

# THE BOOK OF ACTS:

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

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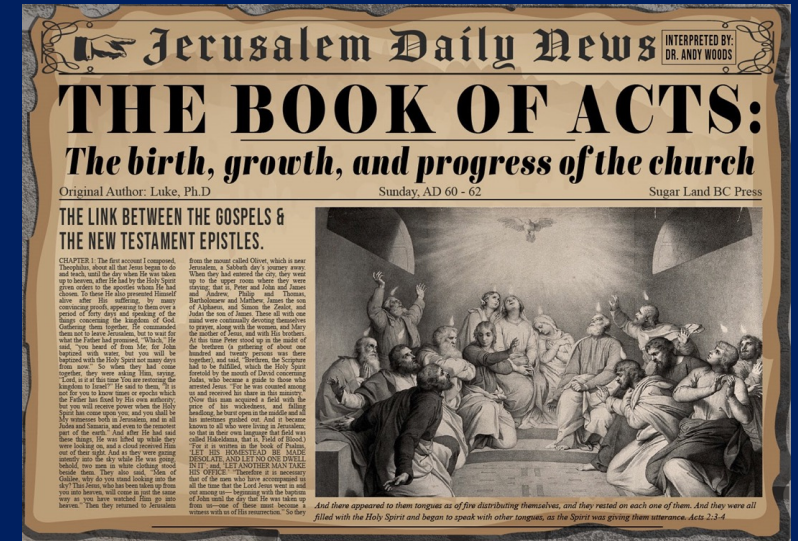
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Acts 3:1-11

A. Occasion of the Miracle (1)

B. Encounter with the lame man (2-3)

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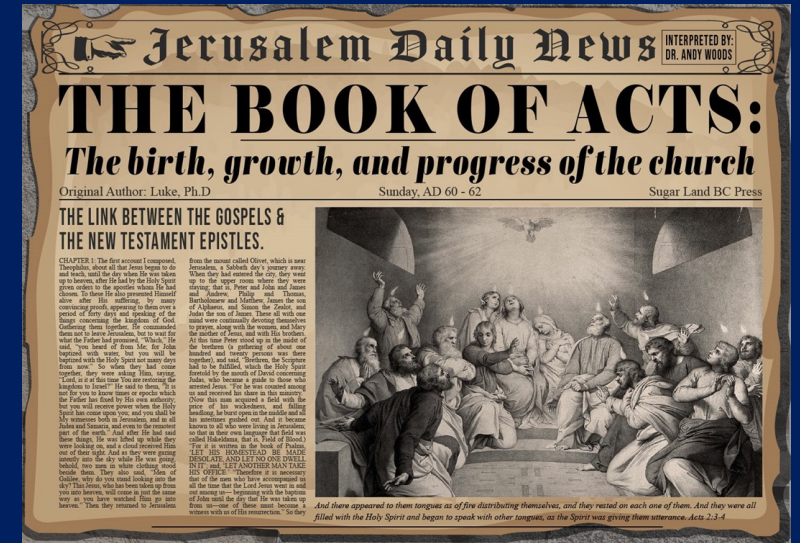
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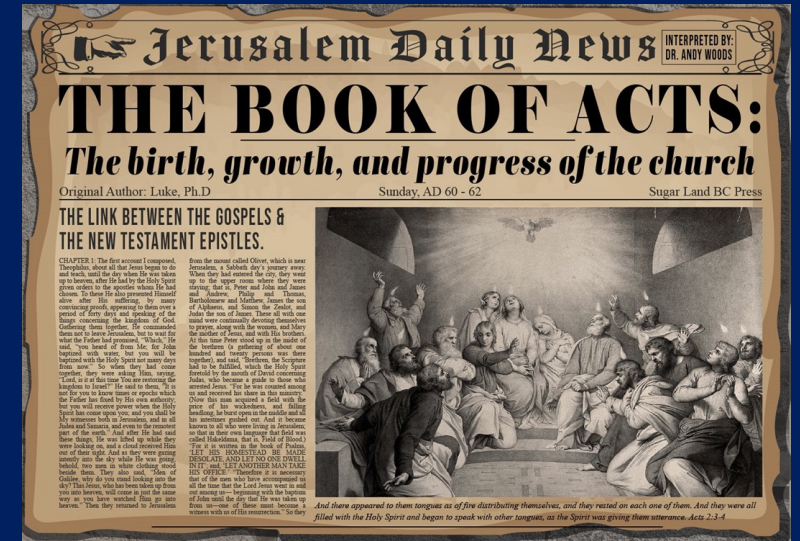




# 2. Acts 3:13-15

## Israel's Rejection of Her Messiah

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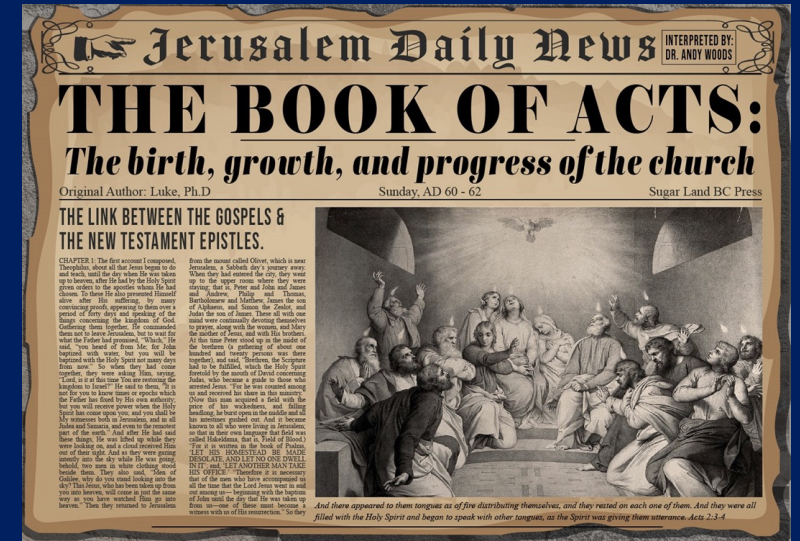
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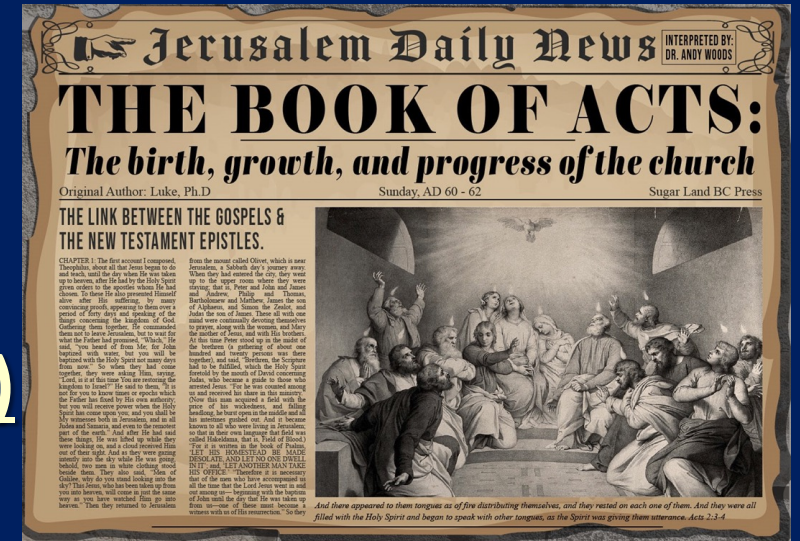
“this Man, delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put Him to death.”



