

# 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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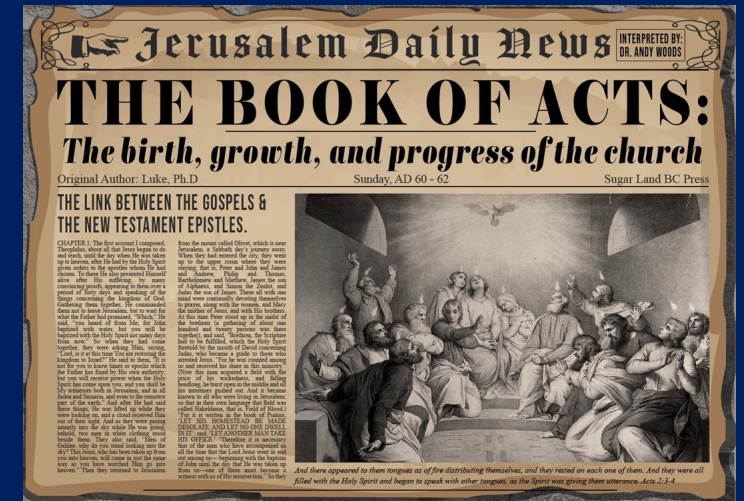
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# Acts 8:5-40

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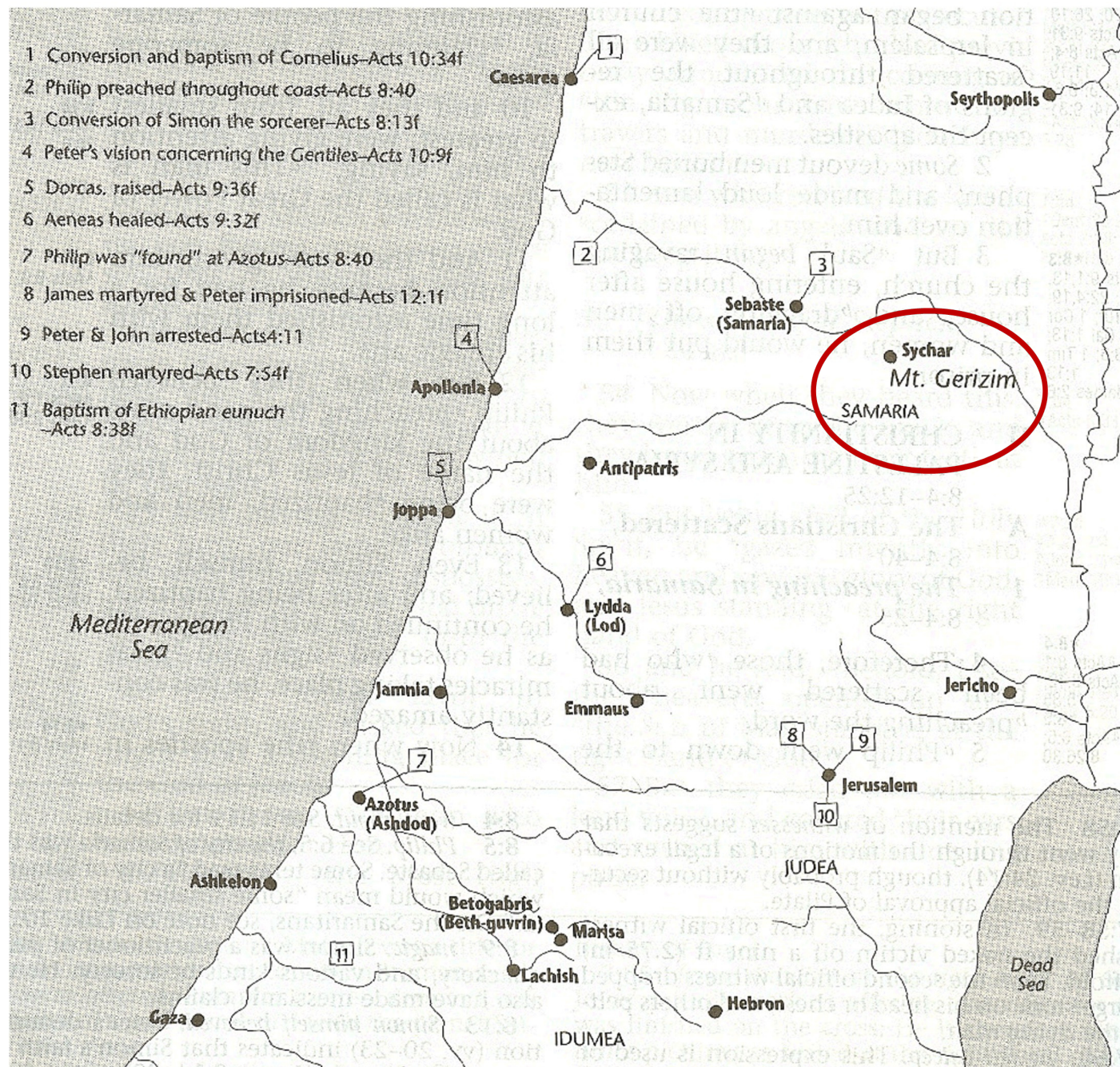
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### II. Judea (Acts 8:26-40)





- 1 Conversion and baptism of Cornelius—Acts 10:34f
- 2 Philip preached throughout coast—Acts 8:40
- 3 Conversion of Simon the sorcerer—Acts 8:13f
- 4 Peter's vision concerning the Gentiles—Acts 10:9f
- 5 Dorcas, raised—Acts 9:36f
- 6 Aeneas healed—Acts 9:32f
- 7 Philip was "found" at Azotus—Acts 8:40
- 8 James martyred & Peter imprisoned—Acts 12:1f
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- 11 Baptism of Ethiopian eunuch—Acts 8:38f





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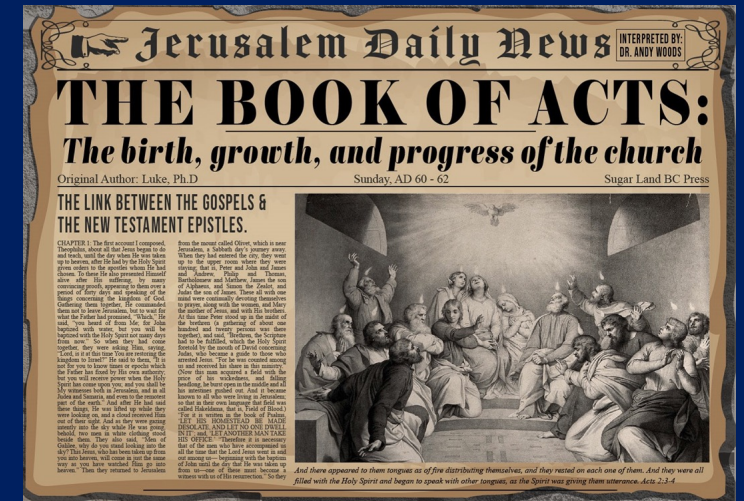
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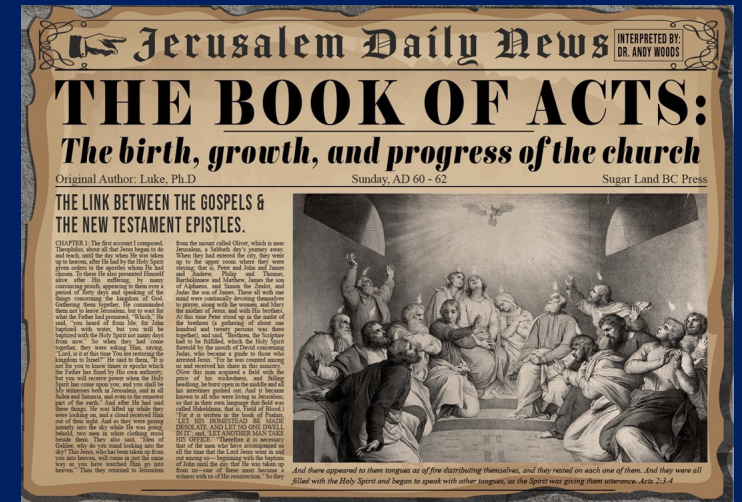




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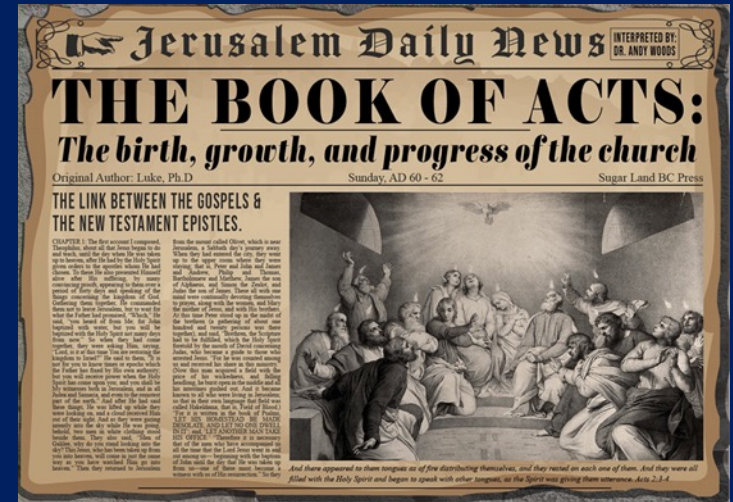
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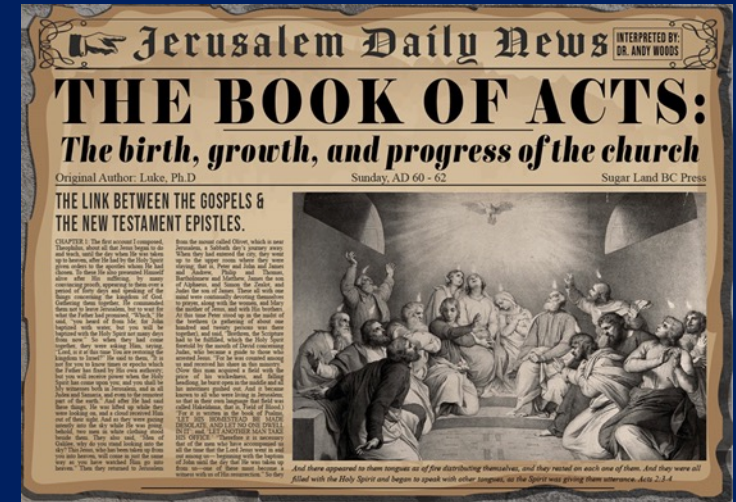




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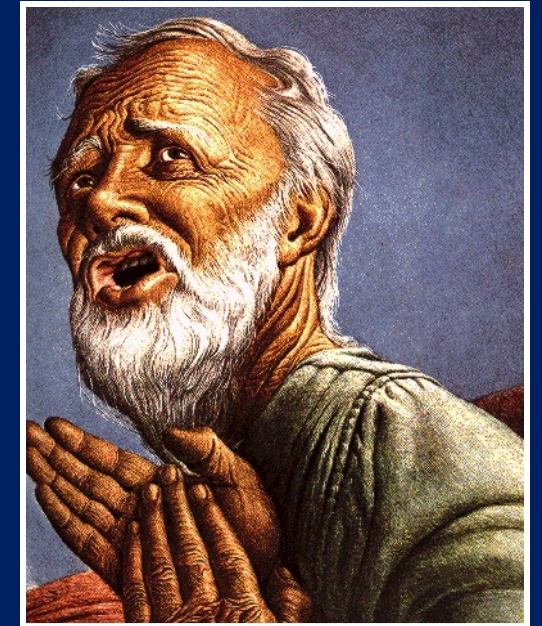
Then he believed in the LORD; and He reckoned it to him as righteousness.

