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# Acts 5:12-42

## Church's Second Persecution

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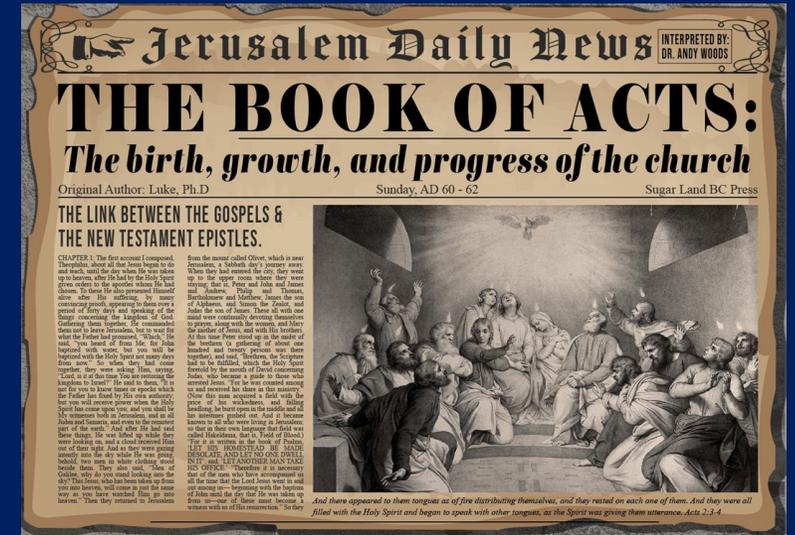
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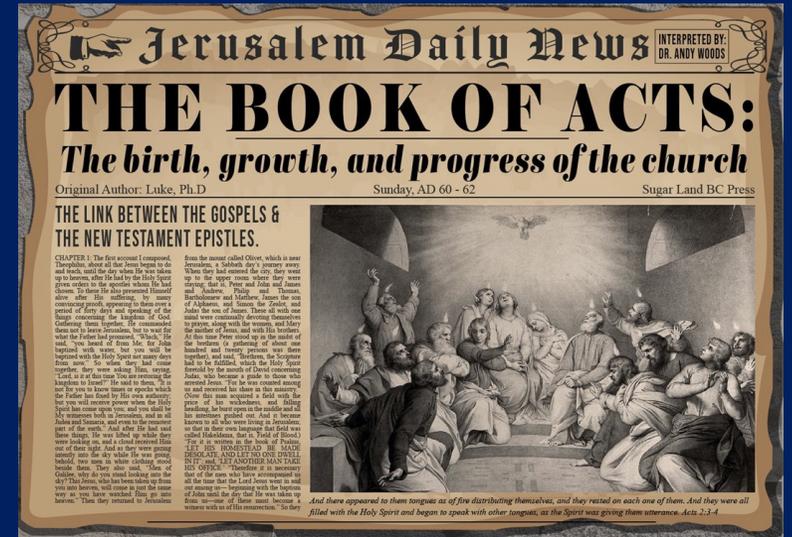




