



Syllabus

Course: Mastering the English Bible: Acts

Credit Hours: 3

Instructor: David W. Cloud

Videos and Pictorial Bible PowerPoints for this course can be found on the Media List at <https://www.wayoflife.org/media/>

Class Description: *MASTERING THE ENGLISH BIBLE* is our most comprehensive Bible course. It is an in-depth survey of the Old and New Testaments, covering Bible history and every book of the Bible. *Mastering the English Bible* is for beginning Bible students as well as for advanced ones. It is for youngsters (teens and above) and oldsters. It is for individuals, homes, and churches. It is nearly a complete Bible college curriculum in one course. The aim is to educate the student in Bible history, Bible times (e.g., Egypt, ancient Babylon, the Hittites, Assyria, neo-Babylon, Persia, Greece, Rome), Bible interpretation, Bible doctrine, Bible terms, Bible geography, Bible typology (e.g., the Passover, the Tabernacle, the Levitical Priesthood, the Levitical offerings), Bible culture, Bible biography, Bible archaeology, and Bible prophecy. The course aims to give the student a broad comprehension of the Bible as a whole. The Bible is one Book that was planned by God in eternity before it was given to the holy prophets, and understanding the big picture is necessary to rightly understand the parts. We teach the student to see Christ everywhere in Scripture. *Mastering the English Bible* is practical throughout. Bible teaching does not accomplish God's will until it produces born again salvation and holy living (2 Ti. 3:16-17). We emphasize the believer's life as a priest (1 Pe. 2:5), pilgrim (1 Pe. 2:11), ambassador (2 Co. 5:20), builder of the New Testament church (1 Co. 3:9-15), builder of the home (Eph. 5:22 - 6:4), teacher (Heb. 5:12-14), spiritual warrior (Eph. 6:10-19), and minister of spiritual gifts (Ro. 12:3-8). *Mastering the English Bible* is a package that consists of class videos, textbooks, PowerPoints, syllabi, student assignments, review questions, tests, and test scores. The course is divided into 11 parts: 01 Old Testament History Genesis to the Silent Years, 02 Job and Psalms, 03 Proverbs, Song, Ecclesiastes, 05 The Gospels, 06 Acts, 07 Romans to Corinthians, 08 Galatians to Thessalonians, 09 The Pastoral Epistles, 10 The General Epistles, 11 Revelation. *Mastering the English Bible* is accompanied by ***THE WAY OF LIFE PICTORIAL BIBLE***, which is an extensive series of multimedia PowerPoints packed with detailed maps, historical backgrounds, treasures from archaeology, Bible pictures, reconstructive drawings, video clips, and other visual aids. Many of these were captured by the author in the best archaeological and history museums in America and abroad, plus research trips to Israel, Greece, Turkey, Jordan, Egypt, Europe, and England.

Texts Required for class:

The King James Bible

Mastering the English Bible: Acts by David Cloud, 182 pages, Feb. 2023.

Outcomes—At the end of the course, all students will be able to:

1. Understand the theme and outline of the book of Acts.
2. View the book of Acts as a transitional book.
3. Understand the different roles of the Holy Spirit in the book of Acts.
4. Identify each of Paul's three missionary journeys.
5. Live out Acts 29 in his own life.

Evaluation—the class grade will be broken up in the following manner:

Tests (4) – 60%

Quizzes (5) – 10%

Projects (3) – 30%

90–100%	A	70–79%	C
80–89%	B	0–69%	D (Failing)

Validation:

Outcome 1. Students read *Mastering the English Bible: Acts* completely and answer all review questions.

Outcome 2. Students memorize key verses in the book of Acts.

Outcome 3. Students take tests over the material read and covered in class.

Outcome 4. Students diligently study each of Paul's three sermons and identify the major lessons.

Outcome 5. Students compose a list of all the people who worked alongside Paul.