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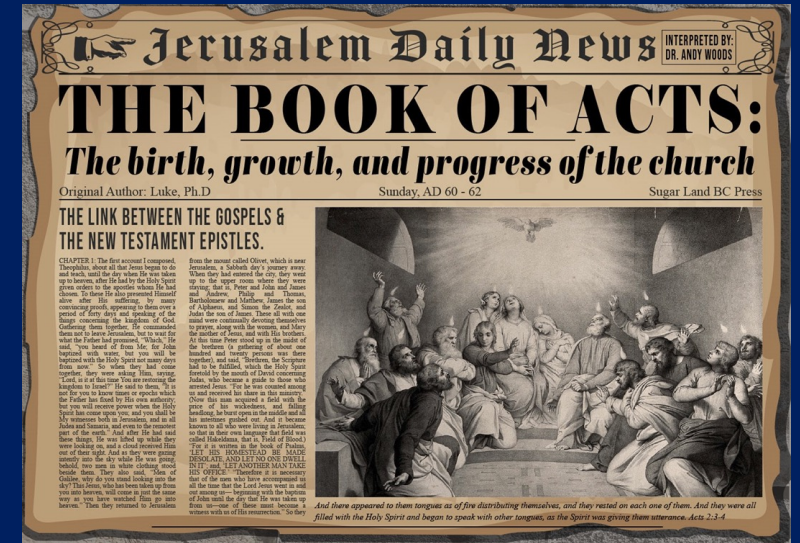
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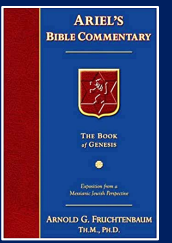
“Then after the sixty-two weeks the Messiah will be cut off and have nothing, and the people of the prince who is to come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. And its end will come with a flood; even to the end there will be war; desolations are determined.”





## Dr. Arnold G. Fruchtenbaum

Arnold G. Fruchtenbaum, *Israelology: The Missing Link in Systematic Theology*, rev. ed. (Tustin, CA: Ariel, 1994), 190.

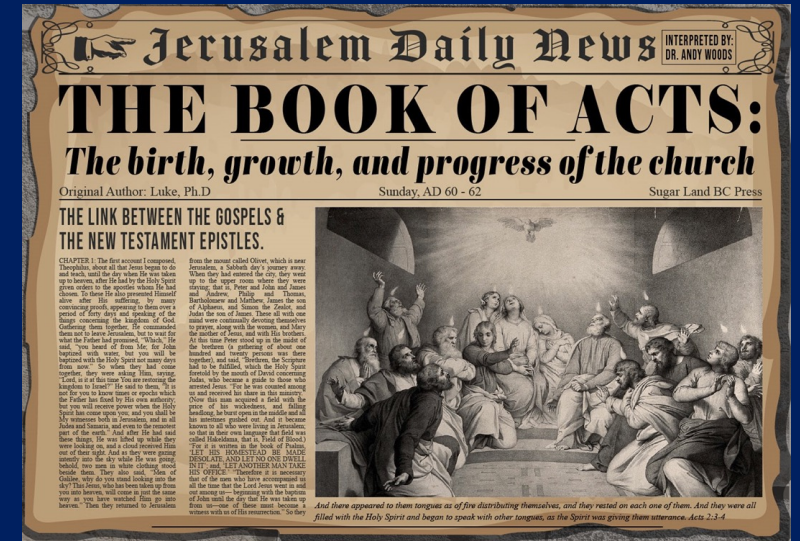


“The problem Amillennialism faces is that while the Bible portrays the relationship between Christ and the Church in various metaphors (head and body, groom and bride, vine and branches, foundation and stones of the building, etc.), king and kingdom is not one of them. . . . Christ is indeed referred to as the head of the Church, but never its king.”

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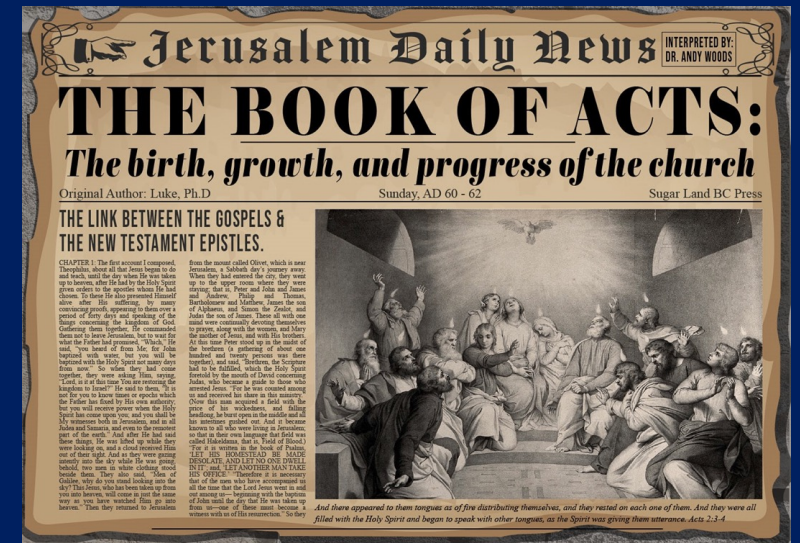
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# Acts 2:15-35

## Refutation of the Charge of Drunkenness

1. Too early (15)
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5. Resurrection (24)
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# Christ's Resurrection Attested to by Eyewitnesses

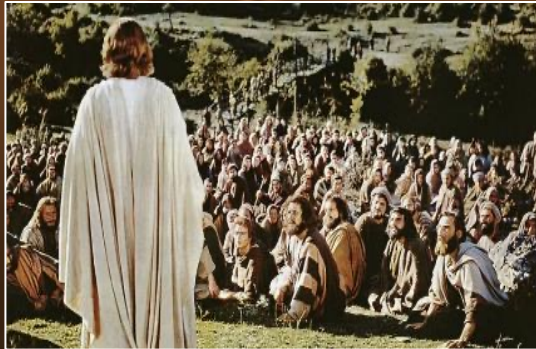
(1 Corinthians 15:5-11)

- Cephas (5a)
- The twelve (5b)
- The five hundred (6)
- James (7a)
- The rest of the apostles (7b)
- Paul (8-11)



## 1 Corinthians 15:6-7

“<sup>6</sup> After that He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom remain until now, but some have fallen asleep; <sup>7</sup> then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles...”

