

# THE BOOK OF ACTS:

## The birth, growth, and progress of the church

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### THE LINK BETWEEN THE GOSPELS & THE NEW TESTAMENT EPISTLES.

CHAPTER 1: The first account I composed, Theophilus, about all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when He was taken up to heaven, after He had by the Holy Spirit given orders to the apostles whom He had chosen. To these He also presented Himself alive after His suffering, by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over a period of forty days and speaking of the things concerning the kingdom of God. Gathering them together, He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for what the Father had promised, "Which," He said, "you heard of from Me, for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." So when they had come together, they were asking Him, saying, "Lord, is it at this time You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority; but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth." And after He had said these things, He was lifted up while they were looking on, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. And as they were gazing intently into the sky while He was going, behold, two men in white clothing stood beside them. They also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven." Then they returned to Jerusalem

from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went up to the upper room where they were staying; that is, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas the son of James. These all with one mind were continually devoting themselves to prayer, along with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers. At this time Peter stood up in the midst of the brethren (a gathering of about one hundred and twenty persons was there together), and said, "Brethren, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit foretold by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. For he was counted among us and received his share in this ministry." (Now this man acquired a field with the price of his wickedness, and falling headlong, he burst open in the middle and all his intestines gushed out. And it became known to all who were living in Jerusalem; so that in their own language that field was called Hakeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) "For it is written in the book of Psalms, 'LET HIS HOMESTEAD BE MADE DESOLATE, AND LET NO ONE DWELL IN IT'; and 'LET ANOTHER MAN TAKE HIS OFFICE.'" Therefore it is necessary that of the men who have accompanied us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us—beginning with the baptism of John until the day that He was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us of His resurrection." So they



And there appeared to them tongues as of fire distributing themselves, and they rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance. Acts 2:3-4



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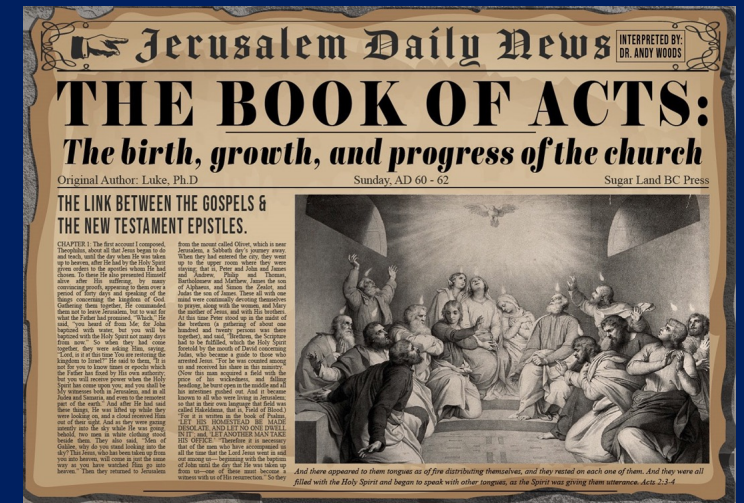
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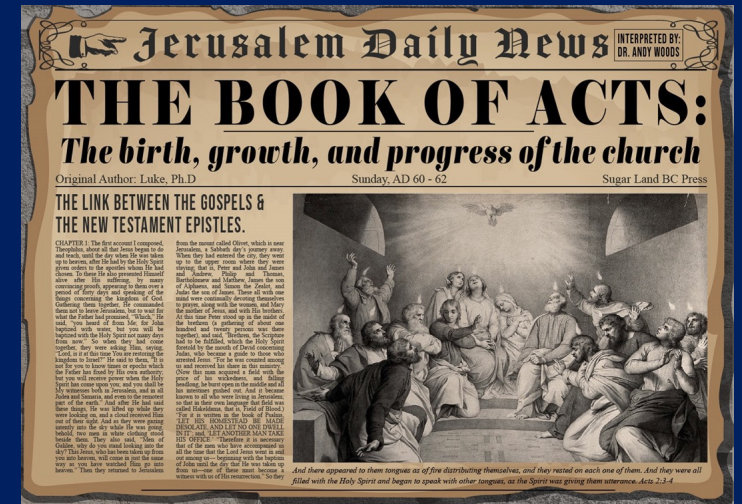
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## Acts 7 – Stephen's Speech

