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From the house called Cloves, 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, and Peter and John and James and Andrew and Thomas and Matthias, the son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas the son of James. These all with one mind were continually agreeing to devote to prayer, along with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with the brothers (a gathering of about one hundred) and serving, present, was Barnabas, and also Simeon, the surnamed Niger, and Lucius, the Syrian, and Menodemus, who became a guide to those who entered Jerusalem. For he was a Cypriot man and received his share in this ministry. These four men acquired a hall with the price of the inheritance, and having kneeling, he kept open the middle and all his windows, prayed, and, as he looked to all who were living in Jerusalem, so that he might see kneeling and find any crippled individuals that he had in his heart. It is in verses in the book of Psalms: 'LET HIM HOIST UP HIS HANDS AS DAVID, AND LET HIS MOUTH OPEN AS HE DID WHEN HE SAID, 'MY MOUTH WILL OPEN AND MY MOUTH SHALL praise Thee, O Lord.' Therefore it is necessary one of the men who have accompanied us all the time and have heard with our ears and seen with our eyes, and touched with our hands, who has become a witness with us of these things, let him say to you, that he was taken up to heaven, and that he will come in just the same way as you have received Him, go into Jerusalem. Then they returned to Jerusalem.



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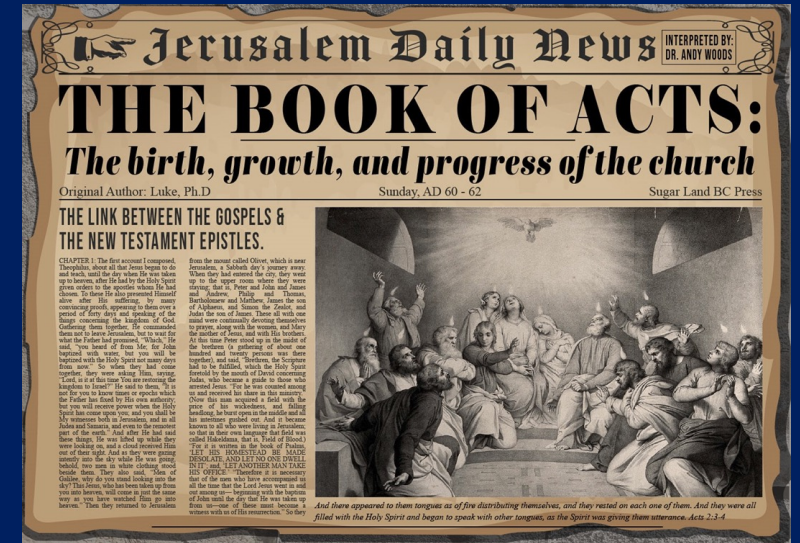
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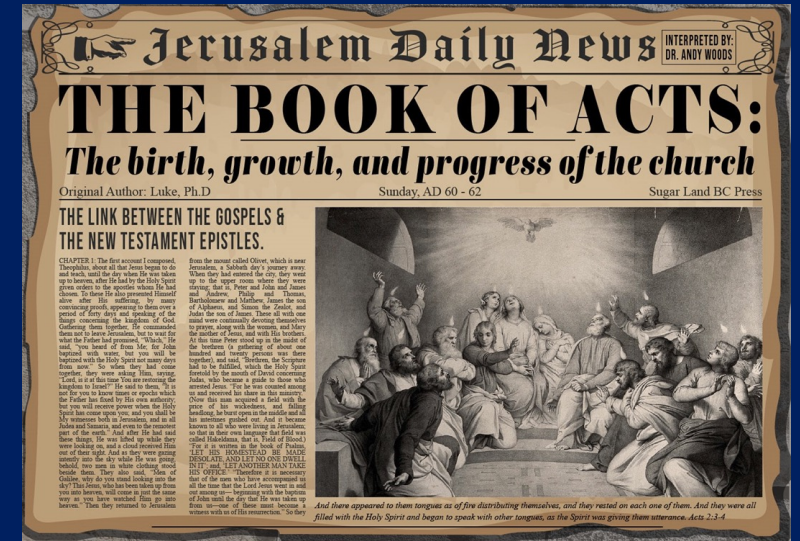


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From the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went up to the upper room where they were staying. And Peter and John and James and Andrew and Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas the son of James. These all with one accord were continually agreeing themselves to pray, along with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren. At this time Peter stood up in the midst of the brethren (a gathered of about one hundred) and saying, brothers, we have heard, and we are agreed, that Jesus was raised by the angels from the dead, concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who captured Jesus. For he was counted among us and received his share in this ministry. Close this man's ears, if thou wilt, that he may hear the words of the prophets, and that he may know when he shall be taken up from you, and you shall be his 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 steadfastly into the sky while he was going, behold, two men in white clothing stood beside them. They also said, "Son of David, why do you stand looking up into the sky? The Lord has raised Jesus from the dead, and he will come in just the same way as you have watched him go into heaven. Then they returned to Jerusalem.

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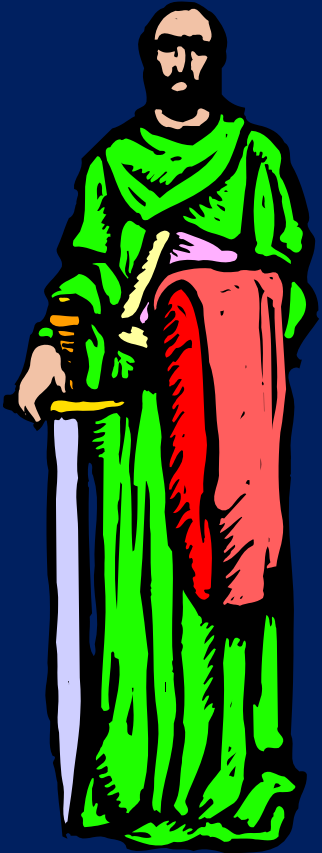
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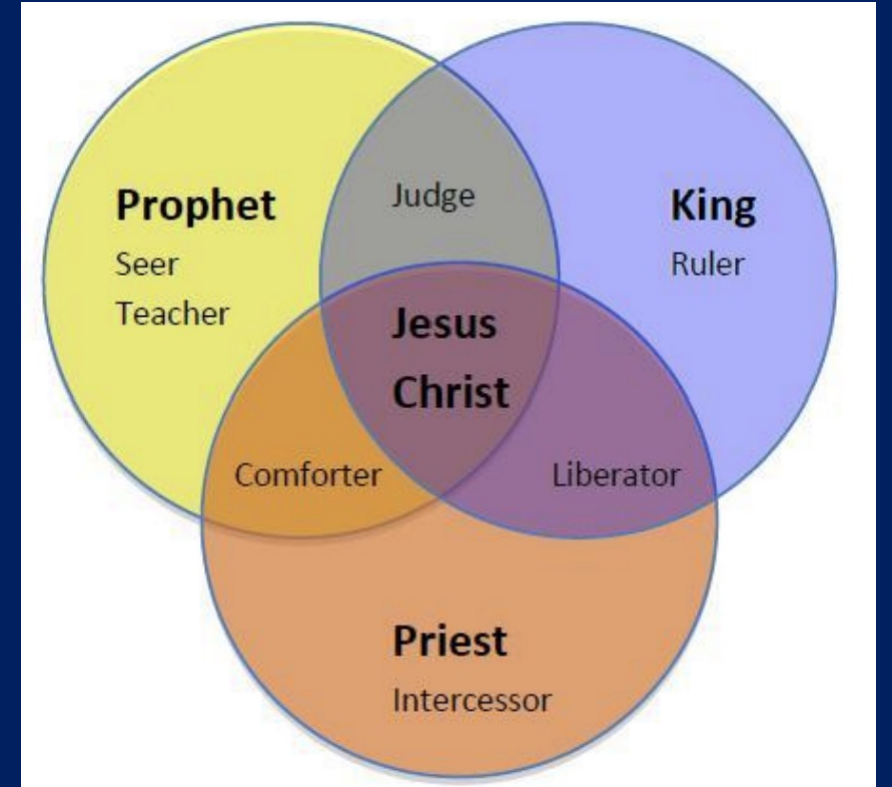


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CHRIST'S THREE OFFICES



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



Isaiah 2:1-4

¹ “The word which Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.² Now it will come about that In the last days The mountain of the house of the LORD Will be established as the chief of the mountains, And will be raised **above** the hills; And all the nations will stream to it.³ And many peoples will come and say, “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, To the house of the God of Jacob; . . .



Isaiah 2:1-4

. . .That He may teach us concerning His ways And that we may walk in His paths.” For the law will go forth from Zion And the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.⁴ And He will judge between the nations, And will render decisions for many peoples; And they will hammer their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not lift up sword against nation, And never again will they learn war.”



Isaiah 11:6-9

⁶ “And the wolf will dwell with the lamb, And the leopard will lie down with the young goat, And the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; And a little boy will lead them.⁷ Also the cow and the bear will graze, Their young will lie down together, And the lion will eat straw like the ox. ⁸ The nursing child will play by the hole of the cobra, And the weaned child will put his hand on the viper’s den. ⁹ They will not hurt or destroy in all My holy mountain, **For the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord**
As the waters cover the sea.”



Isaiah 65:17-25

¹⁷ “For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; And the former things will not be remembered or come to mind.¹⁸ “But be glad and rejoice forever in what I create; For behold, I create Jerusalem for rejoicing And her people *for* gladness.¹⁹ “I will also rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in My people; And there will no longer be heard in her The voice of weeping and the sound of crying.²⁰ “No longer will there be in it an infant *who lives but a few days*, Or an old man who does not live out his days; **For the youth will die at the age of one hundred** And the one who does not . . .



Isaiah 65:17-25

...reach the age of one hundred Will be *thought* **accursed**.²¹ “They will build houses and inhabit *them*; They will also plant vineyards and eat their fruit.²² “They will not build and another inhabit, They will not plant and another eat; For as the **lifetime of a tree**, *so will be* the days of My people, And My chosen ones will **wear out the work of their hands**.²³ “They will not labor in vain, Or bear *children* for calamity; For they are the offspring of those blessed by the LORD, And their descendants...



Isaiah 65:17-25

...with them.²⁴ It will also come to pass that before they call, I will answer; and while they are still speaking, I will hear.²⁵ **The wolf and the lamb will graze together**, and **the lion will eat straw like the ox**; and dust will be the serpent's food. They will do no evil or harm in all My holy mountain," says the LORD.



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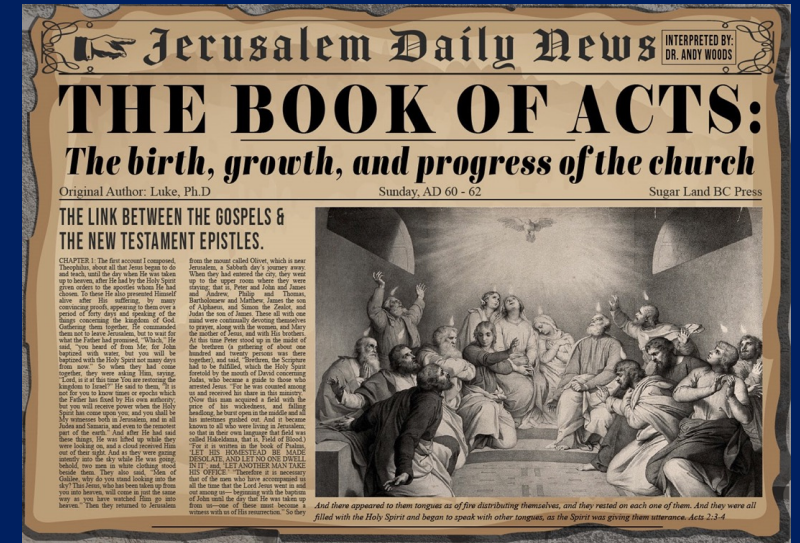


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Names for Jesus in Acts 3

1. Holy One (14a)
2. Righteous One (14b)
3. Prince of Life (15a)
4. “Christ” or “The Messiah” (18)
5. Prophet Like Moses (22-23)
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Deuteronomy 28:49-50

⁴⁹ “The Lord will bring a nation against you from afar, from the end of the earth, as the eagle swoops down, a nation whose language you shall not understand, ⁵⁰ a nation of fierce countenance who will have no respect for the old, nor show favor to the young.”