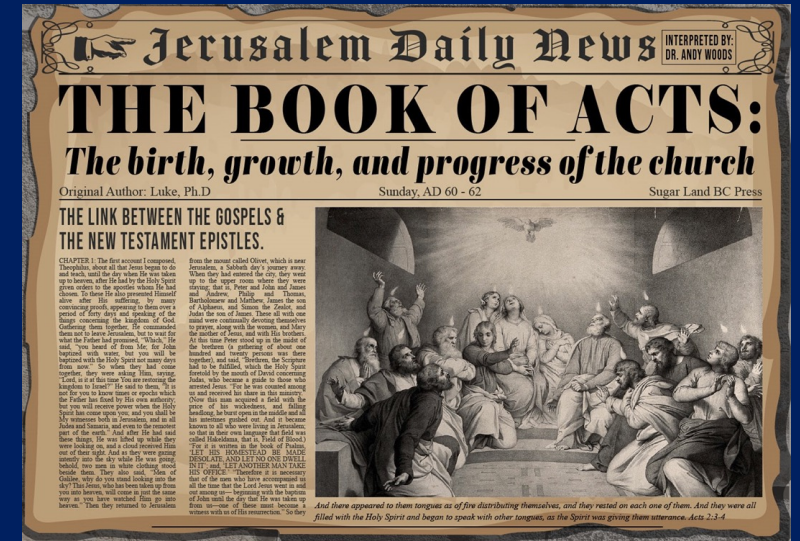




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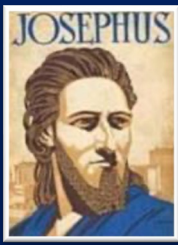


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## Acts 2:22

“Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a man attested to you by God with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst, just as you yourselves know.”





## Josephus

*Antiquities 18.3.3*

“About this time there lived Jesus, a wise man, if indeed one ought to call him a man. For he was one who performed surprising deeds and was a teacher of such people as accept the truth gladly. He won over many Jews and many of the Greeks. He was the Christ. And when, upon the accusation of the principal men among us, Pilate had condemned him to a cross, those who had first come to love him did not cease. He appeared to them spending a third day restored to life, for the prophets of God had foretold these things and a thousand other marvels about him. And the tribe of the Christians, so called after him, has still to this day not disappeared.”

# John MacArthur

*The Gospel According to the Apostles, p. 69*



“Either way, the meaning is inescapable: **Faith is God’s gracious gift**. Jesus explicitly affirmed this truth: ‘No one can come to Me, unless it has been granted him from the Father’ (John 6:65). **Faith is also spoken of as a divine gift in Acts 3:16** (**‘The faith which comes through Him has given him this perfect health in the presence of you all’**), Philippians 1:29 (‘To you it has been granted for Christ’s sake, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake’), and 2 Peter 1:1 (‘Simon Peter, a bond-servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who have received a faith of the same kind as ours’).”

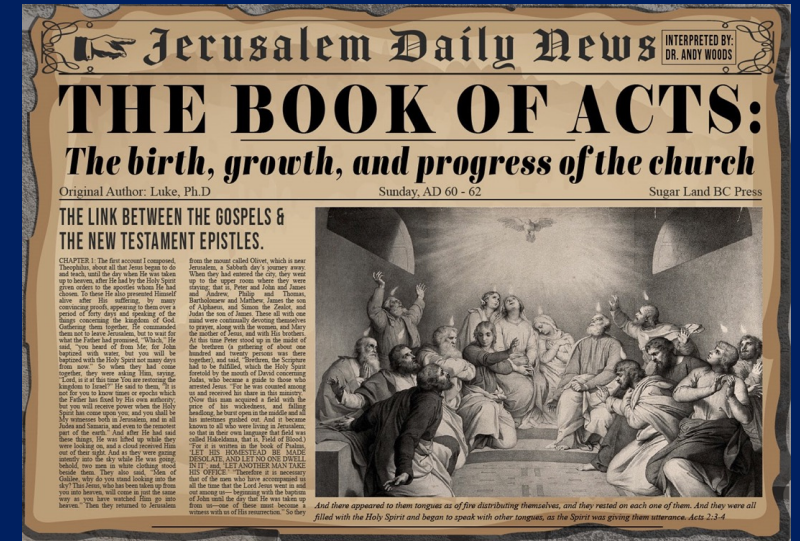
## Dr. René A. Lopez

“MacArthur says that the phrase ‘faith which comes through Him’ means that faith is a divine gift. However, in the first part of this verse faith is the *means* by which the healing took place, and ‘in His name’ stresses the object (God) of that faith. The latter half of the passage is repetitious in order to rule out anything magical about the source of the healing. The man’s faith in Peter’s words resulted in healing through Jesus. ‘Such faith was possible through Jesus: the proclamation of his power made it possible for people to believe.’ Therefore, nothing in Acts 3:16 supports the gift-of-faith view.”

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# 4. Acts 3:17-18

## Conclusion

- a) Israel's Ignorance (17)
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## Luke 24:27, 44

“<sup>27</sup> Then beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures...<sup>44</sup> 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.’”



## John 5:39, 46

“<sup>39</sup> You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; it is these that testify about Me...<sup>46</sup> For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me, for he wrote about Me.”



## Acts 17:1–3

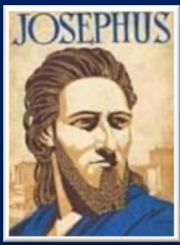
<sup>1</sup> Now when they had traveled through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a **synagogue of the Jews**. <sup>2</sup> And according to Paul's custom, he went to them, and for three Sabbaths reasoned with them from the **Scriptures**, <sup>3</sup> explaining and giving evidence that the **Christ had to suffer and rise again from the dead**, and *saying*, "This Jesus whom I am proclaiming to you is the Christ."



## 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

“<sup>3</sup> For I handed down to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup> and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.”





# Josephus

*Antiquities* 18.3.3

“About this time there lived Jesus, a wise man, if indeed one ought to call him a man. For he was one who performed surprising deeds and was a teacher of such people as accept the truth gladly. He won over many Jews and many of the Greeks. He was the Christ. And when, upon the accusation of the principal men among us, Pilate had condemned him to a cross, those who had first come to love him did not cease. He appeared to them spending a third day restored to life, for the prophets of God had foretold these things and a thousand other marvels about him. And the tribe of the Christians, so called after him, has still to this day not disappeared.”

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<b>Gamble for His Clothing</b>	<b>Psalms 22:18</b>	<b>1000 years</b>
<b>Buried in Rich Man's Tomb</b>	<b>Isaiah 53:9</b>	<b>700 years</b>

## 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.”



## 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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Acts 3:12-26

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## Lewis Sperry Chafer

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## Matthew 12:24

“But when the Pharisees heard *this*, they said, ‘This man casts out demons only by Beelzebul the ruler of the demons.’”





