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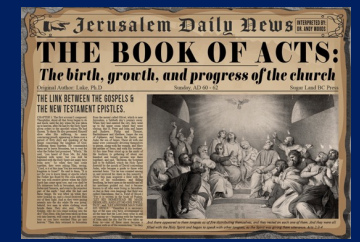


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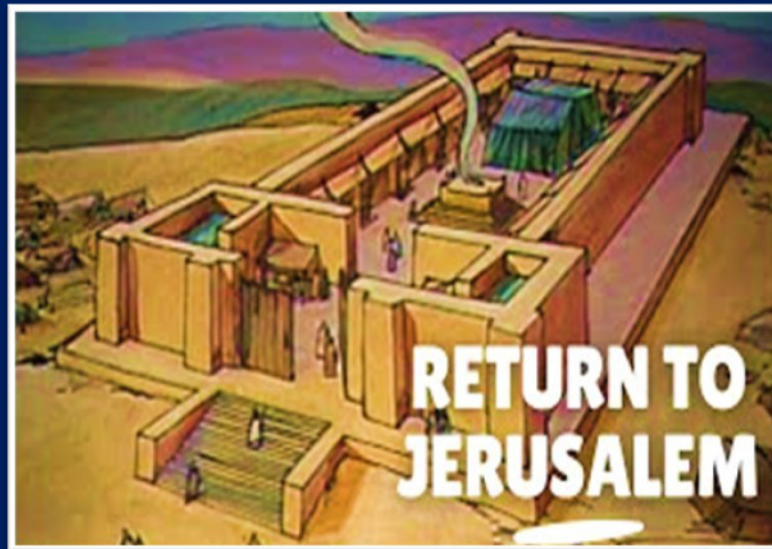




Charles Ryrie

Ryrie Study Bible, page 1340

Acts 1:12: “(RSB:NASB1995U): 1:12 a Sabbath day’s journey. About 2,000 cubits, or a little more than half a mile (almost one km)—the distance the rabbis allowed Jews to journey on the Sabbath. This limitation was apparently arrived at on the basis of Ex. 16:29 interpreted by Num. 35:5.”

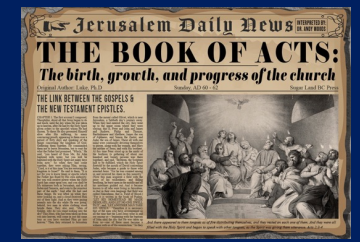


Matthew 24:15-16, 20

“¹⁵ Therefore when you see the ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand) ¹⁶ then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains...²⁰ But pray that your flight will not be in the winter, or on a Sabbath.”



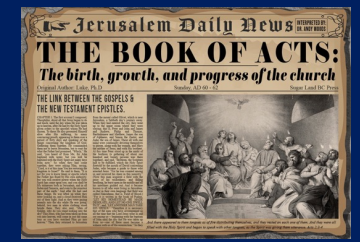
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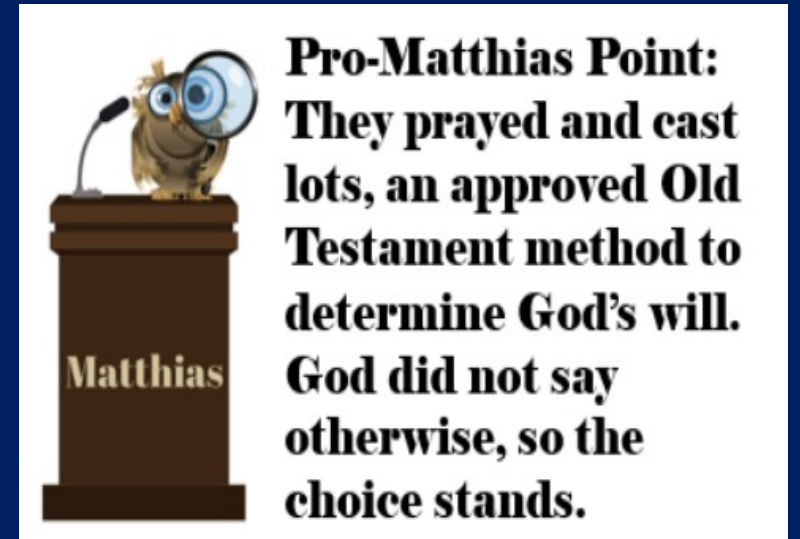
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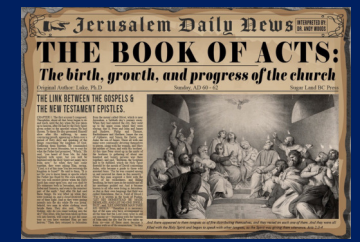
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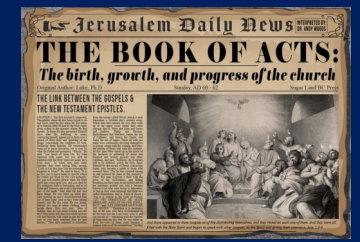
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2 Timothy 3:16-17

“All Scripture is inspired by God [*theopneustos*] and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.”