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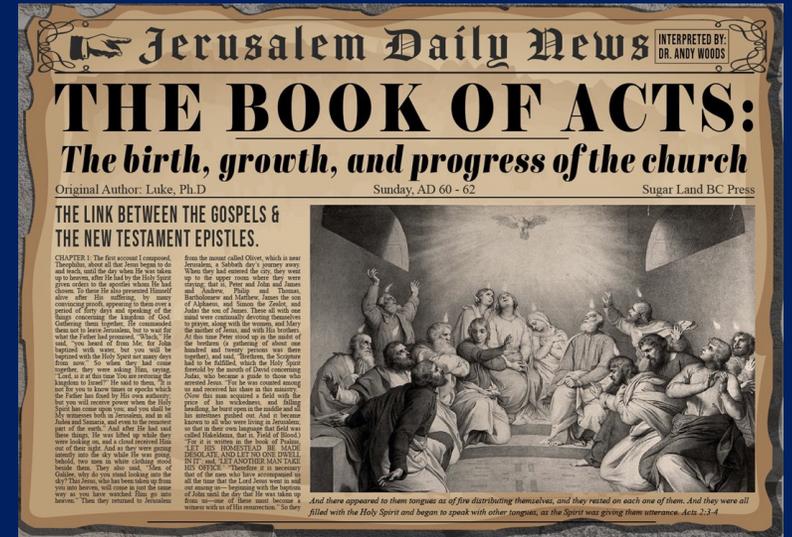
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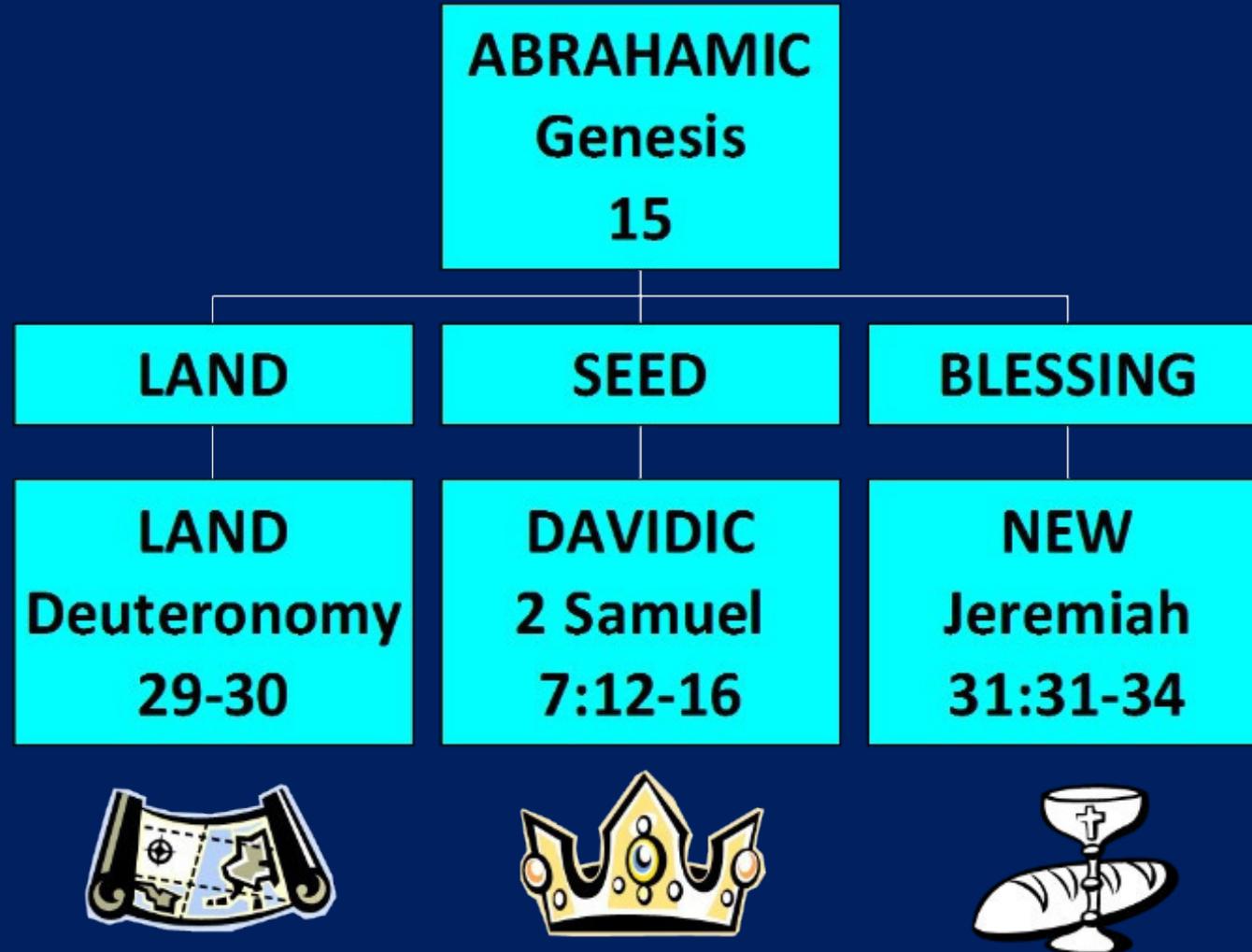
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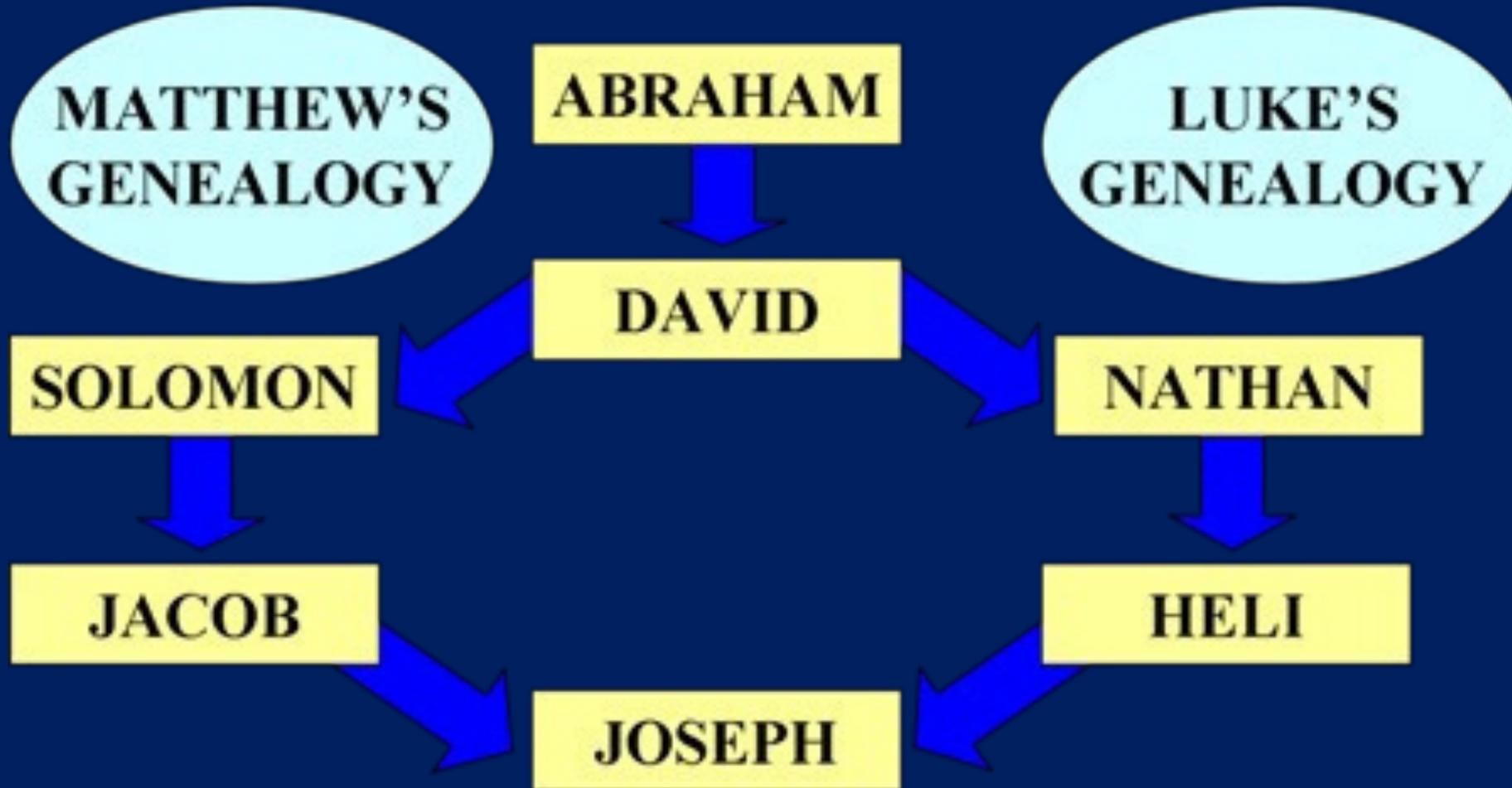


