

# Acts 12

## Lesson 20

### Herod's Violence Toward the Church (1-4)

- Herod began to persecute Christians (1).
- James, the brother of John (an apostle) was killed by Herod (2).
- Herod arrested Peter, and imprisoned him as a political ploy to please the Jews (3-4).

### Peter Freed From Prison (5-19)

- Though imprisoned, Peter was blessed by the prayers of the brethren in Jerusalem (5)
- Peter was miraculously delivered from prison by an angel (messenger) of God (6-11)
- Peter went to the house of Mary (mother of John Mark), where many Christians were praying for him (12-16)
- Peter exhorted the disciples there to spread the news concerning his deliverance (17)
- Herod sentenced the soldiers to death for allowing Peter to escape prison (18-19)

### Herod's Violent Death (20-24)

- People of Tyre and Sidon flattered Herod to appease his anger toward him, calling him a god (20-22)
- Herod was struck by God, eaten with worms, and he died. This was because he accepted such blasphemous praise and "did not give glory to God." (23)
- In contrast, the word of God "grew and multiplied." (24)

### Barnabas and Saul Return to Antioch (25)

- After delivering the gift from Antioch to the brethren in Judea (cf. 11:27-30), Barnabas and Saul returned to Antioch.
- John Mark accompanied them back to Antioch.

Student Notes: