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Writer: Luke the Physician

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Chapters: 28

Verses: 1,007

Words: 24,250

Time Frame:

Book was not completed until AFTER the Apostle Paul's imprisonment in Chapter 28, which should be after A.D. 58 by all other accounts and before his death.

The Apostle Paul's death was about 64-69 A.D during Nero's reign.

Luke also does not mention any fulfillment of the Prophecies defined in Luke 21 regarding the destruction of Jerusalem in A.D. 70.

Luke 21:20-24 — *And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh. Then let them which are in Judaea flee to the mountains; and let them which are in the midst of it depart out; and let not them that are in the countries enter thereinto. For these be the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled. But woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck, in those days! for there shall be great distress in the land, and wrath upon this people. And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.*

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Approach for Studying the Book of Acts

It is very important in studying the book of Acts that we approach it in a way that rightly divides the book in accordance with God's divine plan and in accordance with other scriptures. A brief background from our study on Rightly Dividing God's Word is important before we begin.

In order to rightly divide God's Word, we must understand the general concepts. The following items must be understood to rightly divide God's Word. Even if we learn the following items, it still takes a lot of persistence and study to rightly divide God's Word. But if we correctly apply the following concepts, we are much less likely to misinterpret God's Word.

- Three Groups of People
- Three Ways to Apply Scripture
- Two Resurrections
- Two Advents (Comings)
- Seven Dispensations
- Eight Covenants

2 Timothy 2: 15 — *Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*

To rightly divide scripture, we must understand God divides groups of people into three distinct groups:

1 Corinthians 10:32 — *Give none offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God:*

Jews – Distinct beginning in Genesis 12

Genesis 12:1-3 — *Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.*

Church – Distinct beginning in Acts 2

Acts 2:1-4 — *And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were **all filled with the Holy Ghost**, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.*

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Gentiles – Distinct Beginning in Genesis 1

Genesis 1:26-27 — *And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.*

2 Timothy 3:16 — *All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:*

Three ways to apply scripture:

Historically — The scripture will describe how the event happened (or will happen) exactly as the event happened.

Spiritually — All scripture is profitable for doctrine, reproof, correction, and instructions in righteousness and can be used to provide correction and instruction.

Doctrinally — Every verse in the Bible is aimed at a specific group of people for a specific period of time (dispensationally), to teach a specific truth that must be taken **EXACTLY** as the verse is written.

Although there are seven dispensations throughout the Word of God, the Book of Acts primarily only deals with one dispensation beginning in Acts Chapter 2 with the start of the dispensation of the grace of God which is mentioned by Paul in Ephesians 3. We will only focus our study carefully with this in mind.

Ephesians 3:2 — *If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward:*

The reason why this is very important is that Acts is the source of several incorrect teachings today!!

Another fact is that no one from Acts 1-15 (at least) had no access to any written Word of God – other than the Old Testament.

Matthew – John – Written to the Jews and is the Gospel of the Kingdom – for the Jews in case they accepted Christ as the Messiah – but they rejected Him.

Acts – Transition from the Gospel of the Kingdom to the Gospel of the Grace of God. Chapters 1-7 are for the Jews and they end up rejecting Christ as the Messiah when the Sanhedrin stoned Stephen in Chapter 7 – Rejection of the Holy Spirit.

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Romans – Philemon – Epistles of Paul written to the Church – doctrinally – the only books for the Church

Hebrews – Written to the Jews – Transitional book from the Church – back to the Jews for the tribulation period

James – Revelation – Written to the Jews – Doctrinally for the Jews through the tribulation period.

A key verse in the new testament is in the second book of Corinthians.

2 Corinthians 5:16 — *Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more.*

Paul statement is very profound as revealed by the Holy Spirit – though you heard Christ speak something while He was on the earth – It is no longer to be taken as doctrinally applicable during the church dispensation.

Example –

Matthew 5:30 — *And if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell.*

Are we to cut our right hand off if it does something wrong – no we ask for forgiveness to restore fellowship – sins were forgiven when we accepted Christ as our Savior.