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| 1. 7:2-5   | Abraham's partial obedience   |
| 2. 7:6-38  | Israel's initial rejections and later acceptances                               |
| 3. 7:39-41 | Israel's early rebellion against Moses  |
| 4. 7:42-45 | Israel reinterpreted Moses' teachings through a polytheistic framework          |
| 5. 7:46-50 | Neither the Tabernacle nor Temple were intended as permanent habitations of God |
| 6. 7:51-53 | Current generation imitating these same rebellions                              |

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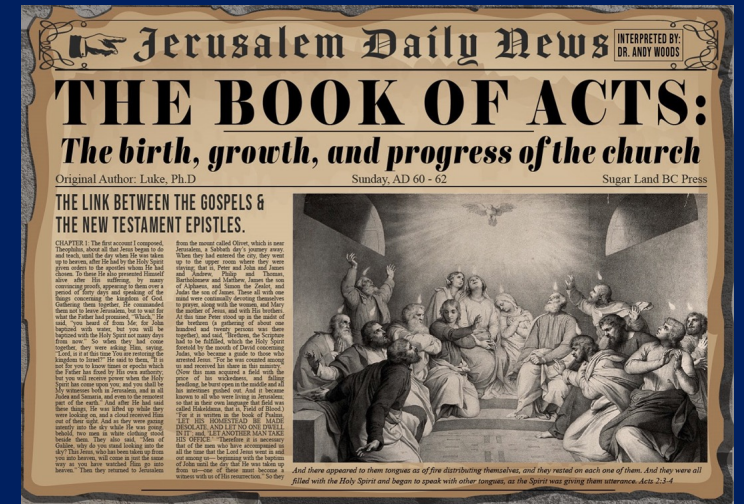
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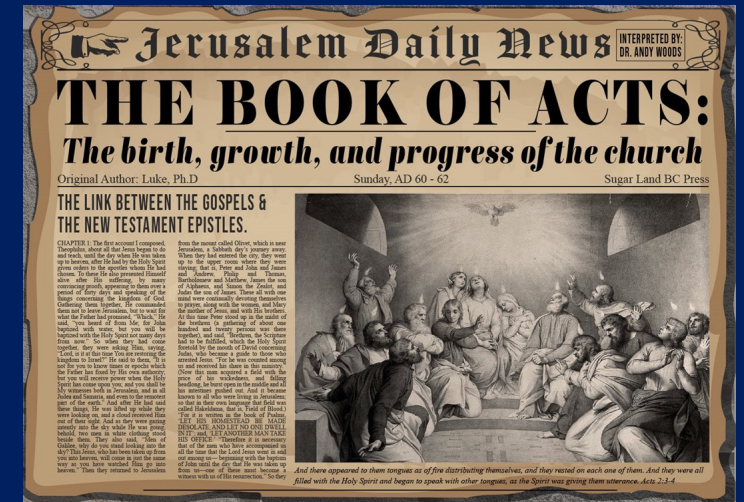
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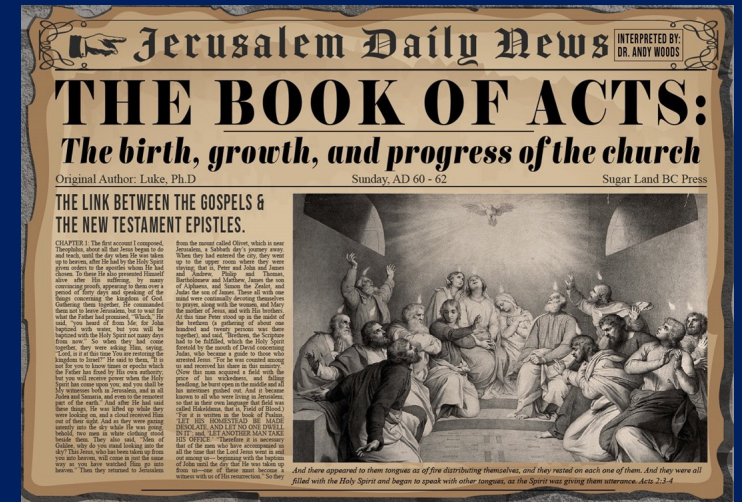
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## John 16:7–11

<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.