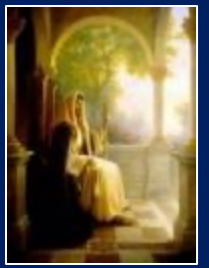
# Matthew Outline

## Pedigree of the king (1–2)

- Preparation of the king (3–4)
  - Pedagogy of the king (5–7)
    - Power of the king (8–9)
      - Program of the king (10)
        - **Progressive rejection of the king (11–12)**
          - Preparation of the king's disciples (13–20)
          - Presentation & rejection of the king (21–23)
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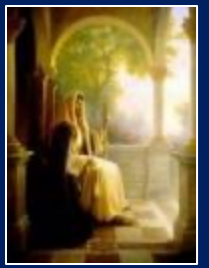
## Proof of the king (28)

# Was the kingdom re-offered in Acts? No!



1. The king was absent (Acts 1:9-11)
2. Irreversible language found in the Gospels (Matt. 12:31-32; 21:42; 22:7)
3. A new age in the kingdom's absence has already been disclosed (Luke 19:11-27; Matt. 13; 24–25)
4. "Kingdom" is mentioned 45x in Luke's Gospel but only 8x in Acts
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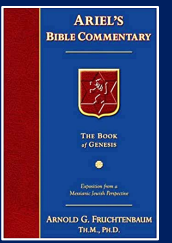


6. Co-mingling of kingdom truth with Church Age truth
7. The timing of the kingdom has already been fixed by the Father's authority (Acts 1:6-7)
8. Peter was merely preaching the personal Gospel in Acts 2
9. Acts 3:19-21 is laying out the condition by which the kingdom will ultimately come to the earth (Acts 3:19-21)
10. The miracles in Acts authenticate the new age of the Church (Heb. 2:2-3) and not the ongoing offer of the kingdom



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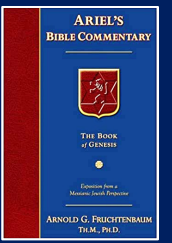


“Three observations can be made about Peter’s sermon. The first observation is that it was not a re-offer of the Messianic kingdom. The Jewish people had rejected the kingdom in Matthew 12, and from then on, they were under the judgment of the unpardonable sin, the judgment of A.D. 70. That judgment was irrevocable, and there was no possibility for change. Peter simply restated the requirements for the kingdom. The prerequisite for the second coming and the kingdom is Israel’s national salvation.”



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“The Messiah left the earth because of Israel’s rejection and will not come back unless Israel accepts His Messiahship. That will happen someday, but Peter’s words were not a re-offer to this generation since they had already committed the unpardonable sin. Because the sin was unpardonable, they could not see the kingdom established in their day and the judgment of A.D. 70 would come.”

## 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!’”



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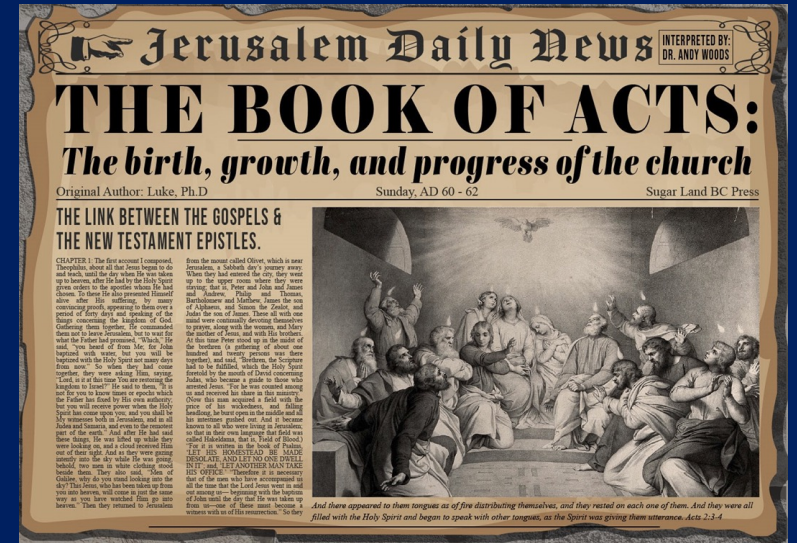


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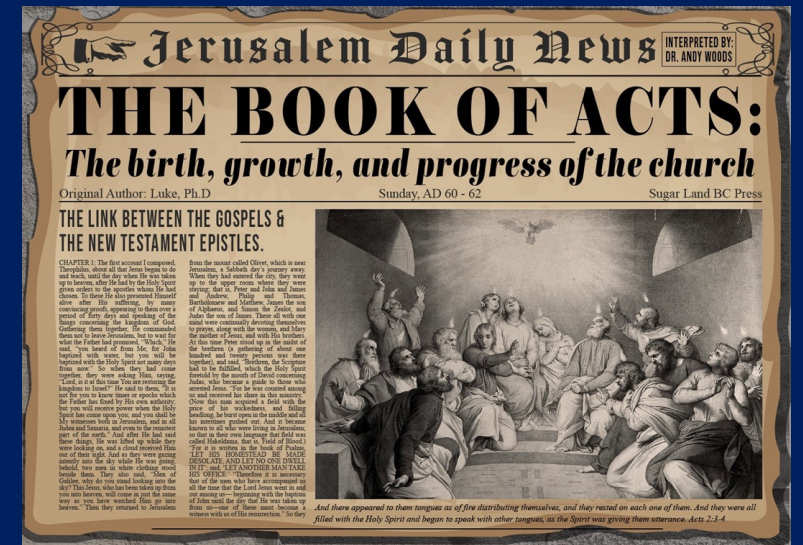
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## Romans 11:25-26

“<sup>25</sup>For I do not want you, brethren, to be uninformed of this mystery—so that you will not be wise in your own estimation—that a partial hardening has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in;<sup>26</sup>and so all Israel will be saved; just as it is written, ‘The Deliverer will come from Zion, He will remove ungodliness from Jacob.’”