## John 3:16

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

## Acts 16:30-31

"Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved..."



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## William Hendriksen

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## Acts 2:38

“Peter said to them, “Repent [metanoēō], and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for (eis) the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

ΜΕΤΑΝΟΕΩ

metanoēō / change one's mind; repent



## Acts 17:30-31

“<sup>30</sup> Therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now declaring to men that all people everywhere should repent [*metanoēō*], <sup>31</sup> because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead.”





## 2 Peter 3:9

“The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.”



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*Henry Morris Study Bible, 1646*

“8:13 *believed also*. Simon’s ‘belief’ was evidently only a belief in the reality of signs and wonders performed by Philip (note Christ’s rebuke of this kind of belief in Jo. 4:48; also compared John 2:23–25). These wonders were greater than those which Simon was able to do with his sorceries (Greek *Mageia*, from which we get our word ‘magic’), and he was envious. In early Christian literature, he was called Simon Magus, and he was said to be a prominent enemy of the true faith.”

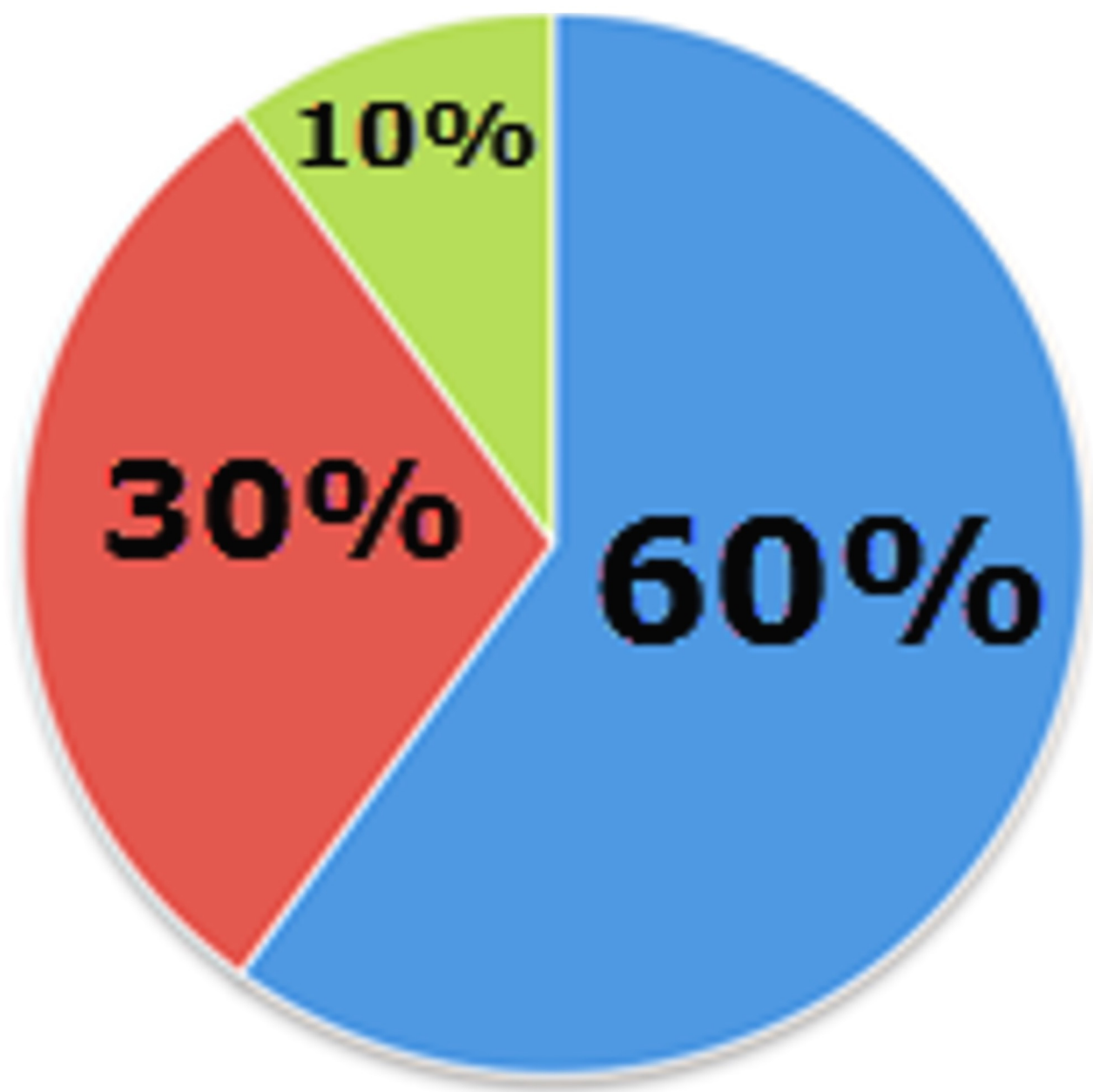
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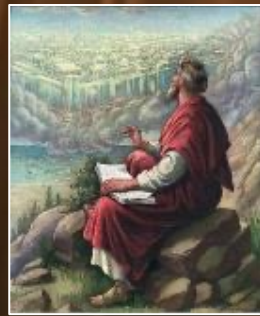
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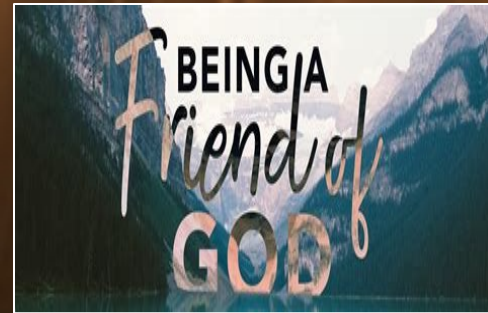
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“<sup>30</sup> Therefore many other signs Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup> but these have been written so that you may believe (*pisteuō eis*) that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.”



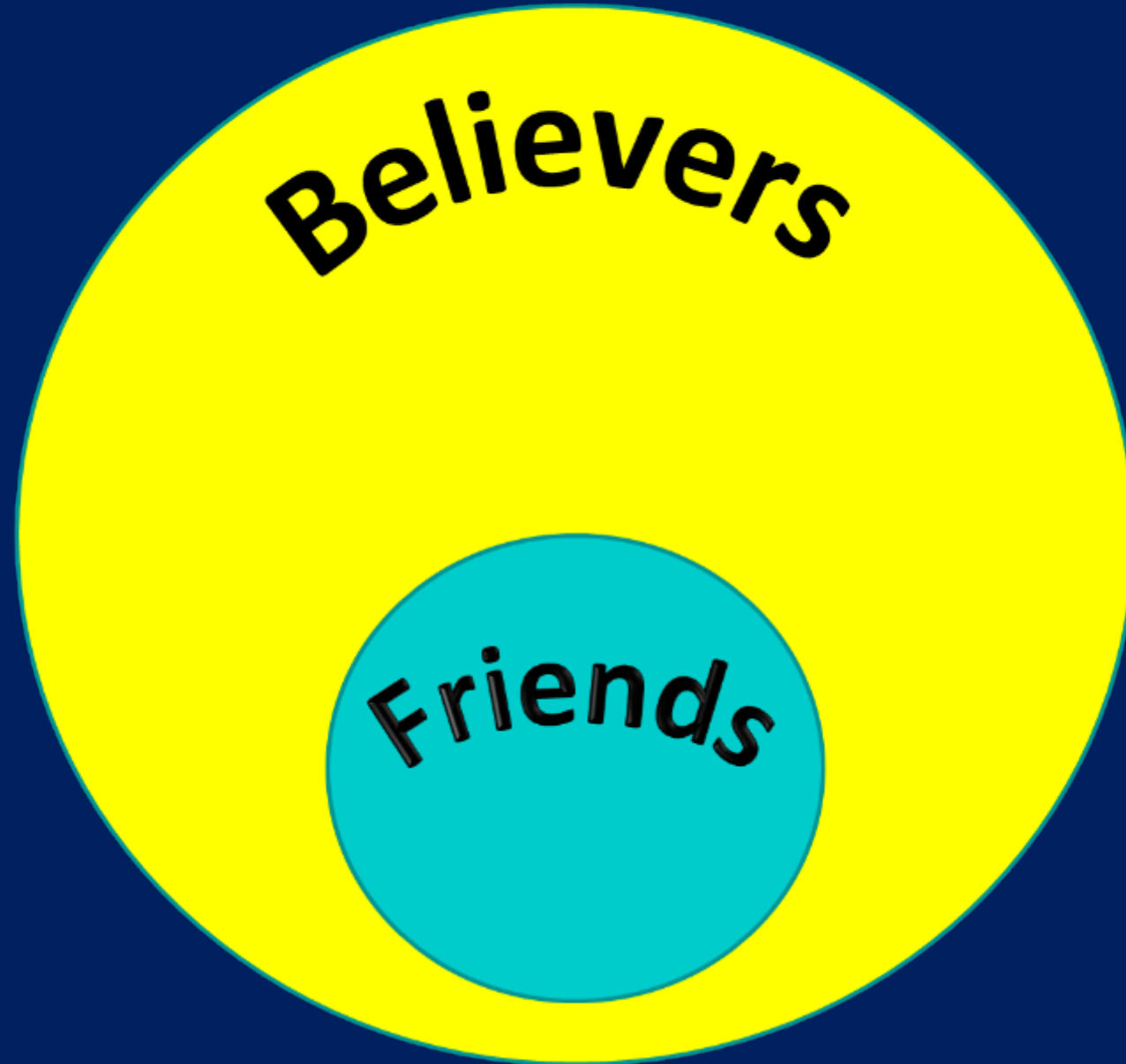
## John 15:14-15

“<sup>14</sup> You are My friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup> No longer do I call you slaves, for the slave does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you.”



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# Believer vs. Friendship





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# The 7 Churches in Revelation

Rev. 1:11



By: Gabriel Morris

# Consequences

Rev 3:19

“Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline; therefore be zealous and repent.”