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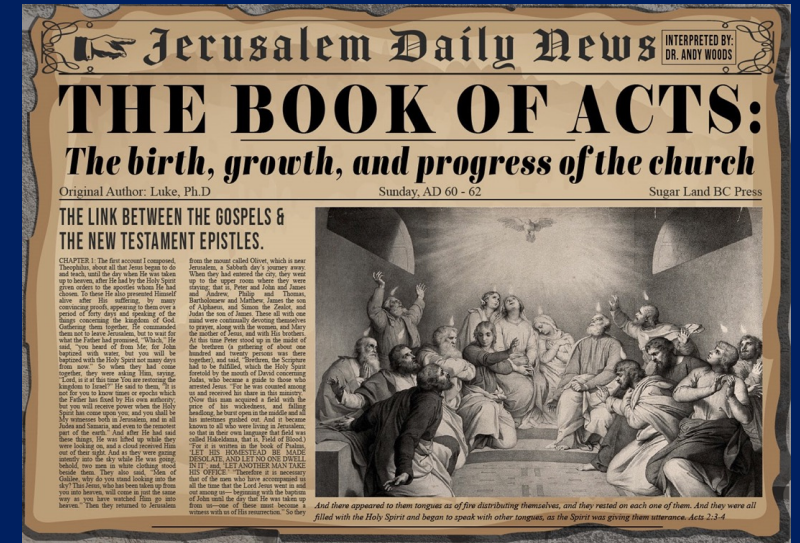
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Luke 24:27, 44

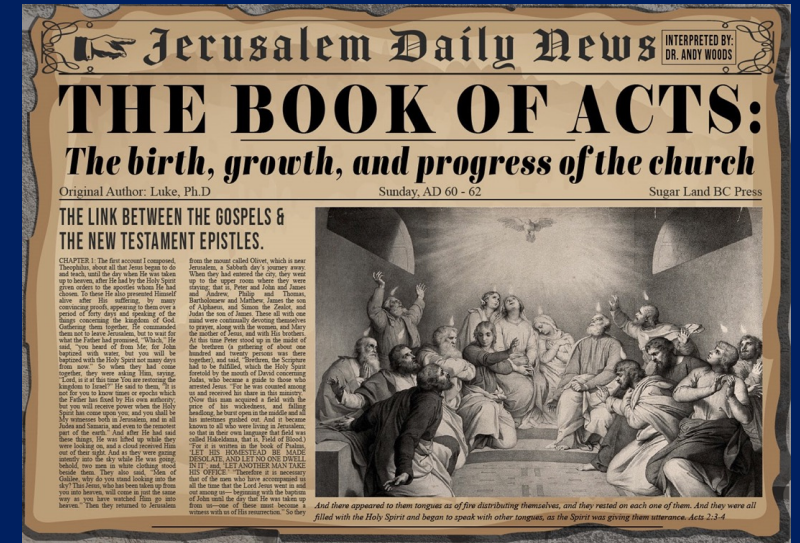
“²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures...⁴⁴ Now He said to them, ‘These are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things which are written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.’”



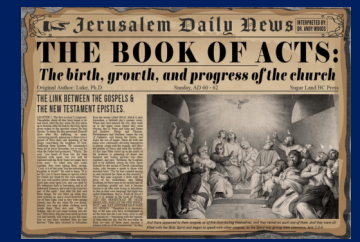
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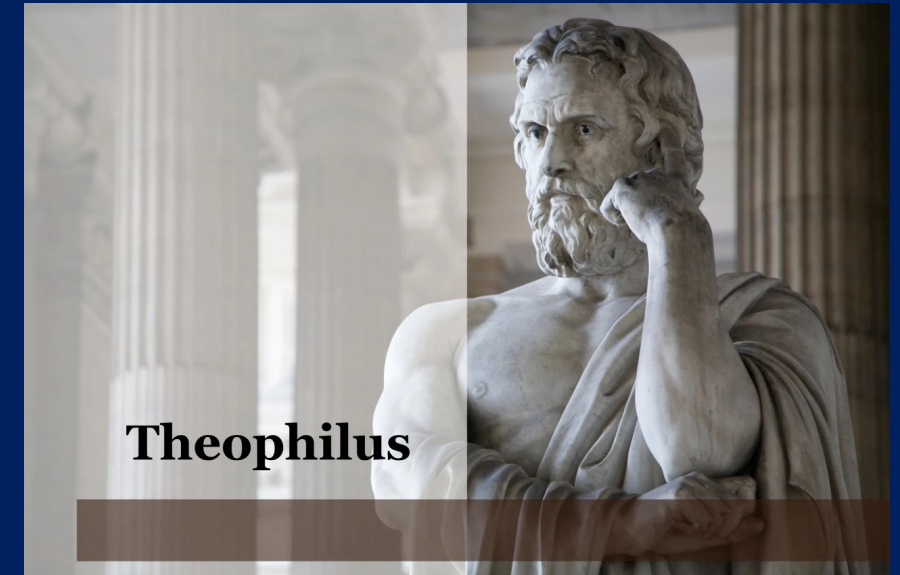
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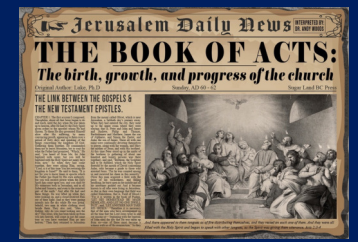


