The Two Treatises Lesson 36

Another Apostolic Imprisonment Acts 12



Introduction

Once again, an apostle of the Lord faces prison. And, once again, it is the Jews who were the "driving force" behind such actions. Peter will be reminded of the delivering power of the Lord, as He had done for him in the past (cp. 4:1-3; 5:17-18, 26). Additionally, this will be the final chapter in which Peter is the prominent apostle in Luke's "Second Treatise." From now on, the focus will shift to the apostle Paul.

Arrest & Deliverance Of Peter (12:1-19)

- What does Luke record in v. 1? <u>Research question</u>: which Herod is this? What did Herod do? (vv. 2-4)
- 2) How many imprisonments did this make for Peter so far? (cp. Lk. 21:12)
- 3) What did the Jerusalem church do while Peter was imprisoned? (v. 5) What did God do as a result of these prayers? (vv. 6-10) What did Peter eventually come to realize? (v. 11)
- 4) What was Peter's first course of action? (v. 12) Describe the events recorded in vv. 13-16.
- 5) What did Peter do in v. 17?
- 6) How did Herod react to this situation? (vv. 18-19)

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The Death Of Herod	<u>(12:20-25)</u>

- 7) How does Luke describe Herod in v. 20? What events are recorded in vv. 21-22?
- 8) What was God's reaction to this? (v. 23) What lesson(s) should we learn?
- 9) How did the church continue to fare? (v. 24)
- 10) How does Luke "pick up" the activities of Barnabas & Saul from when last we read of them? (v. 25; cp. 11:29-30)