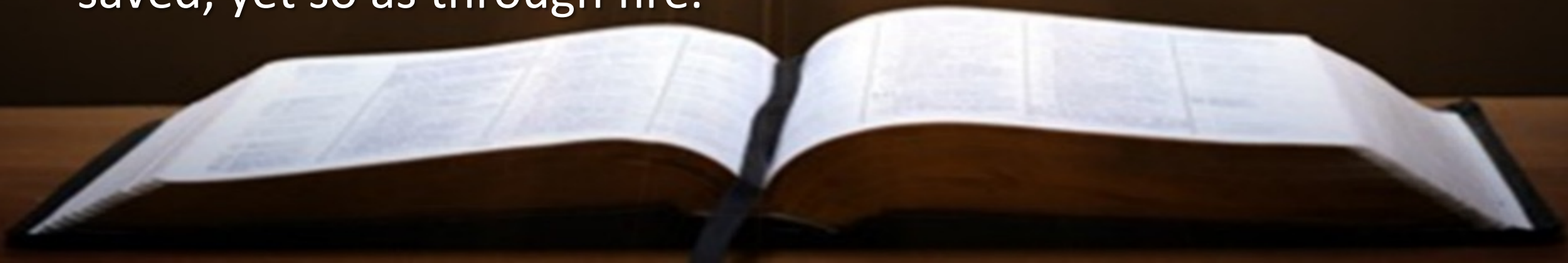
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## 1 Corinthians 3:10-15

“<sup>10</sup> According to the grace of God which was given to me, like a wise master builder I laid a foundation, and another is building on it. But each man must be careful how he builds on it. <sup>11</sup> For no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. <sup>12</sup> Now if any man builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw... <sup>14</sup> If any man's work which he has built on it remains, he will receive a reward. <sup>15</sup> If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.”



## 1 Corinthians 9:24-27

“<sup>24</sup> Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but *only* one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win.  
<sup>25</sup> Everyone who competes in the games exercises self-control in all things. They then *do it* to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. <sup>26</sup> Therefore I run in such a way, as not without aim; I box in such a way, as not beating the air; <sup>27</sup> **but I discipline my body and make it my slave, so that, after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified.**”



## 2 John 8

“Watch yourselves, that you do not lose what we have accomplished, but that you may receive a full reward.”





# Revelation 3:11

“I am coming quickly; hold fast what you have, so that no one will take your crown.”





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“First, their synagogues should be set on fire...Secondly, their homes should likewise be broken down and destroyed...Thirdly, they should be deprived of their prayer books and Talmuds...”

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“...Fourthly, their rabbis must be forbidden under threat of death to teach any more...Fifthly, passport and traveling privileges should be absolutely forbidden to the Jews...Sixthly, they ought to be stopped from usury (charging interest on loans...)”

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“Seventhly, let the young and strong Jews and Jewesses be given the flail, the ax, the hoe, the spade, the distaff, and spindle, and let them earn their bread by the sweat of their noses...We ought to drive the rascally lazy bones out of our system...”

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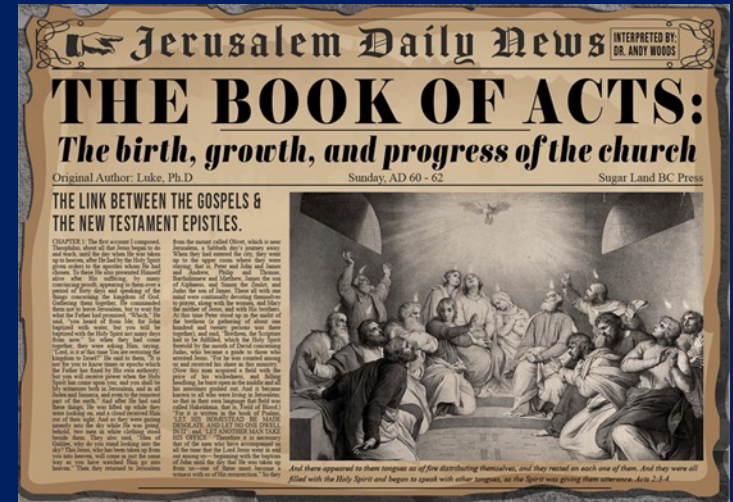
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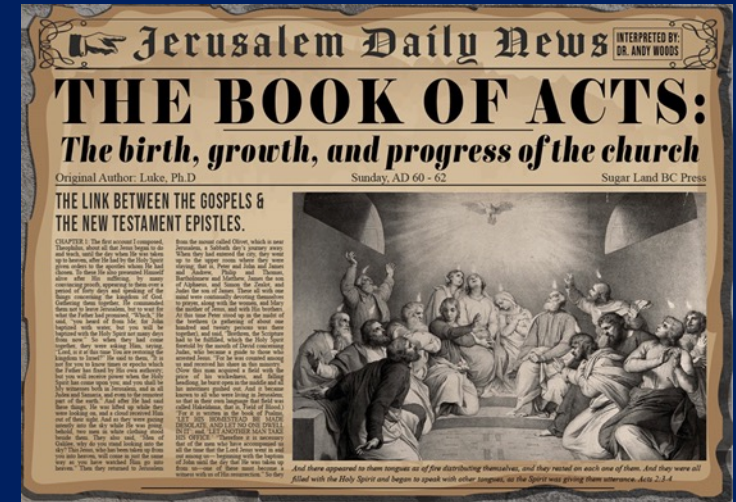




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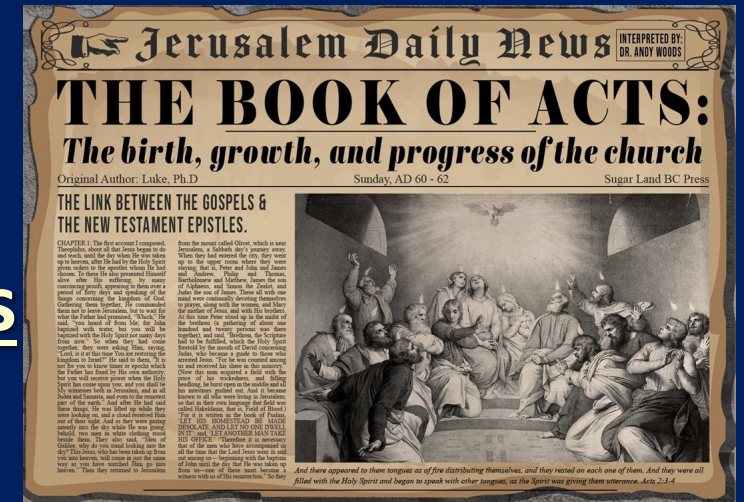
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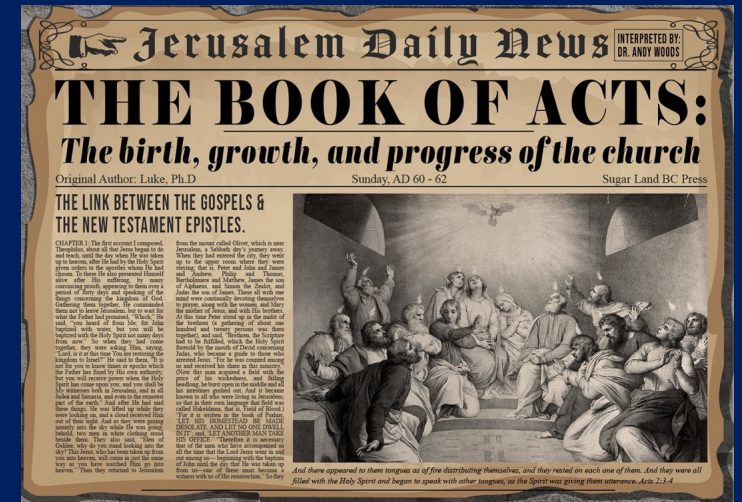




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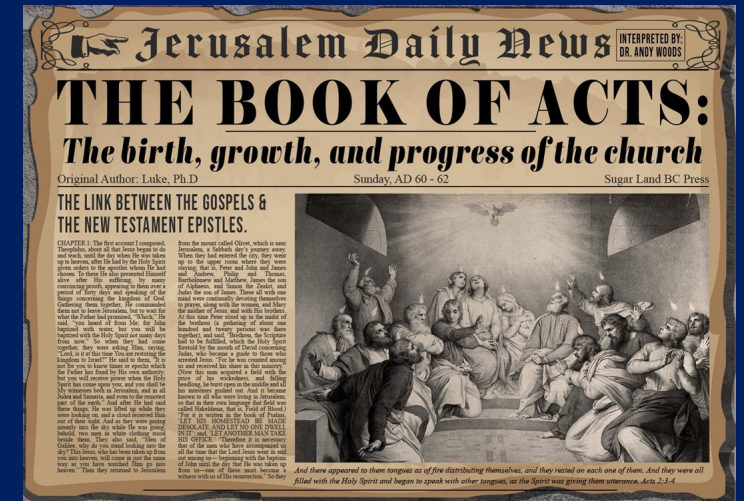
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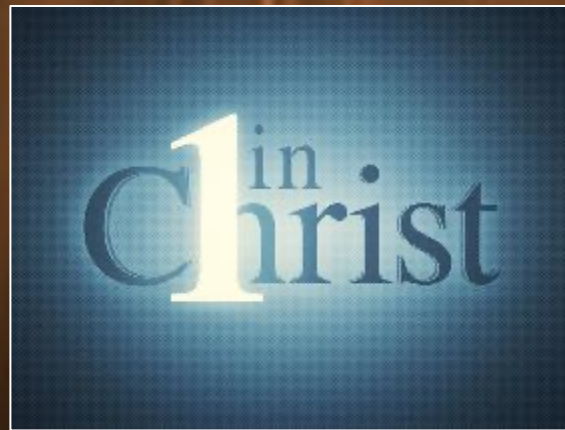
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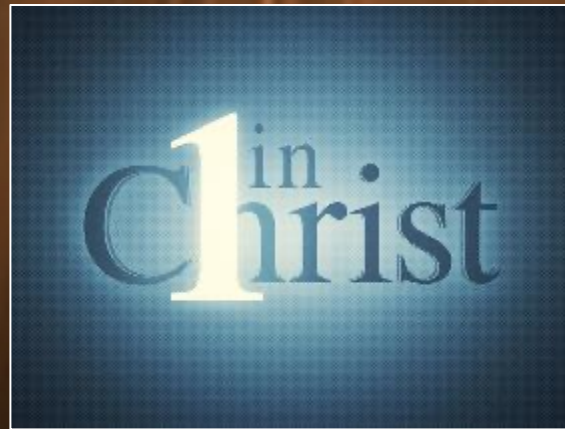
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## Ephesians 2:14

“For He Himself is our peace, who made both groups into one and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall.”