Outline of the Book

I. The Church Established in Jerusalem - Acts 1-6

A. The church began with power – Acts 1-2

1. Waiting for the promise – Acts 1
2. The promise fulfilled and the church established – Acts 2

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1. Miracle of Peter and John / Opposition of Sadducees....3:1-4:31
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 - 2. The decision is made
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 - C. Second Missionary Journey....15:36-18:22**
 - 1. The rift between Paul and John Mark....15:37-41
 - 2. Paul forbidden to go to Asia and Bithynia....16:6-8
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 - E. Paul's Journey to Jerusalem and to Rome....21:15-28:31**
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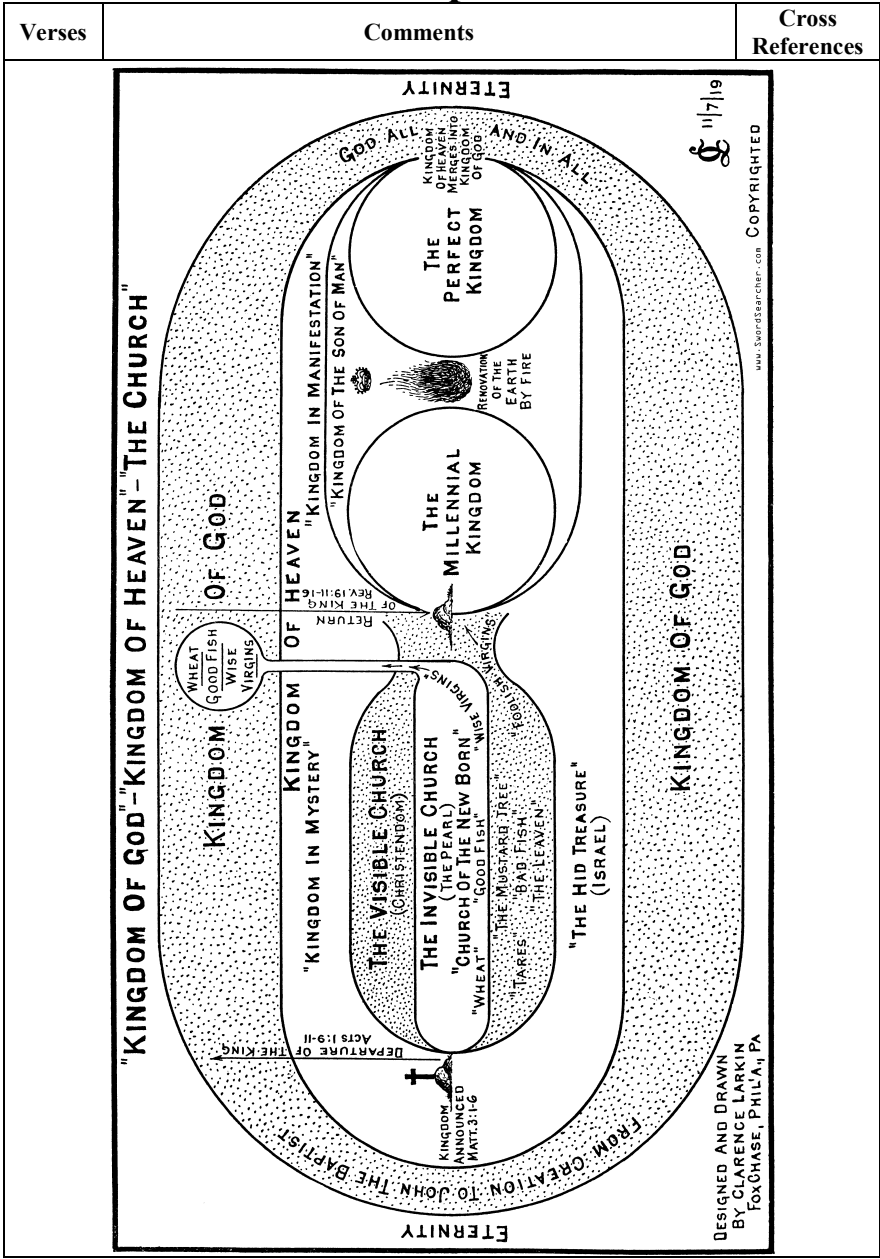
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1-2 (cont)	<p>Noah Webster 1828 Dictionary</p> <p><u>Disciple</u> Noun: A learner; a scholar; one who receives or professes to receive instruction from another. Adherent: A follower; one who adheres to the doctrines of another.</p> <p><u>Apostle</u> Noun: A person deputed to execute some important business; to send away, to sent.</p> <p>How appropriate to transition the terms from disciples to apostles? They were learners and followers of Christ while He was here and now they are being sent throughout the world.</p>	
3	<p>Acts 1:3 — <i>To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:</i> (KJV)</p> <p>We will notice now the many attacks on how Luke emphasized the term infallible.</p> <p>Acts 1:3 — To whom he also showed himself alive after his passion by many proofs, appearing unto them by the space of forty days, and speaking the things concerning the kingdom of God: (ASV)</p> <p>Acts 1:3 — To them he presented himself alive after his passion by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days, and speaking of the kingdom of God. (RSV)</p> <p>Acts 1:3 — He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. (ESV)</p> <p>Acts 1:3 — 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. (NASV)</p> <p>Acts 1:3 — After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. (NIV)</p>	

