Table of Contents

Preface	V
Table of Contents	VII
Abbreviations	XI
Introduction: The Enigma	1
Introduction Overview of the Present Study	
Chapter 1. Accounting for an Ending	7
Introduction	7
A. The Ending of Acts among Scholar: A Brief Survey	8
1. The Ending of Acts: Luke Knew no More	8
2. The Ending of Acts: Luke was Prevented from Finishing	12
3. The Ending of Acts: Deliberately Abrupt	14
4. The Ending of Acts: An Intentional and Fitting Conclusion	22
B. Recent Studies on the Ending of Acts	28
1. Narrative Closure and the Ending of Acts	28
2. The Ending of Acts in view of Ancient Literature	33
Conclusion	35
Chapter 2. Narrative Closure: Questions of Method	37
Introduction	37
A. On Narrative and Readers	
1. An Approach to Narrative Criticism	
2. Who is "the Reader"?	
B. Narrative Closure	
1. Closure	
2. Openness	
Conclusion.	
Chapter 3. Endings in Ancient Literature	61
Introduction	61
A Angiant Proce Fiction	



1. Chariton's Chaereas and Callirhoe	64
B. Ancient Biography (Lives)	71
1. Plutarch's Lives: Overview	73
2. Plutarch's Life of Cato Minor	76
C. Ancient Epic	80
1. Homer's Iliad	81
2. Homer's Odyssey	84
3. Virgil's Aeneid	85
D. Ancient Historiography	94
1. Herodotus's Histories	
2. Thucydides's History of the Peloponnesian War	
3. Sallust's War with Jugurtha	99
4. 1–4 Kingdoms	
5. Josephus's Jewish Antiquities	
Conclusion	112
Chapter 4. The Ending of Acts	114
Introduction	
A. What is "The Ending" of Acts?	
B. The Ending of Acts (28:16–31)	
1. The Literary Context of the Ending (27:1–28:15)	
2. Paul's First Encounter with Jews in Rome (28:16–22)	
3. Paul's Second Encounter with Jews in Rome (28:23–28)	
a) Paul's Witness and the Response it Receives (28:23–25)	
b) Paul's Closing Word (28:25b–28)	
4. The Closing Scene: Unhindered Witness (28:30–31)	
Conclusion	
Conclusion	143
Chapter 5. Closure and Openness in the Ending of Acts	144
Introduction	144
A. Closure in the Ending of Acts: Narrative Completion	145
B. Openness in the Ending of Acts	
1. Does the Ending Fulfill the Plan of the Narrative?	
2. Does the Ending Imply Later Events that Generate Closure?.	
3. The Ending of Acts: A Link to an Expansive Saga (Linkage).	
Conclusion to the Study	
A. Synthesis: Acts as a Story of Beginnings	179
B. Concluding Implications	183
1. Implications for the Study of Closure in Ancient Literature	184
2. Implications for the Interpretation of the Ending of Acts	

Bibliography	189
Index of Ancient Sources	221
Index of Modern Authors	230
Index of Subjects	231

Table of Contents

IX