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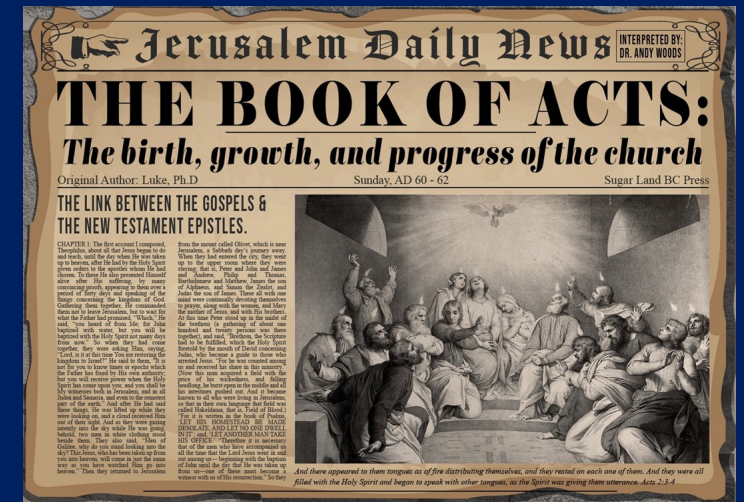
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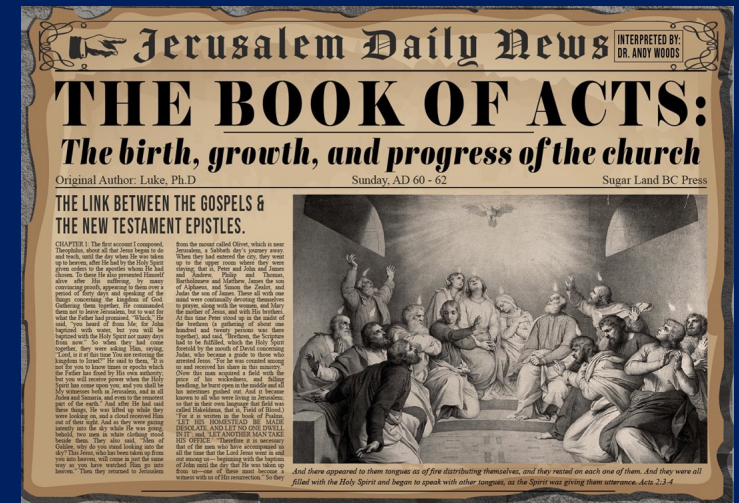
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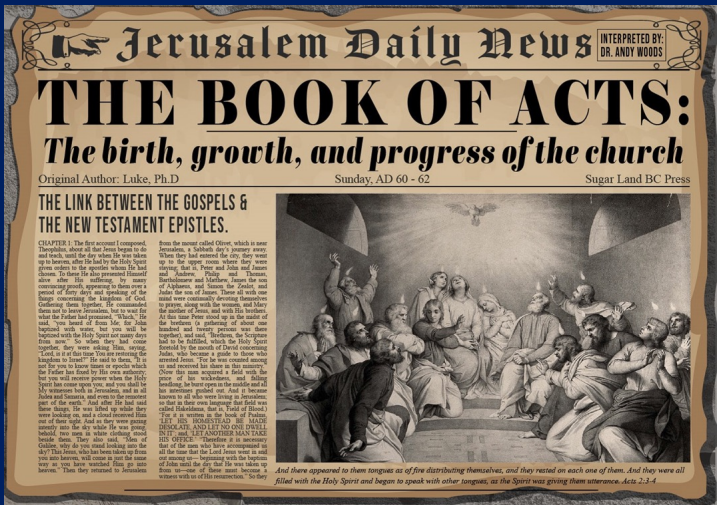




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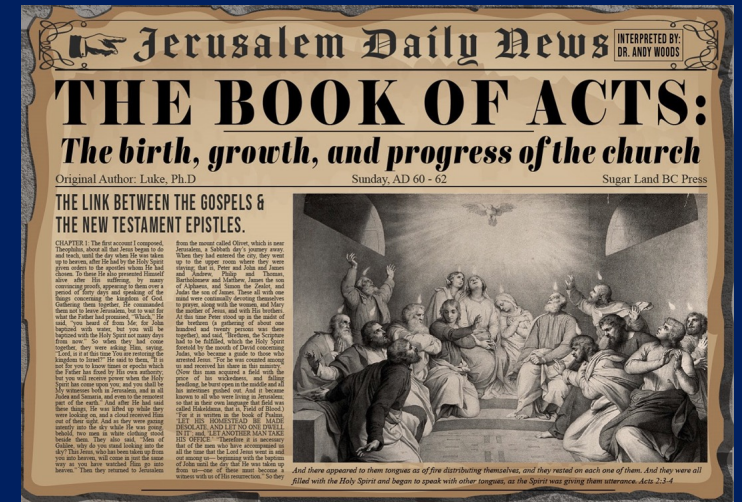
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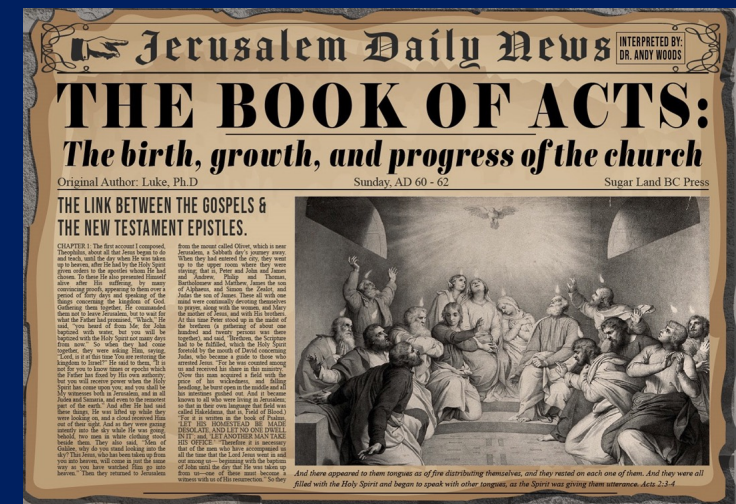
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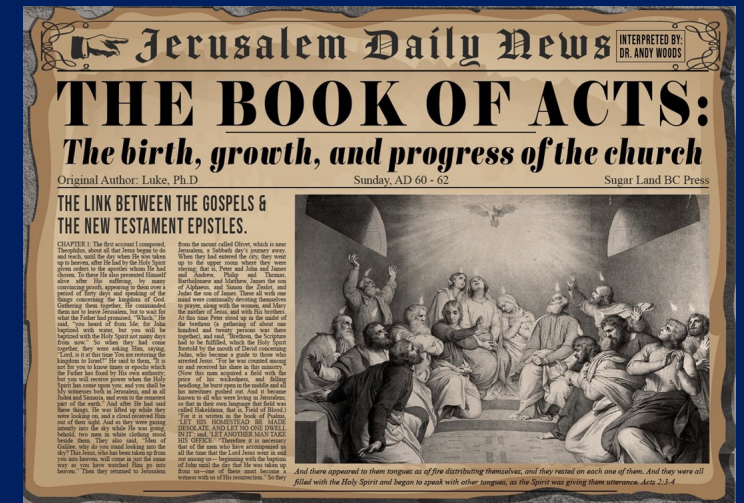
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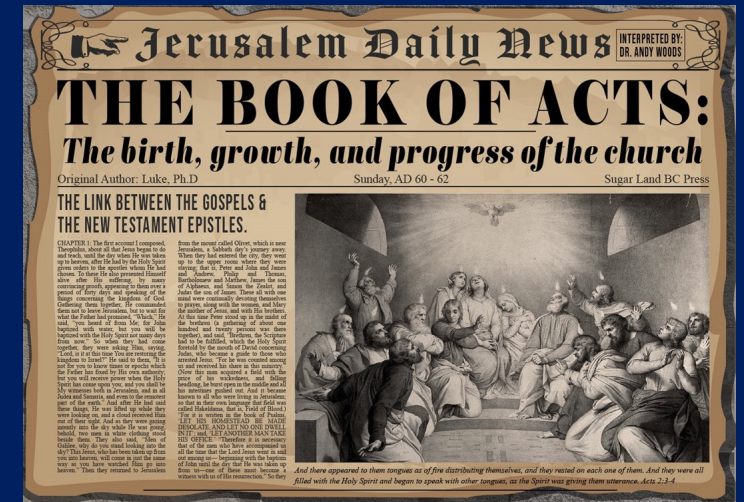




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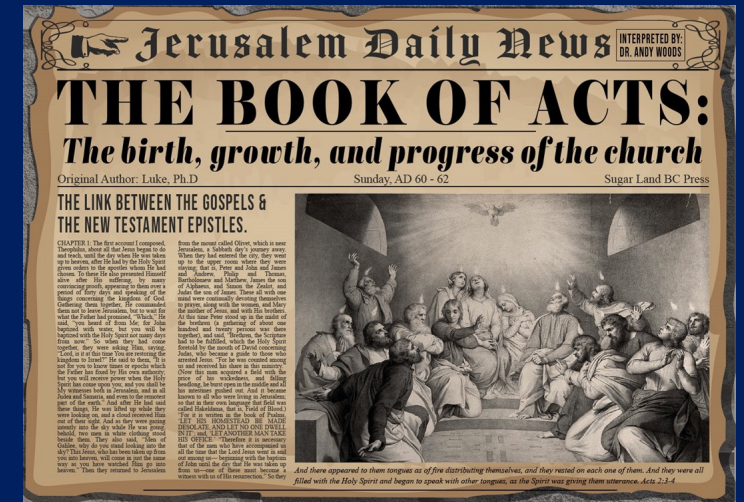
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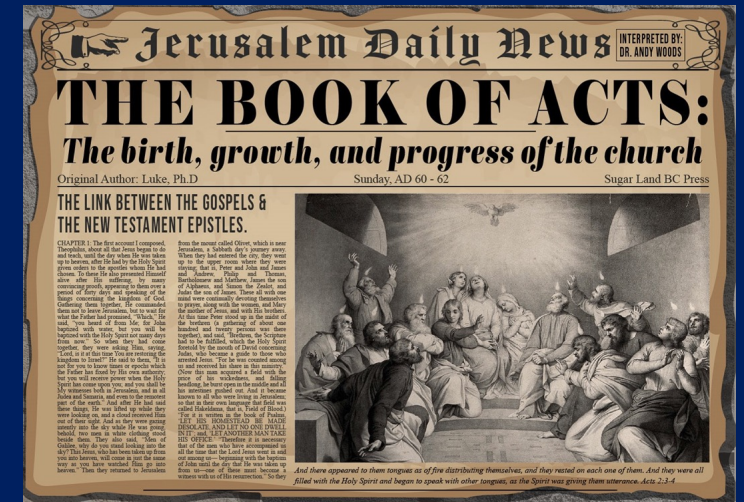




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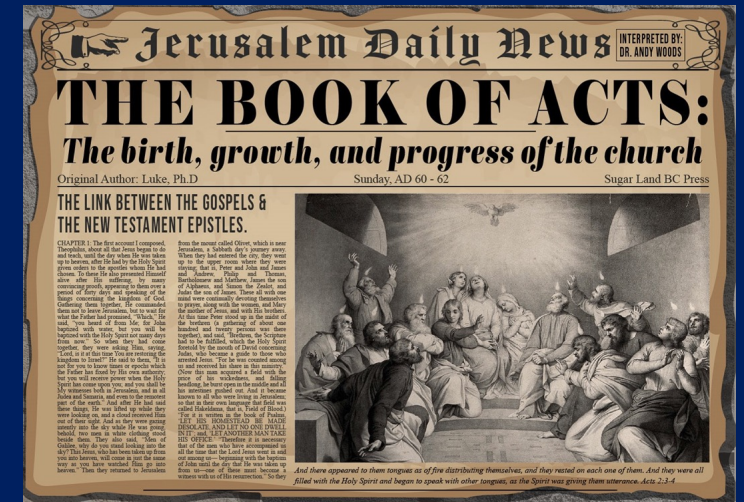




