

PETER'S DELIVERANCE – ACTS 12

INTRODUCTION: This chapter closes Peter's ministry as far as the _____ of the early believers is concerned. Paul moves on the scene in chapter 13.

Transition = Jew to Gentile ... Kingdom to Church.

I: THE POWER OF SATAN (1-4)

1. Manifested through Herod Agrippa, grandson of Herod the Great. The Herods were _____, descendants of _____ (v. 1)
2. James and John promised a baptism of _____ (Matthew 20:20-23).
3. When Satan wanted to _____ the work of the church, he went after Peter and James. Question: AM I THE KIND OF A CHRISTIAN THAT SATAN WOULD ATTACK?
4. Significant part of the story
 - a) James permitted to _____
 - b) Peter set _____

II: THE POWER OF PRAYER (5-19)

1. "But Prayer" (v. 5) ... How thrilling those words ought to be to the _____.
2. Peter peaceful ... is it possible today? Peace in the midst of _____ (v. 6).
3. Release of Peter (v. 9).
4. Testimony of Peter (v. 17)
5. Stir among soldiers because of Peter's _____ (v. 18).
6. Death of soldiers (v. 19).

III: THE POWER OF GOD'S WRATH (20-23)

1. Herod acted like _____ will act, placing himself as _____ (vs. 20-21).

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2. God smote him with a terrible _____. God hates pride and will not allow another to take His _____ (v. 22).

IV: **THE POWER OF GOD'S WORD** (24-25)

1. What a contrast! Herod eaten with _____ ... "But the Word of God grew and _____" (vs. 23-24).
2. Let us never be frightened by the loud _____ of Satan's world leaders. THEIR DAY IS COMING!

CONCLUSION: What can defeat Satan? (Ephesians 6:17-18)

1. Prayer
2. The Word of God