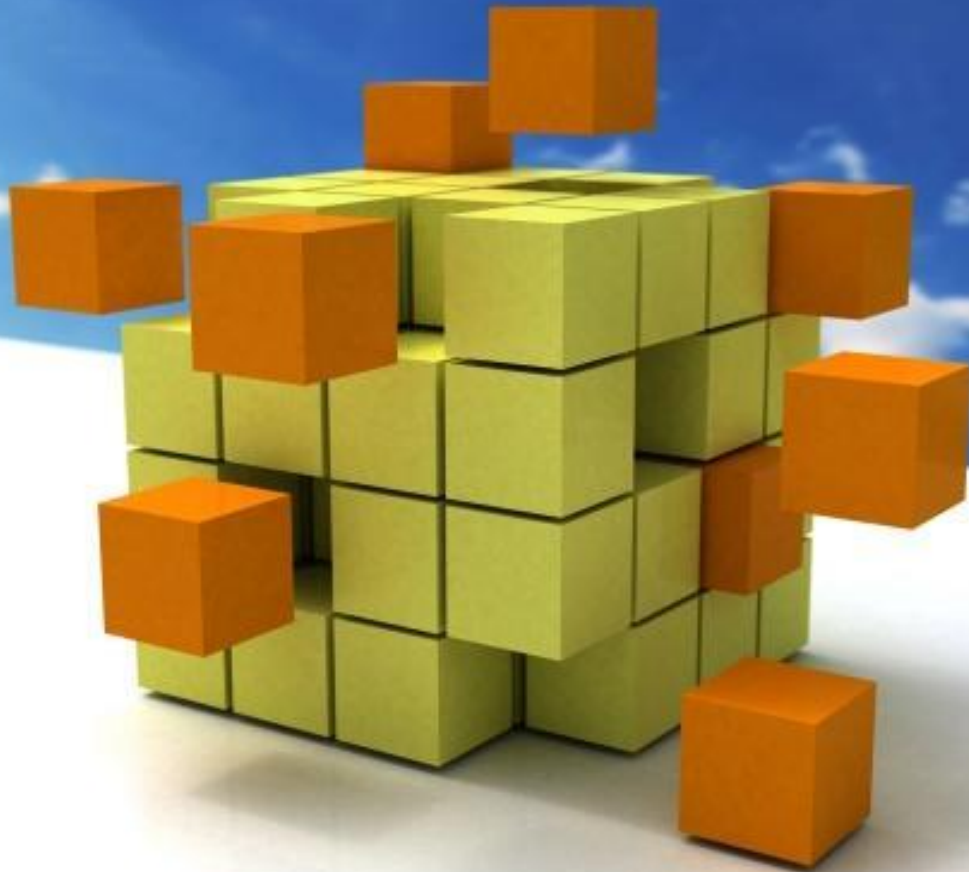


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Chapter 1 - Acts 15: Contention Among Believers : 'What was the Debate'

The Apostolic Debate:

- **Acts 15:1-2, 4-7a**

Acts 15 is in the scripture, not for practical application but for the doctrinal conflict.



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Questions that demand an answer:

- **Why would Paul and the apostles and elders in Jerusalem have to debate doctrine?**
- **Why did they not just rebuke the men who said that people had to be circumcised in order to be saved?**
- **Why was their "much dispute" over circumcision and the law?**
- **Why did the apostles even need to consider this matter?**



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Secondary questions for consideration:

- **Who was right?**
- **Were those from Jerusalem correct in their insistence of Circumcision in order to be saved?**
- **What is circumcision?**
- **How does the understanding of this disagreement enable a person to understand the Word of God?**
- **What are the consequences for failing to understand this dispute?**



Chapter 2 – God's Covenant with Abraham : 'A Blessing To All Families'

A promised seed: Genesis 3:15

**Disregard for God became characteristic of man:
Genesis 6:5-8**

God sought to destroy man: Genesis 6:11-12 & 13b

But a man found grace with God: Genesis 6:8

**Man continued in rebellion after the flood: Genesis
11**

God begins to work with Abram: Genesis 12:1-3



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7 points to the promise in Genesis 12:2-3:

- 1) God promises to make of Abram a great nation**
- 2) God promises to bless Abram**
- 3) God promises to make Abram's name great**
- 4) God promises that Abram and this nation will be a blessing**



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7 points to the promise in Genesis 12:2-3:

5) God will bless those that blesses Abram and his nation

6) God will curse them that curses Abram and his nation

7) "and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed"



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