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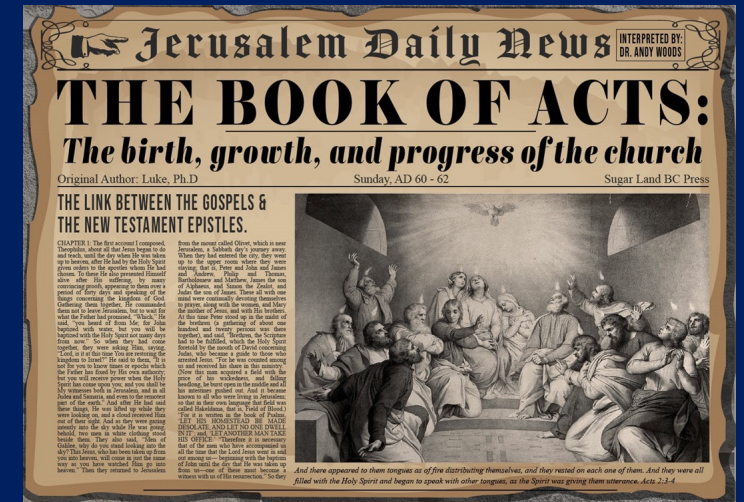




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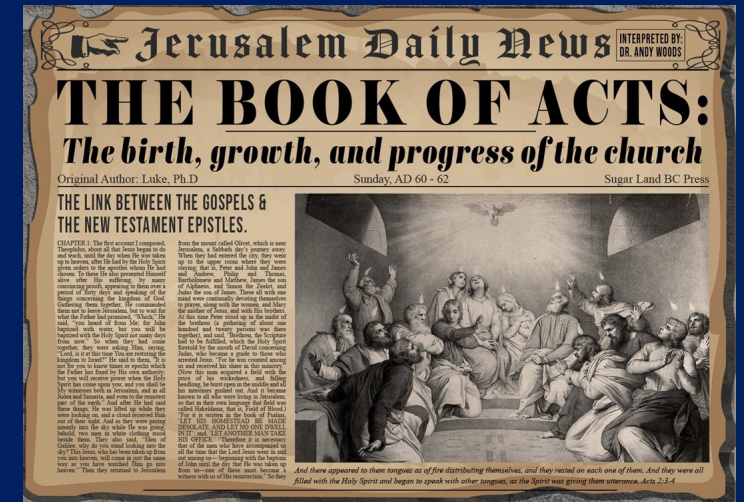
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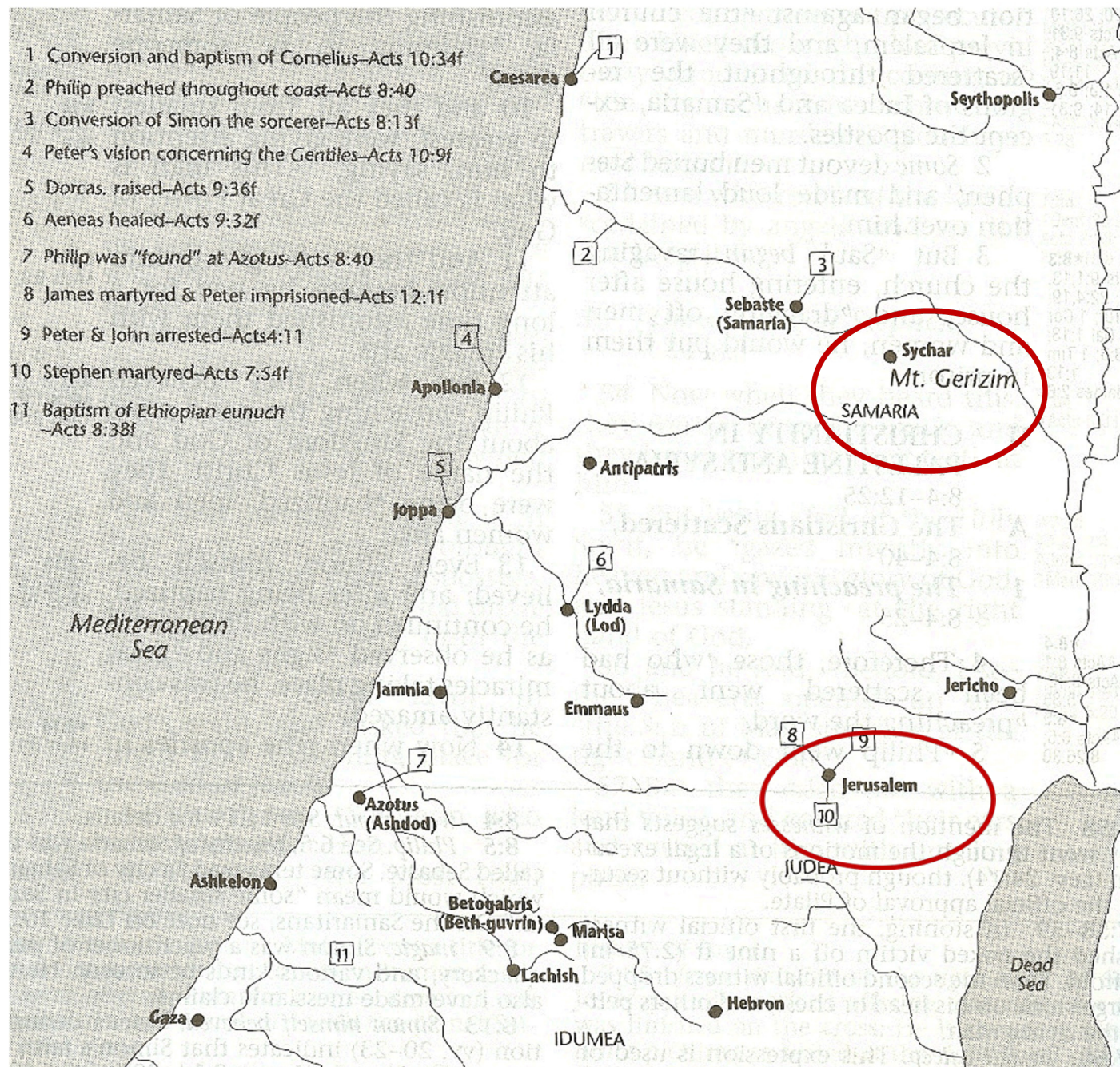
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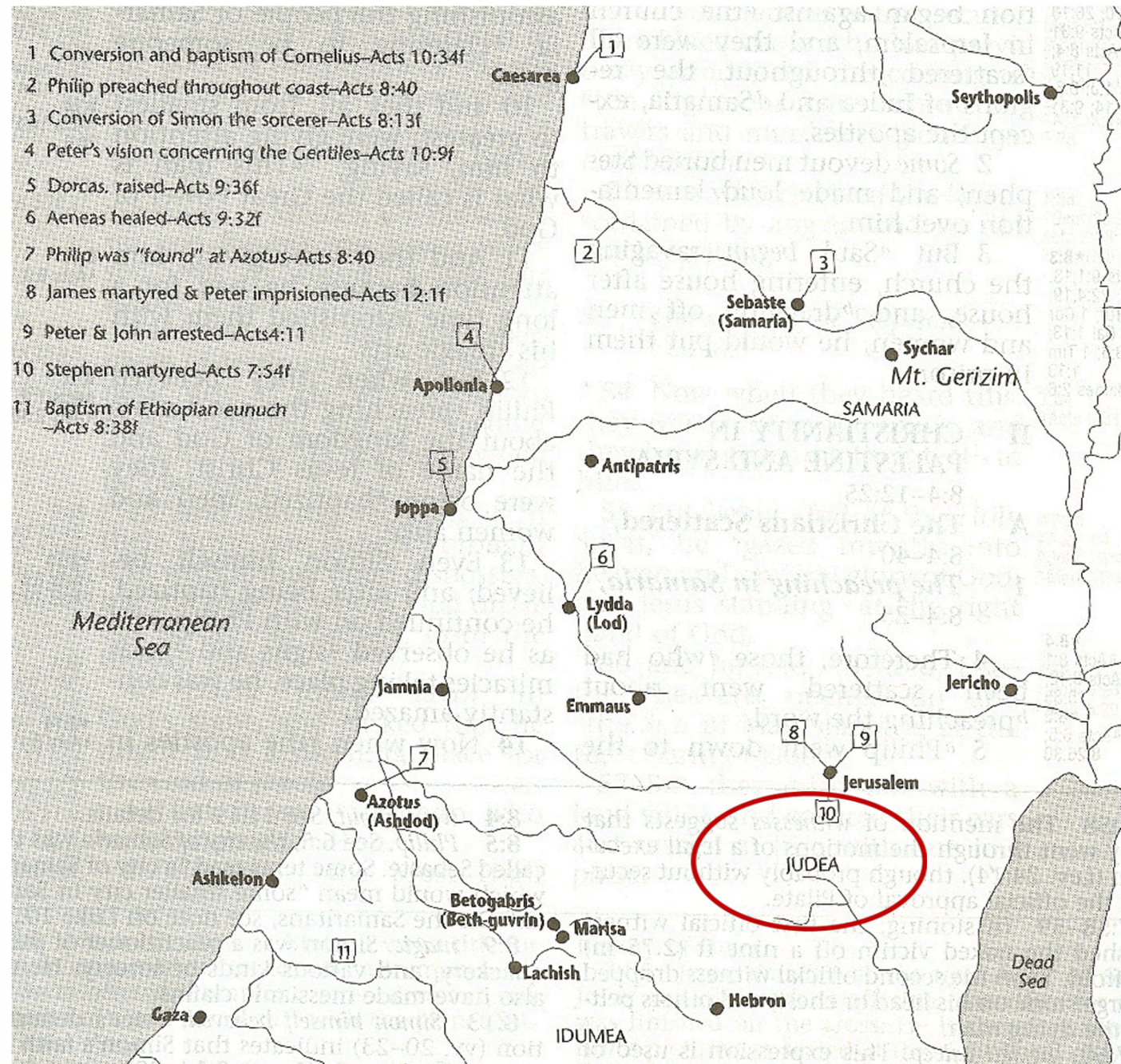








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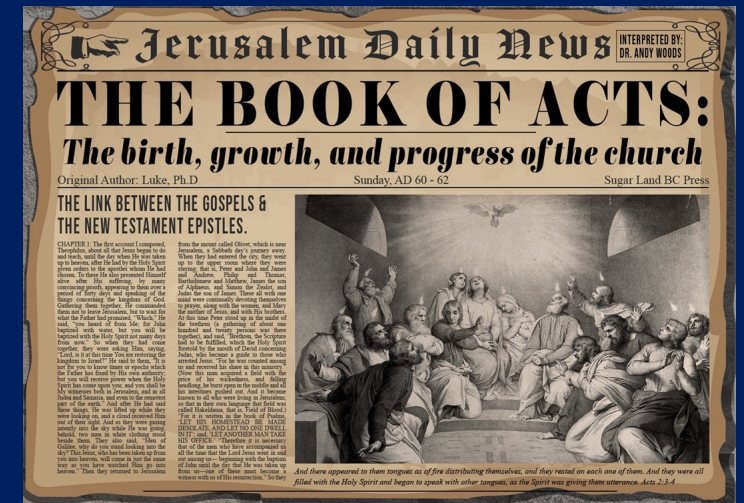




