Study Guide to Alexander Strauch's Biblical Eldership

Chapter 7: The Acts of the Apostles

Q: Strauch gives a brief survey of the OT elder. How does this study inform the NT office of elder? What can we take from the OT and learn about the NT role and function of elders?

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Q: In Acts 15 the elders participated with the Apostles in judging doctrinal issues. How does this work out in real life? What steps do elders need to take in order to judge doctrinal issues correctly, protect the church from error and false teachers, and help resolve theological conflicts? A:_____

Q: What does Acts 14:23 teach about biblical eldership? Be specific. A: _____

O: Strauch wrote that elders "should master thoroughly the content of Paul's apostolic message to the Ephesian elders... Every new generation of elders must grasp afresh the prophetic message to the Ephesian elders: Guard the church wolves are coming" (pg 140). What do we learn about biblical eldership from Acts 20:17-38? Be specific.

A:_____