THE BOOK OF ACTS

"To Do and To Teach"

Teaching 7: Chapter 3, PT. 2 – Peter's Second Sermon

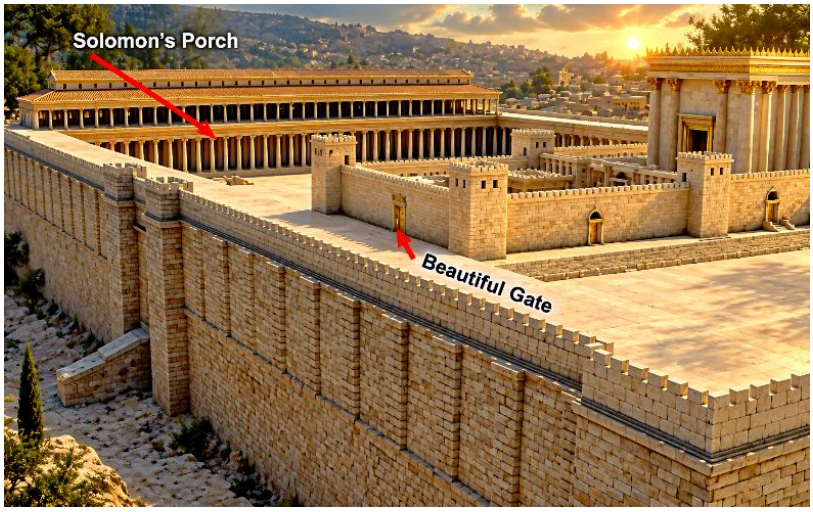
Understanding: We are starting after Peter has performed his first miracle. This first miracle has caused such a stir that Peter is now led to begin his second sermon.

Acts 3:11-26

Peter's Second Sermon

Verse 11

Acts 3:11 (AMP) – [11] Now while he was still holding on to Peter and John, all the people, utterly amazed, ran together *and* crowded around them at the covered porch called Solomon's portico.



- This area was better known as Solomon's Porch.
- This was the covered, column-supported walkway on the eastern side of the Herodian Temple.
- This was the part of Solomon's Temple that Herod the Great had rebuilt.

Verses 12-13

Acts 3:12-13 (AMP) – [12] And Peter, seeing this, said to the people, "You men of Israel, why are you amazed at this? Why are you staring at us, as though by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? [13] The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified His Servant *and* Son Jesus [doing Him this honor], *the One* whom you handed over and disowned *and* rejected before Pilate, when he had decided to release Him.



Note: What I will always love about the Apostles is that they would not dare steal the Lord's Glory and take credit for anything! This is the Fear of the Lord on Display!

Verses 14-16

Acts 3:14-16 (AMP) – [14] But you disowned *and* denied the Holy and Righteous One and asked for [the pardon of] a murderer to be granted to you. [15] But you killed the Prince (Author, Originator, Source) of life, whom God raised [bodily] from the dead. To this [fact] **we are witnesses [for we have seen the risen Christ]**. [16] And **on the basis of faith** in His name, it is the name of Jesus which has strengthened this man whom you see and know; and the faith which *comes* through Him has given him this perfect health *and* complete wholeness in your presence.

Key: We must emphasize the amount of boldness and courage Peter and John are walking in to preach to the very people that disowned and denied Jesus. But Peter didn't stop there; he highlights that they preferred to pardon a murderer.



Luke 23:18-19 (AMP) – **18** But they [loudly] shouted out all together, saying, "Away with this Man, and release Barabbas to us!" **19** (He was one who had been thrown into prison for an insurrection that happened in the city, and for murder.)

<u>Verses 17-18</u>

Acts 3:17-18 (AMP) – **17** "Now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance [not fully aware of what you were doing], just as your rulers did also. **18** And so God has fulfilled what He foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that His Christ (Messiah, Anointed) **would suffer.**

Note: Jesus spoke from His own mouth in **Luke 24:44** that He had to suffer because it was written in the Law and the Prophets that He would do so.

<u>Verse 19</u>

Acts 3:19 (AMP) – 19 So repent [change your inner self—your old way of thinking, regret past sins] and return [to God—seek His purpose for your life], so that your sins may be wiped away [blotted out, completely erased], so that times of

refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord [restoring you like a cool wind on a hot day];

- Peter knows what a repentant heart can do for a man.
- Peter can preach the endless Mercy of G-d because he is living in it.
- Who else could be chosen to preach the power of repentance and restoration?

<u>Verse 20-21</u>

After Restoration, Relationship Restored

Acts 3:20-21 (AMP) – [20] and that He may send [to you] Jesus, the Christ, who has been appointed for you, [21] whom heaven must keep until the time for the **[complete] restoration of all things** about which God promised through the mouth of His holy prophets from ancient time.



Question: What is this restoration of all things?

Answer: Luke is referencing **The Second Coming of Jesus Christ** as depicted in **Revelation 19:11-16** when He will rule with an iron rod!



Understanding: This is not simply a symbol! The Rod of Iron symbolizes the Absolute and Unyielding Divine Authority of Jesus – the Righteous Rulership of Jesus over all the nations!

The Reinforcement of Identity

<u>Verse 22-23</u>

Acts 3:22-23 (AMP) – [22] Moses said, 'THE LORD GOD WILL RAISE UP FOR YOU A PROPHET LIKE ME FROM YOUR COUNTRYMEN; YOU SHALL LISTEN TO HIM *and* OBEY everything He tells you. [23] 'And it will be that every person that does not listen to *and* heed that Prophet will be utterly destroyed from among the people.'

Deuteronomy 18:18-19 (AMP) - [18] 'I will raise up a prophet from among their countrymen like you, and I will put My words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. [19] 'It shall come about that whoever will not listen to My words which he shall speak in My name, I Myself will require it of him [and there will be consequences].

Verse 24-26

Acts 3:24-26 (AMP) – [24] Indeed, all the prophets who have spoken, from Samuel and those who came after him, also announced these days. [25] **You are the sons (descendants) of the prophets and [heirs] of the covenant which God made with your fathers, saying to Abraham, 'AND IN YOUR SEED (descendant) ALL THE FAMILIES OF THE EARTH SHALL BE BLESSED.'** [26] **"*It was* for you first *of all that*** God raised up His Servant *and* Son [Jesus], and sent Him to bless you by turning every one *of you* from **your wicked ways."**

Key: It's because of the Abrahamic Covenant that Jesus was sent into the earth!



John 4:22 (AMP) – [22] You [Samaritans] do not know what you worship; we [Jews] do know what we worship, for salvation is from the Jews.

Note: Yeshua is still turning Father's children from their wicked ways! **Selah…**

The End