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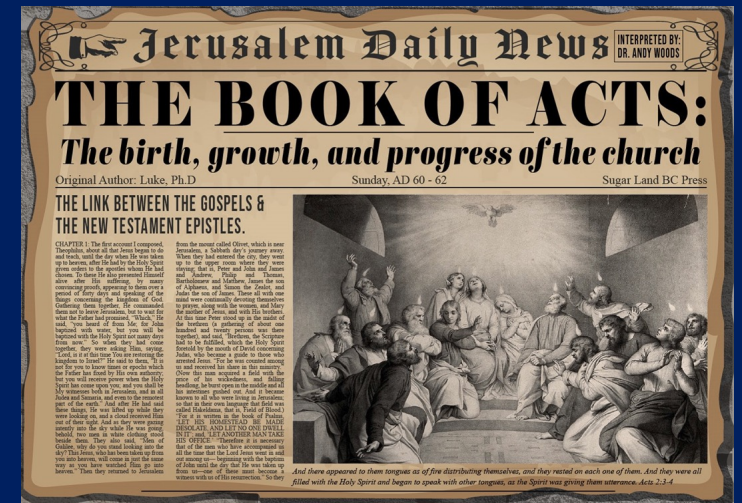
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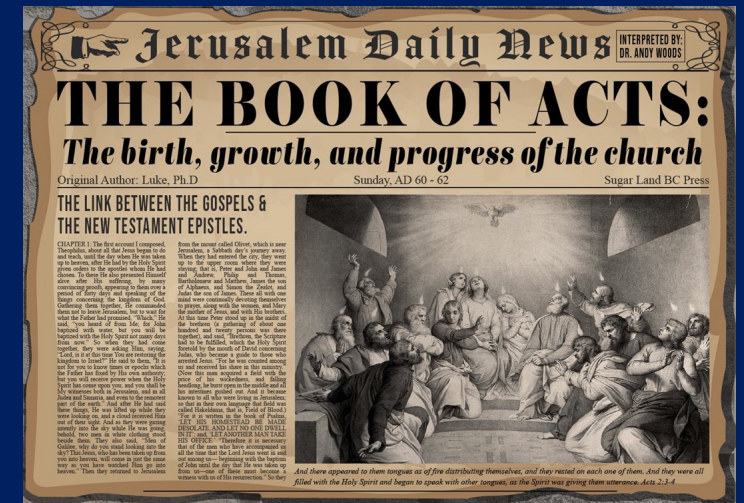
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“Though Luke gave no record of God’s commanding Philip to preach to the Samaritans (v. 5), God did sovereignly direct Philip toward Gaza . . . The highway is referred to as the desert road. The expression may refer to a desert road or a desert city. Ancient Gaza was destroyed in 93 B.C. and the city was rebuilt nearer the Mediterranean in 57 B.C. The old city was called Desert Gaza. The Greek for the angel’s command could be translated, ‘Arise and go to the south to the road . . . that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza. This is desert.’ This reference to the road in 8:36 may imply that the road, not the city, was in a deserted area.”

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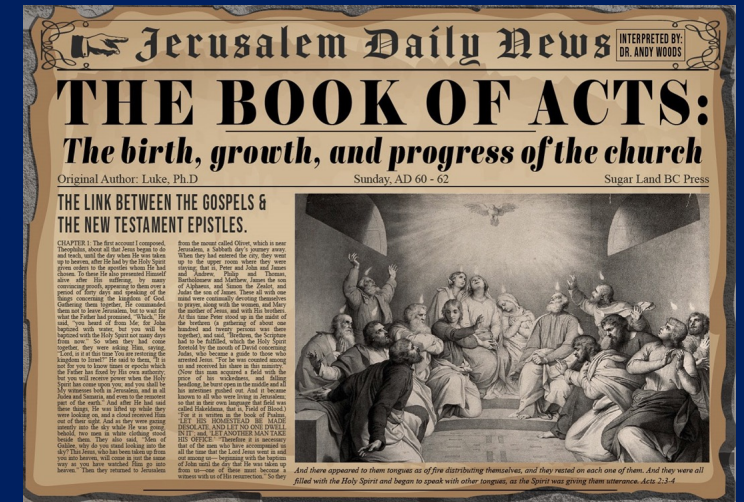
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“The text states that he was a eunuch. Eunuchs were often employed by oriental rulers in positions of high office. They were also male servants of female dignitaries, but only placed in such positions after having been castrated... Politically, he was a highly influential official under Candace, queen of the Ethiopians. ‘Candace’ (*Kandakēs*, in Greek) was not a proper name, but the title of the queen of Ethiopia, much like the word ‘Kaiser’ was the title of the king of Germany and ‘Czar’ was a title of the king of Russia.”



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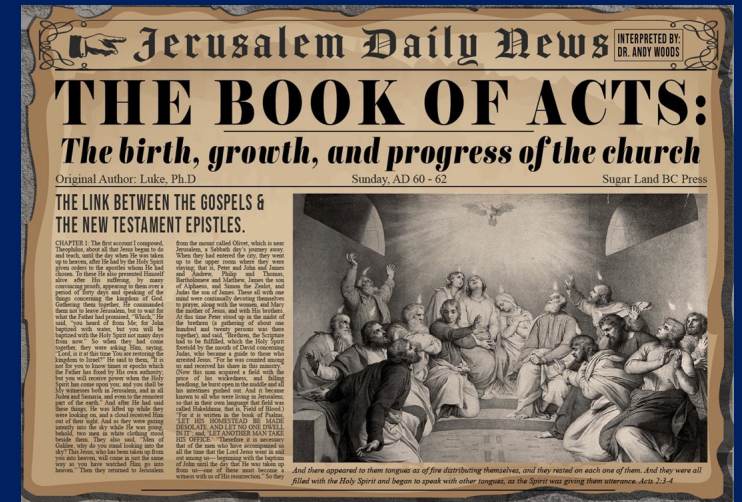
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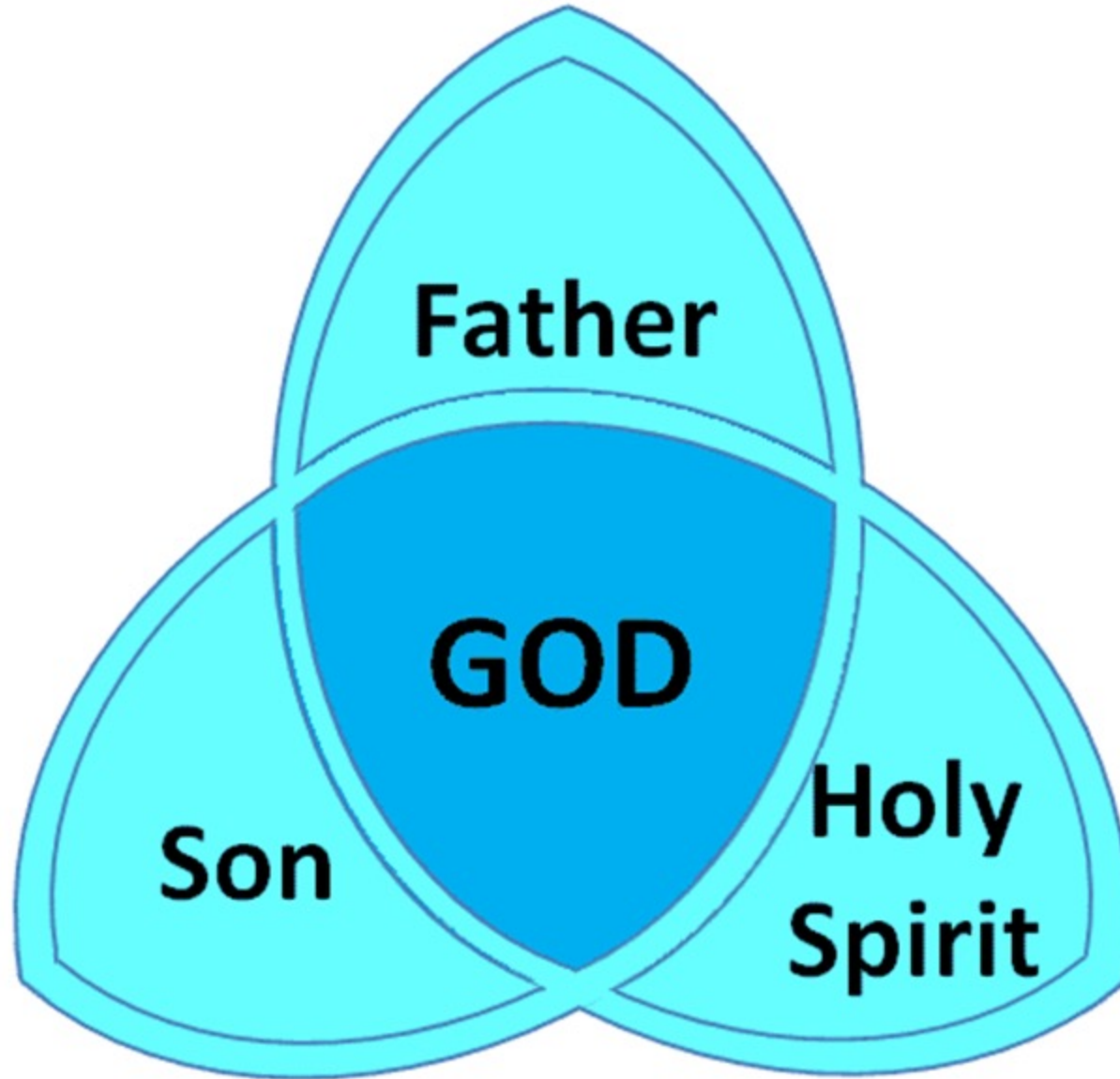
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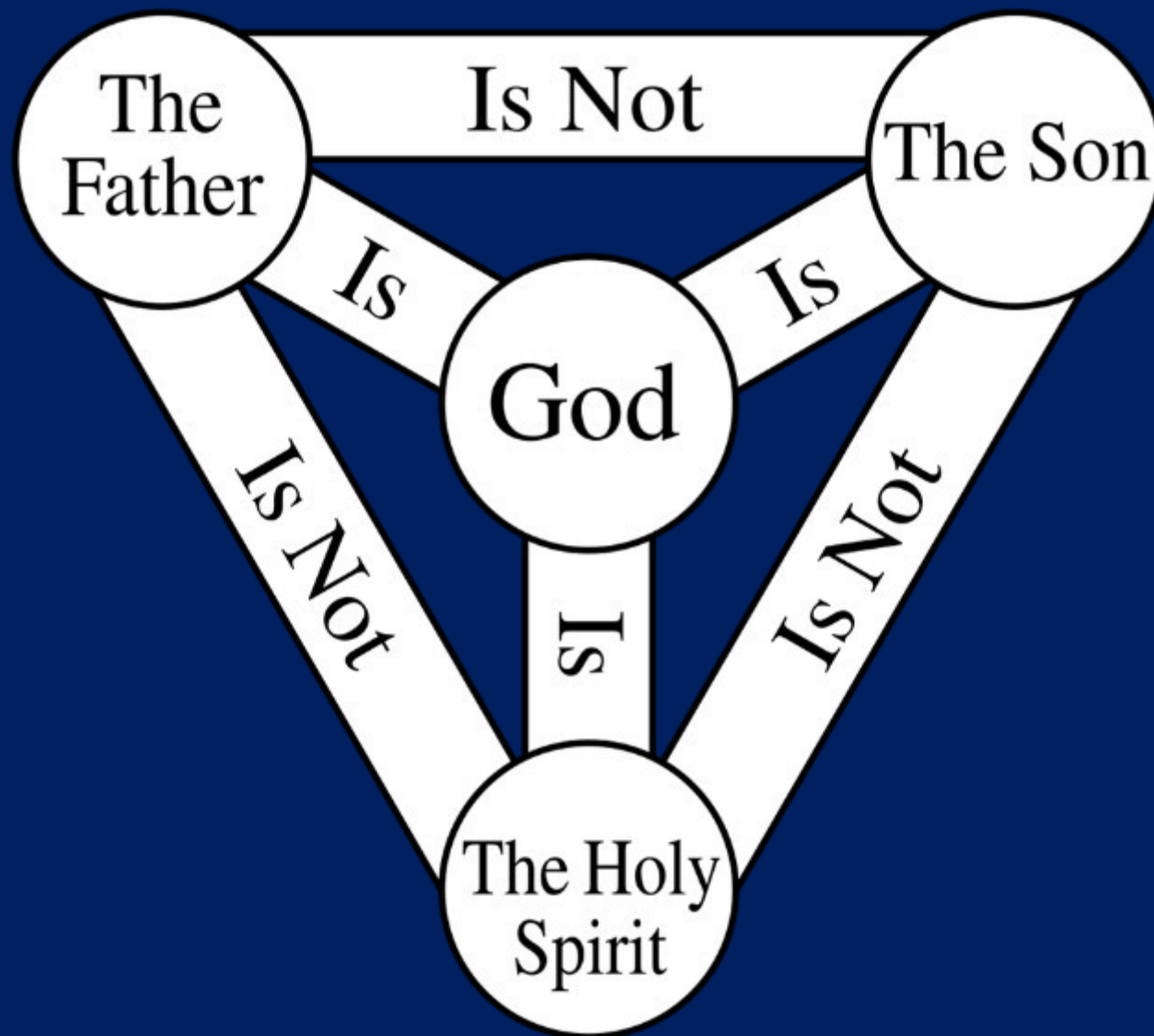
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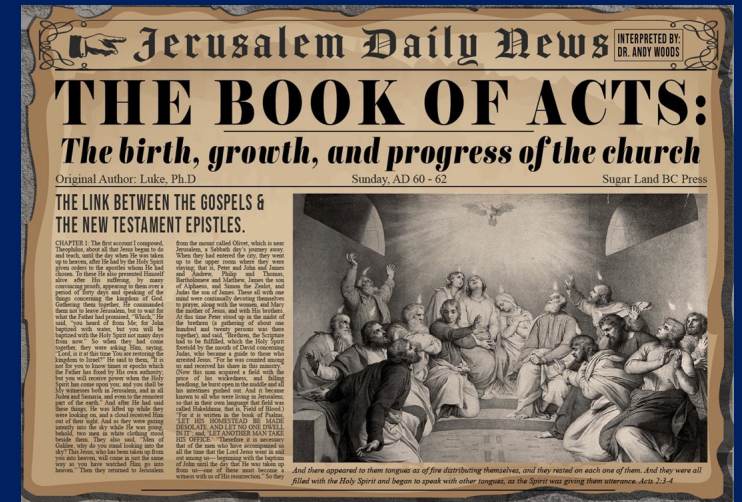