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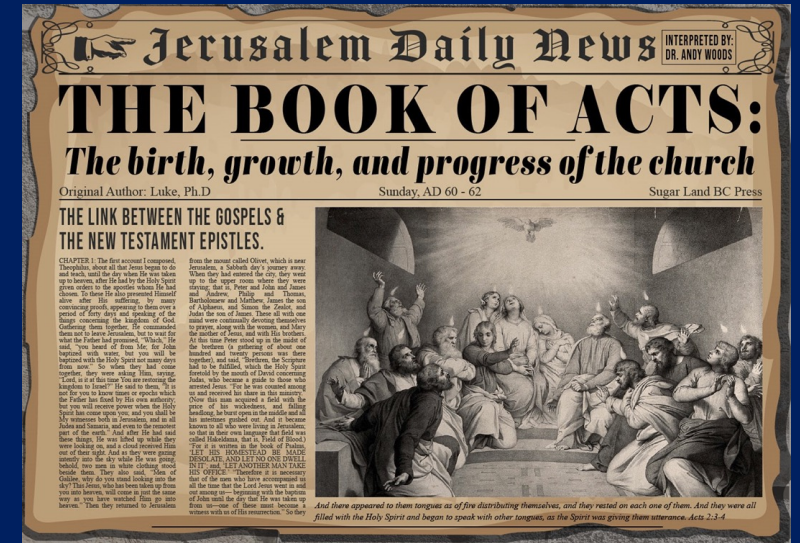
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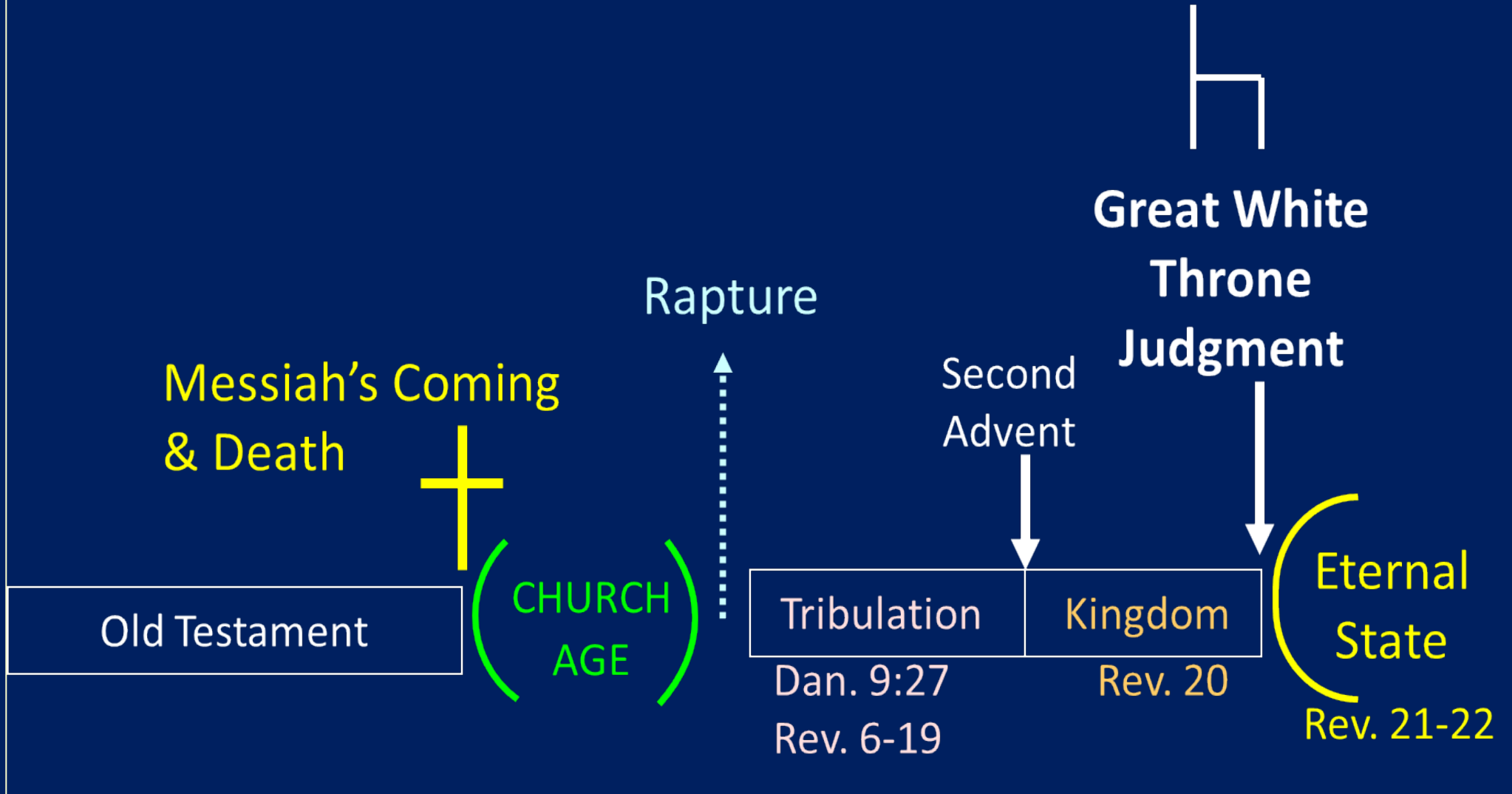
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# Prophecy Panorama



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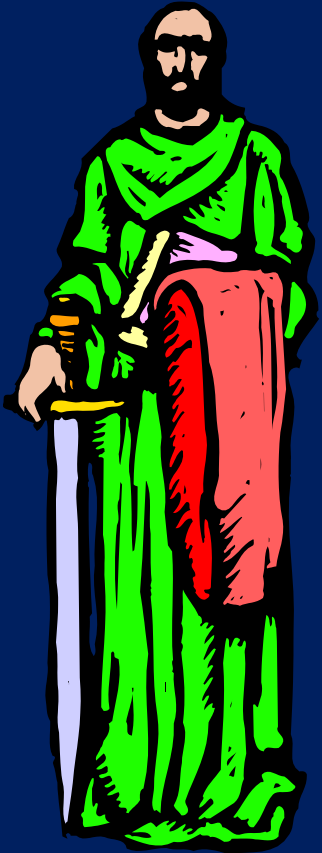
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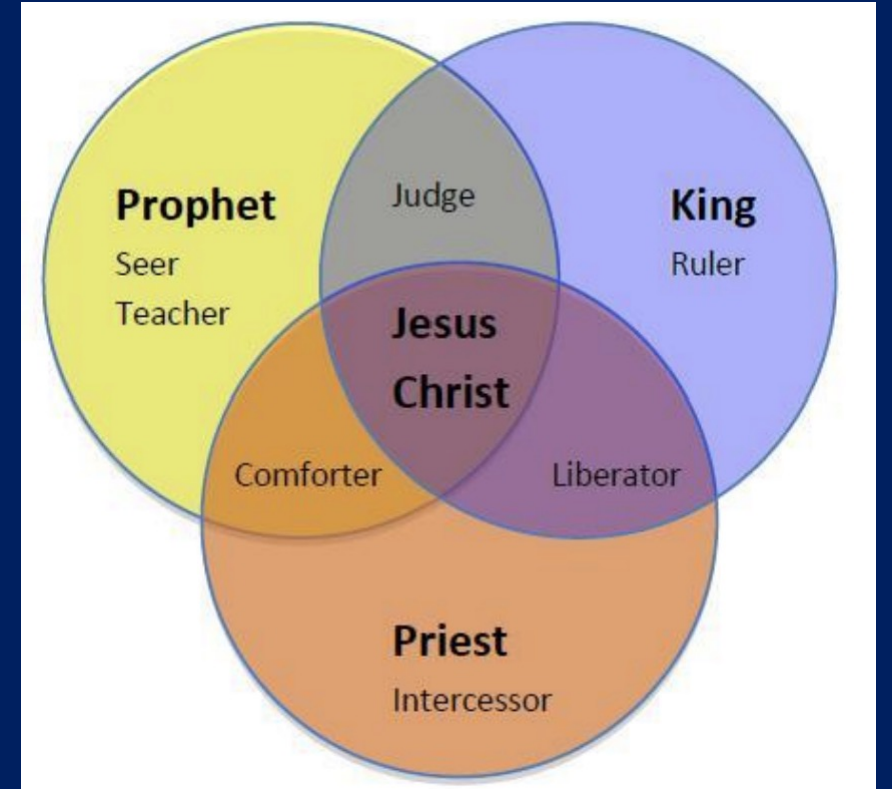




# CHRIST'S THREE OFFICES



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



## Isaiah 2:1-4

<sup>1</sup> “The word which Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.<sup>2</sup> 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.<sup>3</sup> 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; . . .



