

## Dramatis Personae in Acts of the Apostles

A lame man	Healed by Peter and John at the Beautiful Gate in Jerusalem
A lame man in Lystra	Healed by Paul
Abraham	Original patriarch of Israel
Aeneas of Lydda	Paralytic healed by Peter
Agabus	A prophet who predicted a famine and Paul's imprisonment by Gentiles
Alexander	Member of Jerusalem high priestly family
Alexander of Ephesus	Pushed to speak by Ephesian Jews after silversmiths' riot
Ananias, husband of Sapphira	Died after being confronted by Peter over his lying about withholding proceeds from a land sale
Ananias of Damascus	A disciple sent by the Lord to Saul after his Damascus Road experience
Ananias, high priest	Ordered Paul struck during hearing in Jerusalem
Andrew the apostle	One of the Twelve, brother of Simon Peter
Angels of the Lord	God's messengers
Annas	Jerusalem high priest
Apollos of Alexandria	Evangelist in Ephesus, catechized by Priscilla and Aquila
Aquila and Priscilla of Corinth	Married couple expelled from Rome under Claudius; leather-workers and missionary companions of Paul
Aristarchus	Macedonian traveling companion of Paul, attacked in Ephesus
Artemis	Chief goddess of Ephesus and its great monument to her
Bar-Jesus, a.k.a., Elymas	A Jewish false prophet in Paphos
Bartholomew	One of the Twelve
Bernice	Wife and sister of Herod Agrippa II
Blastus	King Herod's chamberlain
Caiaphas	Jerusalem high priest
Captain of the Temple	Second only to the high priest in authority in Jerusalem
Circumcised believers	Jews baptized into the Way, suspicious of Peter's encounter with Gentiles
Claudias Lysias	A Roman tribune (chiliarch) who arrested Paul in Jerusalem and sent him bound to Caesarea to Felix
Cornelius of Caesarea	Roman centurion of the Italian Cohort; baptized by Peter with his household
Cornelius' servants	Sent to find Peter at house of Simon the tanner
Crispus of Corinth	Synagogue official; baptized by Paul with his household
Crowd gathered for Pentecost	Consisting of Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes
Cypriot and Cyrenian disciples	Proclaimed word to Gentiles in Antioch
Damaris	Athenian believer converted by Paul
Daughters of Philip the evangelist	Prophetesses in Caesarea

David	King of Judah and traditional author of various psalms
Demetrius of Ephesus	A silversmith; instigated a riot against Paul, Gaius and Aristarchus
Devout men and women	Various places throughout story
Dionysius the Areopagite	Athenian believer converted by Paul
Drusilla	Wife of Felix the procurator
Elders	Leaders of Jewish communities in various places
Ephesian disciples	Catechized by Paul
Ephesian town clerk	Called for end of silversmiths' riot
Epicurean philosophers	Debated with Paul in Athens
Erastus	Companion of Paul
Ethiopian eunuch	Court official of Ethiopian queen; baptized by Philip
Eutychus of Troas	Fell asleep and out the window while Paul preached, yet lived
Felix	Procurator of Judea, 52-60 CE
Gaius of Derbe	Macedonian traveling companion of Paul, attacked in Ephesus
Gallio of Corinth	Proconsul of Achaia; refused to judge Paul
Gamaliel	A Pharisee and member of the Sanhedrin whose advice led to Peter and the apostles' release from prison
Gentiles	Non-Jews, from a Jewish perspective
Hebrew and their widows	Aramaic-speaking disciples in Jerusalem
Hellenists and their widows	Greek-speaking disciples in Jerusalem whose widows were discriminated against
Hermes	Messenger god in Greek pantheon
Herod Agrippa I	Ruler of province of Judea from 41-44 CE; grandson of Herod the Great; see Acts 12
Herod Agrippa II	Ruler of province of Judea from 52-70 CE; grandson of Herod the Great; see Acts 25.13ff.
Herod Antipas	Ruler of province of Galilee from 4 BCE-39 CE, son of Herod the Great, ruler at time of birth of Jesus (see Luke 1.5, 3.1)
Holy Spirit	The source of God's wisdom and strength
Isaac	Son of Abraham
Jacob	Son of Isaac, grandson of Abraham
Jailer in Philippi	Baptized by Paul after being saved from execution
James, "brother of the Lord"	Leader of Jerusalem church
James, son of Alphaeus	One of the Twelve
James, son of Zebedee	One of the Twelve, brother of John the apostle; killed by Herod
Jason of Thessalonica	Dragged before city authorities as host of Paul and Silas
Jesus of Nazareth	The risen Lord, Messiah, Savior
Jews from Asia	Pursued Paul to Jerusalem to condemn him
Jews of Pisidian Antioch	Stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas
Jews of Thessalonica	Stirred up crowds against Paul and Silas
John Mark	Son of Mary, companion of Barnabas and Paul
John the baptist	The precursor to the Messiah
John, son of Zebedee	One of the Twelve, frequent companion of Simon Peter