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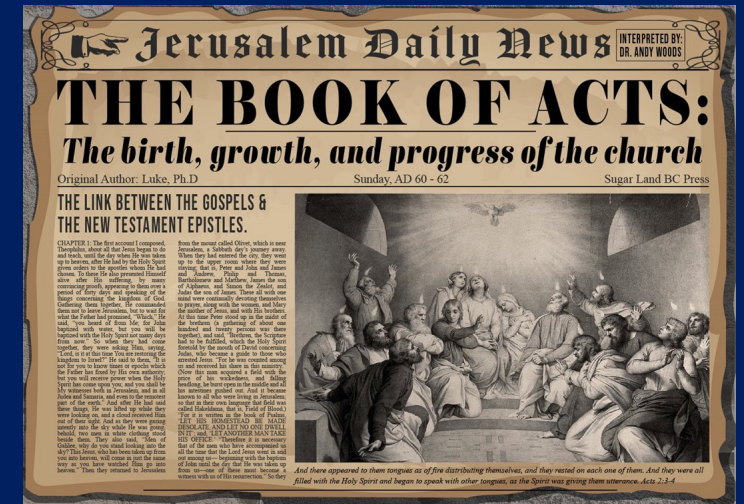
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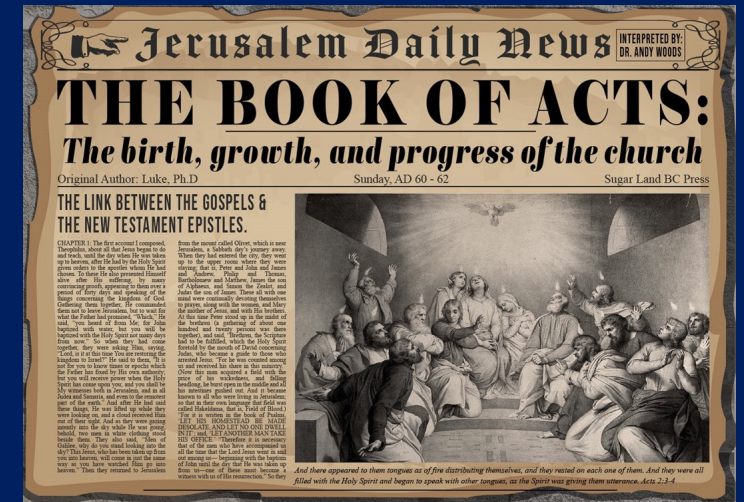
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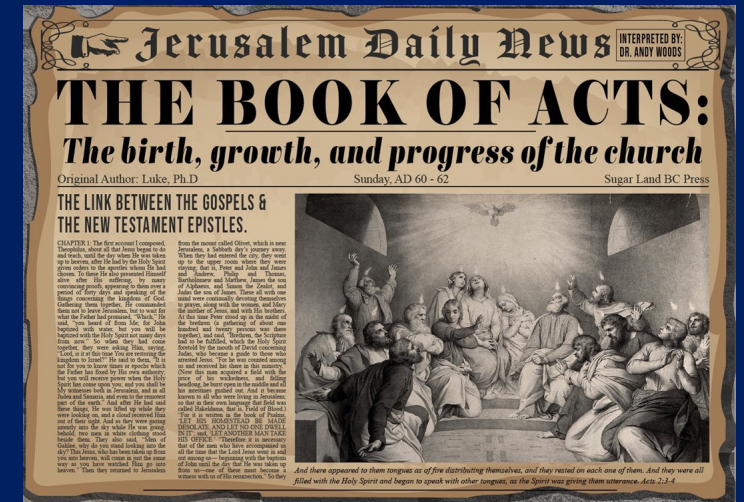
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## Ephesians 4:11-16

“<sup>11</sup> And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup> for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ;”



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“<sup>13</sup> until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ. <sup>14</sup> As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming;”



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“<sup>15</sup> but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ, <sup>16</sup> from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.”

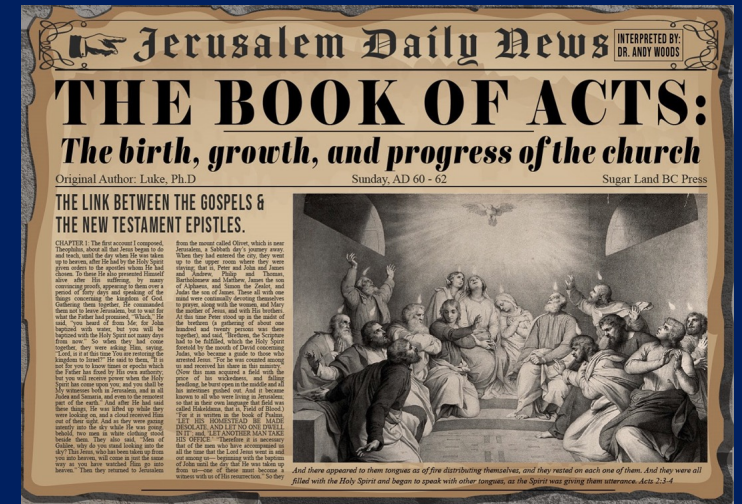




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## Isaiah 53:3–6

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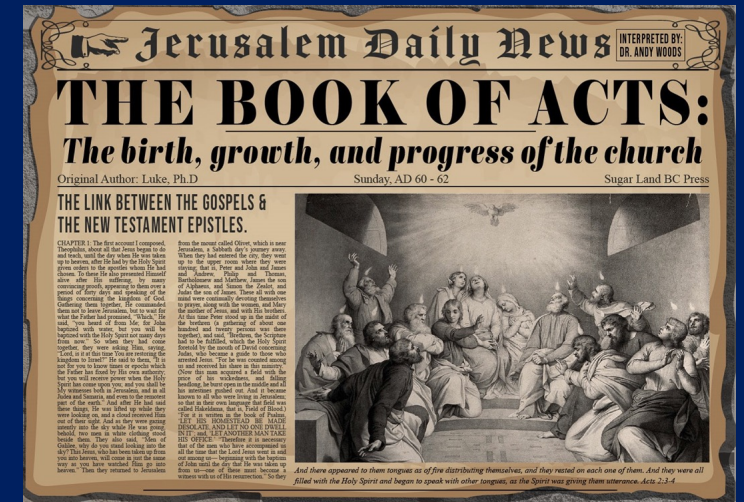
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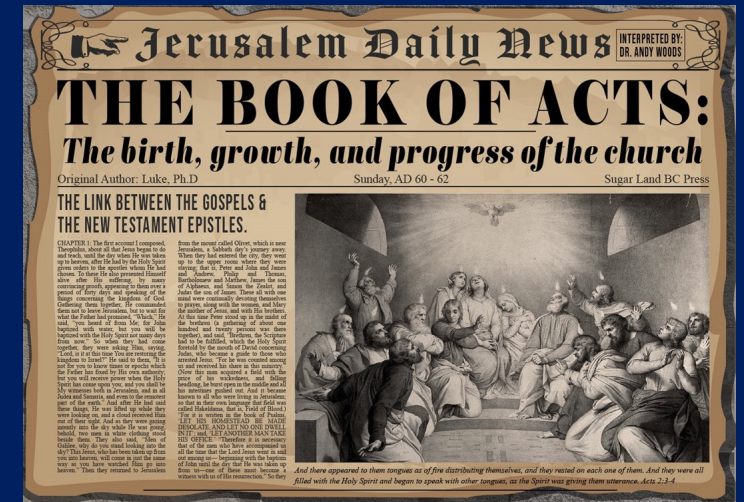
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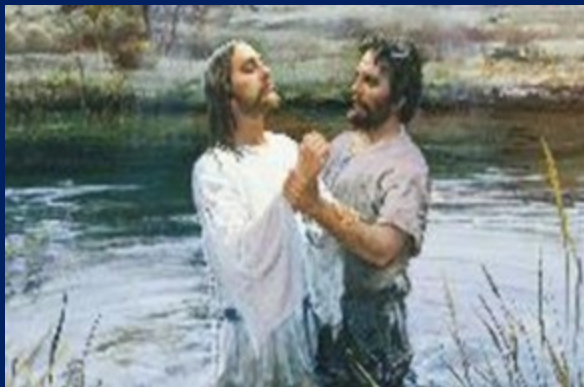
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# Sprinkling or Immersion?

