

## Notes - Book of Acts Study, Part 52 – Wednesday, February 3, 2021

Acts 12:1-11

<sup>1</sup> *It was about this time that King Herod arrested some who belonged to the church, intending to persecute them. <sup>2</sup> He had James, the brother of John, put to death with the sword. <sup>3</sup> When he saw that this met with approval among the Jews, he proceeded to seize Peter also. This happened during the Festival of Unleavened Bread. <sup>4</sup> After arresting him, he put him in prison, handing him over to be guarded by four squads of four soldiers each. Herod intended to bring him out for public trial after the Passover.*

<sup>5</sup> *So Peter was kept in prison, but the church was earnestly praying to God for him.*

<sup>6</sup> *The night before Herod was to bring him to trial, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries stood guard at the entrance. <sup>7</sup> Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him up. “Quick, get up!” he said, and the chains fell off Peter’s wrists.*

<sup>8</sup> *Then the angel said to him, “Put on your clothes and sandals.” And Peter did so. “Wrap your cloak around you and follow me,” the angel told him. <sup>9</sup> Peter followed him out of the prison, but he had no idea that what the angel was doing was really happening; he thought he was seeing a vision. <sup>10</sup> They passed the first and second guards and came to the iron gate leading to the city. It opened for them by itself, and they went through it. When they had walked the length of one street, suddenly the angel left him.*

<sup>11</sup> *Then Peter came to himself and said, “Now I know without a doubt that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from Herod’s clutches and from everything the Jewish people were hoping would happen.”*

*God specializes in the supernatural.*

*God wants to do something supernatural in your life.*

Galatians 5:1

<sup>1</sup> *It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.*

*Lord, speak to my chains today! Break my chains!*

Psalm 2:3

<sup>3</sup> *“Let us break their chains  
and throw off their shackles.”*

Acts 12:18-19

<sup>18</sup> *In the morning, there was no small commotion among the soldiers as to what had become of Peter. <sup>19</sup>After Herod had a thorough search made for him and did not find him, he cross-examined the guards and ordered that they be executed.*

*Can God really move inanimate objects?  
Can God cause things to appear out of nowhere?  
Can God’s mere Words shine light in the darkness?*

One of the Hebrew names of God is Elohim.

*Elohim-* the name for an all-powerful God who created all things.

*Only God can create something out of nothing – He can do anything!*

Genesis 1:1 (Amplified Bible)

<sup>1</sup> *In the beginning God (Elohim) created [by forming from nothing] the heavens and the earth.*

*God is supernatural, and works in the supernatural.  
God will move heaven and earth to work on our behalf.  
God’s supernatural is a call to greatness.*

God’s extraordinary is a call to:

*Exchange to ordinary for the extraordinary!  
Leave the predictable and explore the unimaginable!*

Ephesians 3:20

<sup>20</sup> *Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us*

*God wants to invade our ordinary with His extraordinary*

*Extraordinary: Very unusual or remarkable. Unusually great.*

*Are you ready to step out of the natural and expect the supernatural?*

Isaiah 64:4

*<sup>4</sup> Since ancient times no one has heard,  
no ear has perceived,  
no eye has seen any God besides you,  
who acts on behalf of those who wait for him.*

*God wants to do a work that is larger than we are!*