

## PERSECUTIONS OF BELIEVERS IN THE BOOK OF ACTS

<b>PASSAGE</b>	<b>PERSONS (PLACE)</b>	<b>SOURCE</b>	<b>NATURE / RESULT</b>
4:1-22	Peter, John, Healed man (Jerusalem)	The Sanhedrin (the Jewish "council")	Verbal: no speaking in the name of Jesus / 4:31- Prayer, bold witness
5:17-40	Apostles arrested (Jerusalem)	The Sanhedrin	Physical beating: no speaking in the name of Jesus / 5:41- Joy, evangelism
6:8-7:60	Stephen arrested (Jerusalem)	The Sanhedrin	Stoned to death / 8:1- Saul intensifies persecutions
8:1-3; 9:1	Believers of Jerusalem (Jerusalem)	Saul & Jewish leaders	Arrest, imprisonment of men & women / 8:3,4 - believers scattered; evangelism
12:1-3	James, Peter, leaders (Jerusalem)	Herod Agrippa I	James beheaded; Peter arrested / 12:23, 24 - Herod killed by God; Word of God spreads
13:45, 50	Paul & Barnabas (Antioch in Pisidia)	Jews stir leading citizens in Antioch	Paul & Barnabas expelled / 13:52 - believers filled with Joy and the Holy Spirit
14:4, 5	Paul & Barnabas (Iconium)	Jews & Gentiles in Iconium	Attempt stoning / Paul & Barnabas flee & preach elsewhere
14:19	Paul (Derbe)	Jews from Ant. & Icon. and citizens of Lystra	Paul stoned; left for dead / 14:20 - Paul moves to Derbe
16:19-40	Paul & Silas (Philippi)	Religious exploiters, rulers, citizens	Paul & Silas beaten with rods imprisoned / 16:25-40 - Jailor & family saved; Paul & Silas move on
17:5	Jason & Believers (Thessalonica)	Unsaved Jews, citizens, rulers at Thessalonica	Jason & others dragged into court / Post bond: Paul & Silas move on
17:13	Paul & Silas (Berea)	Jews from Thessalonica stir the people & rulers	Hostility against believers / Paul moves on; Timothy & Silas remain
18:12-17	Paul & Sosthenes (Corinth)	Jews take Paul to court	Sosthenes beaten / Paul stays on in Corinth
19:23	Paul's Companion (v.29) (Ephesus)	Demetrius & image-making exploiters	Dragged into theatre, then Paul moves on

[20:23, 24 Paul Summarizes: "Bonds & Afflictions await me in every city"]

21:27-28	Paul arrested (Jerusalem)	Jews of Asia Minor stir up Jews of Jerusalem	Paul arrested: speaks to Jews of Jerusalem (22); The Sanhedrin (23); Felix, Gov. of Judea (24); Festus, Gov. of Judea (25); Agrippa II (26). Ch. 27, 28 Paul under arrest to Rome.
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