- Sprinkling? Other words (1 Pet. 1:12; 2 Tim. 4:6)
- Immersion?
  - Christ's baptism (Matt. 3:16; Mark 1:10)
  - Ethiopian eunuch's baptism (Acts 8:38-39)
  - Best symbolizes our union with Christ (Rom. 6:3)
  - Symbolizes a new creation (Gen. 1:6, 9; 2 Pet. 3:5; 2 Cor. 5:17)

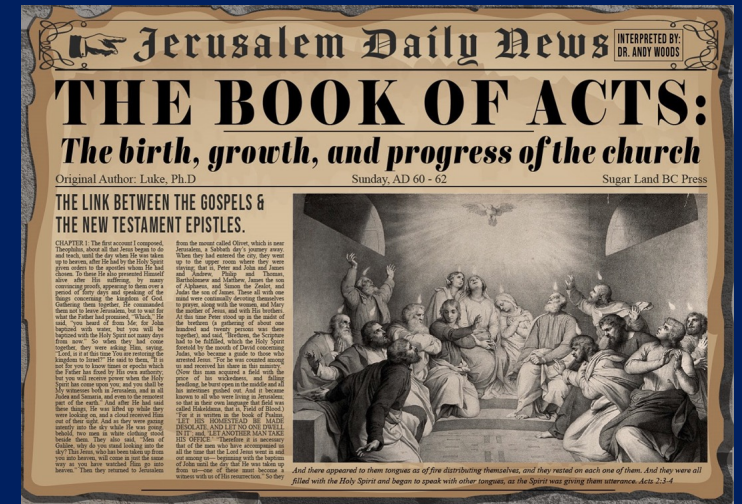




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# Exemption from Death

## (1 Cor 15:54-56)

- Enoch (Gen 5)
- Elijah (2 Kings 2)
- Christ (Acts 1:11; Rev 12:5)
- Philip (Acts 8:39)
- Paul (2 Cor 12:2, 4)
- John (Rev 4:1-2)
- Two witnesses (Rev 11)



## 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

<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 those who have fallen asleep. <sup>16</sup> For the Lord Himself will . . .





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...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."





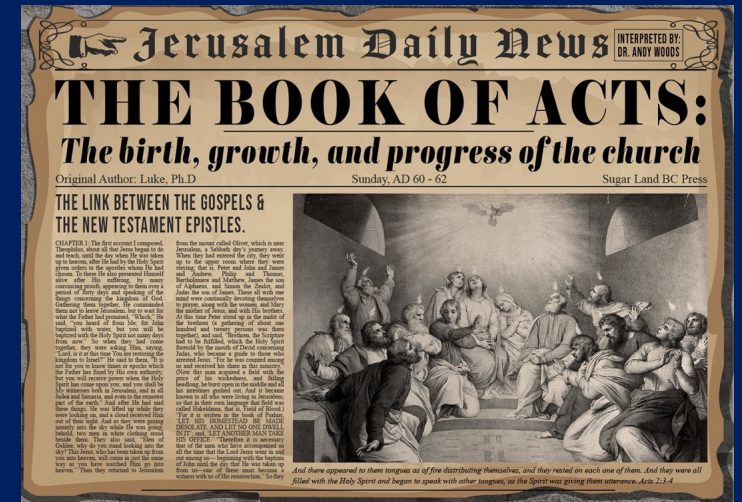
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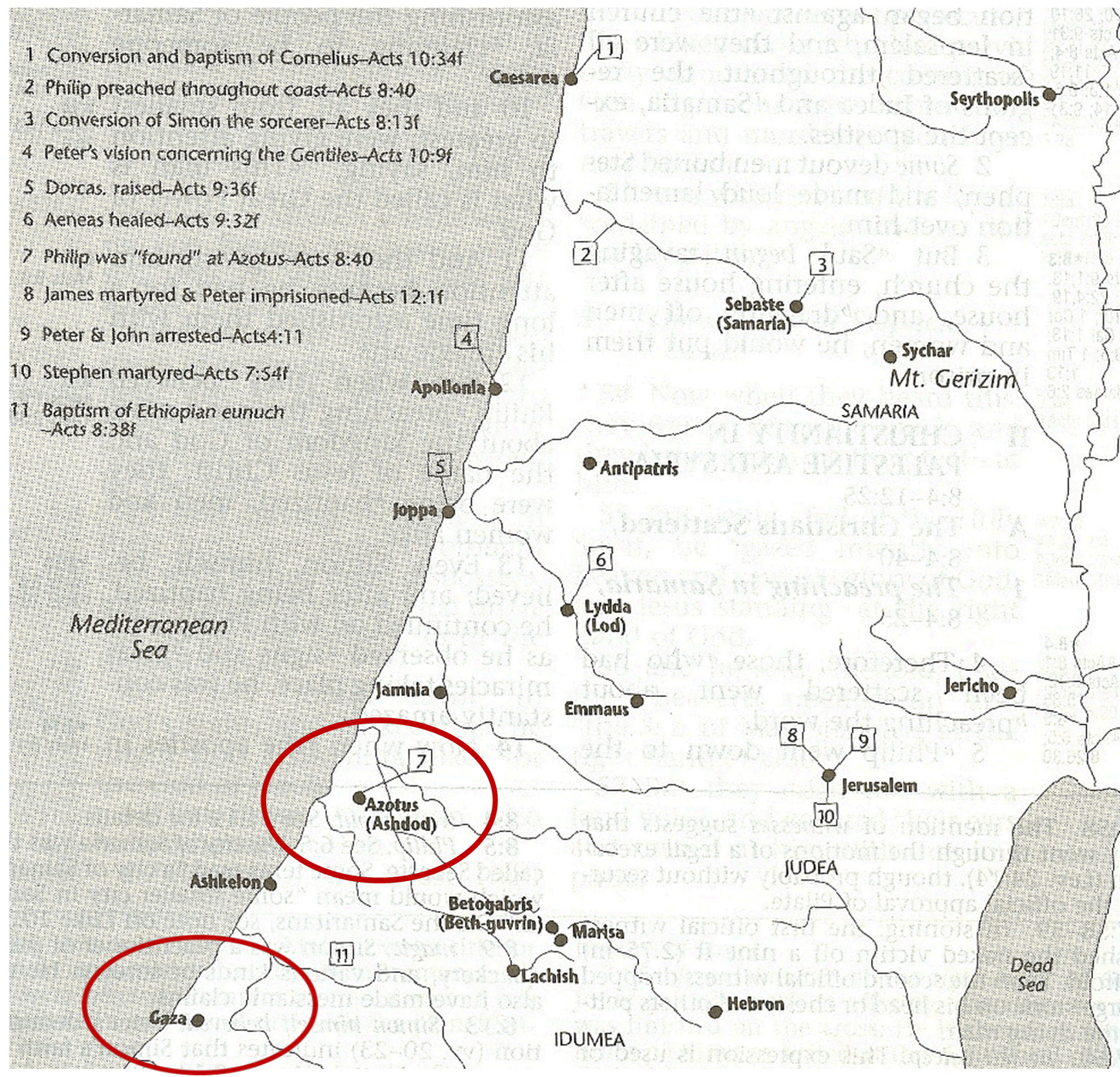
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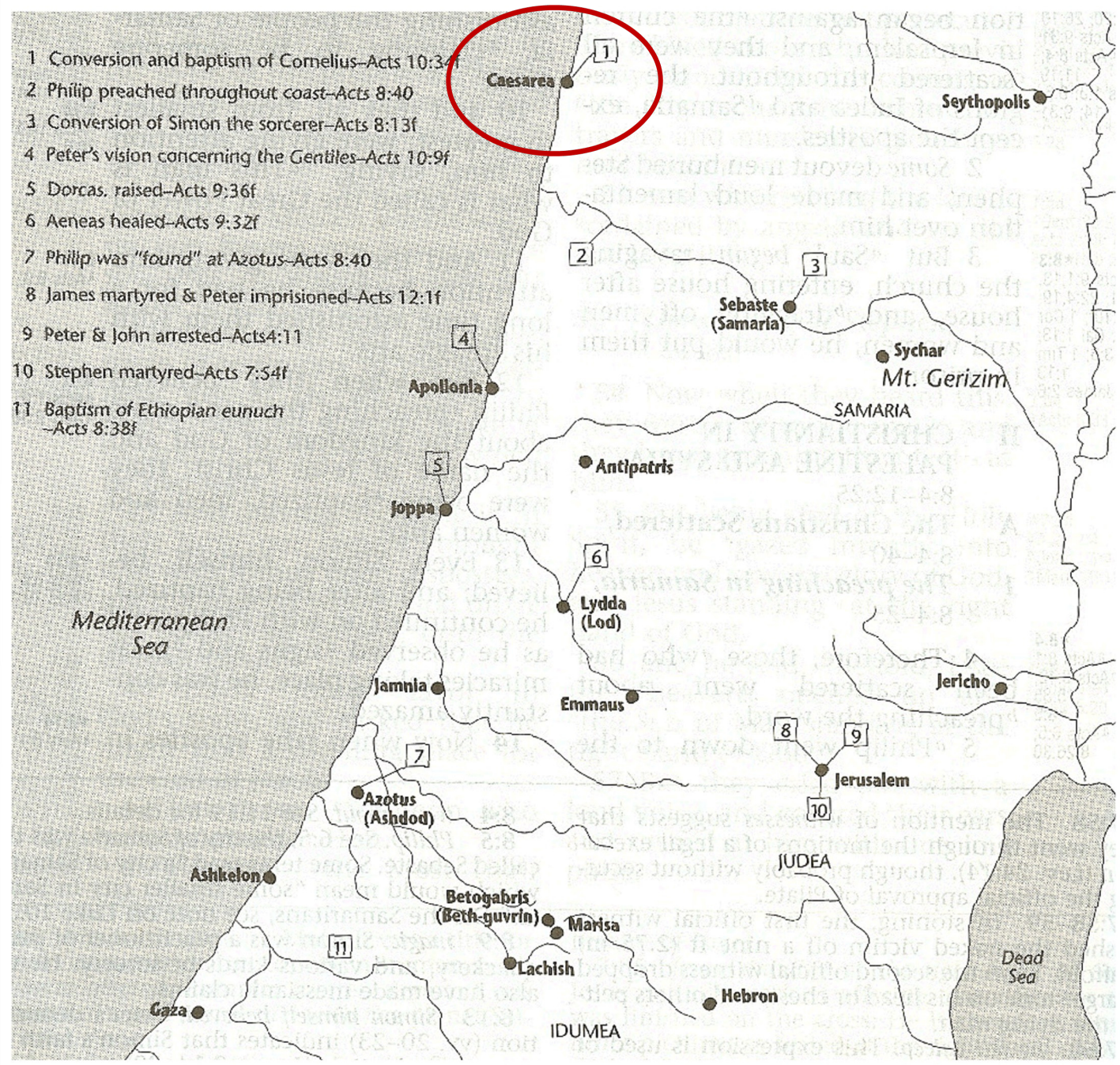


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- 9 Peter & John arrested—Acts 4:11
- 10 Stephen martyred—Acts 7:54f
- 11 Baptism of Ethiopian eunuch—Acts 8:38f





Conclusion

# Acts 8:5-40

## Philip's Ministry

### I. Samaria (8:5-25)

### II. Judea (Acts 8:26-40)