Joseph	Great-grandson of Abraham
Joseph Barnabas	A Levite from Cyprus who sold a field to support the early church and became a companion of Paul
Joseph Barsabbas	Also known as Justus, a proposed successor to Judas Iscariot
Joshua	Leader of Israelite settlement in the Promised Land
Judas Barsabbas	Companion of Paul and Barnabas, prophet and leader, sent by Jerusalem church on mission to Gentiles
Judas of Damascus	Provided hospitality to Saul/Paul
Judas the Galilean	Leader of a failed rebellion in Jerusalem
Judas, son of James	One of the Twelve
Judas, son of Simon Iscariot	One of the Twelve
Julius	Centurion of Augustan Cohort; accompanied Paul from Jerusalem to Rome
Lucius of Cyrene	Prophet and/or teacher at Antioch
Lydia of Philippi	Former Thyatiran and leader of women in purple dying business; converted by Paul with her household
Magistrates in Philippi	Sought to release Paul and Silas secretly but challenged by Paul
Maltese natives	Showed kindness to Paul and companions
Manaen	Prophet and/or teacher at Antioch and friend of Herod
Mary, mother of Jesus	A woman disciple
Matthew	One of the Twelve
Matthias	Chosen successor to Judas Iscariot
Mnason of Cyprus	A disciple; hosted Paul and companions
Moses	God's chosen one to lead the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt
Nicanor	One of the Seven ("deacons")
Nicolaus	One of the Seven ("deacons")
Parmenas	One of the Seven ("deacons")
Paul's nephew in Jerusalem	Reported to Paul the conspiracy against him
Pharaoh	King of Egypt
Pharaoh's daughter	Protector of baby Moses
Pharisees	Jewish group who believed in resurrection and angels
Philip (the apostle)	One of the Twelve
Philip the evangelist	One of the Seven ("deacons"); evangelist to Samaria
Pontius Pilate	Roman procurator of Judea, 26-36 CE
Porcius Festus	Procurator of Judea, 60-62 CE
Priests of Jerusalem	Members of the Sanhedrin, the Jerusalem ruling council
Prison guards	Servants of Sanhedrin
Prochorus	One of the Seven ("deacons")
Publius of Malta	Hosted Paul and companions
Pythonic-spirit possessed slave girl	Exorcised by Paul in Philippi, leading to arrest of Paul and Silas
Rhoda	Doorkeeper at house of Mary, mother of John Mark
Sadducees	Jewish group which rejected belief in resurrection and angels
Sapphira	Wife of Ananias; died after being confronted by Peter over

	her lying about withholding proceeds from a land sale.
Saul, a.k.a. Paul	A Pharisee, Roman citizen and first missionary to Gentiles
Saul, son of Kish	First king of Israel
Secundus of Thessalonica	Companion of Paul on return to Macedonia
Sergius Paulus	Proconsul of Cyprus, 46-48 CE
Silas	Companion of Paul and Barnabas, prophet and leader, sent by Jerusalem church on mission to Gentiles; chosen by Paul to replace Barnabas after dispute over John Mark's loyalty to the Gentile mission
Simeon, a.k.a. Niger	Prophet and/or teacher at Antioch
Simon Magus	A magician in Samaria, chastized by Peter for trying to buy the power of the Holy Spirit
Simon of Joppa	A tanner who hosted Peter
Simon Peter	The leader of the apostles in the opening chapters
Simon the Zealot	One of the Twelve
Solomon	Son of David and King of Judah; builder of first Jerusalem Temple
Son of Man	Character in Daniel's vision (Dan 7.13)
Sons of Sceva, Jewish exorcist	Attacked by evil spirit who didn't know who they were
Sopater, son of Pyrrus of Beroea	Companion of Paul on return to Macedonia
Sosthenes of Corinth	Synagogue official; beaten by crowd but ignored by Gallio
Stephen	One of the Seven ("deacons"), first martyr
Stoic philosophers	Debated with Paul in Athens
Synagogue of the Freedman	Opponents of Stephen, along with others
Tabitha of Joppa, a.k.a., Dorcas	Raised from dead by Peter
Temple police	Servants of Sanhedrin
Tertullus	An attorney, advocate for Paul's Jerusalem accusers
The apostles	The eye-witnesses to Jesus' resurrection
The Father	The God of Jesus
Theophilus	Luke's "reader"
Theudas	Leader of a failed rebellion in Jerusalem
Thomas	One of the Twelve
Timon	One of the Seven ("deacons")
Timothy	Son of Jewish mother and Greek father; companion of Paul
Titius Justus of Corinth	Worshiper of God who hosted Paul
Traveling companions of Saul	Witnesses to Saul's experience
Trophimus of Ephesus	Companion of Paul on return to Macedonia
Tychicus of Asia	Companion of Paul on return to Macedonia
Young men	Burial servants
Zeus	Chief god in Greek pantheon