

THE BOOK OF ACTS

“To Do and To Teach”

Teaching 2: Chapter 1, PT. 1 - The Sovereignty of G-d

Introduction: Let us remind ourselves what we have already been taught in the introduction/foundation laying teaching. **The Book of Acts** is a **continuing report** from the **Gospel of Luke**, penned by **Luke the physician to Theophilus**, as an historian of **all the things that Jesus began To Do and To Teach**.

Acts 1:1-11

Note: Father has always had a plan of Redemption for His children!

Verses 1-2

Acts 1:1-2 (AMP) - ¹ The first account I made, Theophilus, was [a continuous report] about all the things that Jesus began to do and to teach ² until the day when He ascended *to heaven*, after He had by the Holy Spirit given instruction to the apostles (special messengers) whom He had chosen.

Note: Luke is reiterating what he has already said to Theophiles in the Gospel of **Luke 1:3**, but then he goes on to add the why in **Verse 4** of his Gospel account.

Luke 1:3-4 (AMP) – ³ it seemed fitting for me as well, [and so I have decided] after having carefully searched out *and* investigated all the events accurately, from the *very* beginning, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus; ⁴ **so that you may know the exact truth about the things you have been taught** [that is, the history and doctrine of the faith].

Key: Luke is determined to make sure that whoever Theophilus is, he has been taught correctly. **Acts 1** is the reinforcement.

Verse 3

Acts 1:3 (AMP) - ³ **To these [men] He also showed Himself alive after His suffering** [in Gethsemane and on the cross], by [a series of] many infallible proofs *and* unquestionable demonstrations, **appearing to them over a period of forty days** and talking to them about the things concerning the kingdom of God.

Understanding: Mary Magdalene was the first human to see Jesus risen, but it was the Apostles that Luke is validating here in Luke and Acts to Theophilus. From the Gospel of John this was covered thoroughly.



- Jesus appeared first in the Upper Room and then to the Apostles over a period of 40 Days.
- Jesus signs and wonders backed up Who He was.
- Jesus taught them the things regarding the Kingdom of G-d.
- Jesus was building identity.
- Jesus was instilling into them the Kingdom of G-d mindset.

The Kingdom of G-d Mindset

2 Corinthians 5:16-17 (AMP) – ¹⁶ So from now on we regard no one from a human point of view [according to worldly standards and values]. Though we have known Christ from a human point of view, now we no longer know Him *in this way*. ¹⁷ Therefore if anyone is in Christ [that is, grafted in, joined to Him by faith in Him as Savior], **he is a new creature [reborn and renewed by the Holy Spirit];** the old things [**the previous moral and spiritual condition**] have passed away. Behold, **new things have come [because spiritual awakening brings a new life].**

Note: The first thing Jesus did on earth was to start instilling the Kingdom of G-d into those He had chosen, or they would never do what He was asking them to do!

- You will never walk in freedom until your mind is free!
- You must renew your mind!

Romans 12:2 (AMP) – ² And do not be conformed to this world [any longer with its **superficial values and customs**], but be transformed *and* progressively changed [as you mature spiritually] **by the renewing of your mind [focusing on godly values and ethical attitudes]**, so that you may prove [for yourselves] what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect [in His plan and purpose for you].

The Promise of Power

Verses 4-5

Acts 1:4-5 (AMP) - ⁴ While being together *and* eating with them, He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for what the **Father had promised**, “Of which,” *He said*, “**you have heard Me speak**. ⁵ For John baptized with water, but you will be baptized *and* empowered *and* **united with the Holy Spirit**, not long from now.”

Promise-KJV-(Greek)-*epanhelia*-announcement, the act of promising, a promise given. A promise of good or blessing.



Key: Luke is letting Theophilus know that Jesus had given them the announcement from Father that they would be empowered and united with the Holy Spirit!

Understanding: What John the Baptizer did in getting the people's hearts prepared for the promise of G-d, Jesus finished through His death and resurrection to unite the Children of G-d with the Spirit of their Father.

Verses 6-7

Acts 1:6-7 (AMP) - ⁶ So when they had come together, they asked Him *repeatedly*, "Lord, are You at this time reestablishing the kingdom *and* restoring it to Israel?" ⁷ He said to them, "It is not for you to know the times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority."

Epoch-(Hebrew)- yom (יוֹם), used for a distinct period, time, which translates literally to "day". Frequently used broadly to mean a long time, an era, or a specific age.

Key: Yeshua is saying it is Father that has fixed the times and seasons by His Own Authority!



Daniel 2:21 (AMP) – ²¹ "It is He who changes the times and the seasons; He removes kings and establishes kings. He gives wisdom to the wise And [greater] knowledge to those who have understanding!"

Verse 8

Acts 1:8 (AMP) - ⁸ But you will **receive power *and* ability** when the **Holy Spirit comes upon you**; and **you will be My witnesses [to tell people about Me]** both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and Samaria, and even to the ends of the earth.”



Revelation: The whole purpose of the Holy Spirit empowerment was not to show off our gifts but to be Effective Witnesses about Yeshua Ha Mashiach, Jesus the Messiah!

The Ascension

Verse 9

Acts 1:9 (AMP) - ⁹ And after He said these things, He was caught up as they looked on, and a cloud took Him up out of their sight.

Note: Luke is giving proof to Theophilus of who Jesus was, not based upon what others were saying, but based upon the eyewitness account of the original Disciples.

Verses 10-11

Acts 1:10-11 (AMP) - ¹⁰ While they were looking intently into the sky as He was going, two men in white clothing suddenly stood beside them, ¹¹ who said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This [same] Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will return in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven.”

Key: Because they believed He ascended, they also believed that He would return as The Apostle Paul also pointed out!

The Power of The Gospel

1 Thessalonians 2:19 (AMP) – ¹⁹ For who is [the object of] our hope or joy or our victor’s wreath of triumphant celebration [when we stand] in the presence of our Lord Jesus at His coming? Is it not you?

Wreath (Crown-KJV)



Question: Do you want your Victors Crown?

Answer: If Yes, then Be a Witness to what Jesus Did and what He taught! Selah...

The End