**Unconditional** covenant with a conditional blessing (Deut. 28; Lev. 26)

## Jesus Genealogy According to Matthew

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|------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Abraham       | 15. Solomon         | 29. Shealtiel     |
| 2. Isaac         | 16. Rehoboam        | 30. Zerubbabel    |
| 3. Jacob         | 17. Abijah          | 31. Abiud         |
| 4. Judah         | 18. Asa             | 32. Eliakim       |
| 5. Perez         | 19. Jehosaphat      | 33. Azor          |
| 6. Hezron        | 20. Jehoram         | 34. Zadok         |
| 7. Ram           | 21. Uzziah          | 35. Achim         |
| 8. Amminadab     | 22. Jotham          | 36. Eliud         |
| 9. Nahshon       | 23. Ahaz            | 37. Eleazar       |
| 10. Salmon       | 24. Hezekiah.       | 38. Matthan       |
| 11. Boaz         | 25. Manasseh        | 39. Jacob         |
| 12. Obed         | 26. Amon            | 40. <b>Joseph</b> |
| 13. Jesse        | 27. Josiah          | 41. <b>Jesus</b>  |
| 14. <b>David</b> | 28. <b>Jeconiah</b> |                   |

# Matthean and Lukan Genealogies



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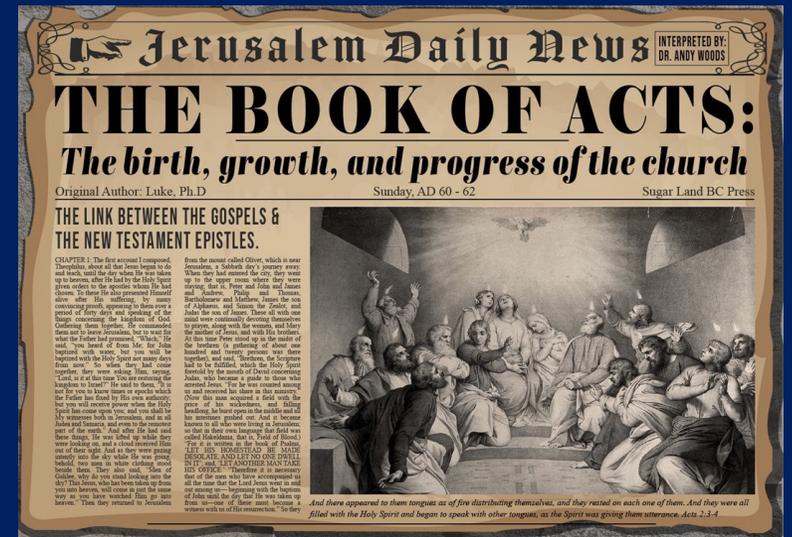
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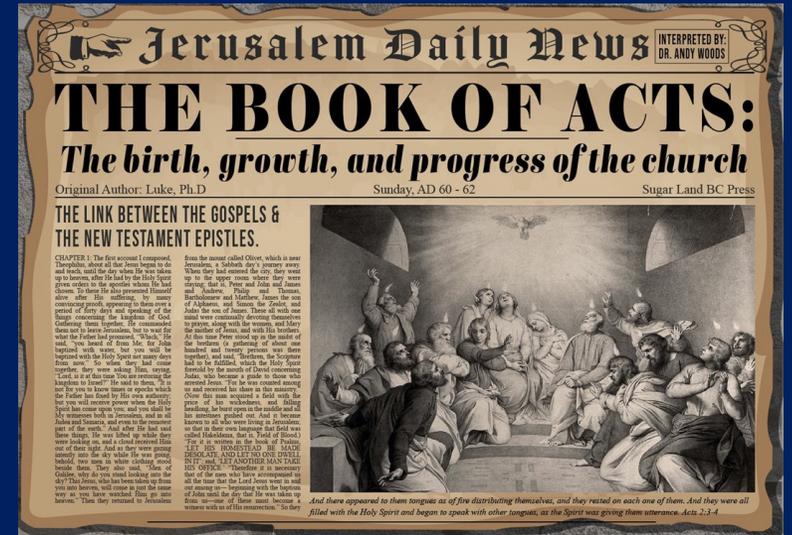
“this Man, delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put Him to death.”