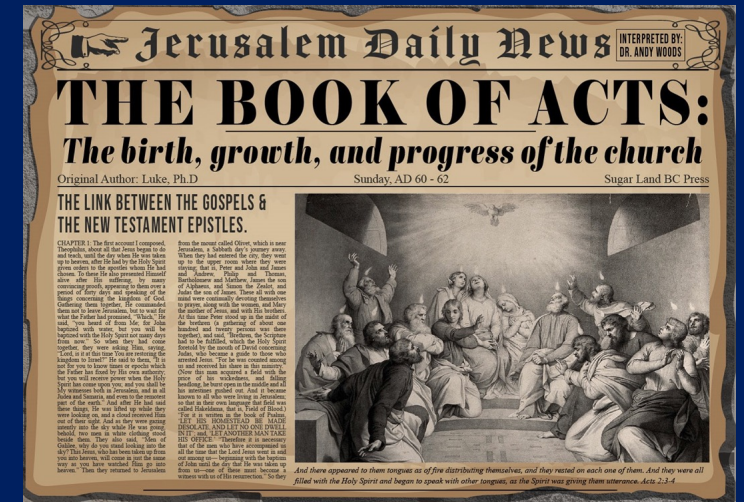
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# The 7 Churches in Revelation

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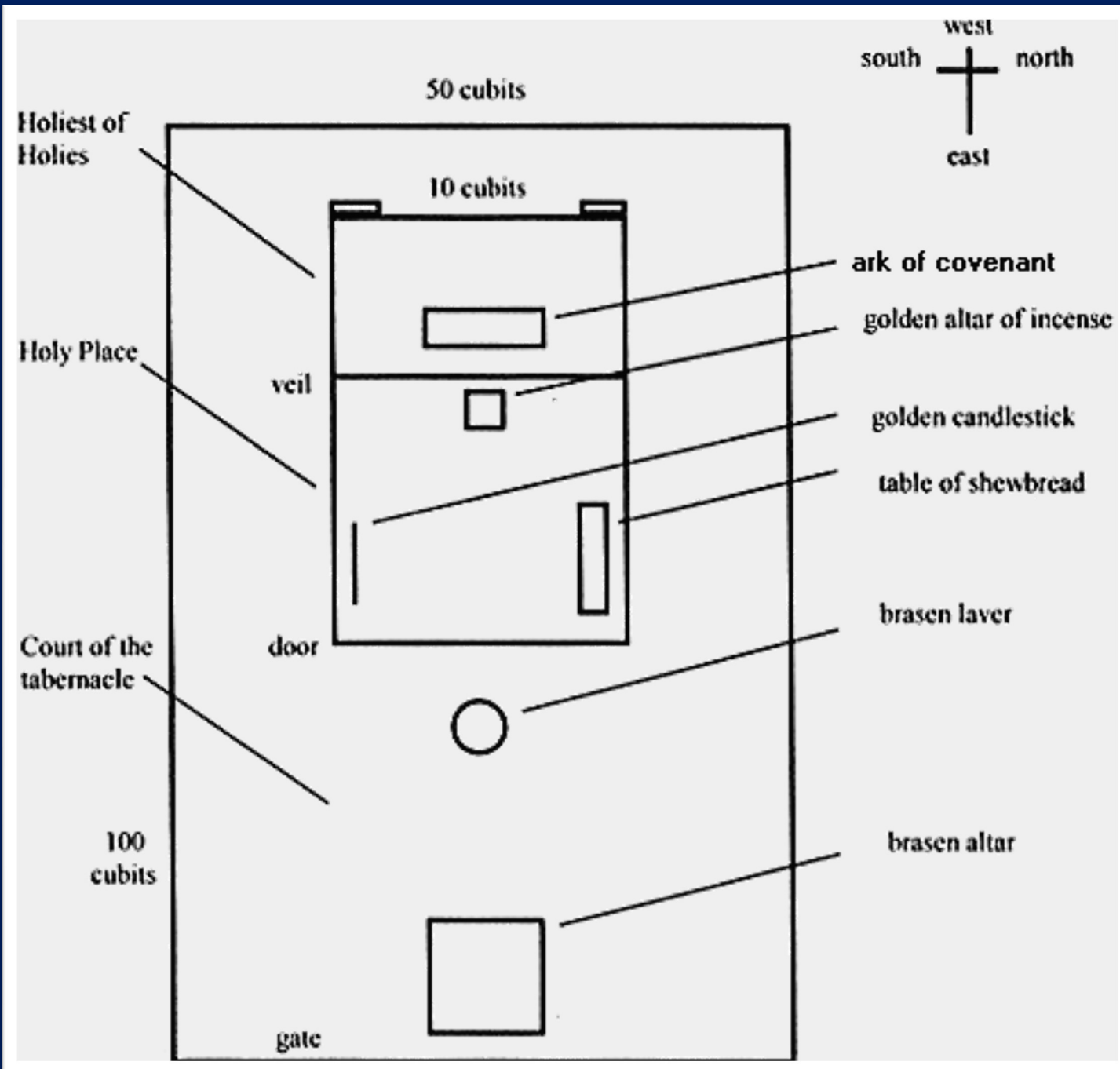


