but fails to open the door of the gate for Peter. (12:12-14)**
- At first the disciples do not believe Rhoda, but eventually open the door for Peter. (12:15.16)**
- Peter relates his miraculous escape and then goes to "another place." (12:17)**

Further activities of Herod (12:18-23)

- After Herod discovers the escape of Peter, he orders that the sentries that guarded Peter to be put to death." (12:18,19)**
- Herod goes to Caesarea and there receives an audience from Tyre and Sidon. (12:20)**
- Dressed in his royal robes, Herod delivers an oration from his throne. The crowd shouts, "The voice of a god, and not of man." (12:21,22)**
- "Because he did not give God the glory; he was eaten of worms and died." (12:23)**



Activities of the church (12:24.25)

- **"The word of God grew and multiplied."
(12:24)**
- **Barnabas and Saul return to Antioch
from Jerusalem. They are accompanied
by Mark. (12:25)**

Saul and Barnabas are called to a special mission (13:1-3)

- **There were prophets and teachers at the church in Antioch: Barnabas, Simeon called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen of Herod's court, and Saul. (13:1)**
- **The Holy Spirit instructed the church to set apart Barnabas and Saul for a special work. (13:2)**
- **After fasting and prayer, they laid their hands on Barnabas and Saul and "sent them off." (13:3)**

Paul and Barnabas in Cyprus (13:4-12)

- **At Salamis "they proclaimed the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews." (13:4,5)**
- **They then travelled westward to Paphos, and were given an audience with Sergius Paulus, the proconsul of Cyprus. (13:7)**
- **They were opposed by Elymas, a magician and Jewish false prophet of the court of Sergius Paulus. (13:6-8)**

Paul and Barnabas in Cyprus (13:4-12)

- **Paul openly condemns Elymas, calling him "the son of the devil" and "full of deceit and villainy." He then announces that Elymas will be blind for a season. (13:9-11)**
- **"The proconsul believed, when he saw what occurred, for he was astonished at the teaching of the Lord." (13:12)**



Paul and Barnabas at Perga and Antioch of Pisidia (13:13-15)

- **John Mark leaves them at Perga and returns to Jerusalem. (13:13)**
- **At Antioch they go to the synagogue. Here they are invited to speak. (13:14,15)**

Paul's sermon (13:16-41)

- **Paul begins by reviewing the history of Israel. Some of these details were the deliverance of**
- **the Israelites from Egypt, the conquest of Canaan, the period of the judges, the kingship of Saul and David. (13:16-22)**
- **He then states that "of David's posterity God has brought to Israel a savior, Jesus, as he promised." (13:23)**



Paul's sermon (13:16-41)

- **He then relates the story of Jesus, including his crucifixion and resurrection. He emphasizes that all this fulfilled the prophecies of the Old Testament; he substantiates this by citing three passages from the book of Psalms. (13:24-37)**

Paul's sermon (13:16-41)

- **He concludes by stating that through Jesus one receives forgiveness and freedom from the law of Moses. Yet he warns them not to reject this offer of salvation by citing a passage from Habakkuk 1:5 - "you will never believe, if one declares to you." (13:38-41)**

Results of the sermon (13:42-44)

- **Many people begged Paul and Barnabas to come back on the next sabbath. (13:42)**
- **Also many Jews and devout converts continued following Paul and Barnabas to hear more of their message. (13:43)**
- **A very large crowd gathered on the next sabbath "to hear the word of God." (13:44)**

The opposition by some Jews (13:45-52)

- **Some Jews were jealous of the success of Paul's preaching and began to revile and contradict him. (13:45)**
- **Paul and Barnabas then proclaimed that they would now turn to the Gentiles. They cited Isaiah 49:6-"I have set you to be a light to the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the uttermost parts of the earth." (13:46.47)**



The opposition by some Jews (13:45-52)

- **Many Gentiles believed and "the word of the Lord spread throughout all the region." (13:48,49)**
- **The Jews incited leading men and devout women against Paul and Barnabas and drove them out of Antioch. (13:50)**



The opposition by some Jews (13:45-52)

- **Paul and Barnabas "shook the dust from their feet" and went on to Iconium. (13:51)**
- **However, this visit to Antioch was successful, for it is concluded that "the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit." (13:52)**