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. . .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.<sup>4</sup> 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

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## Isaiah 65:17-25

<sup>17</sup> “For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; And the former things will not be remembered or come to mind.<sup>18</sup> “But be glad and rejoice forever in what I create; For behold, I create Jerusalem for rejoicing And her people *for* gladness.<sup>19</sup> “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.<sup>20</sup> “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

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# B. Acts 3:19-26

## Israel's Responsibility

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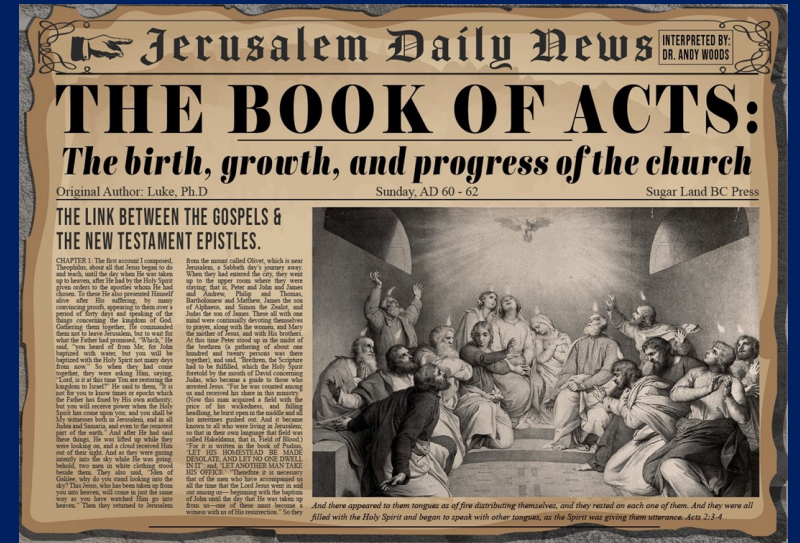
