

Insights into The Book of Acts

Unleashing of the Gospel (Chapters 5-8)

A. Struggle from Within and Without

1. *The deceit of Ananias and Sapphira (5:1-11)*

Satan attacks the church from the inside.

2. *The Sanhedrin and the apostles (5:12-42)*

The opposition used heavy hands

3. *The beginning of the structure of leadership (6:1-7)*

The appointment of Elders/deacons

B. The Climax of the Persecution in Jerusalem (6:8-8:3).

1. *Stephen's sermon (7:1-53)*

*He refers to Abraham,
to Moses and
Israel's rebellion*

2. *Stephen's martyred (7:54-60)*

3. *Saul (later known as Paul) mentioned*

C. The Church is Scattered (8:1-3)

D. The Church Scattered as far as Damascus, Syria (8:4-12:25)

A. The Ministry of Philip (8:4-40).

1. Philip in Samaria (8:4-25)

Peter and John in Samaria

2. Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch (8:26-39)

3. Philip enroute to Caesarea (V.40)

QUESTIONS

1. In what ways does Satan challenge and undermine the faith of believers in today's world?
2. In what ways does Satan challenge and undermine the faith of believers in Our contemporary world?
3. What did the religious leaders hope to achieve by Stephen's death, and what was the outcome?
4. What is an appropriate biblical response when we are accused unjustly?

Lesson:

Lord, grant me the ability to proclaim and share the good news that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of the Living God, and the only Savior who assures eternal life. Help me use my freedom in this land to glorify Your name among those who do not know You.