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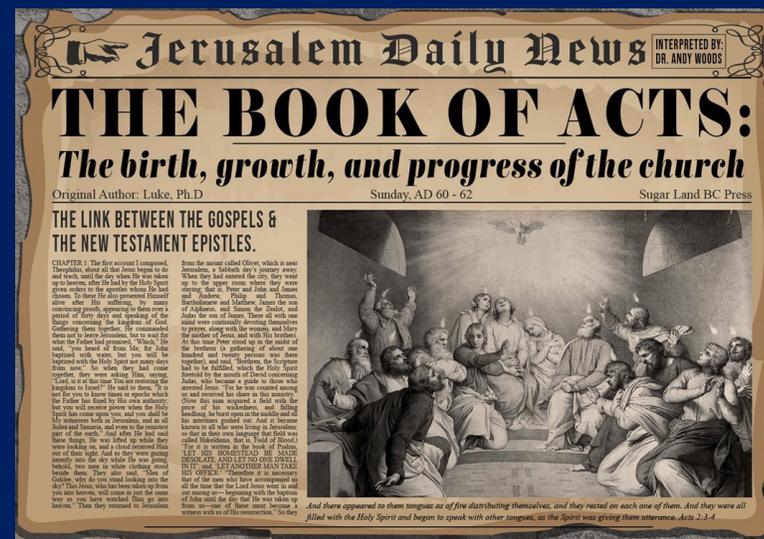
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# Acts 2:15-35

## Refutation of the Charge of Drunkenness

1. Too early (15)
2. Use of Joel 2:28-32 (16-21)
3. Christ's miracles (22)
4. Crucifixion (23)
5. Resurrection (24)
6. Use of Psalm 16:8-11 (25-29)
7. Use of Psalm 132:11 (30-32)
8. High priestly ministry (33)
9. Use of Psalm 110:1 (34-35)



## Daniel 9:26

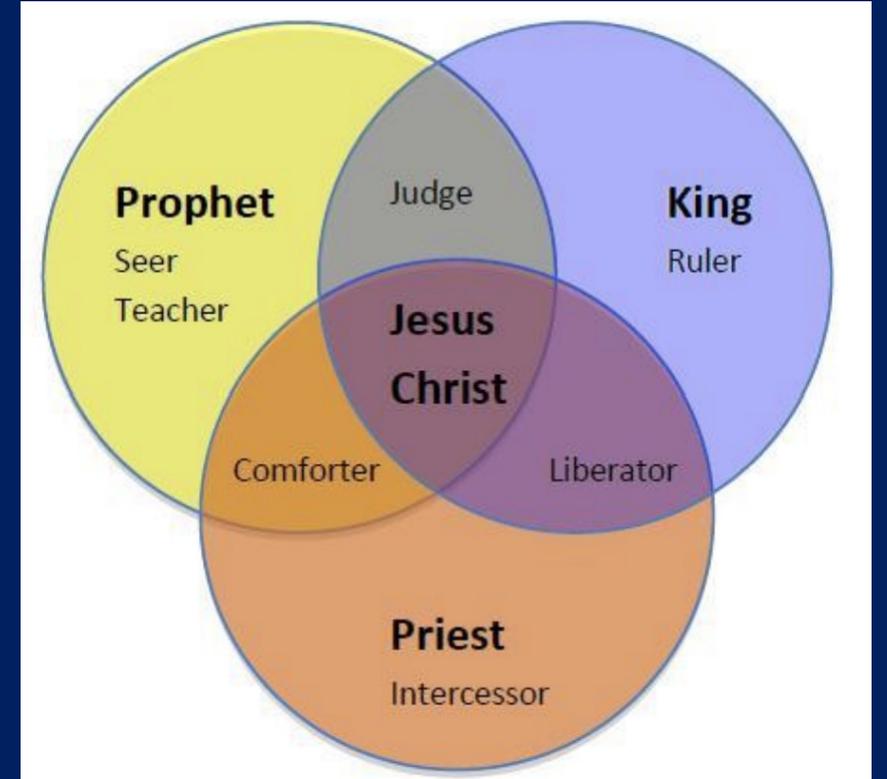
“Then after the sixty-two weeks the Messiah will be cut off and have nothing, and the people of the prince who is to come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. And its end will come with a flood; even to the end there will be war; desolations are determined.”



# CHRIST'S THREE OFFICES



- Prophet (First Coming)
- Priest (Present Session)
- King (Second Coming)





## Matthew 23:37-39

<sup>37</sup> “Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather [*episynagō*] your children together, the way a hen gathers [*episynagō*] her chicks under her wings, and you were unwilling. <sup>38</sup> Behold, your house is being left to you desolate! <sup>39</sup> For I say to you, from now on you will not see Me until you say, ‘BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD!’”





# c) Acts 5:32 Witnesses

- i. Apostolic (32a)
- ii. Holy Spirit (32b)