- To present Theophilus with an orderly account of the birth and growth of the church so as to affirm him in what he has believed.



Theophilus

Message



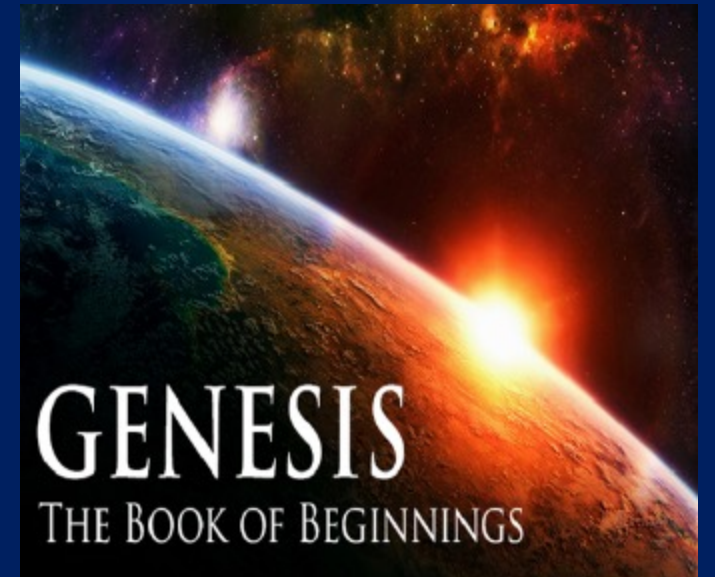
- Birth and growth of the church numerically, geographically, ethnically.
- Components
 - Numerically (progress reports)
 - Geographically (From Jerusalem to Rome)
 - Ethnically (From Judaism to Gentile domination)



8 New Promises

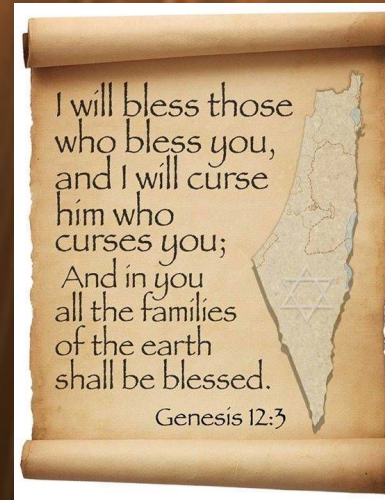
Genesis 12:1-3

- A. Land (Gen. 12:1b)
- B. Great nation (Gen. 12:2a)
- C. Personal blessing (Gen. 12:2b)
- D. Great name (Gen. 12:2c)
- E. Blessing to others (Gen. 12:2d)
- F. Blessing to blessers (Gen. 12:3a)
- G. Cursing to cursers (Gen. 12:3b)
- H. **Blessing to the world (Gen. 12:3c)**



Genesis 12:3

“And I will bless those who bless you, And the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed.”



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Names for Jesus in Acts 3

1. Holy One (14a)
2. Righteous One (14b)
3. Prince of Life (15a)
4. “Christ” or “The Messiah” (18)
5. Prophet Like Moses (22-23)
6. Servant (26)

Messengers of the Kingdom In Matthew



- John the Baptist – 3:2
- Jesus Christ – 4:17
- 12 Apostles – 10:5-7
- Seventy – Luke 10:1, 9

Matthew 10:5-7

“These twelve Jesus sent out after instructing them: “Do not go in *the* way of *the* **Gentiles**, and do not enter *any* city of the **Samaritans**; ⁶ but rather go to the lost sheep of **the house of Israel**. ⁷ And as you go, preach, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’”



Matthew 15:24

“But He answered and said, ‘I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.’”



Conclusion