There are two options for taking this class. They are the following:

- **Slower Pace-15 Week Option**

This option takes a total of 15 weeks and has regular assignments three times every week: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

- **Advanced-One Month Option**

This option takes a total of 4 weeks and has regular assignments six times every week: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. The assignments for this option combine two of the assignments from the slower pace option into one day so that the student can complete the class in a month.

Course Outline:**Week Topics**

- 1 Introduction/ Acts Introduction
- 2 Acts 1 Waiting for the Spirit/ Acts 2 Pentecost
- 3 Acts 2 Pentecost/ Acts 3-4 Healing and Persecution
- 4 Acts 5 Ananias and Sapphira/ Acts 6-7 Stephen the First Martyr/ **Test 1**
- 5 Acts 8 Samaritans Receive the Gospel
- 6 Acts 9 Saul's Conversion/ Acts 10-11 Gentiles Receive the Gospel/ Acts 12 Peter's Arrest and Herod's End/ **Test 2 (Mid-term)**
- 7 The Church of Antioch/ Acts 13-14 First Missionary Journey
- 8 Acts 13-14 First Missionary Journey
- 9 Acts 13-14 First Missionary Journey/ Acts 15:1-32 Jerusalem Council/ Acts 15:33 – 18:22 Second Missionary Journey
- 10 Acts 15:33 – 18:22 Second Missionary Journey
- 11 Acts 15:33 – 18:22 Second Missionary Journey/ Acts 18:23 – 21:14 Third Missionary Journey
- 12 Acts 18:23 – 21:14 Third Missionary Journey
- 13 Acts 21:15 – 28:31 Journey to Rome
- 14 **Test 3/ Conclusion Acts 29**
- 15 Conclusion Acts 29/ **Test 4 (Final)**

Weeks**Assignment**

Weeks	Monday	Wednesday	Friday
1	Pages 1-8 Video 1: Intro Video 2: Great Com. Pt 2	Pages 8-11 Video 3: Great Com. Pt 3	Pages 12-17 Video 4: Book of Acts, Intro
2	Pages 18-22 Quiz 1—Acts 4:12 Video 5: Church of Jerusalem	Pages 23-27 Video 6: Day of Pentecost	Pages 27-31 Video 7: Pentecost, Pt 2
3	Pages 31-35 Video 8: Pentecost, Pt 3	Pages 35-39 Video 9: Healing and Persecution	Pages 39-41 Video 10: Ananias and Sapphira
4	Pages 41-46 Video 11: Ananias and Sapphira, Pt 2	Pages 46-50 Video 12: Pentecost, pictorial	Test 1 —(over pgs. 1-50 and PPT 36)
5	Pages 50-53 Video 13: Samaritans Receive the Gospel	Pages 53-57 Video 14: Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch	Pages 58-61 Video 15: Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch, Pt 2, pictorial