# Revelation 3:21

## Promise to the Overcomers

“He who overcomes, I will grant to him to sit down with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.”





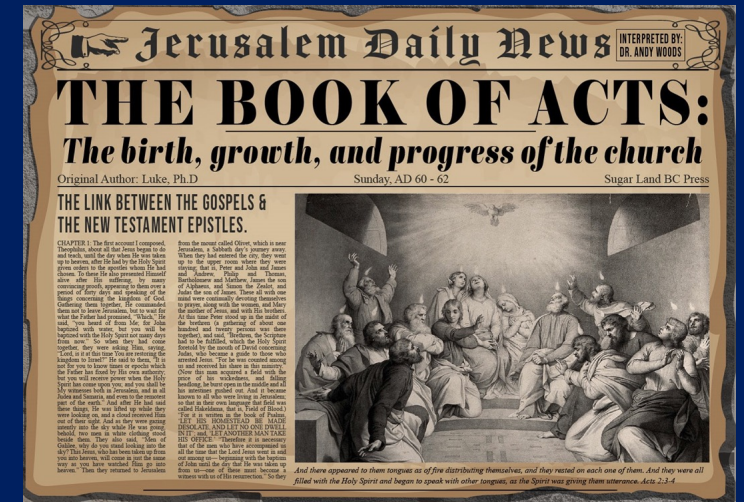
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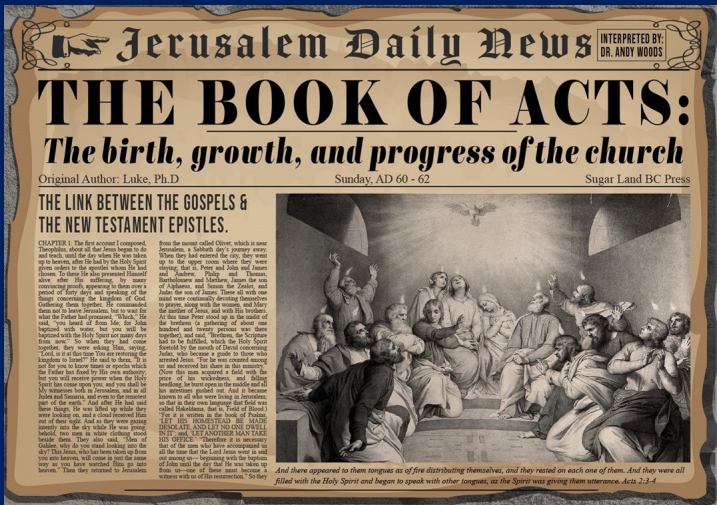
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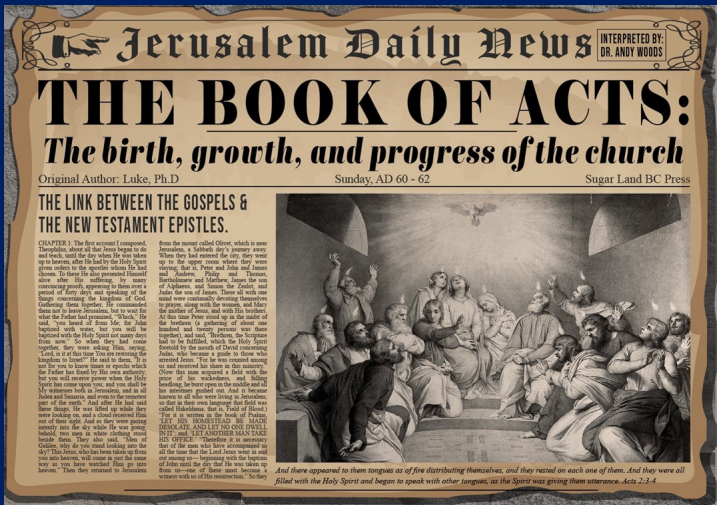
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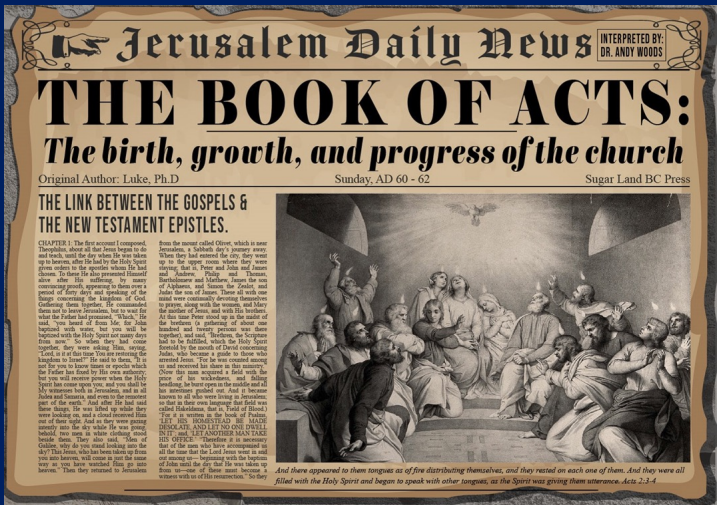
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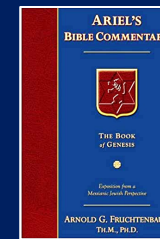