2 Peter 1:19-21

“¹⁹ So we have the prophetic word made more sure, to which you do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star arises in your hearts. ²⁰ But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, ²¹ for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved [pherō] by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.”



INSPIRATION OF SCRIPTURE

V. 20-21

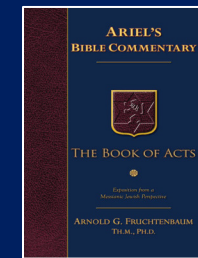
- Men Wrote as they were inspired by Holy Spirit
 - *“pherō” = to carry*
 - *Acts 27:15,17*
- Opposite of Knowledge of False Teachers
 - *Which is their own imagination*
 - *Jer. 23:16*





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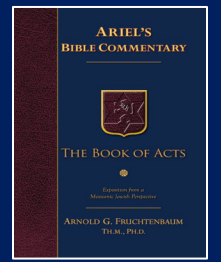


“The price offered to him was thirty pieces of silver. This bribe was the money used to purchase the field, and according to Matthew, it was the chief priests who purchased it (Mt. 27:7-8). Yet, Luke stated: *Now this man [Judas] obtained a field with the reward of his iniquity* (Acts 1:18). From a Jewish viewpoint, both statements are true. By Jewish law, money wrongfully gained could not be put into the Temple treasury: It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since it is the price of blood (Mt. 27:6)...”



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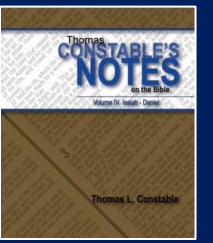


“However, in the case of Judas and his bribe, the donor was dead. Although the money could not be placed in the Temple treasury, it could be used for purchasing something to benefit the whole community in the name of the donor. So, the religious leaders purchased the field for the public, as a place to bury strangers, and despite Judas’ death, all legal documents of sale reflected his name. Matthew recorded the events as they occurred, and Luke documented the fact that, legally, Judas purchased the field.”



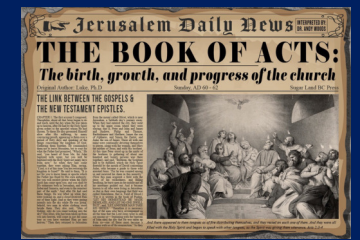
Thomas L. Constable

Constable's online notes on Acts, p. 36.

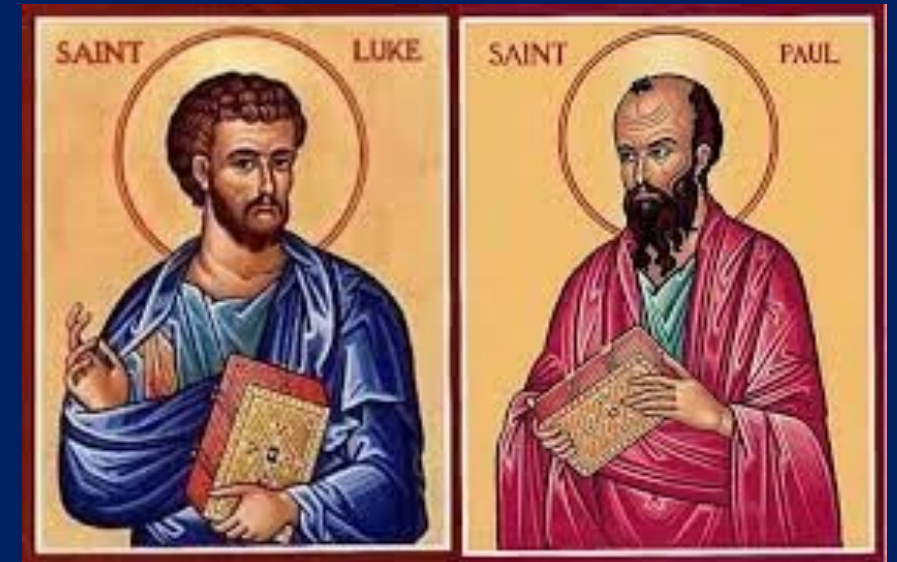


“This account of Judas' death differs from Matthew's, who wrote that Judas hanged himself (Matt. 27:5). The two events are easy to combine, and undoubtedly both accounts were true. Perhaps Judas hanged himself and in the process also fell ‘headlong’ (lit. flat on his face) and tore open his abdomen. Perhaps the rope or branch with which he hanged himself broke. Or perhaps when others cut his corpse down it fell and broke open, as Luke described. Another view is that Judas defiled the city when he hanged himself, so the priests threw his body over the wall facing the Hinnom Valley and his ‘guts gushed out.’”

Biography



- Paul's companion (2 Tim 4:11)
- Physician (Col 4:14)
- Gentile
 - Col 4:11
 - Acts 1:19



Ephesians 2:20

“having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner *stone*.”