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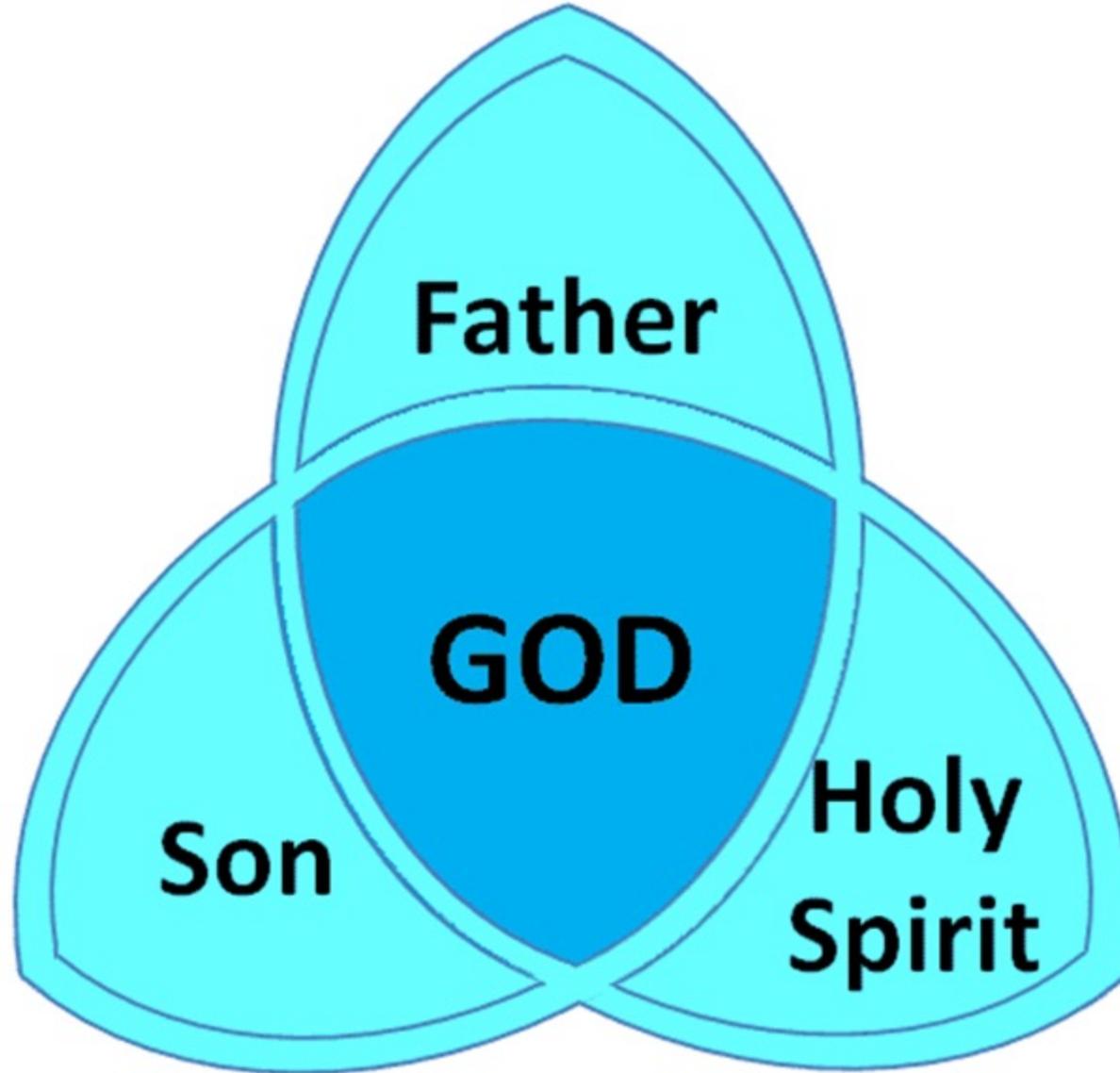
<b>Disciple</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Martyrdom</b>
James the Son of Alpheus	Jerusalem	Clubbed to death
Simon the Zealot	Jerusalem	Martyred
James the Son of Zebedee	Judea (Acts 12:2)	Executed
Thaddeus	Mesopotamia	Beaten to death
Peter	Babylon, Rome	Crucified upside down
Matthew	Parthia (Tehran)	Beheaded

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John	Asia Minor, Patmos, Ephesus	Fried in boiling oil
Philip	E. Turkey	Tortured & crucified
Thomas	India	Speared
Bartholomew	India	Flayed & crucified
Andrew	Ukraine, Russia, Greece	Hanged



