

The Book of Acts

This Week:

Lesson:

Scripture: Acts 11:19-12:25

Next Week:

Homework Scripture Read: Acts 13

Lesson Text:

Acts 11:19-30 Birth of the church at Antioch

19-20 Geography of evangelistic migration

21-26 Establishment and growth of church at Antioch

27-30 Prophecy and charity

Acts 12:1-23 The persecution under Herod Agrippa I,
(grandson of Herod the Great)

1-5 Death of James, arrest of Peter

6-19 Angelic rescue of Peter

20-25 Death of Herod, success of the church

Discussion:

- Locate cities referred to in text.
- Discuss the diversification towards evangelism of Gentiles
- Discuss the cessation of the gift of prophecy, note instances throughout the book of Acts
- Discuss the death of James, brother of John, the first apostolic martyr. Distinguish him from further references to James, brother of Jesus Christ, as leader of church at Jerusalem and author of the Book of James.
- Note the gathering for prayer for Peter during his arrest and compare it to modern prayer meetings