6	Pages 61-64 Quiz 2—Acts 5:41-42 Video 16: Gentiles receive the Gospel	Pages 64-70 Video 17: From Cornelius to Antioch, <i>pictorial</i>	Test 2— Mid-term (Cumulative) <i>(Overs pgs. 1-70 and PPTs 36-38)</i> Video 18: Paul's first Missionary Journey, <i>pictorial</i> <i>Watch video after the test</i>
7	Pages 71-74 Video 19: Church at Antioch	Pages 74-78 Video 20: Beginning of the Church	Pages 78-82 Video 21: Missionary Call
8	Pages 82-86 Quiz 3—Acts 13:39 Video 22: Missionaries at Cyprus and Perga	Pages 86-89 Video 23: Missionaries at Perga	Pages 89-93 Outline Project Video 24: Missionaries at Iconium & Lystra Video 25: Journey Back to Antioch
9	Pages 93-99 Video 26: Jerusalem Council	Pages 99-102 Video 27: Jerusalem Council, Pt 2	Pages 102-107 Video 28: Paul's Second Missionary Journey, <i>pictorial</i>
10	Pages 107-112 Quiz 4— Acts 24:14 Video 29: Paul's Second Missionary Journey, <i>pictorial</i> Pt 2	Pages 112-116 Video 30: Paul's Second Missionary Journey	Pages 116-120 Video 31: Paul's Second Missionary Journey, Pt 2
11	Pages 121-125 Video 32: Paul's Second Missionary Journey, Pt 3	Pages 125-130 Video 33: Paul's Second Missionary Journey, Pt 4	Pages 130-134 Paul's Sermons Project Video 34: Paul's Second Missionary Journey, Pt 5
12	Pages 135-140 Video 35: Paul's Second Missionary Journey, Pt 6	Pages 140-144 Video 36: Paul's Second Missionary Journey, Pt 7	Pages 145-151 Video 37: Paul's Third Missionary Journey, <i>pictorial</i>
13	Pages 151-155 Quiz 5—Acts 26:18 Video 38: Paul's Third Missionary Journey, Pt 2	Pages 155-159 Video 39: Paul's Third Missionary Journey, Pt 3	Pages 159-165 Video 40: Paul's Third Missionary Journey, Pt 4, <i>pictorial</i>
14	Test 3— <i>(Overs pgs. 71-165 and PPTs 39-42)</i>	Pages 166-169 Video 41: Jesus Speaks on the Church Age	Pages 170-172 Video 42: Series Conclusion
15	Pages 172-174 People who worked with Paul Project	Pages 175-177	Test 4— Final (Cumulative)

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3	Pages 86-93 Outline Project Video 23 Video 24 Video 25	Pages 93-102 Video 26 Video 27	Pages 102-112 Quiz 4— Acts 24:14 Video 28 Video 29	Pages 112-120 Video 30 Video 31	Pages 121-130 Video 32 Video 33	Pages 130-140 Paul's Sermons Project Video 34 Video 35
4	Pages 140-151 Video 36 Video 37	Pages 151-165 Quiz 5— Acts 26:18 Video 38 Video 39 Video 40	Test 3— <i>(Overs pgs. 71-165 and PPTs 39-42)</i>	Pages 166-172 Video 41 Video 42	Pages 172-177 People who worked with Paul Project	Test 4--Final

Details of Course Assignments:

- **Videos**

The student is required to watch the *Mastering the English Bible: Acts* videos each day. He must have the reading completed before the video is to be watched along with any quizzes submitted. He must take diligent notes during these video sessions. (Note: there are a couple of days when the student will be required to watch two videos, he must pay careful attention to the syllabus to know which videos to watch on which given day.)

- **Reading Assignments**

Students are given reading assignments each day and must complete the assignments along with answering the corresponding questions before each lesson begins.

- **Pictorial Bible PowerPoint Slides**

The student will also be responsible to look over all of the Pictorial Bible PowerPoint slides *on his own*, in addition to watching the slides on the videos. The student should view the slides in conjunction with his daily reading. The review questions and tests will include these slides, so it is important the student look over them and study them in addition to the reading and videos.

- **Quizzes (5)**

Quizzes will be given on five Mondays (*for the slower-paced option*) scattered throughout the semester. These quizzes will **only** be verse quizzes.

- **Projects (3)**

There are three different projects the student will complete during this course. They are the following:

- **Outline Project**

The student must outline the major events of Paul's three missionary journeys (Acts 13:4 – 21:17). Include the cities Paul visited, those who accepted the message of the Gospel, and the references for each event.

- **Paul's Sermons**

For this project, find Paul's three major sermons recorded in Acts and list the major lessons from these sermons. Include the setting of each message and to whom it was preached.

- **People who worked with Paul**

For the third project, make a list of every individual who worked in the ministry with Paul. Include the references where the individual is mentioned and one or two brief sentences about the individual if there is any information regarding them in the text.

- **Tests (4)**

There will be a total of four tests taken during this semester. Including certain review questions and questions over the Pictorial Bible PowerPoints, the tests will be short answer questions. The tests are used to measure how much the student has retained over the course. Tests 1 and 3 will not be cumulative, while Test 2 (the Midterm) and Test 4 (the Final) will cover previously learned material as well as the new material.

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