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“A second explanation is that this event may have occurred in A.D. 36. In that year, Vitellus became the new imperial legate of the Province of Syria, which included Judea. He deposed Pontius Pilate from his procuratorship in A.D. 36. Pilate’s successor, Marullus, did not arrive until A.D. 38. So there may have been a hiatus or a break between the deposing of Pilate and the arrival of the new procurator. It could very well be that the stoning of Stephen occurred during this time, which would have left the Sanhedrin without tight Roman oversight. A third explanation is that this was a mob scene, and mobs do not regard the rules of law.”

## From Peter to Paul

Reference	Center	Person	Place	Outreach
<b>Acts 1–12</b>	<b>Jerusalem</b>	<b>Peter</b>	<b>Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria</b>	<b>Jewish</b>
<b>Acts 13–28</b>	<b>Antioch</b>	<b>Paul</b>	<b>Uttermost parts</b>	<b>Gentiles</b>

# From Peter to Paul

## Peter

Heals a man lame from birth (3:1-11)

Heals by shadow (5:15-16)

Success is a cause of jealousy (5:17)

Confronts a sorcerer (8:9-24)

Raises Dorcas (9:36-41)

Jailed and miraculously freed (12:3-19)

## Paul

Heals a man lame from birth (14:8-18)

Heals by handkerchief (19:11-12)

Success is a cause of jealousy (13:45)

