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People in the Book of Acts

Agabus (Acts 11:28)	an early Christian prophet who predicts a famine that inspires a collection on behalf of believers in Jerusalem
Agabus (Acts 21:10)	an early Christian prophet who predicts Paul's arrest in Jerusalem, binding Paul symbolically with his own belt
Agrippa (actually Herod Agrippa II)	ruler of Galilee who hears Paul's testimony while he is in prison in Caesarea under Festus
Ananias (Acts 5)	man who tries to cheat the church by holding back money (along with wife, Sapphira)
Ananias (Acts 9)	man sent by God to baptize Paul after his Damascus road experience
Ananias (Acts 22)	high priest in Jerusalem who presides over trial of Paul before Jewish council
Apollos	an elegant and powerful teacher who needs to be instructed by Aquila and Priscilla to know the faith "more accurately"
Aquila	a tentmaker who becomes a close friend of Paul, along with his wife, Priscilla; with her, instructs Apollos in the way of the faith "more accurately"
Barnabas	member of Jerusalem church who sells a field and gives money to the church; brings Paul to Antioch, where the two of them become leaders in the gentile mission; partner with Paul on his first missionary journey but later splits with Paul, going off on his own with John Mark as his companion
Cornelius	a gentile centurion baptized by Peter
Demetrius the silversmith	instigates a riot in Ephesus by claiming Paul's evangelistic work is undermining the temple of Artemis
Dorcas	a woman known in the early church for her kindness to widows and who was raised from the dead by Peter (also called "Tabitha")
Elymas	a magician who is struck temporarily blind when Paul curses him
Eutychus	young man who falls asleep while Paul is preaching and tumbles out a third-

	story window
Felix	governor in Caesarea who leaves Paul in prison for two years to please the Jews
Festus	governor in Caesarea (after Felix), under whom Paul appeals to Caesar
Gamaliel	member of the Jewish council who advises against persecution of the apostles
Herod (Herod Agrippa I)	kills James the disciple of Jesus; has Peter put in prison, but an angel lets him out; eaten by worms and dies after an angel strikes him for presenting himself as a god
James the brother of Jesus	leader of the church in Jerusalem who presides over the apostolic council called to discuss circumcision of gentiles
James the disciple of Jesus	killed by Herod Agrippa during early years of the Jerusalem church
John Mark	son of a leading woman in the Jerusalem church and nephew of Barnabas; accompanies Paul and Barnabas on first missionary journey, but turns back part way; he is the cause of a split between Paul and Barnabas before their second missionary journey
Lydia	a dealer of purple goods in Philippi who becomes host to Paul and his companions
Matthias	the new apostle, added to the group after Easter to replace Judas
Paul	also known as Saul; a persecutor of the early believers who has a vision of the risen Christ and becomes a missionary for the faith; leads three missionary journeys to areas in the west, evangelizing many gentiles; works many miracles, such that even his handkerchiefs heal all whom they touch; after a series of trials, is taken to Rome to stand before Caesar
Peter	preaches to multiethnic crowd on day of Pentecost, gaining 3,000 converts; baptizes the centurion Cornelius in a way that prefigures the gentile mission; becomes so filled with spiritual power that his shadow heals all on whom it falls; raises Dorcas (Tabitha) from the dead; imprisoned by Herod and then

	released by an angel
Philip	one of the seven men appointed to “wait tables” (serve as deacons?) in the Jerusalem church; evangelizes an Ethiopian eunuch; led by the Spirit to evangelize the Samaritans and baptize them; has four daughters who prophesy
Priscilla	one of Paul’s close friends, along with her husband, Aquila; with him, instructs Apollos in the way of the faith “more accurately”
Rhoda	servant at house belonging to John Mark’s mother in Jerusalem; is slow to admit Peter when he is released from prison by an angel
Sapphira (Acts 5)	woman who tries to cheat the church by holding back money (along with husband, Ananias).
Sceva	Jewish priest whose seven sons try to cast out demons in the name of the Jesus whom Paul proclaims
Silas	imprisoned with Paul in Philippi, where they sing hymns while in stocks
Simon Magus	a magician in Samaria who becomes a believer; offers Peter money to obtain the power of giving the Holy Spirit to people
Stephen	one of the seven men appointed to “wait tables” (serve as deacons?) in the Jerusalem church; the first martyr, stoned to death after speaking against the temple
Timothy	son of a Jewish mother and gentile father who joins Paul on his second missionary journey; circumcised by Paul so as not to offend the Jews