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2 Thessalonians 2:3

“Let no one in any way deceive you, for *it will not come* unless the apostasy [*apostasia*] comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction.”

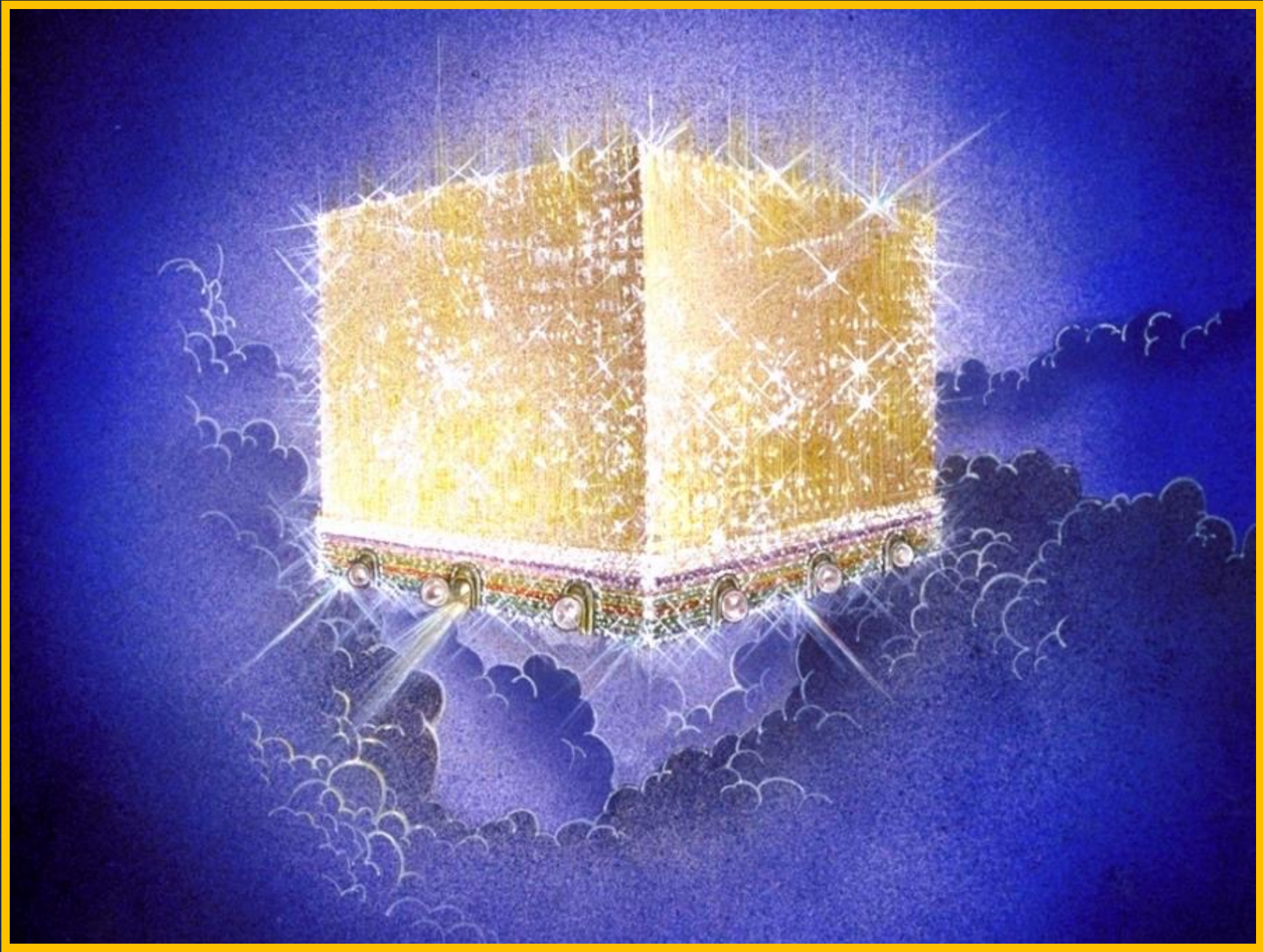


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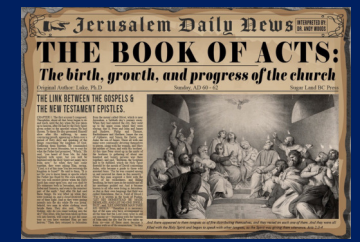
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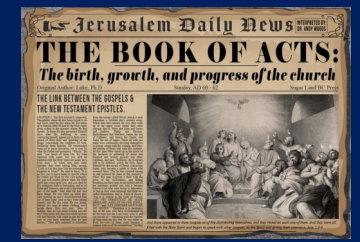
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Mistaken Replacement?



Pro

- No Spirit yet
- Lots
- Matthias disappears
- Paul

Con

- No textual indication of an error
- Twelve esteemed (2:14; 6:2)
- God's choice (1:24)
- Prov 16:33
- Paul unqualified (1:21-22)
- Focus on Peter & Paul

Conclusion

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