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Acts: Trouble with Tribulation
Describing what would've happened in Acts

Purpose:
Showing what God says about the coming time of tribulation and wrath upon the earth.

> *"For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be."*
> - Matt 24:21

Outline:

1. Review
   a. Zech 8:20-23; Isaiah 2:1-4, 11:1-12 – Kingdom on earth
   b. Kingdom on earth (Begins at millennium - Rev 20:6)
      i. Ammillennialism – Christ does not return – no Tribulation
      ii. Postmillennialism – Christ returns after kingdom on earth – no Tribulation
      iii. Premillennialism – Christ returns before kingdom on earth – Tribulation

2. Tribulation: Is it Biblical?
      i. Not daily tribulation –Romans 5:3-4; 2 Cor 1:4 - 'comfort in tribulation'
      ii. Not daily persecution – 2 Cor 4:9 – 'persecuted but not forsaken'
   b. Specific time of punishment against Israel and the world
   c. Leviticus 26 - covenant cursings
   d. Daniel 9:24-27 – Daniel prays for forgiveness, receives vision about last days
      i. 'Seal up the vision and prophecy' – Rev 10:7, 16:17

3. 'Day of the Lord' -Zephaniah 1:2-3, 14-18; 2:3 – 'day of the Lord'
      i. Joel 1:15, 2:1, Amos 5:18
   b. 'Hiding in the rocks' - Isaiah 2:12-19 – Revelation 6:14-17
   c. 'Great earthquake' - Zechariah 14:1-4 – Lord stands on Zion (Rev 6:12, 11:13-19, 14:1)
      i. Jeremiah 30:4-7 – 'time of Jacob's trouble'

4. 'Great Tribulation'
   a. Matthew 24:21, 29-30 – (Rev 6:12)
   b. Daniel 12:1 – time of trouble

5. Acts – What happened? (Acts 2:16, 3:19, 8:1-3)
   a. Revelation 12 – 'wonder in heaven'
   b. Paul was saved – the persecutor was saved!!! 1 Tim 1:15-16
   c. 2 Cor 5:17-20 – a new creature, reconciled to God
   d. 1 Thess 1:10 – delivered from wrath to come
   e. 1 Thess 5:1-9 – not appointed to wrath
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6. Conclusion: The tribulation…
   a. Comes upon Israel to purge them of sins – 1 Peter 1:7; 4:17
   b. Comes upon the world for rebelliousness – 2 Thess 1:6-8
   c. Ends with the Day of the Lord – not the glorious appearing – Titus 2:12