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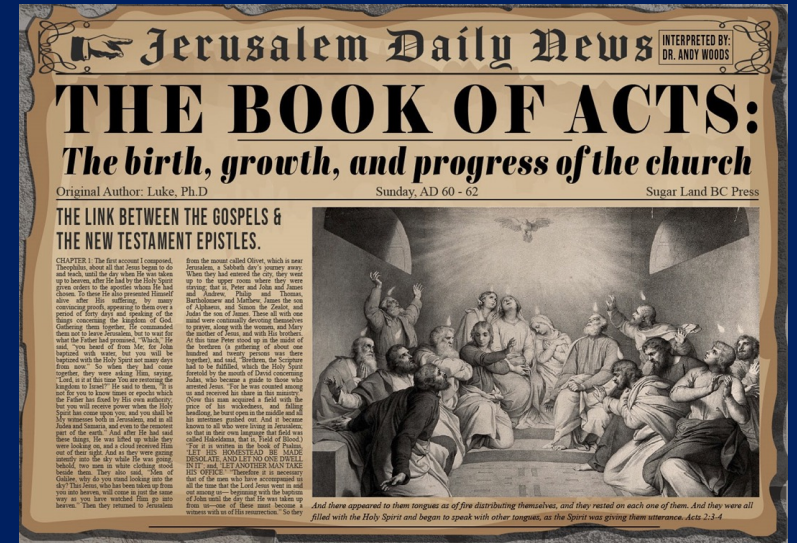
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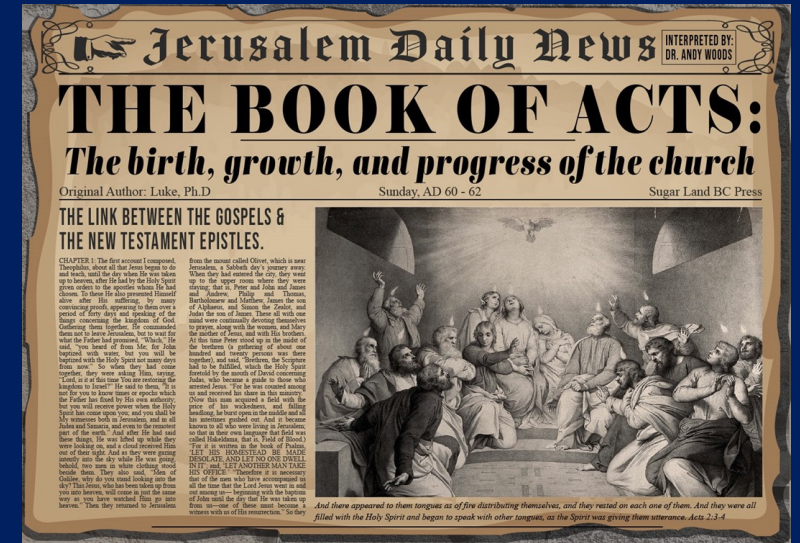
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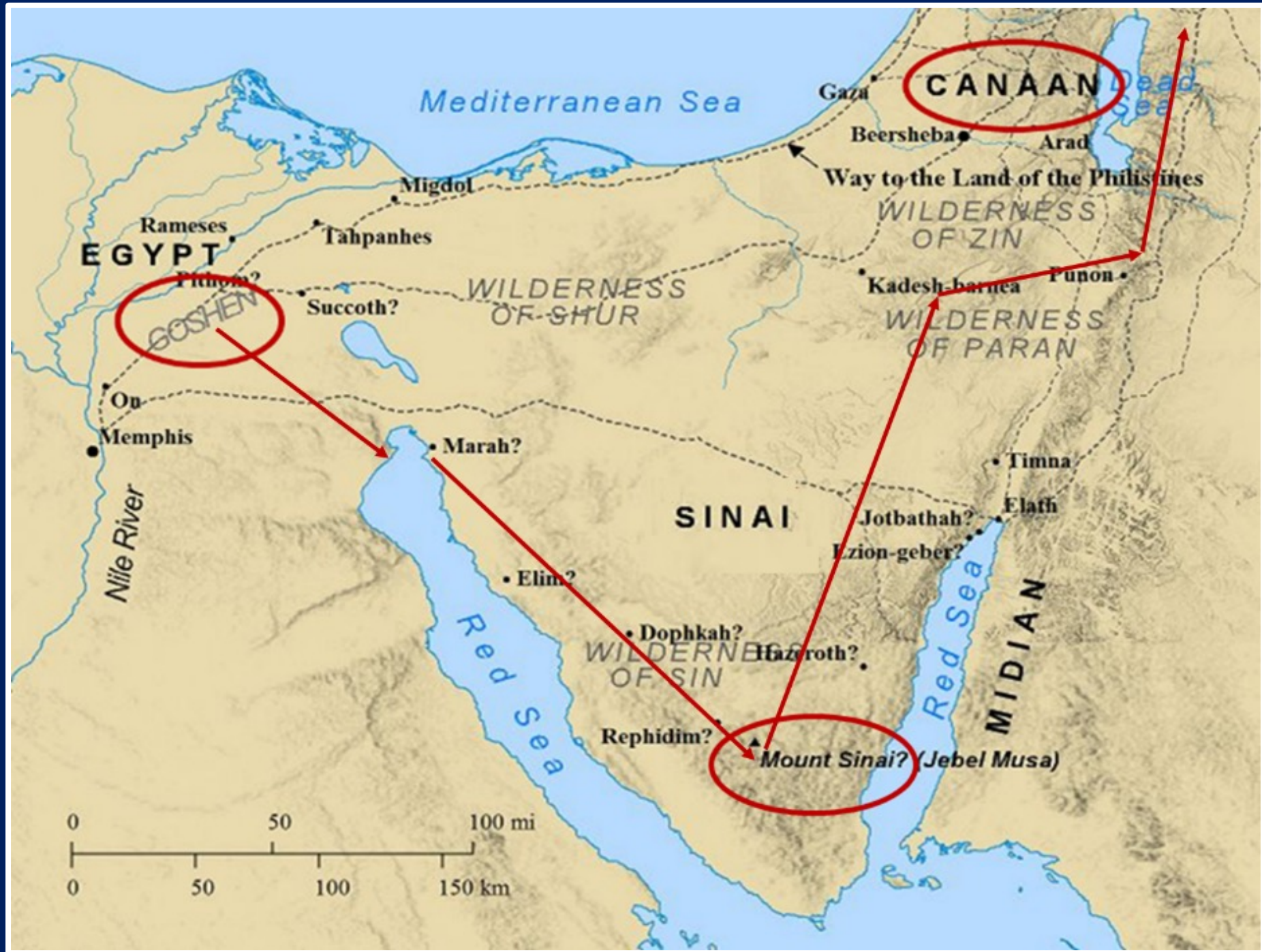
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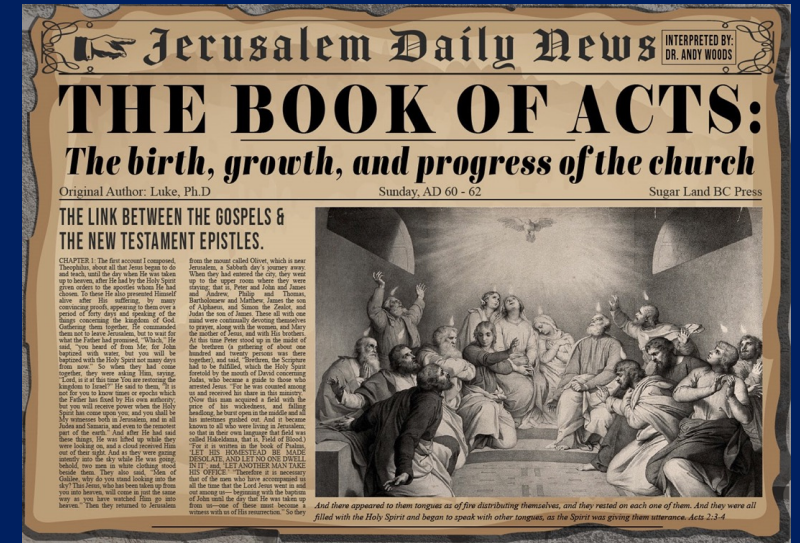
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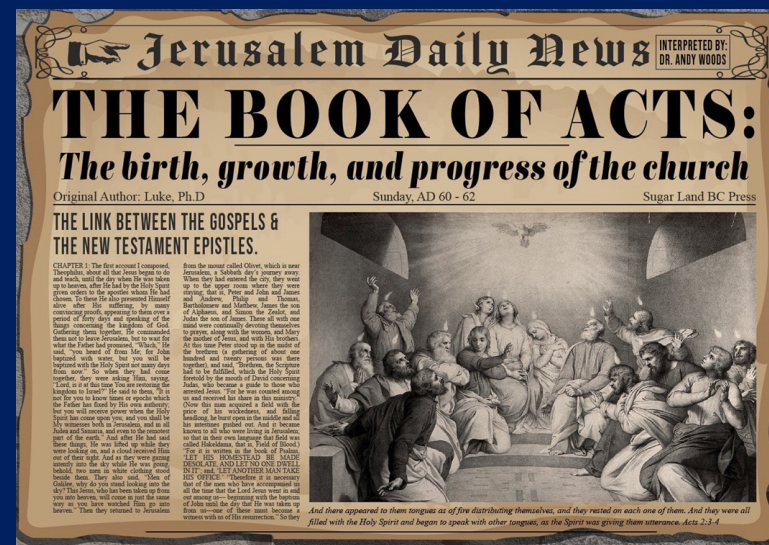
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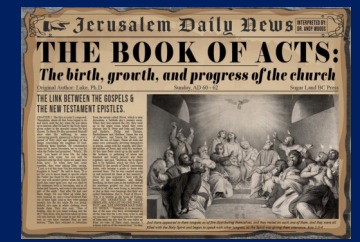
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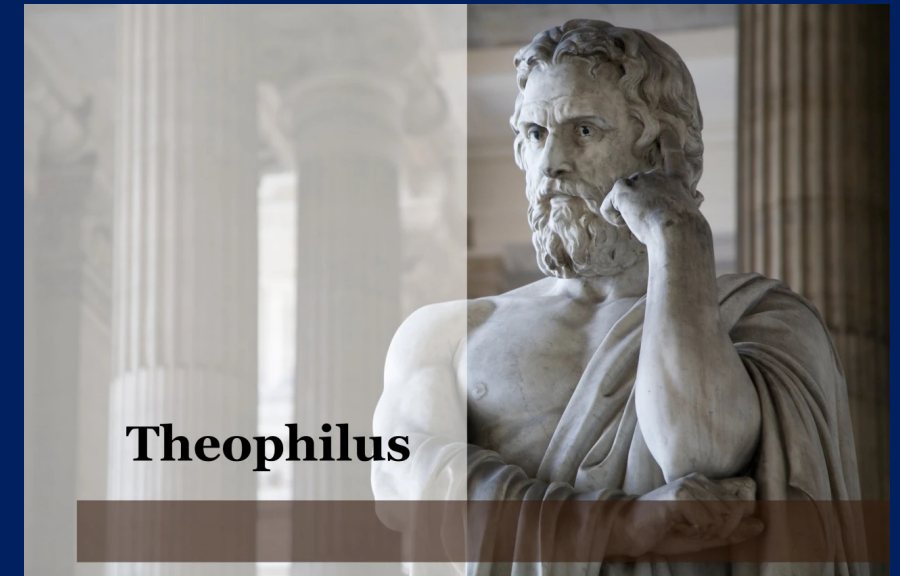
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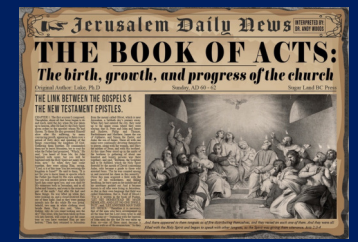