# TRINITY



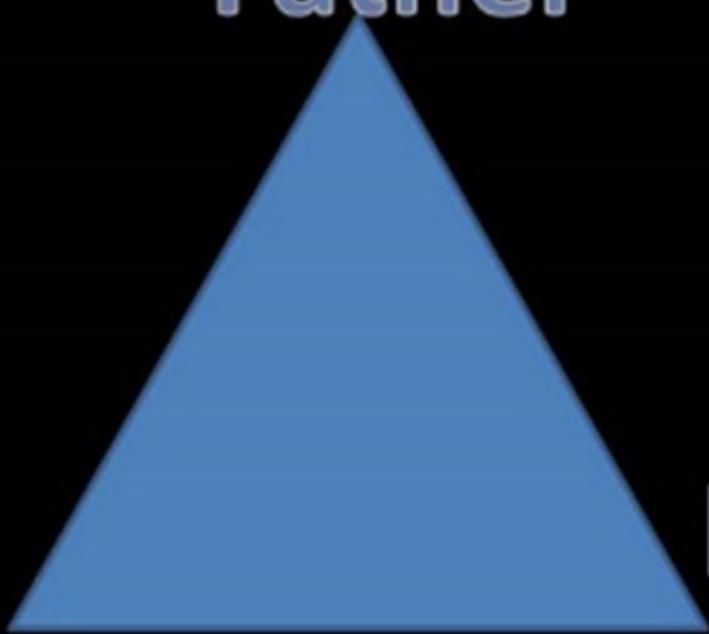
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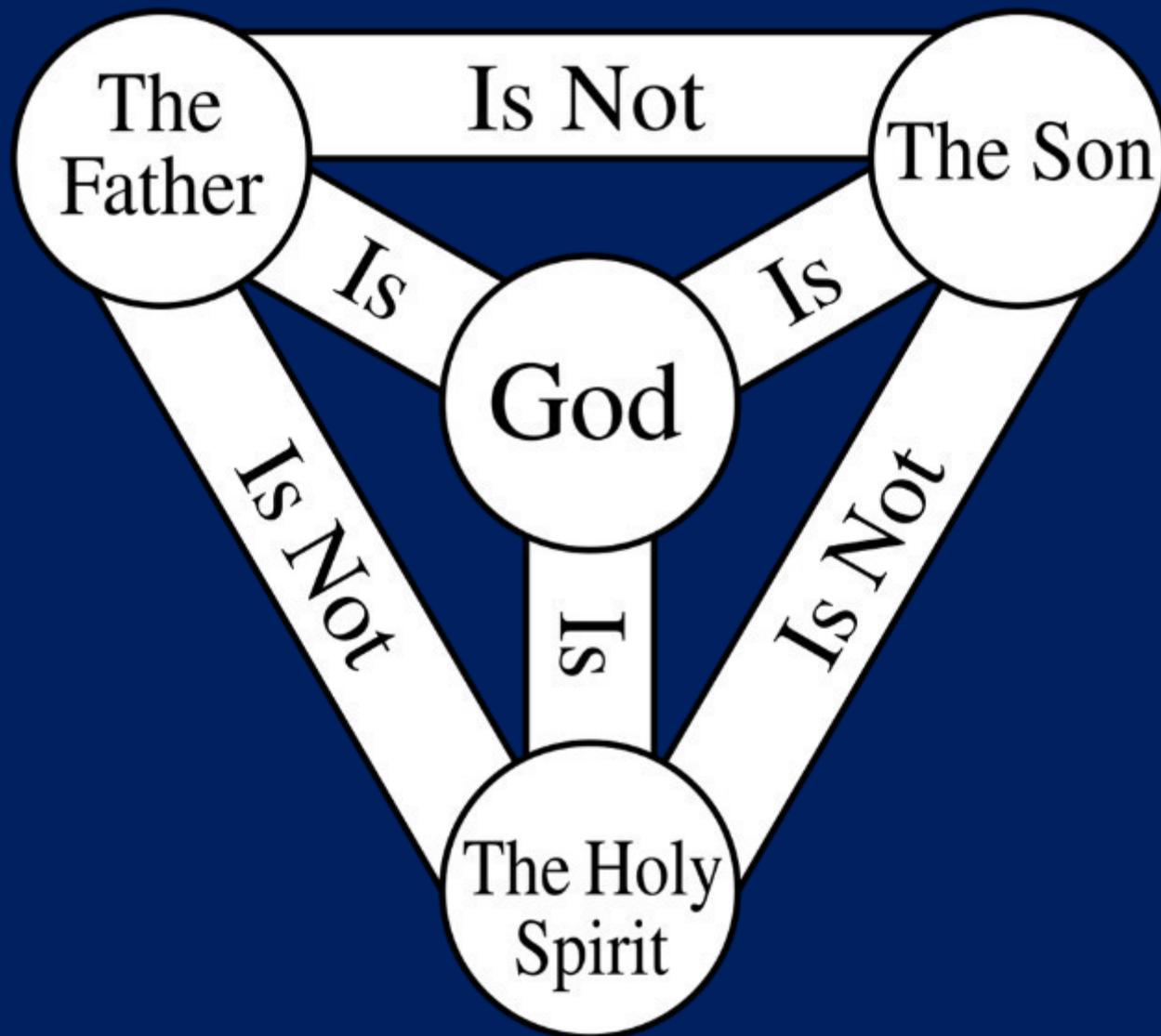
Son

Holy

Spirit



# Trinity



## John 3:36

“The one who believes in the Son has eternal life; but the one who does not obey the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.”



## John 14:16-17

<sup>16</sup> I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; <sup>17</sup> *that is* the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you.







# 4. Acts 5:33

## Sanhedrin's Reaction

a) Conviction (33a)

b) Rage (33b)

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## John 16:7–11

<sup>7</sup> “But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you. <sup>8</sup> “And He, when He comes, will **convict** the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment; <sup>9</sup> concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me; <sup>10</sup> and concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father and you no longer see Me; <sup>11</sup> and concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged.





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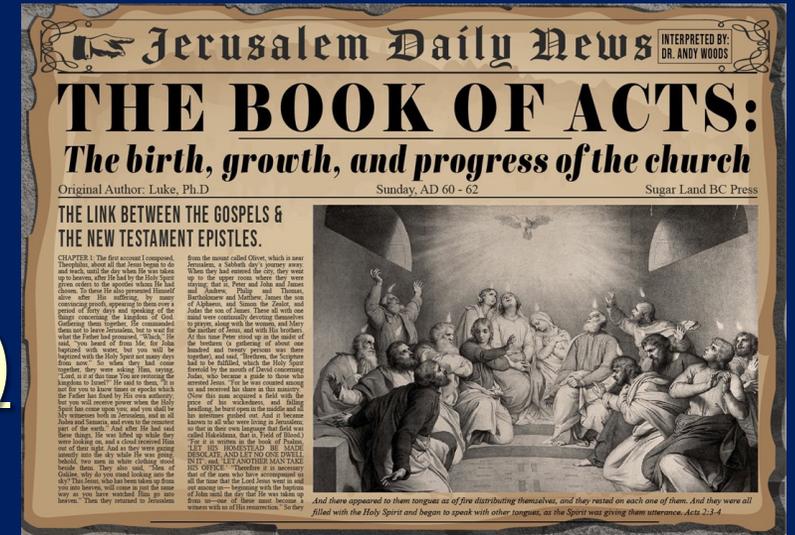
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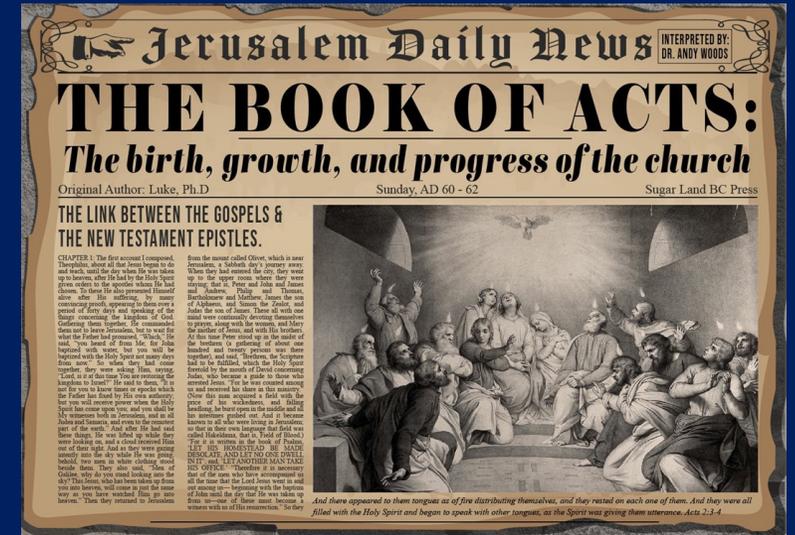