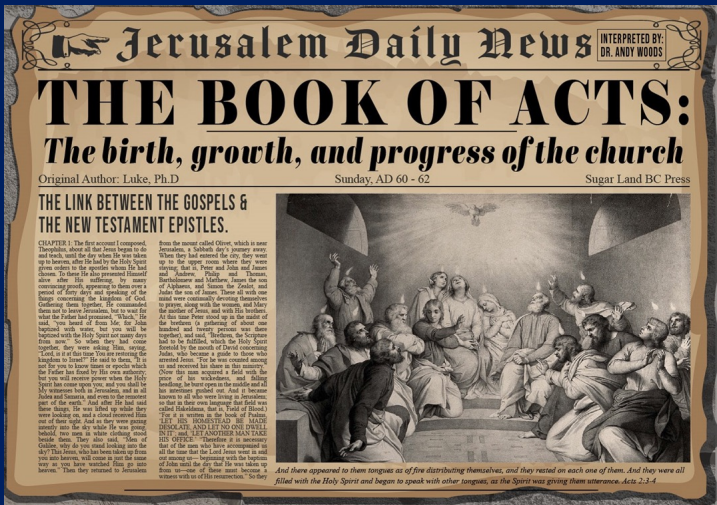
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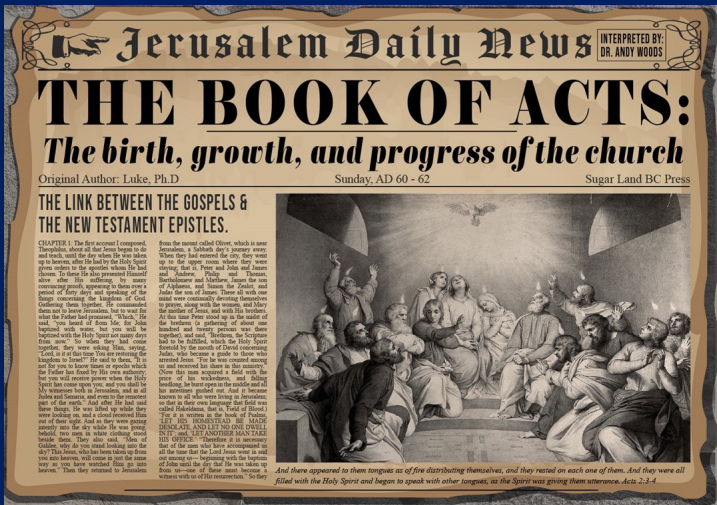
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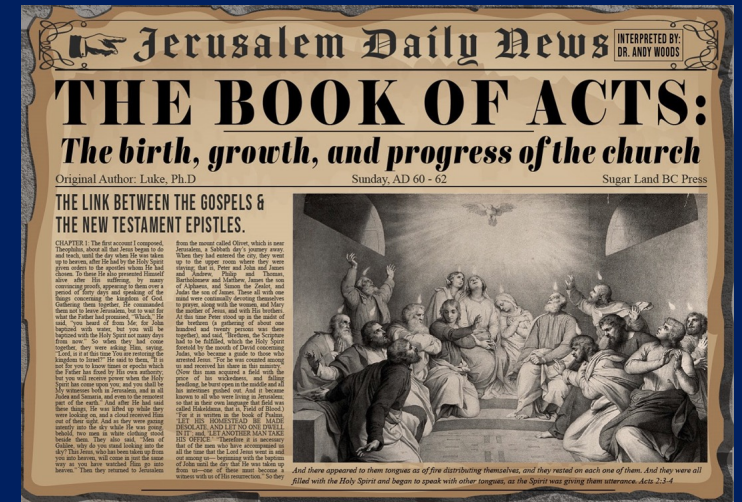
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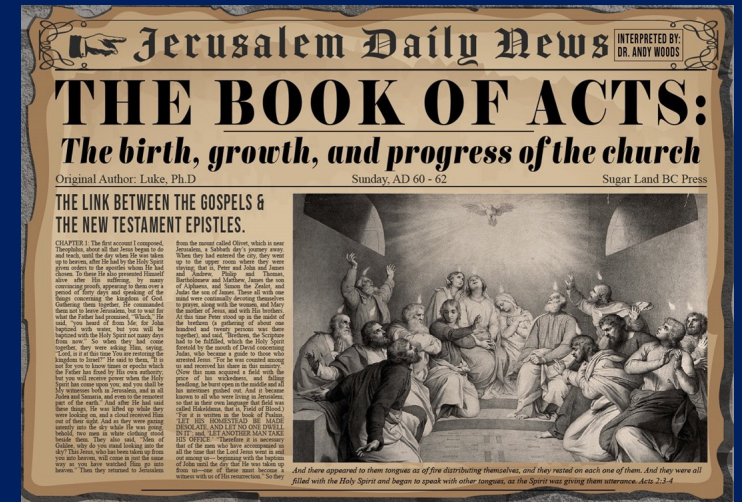