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**Theophilus**

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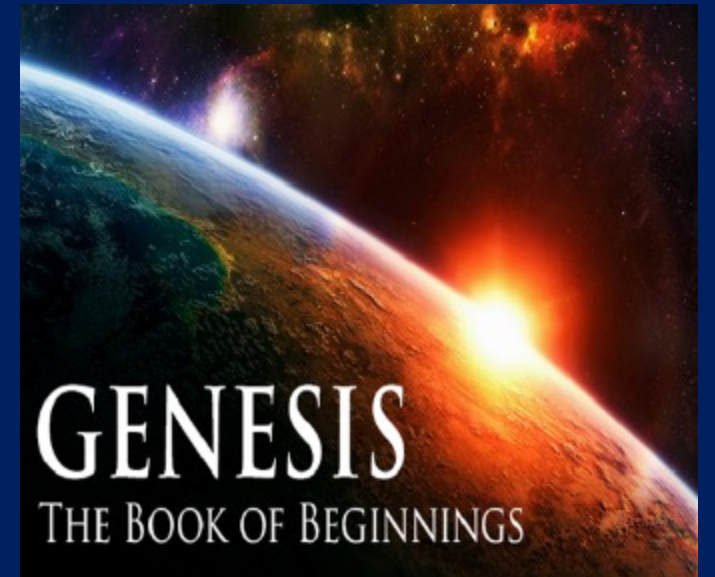
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# 8 New Promises

Genesis 12:1-3

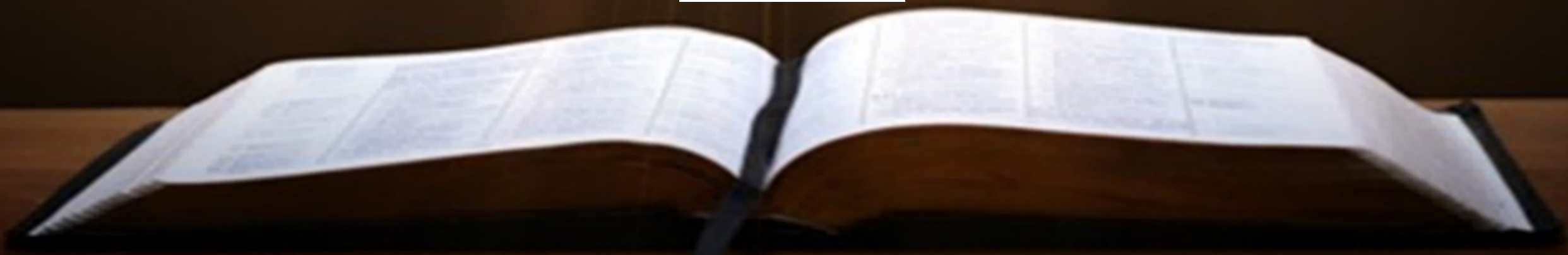
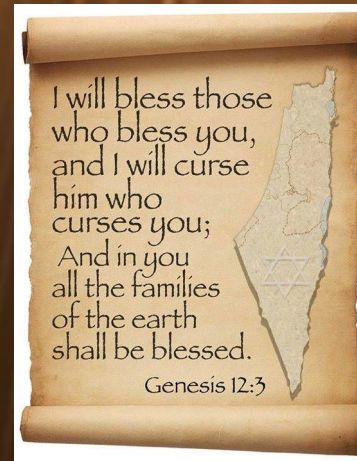
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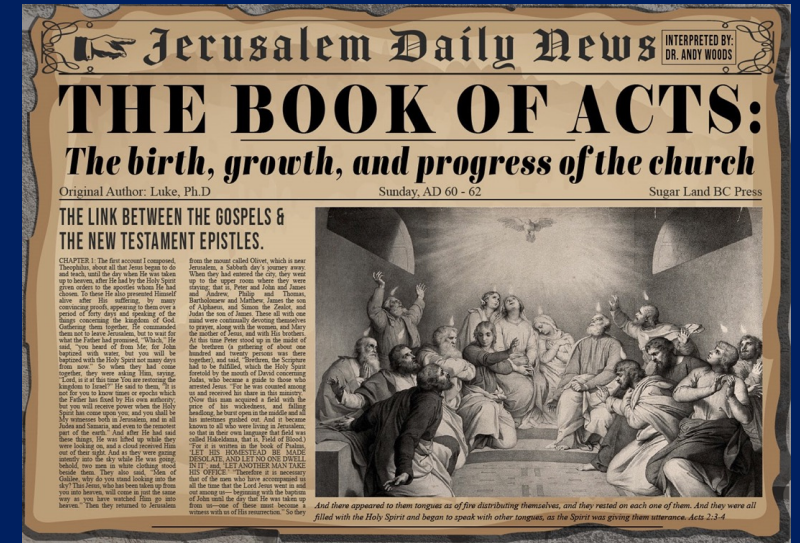
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# Messengers of the Kingdom In Matthew



- 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**; <sup>6</sup> but rather go to the lost sheep of **the house of Israel**. <sup>7</sup> 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

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

**CHAPTER 1:** The first account comprised, 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. It also tells the first recorded miracle above after his finishing, by means of constant prayer, appearing to them over a period of forty days and speaking of the things concerning the Kingdom of God. Confirmed this miracle, the resurrection. Then next to leave Jerusalem, but to wait the time he had promised, "which," He said, "you heard of from Me, the John baptist with regard, but you said, he baptizeth with the Holy Spirit and water days after now..." So when men had come "Lord, is it at that time You are returning 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 when 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 upward into the sky while he was going, behold, two men in white clothing stood beside them. They also said, "These of our Father, why do you stand looking up into the sky? The men whom you saw going up into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven. Then they returned to Jerusalem.

From the moment 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, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zebedee, and Judas the son of James. These all with one accord were constantly agreeing themselves to pray, along with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with the brethren, in a gathering of about one hundred, and saying, present was there also a certain Levite, of the high priestly caste, who became a guide to those who entered Jerusalem. For he was called Ananias, and received his surn in this manner. Close their eyes, equipped of hand with the force of the resurrection, and falling backward, he bore open the middle and all his members, prostrate, and as he began to all who were living in Jerusalem, as did in their eyes keeping that still were closed. He said, "Men, brethren, hear this. The Lord is in Jerusalem in the book of Psalms. LET US HOPEFULLY WAIT FOR THE LORD. Therefore it is necessary that one of our men who have accompanied us all the time that Jesus went with us and entered among us - beginning with the baptism of John until the day that he was taken up to heaven - one of these must become a witness with us of the 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*