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### Gamaliel's Address

- a) Need for caution (35)
- b) Two parallel illustrations (36-37)
- c) Application (38-39)





## 2. Acts 5:35-39

### Gamaliel's Address

- a) Need for caution (35)
- b) Two parallel illustrations (36-37)
- c) Application (38-39)

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# b) Acts 5:36-37

## Two Parallel Illustrations

- i. Theudas (36)
- ii. Judas of Galilee (37)

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i. Command (38a)

ii. Reason (38b-39)

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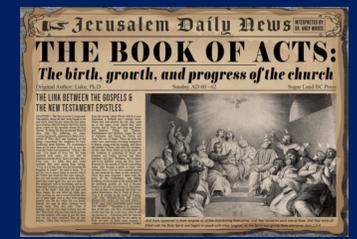
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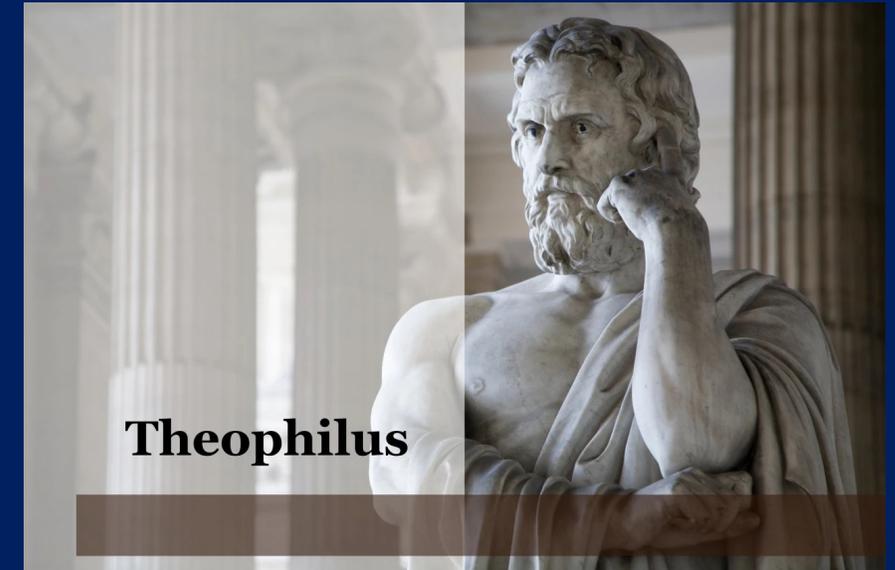


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# Purpose



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# Message



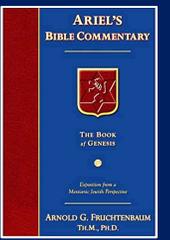
- Birth and growth of the church numerically, geographically, ethnically.
- Components
  - Numerically (progress reports)
  - Geographically (From Jerusalem to Rome)
  - Ethnically (From Judaism to Gentile domination)





# Dr. Arnold G. Fruchtenbaum

*The Book of Acts, 143*



“Some have taken Gamaliel’s words and turned them into divine truth. However, Luke simply recorded what Gamaliel said without confirming the validity of the words. This was Gamaliel’s personal opinion; it was not a biblical truth. Many things that are not of God (such as false religions and cults) have prospered. One must be careful not to use someone’s opinion as biblical truth.”



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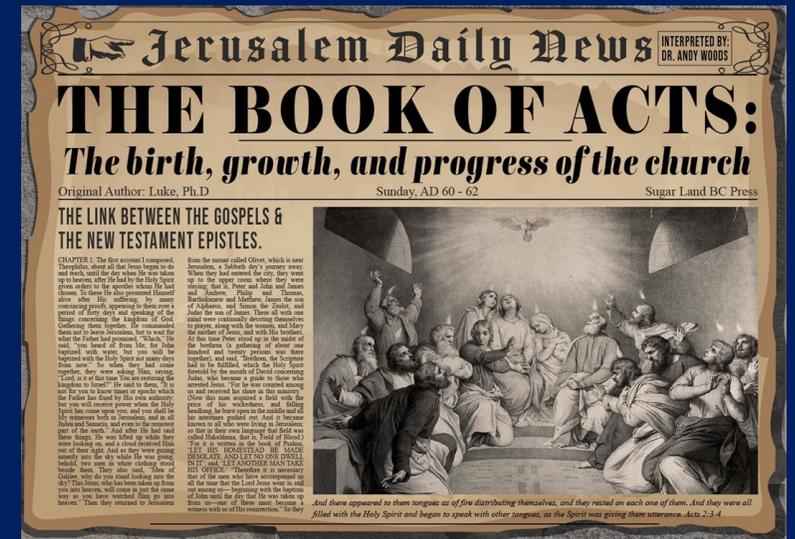