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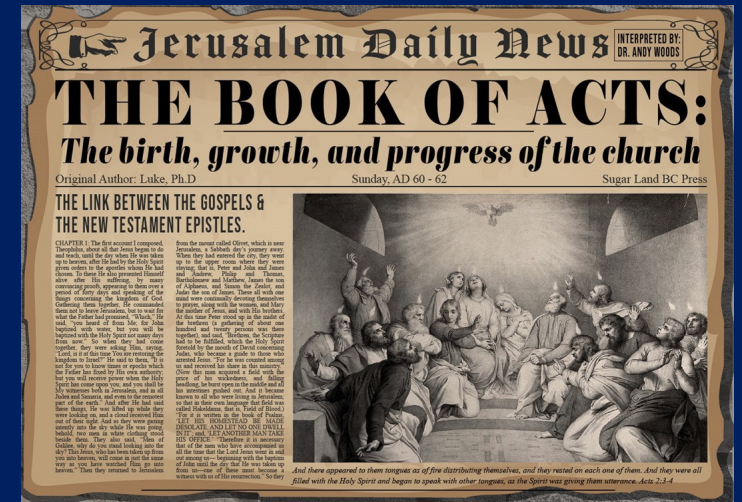
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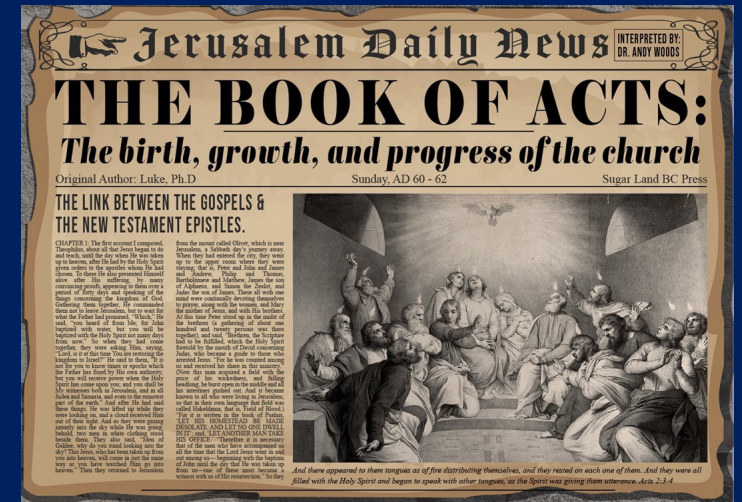
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<sup>13</sup> "But we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about those who are asleep, so that you will not grieve as do the rest who have no hope. <sup>14</sup> For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus. <sup>15</sup> For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord, will not precede . . .



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... those who have fallen asleep.<sup>16</sup> For the Lord Himself descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of *the* archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.<sup>17</sup> Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord.<sup>18</sup> Therefore comfort one another with these words."

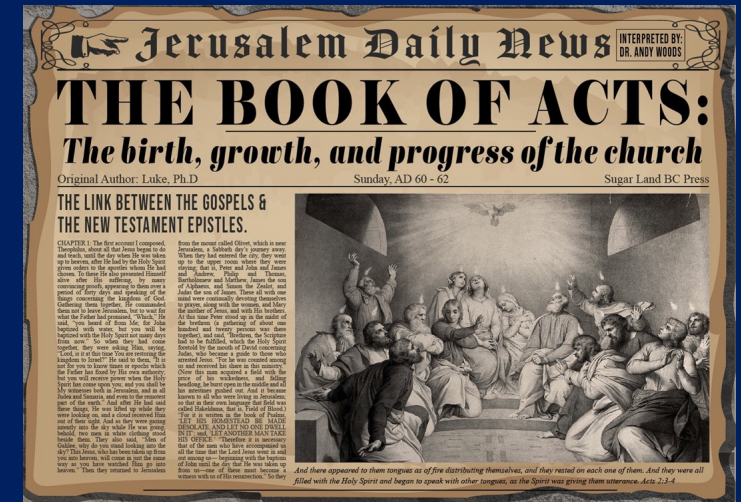


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