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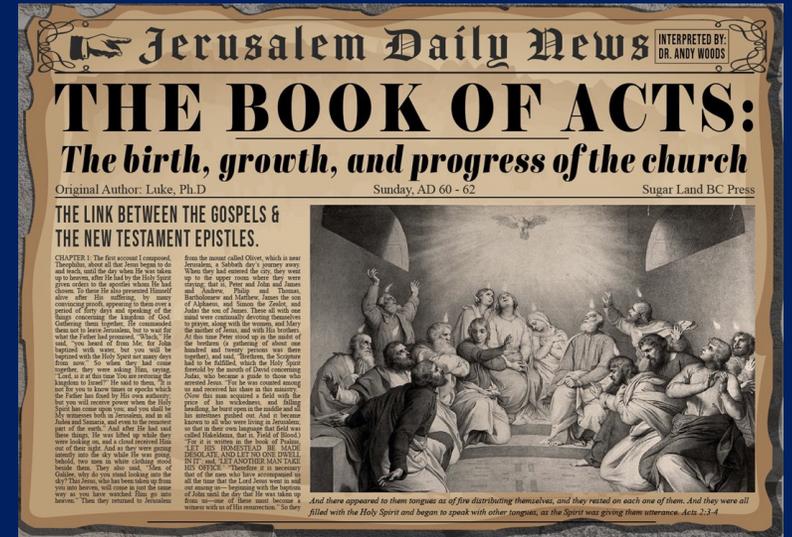
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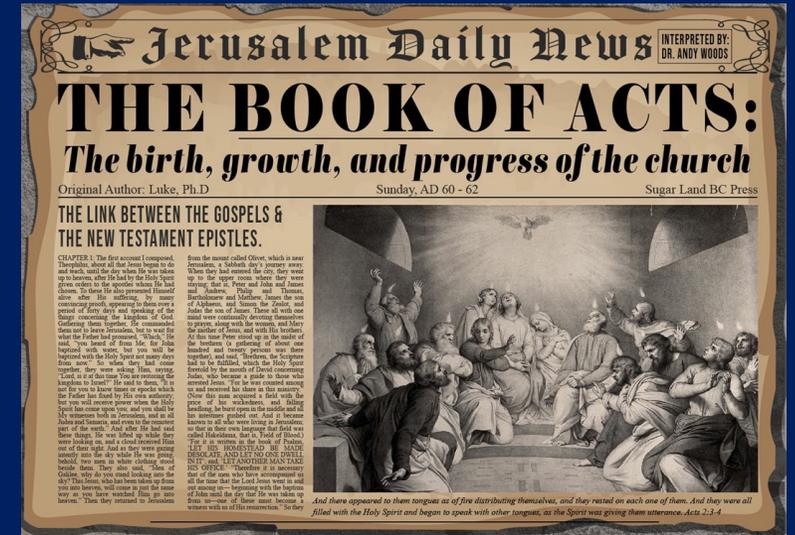
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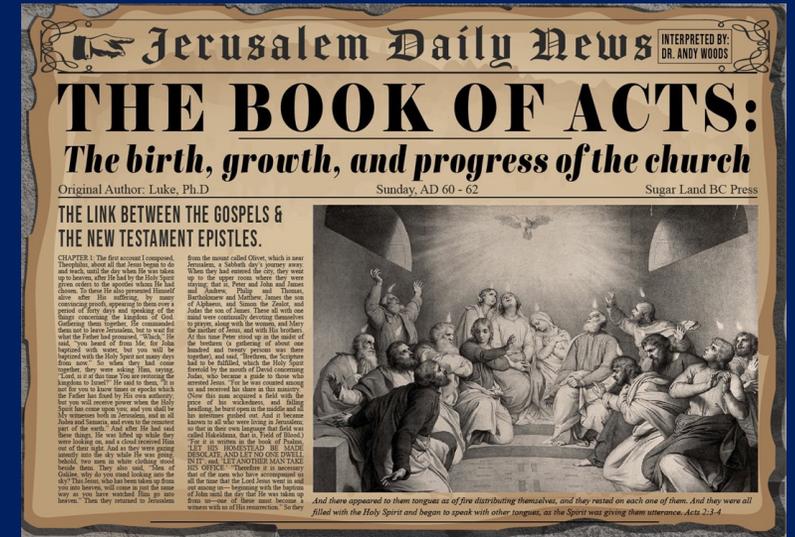




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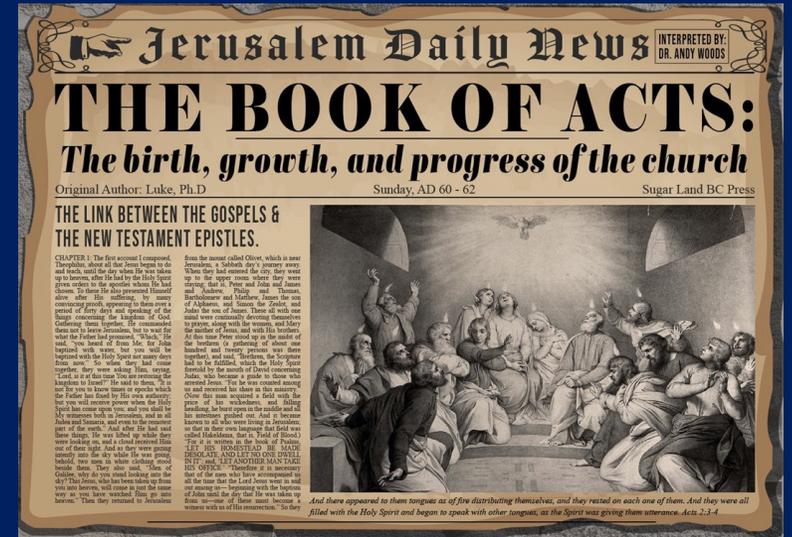
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