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3 (cont)	<p>What is noticeable among the various versions?</p> <p>Infallible - incapable of making mistakes or being wrong. The removing and changing the word from infallible to convincing is intentional. I can convince you that something is true BUT I could still be wrong.</p> <p>Greek word translated means - criterion of certainty.</p> <p>Being seen 40 days after His resurrection – He wasn't hiding at all and all of the graves that were opened when He arose (Mat. 27:52) and seen of more than 500 at one time (1 Cor. 15:6) and being with about 120 at his ascension (Acts 1:15).</p> <p>Matthew 27:52 — <i>And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose,</i></p> <p>1 Corinthians 15:6 — <i>After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep.</i></p> <p>Acts 1:15 — <i>And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples, and said, (the number of names together were about an hundred and twenty,)</i></p> <p>The last portion of the verse speaks about the Kingdom of God versus Kingdom of heaven. We won't have time to go deeply into this distinction, but the Kingdom of heaven spoken of throughout Matthew's gospel only. It is the literal kingdom that Christ will set up during His millennial reign on earth. The Kingdom of God is the spiritual kingdom and engulfs the Kingdom of heaven and basically from Adam to eternity beginning.</p> <p>I have included a chart by Clarence Larkin that attempts to illustrate the differences.</p>	<p>Mat. 27:42 1 Cor. 15:6 Acts 1:15</p>

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3 (cont)	<p>40 days of appearance after His resurrection. Let's go back in time to verify these days.</p> <p>Exodus 23:14-19 — <i>Three times thou shalt keep a feast unto me in the year. Thou shalt keep the feast of unleavened bread: (thou shalt eat unleavened bread seven days, as I commanded thee, in the time appointed of the month Abib; for in it thou camest out from Egypt: and none shall appear before me empty:) And the feast of harvest, the firstfruits of thy labours, which thou hast sown in the field: and the feast of ingathering, which is in the end of the year, when thou hast gathered in thy labours out of the field. Three times in the year all thy males shall appear before the Lord GOD. Thou shalt not offer the blood of my sacrifice with leavened bread; neither shall the fat of my sacrifice remain until the morning. The first of the firstfruits of thy land thou shalt bring into the house of the LORD thy God. Thou shalt not seethe a kid in his mother's milk.</i></p> <p>10th day of first month Nisan – Take up the lamb without blemish</p> <p>Exodus 12:3 — <i>Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth day of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to the house of their fathers, a lamb for an house:</i></p> <p>14th day of the month of Nisan – Kill the Passover lamb and apply the blood</p> <p>Exodus 12:6-7 — <i>And ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening. And they shall take of the blood, and strike it on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses, wherein they shall eat it.</i></p>	<p>Ex. 23:14-19; 12:3, 6-7</p>

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3 (cont)	<p>Keep this day for a memorial as a feast</p> <p>Exodus 12:13-14, 18 — <i>And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt. And this day shall be unto you for a memorial; and ye shall keep it a feast to the LORD throughout your generations; ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance for ever. In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month at even, ye shall eat unleavened bread, until the one and twentieth day of the month at even.</i></p> <p>Leviticus 23:16 — <i>Even unto the morrow after the seventh sabbath shall ye number fifty days; and ye shall offer a new meat offering unto the LORD.</i></p> <p>Pentecost is 50 days after the Passover. Passover was when Christ was crucified. And then 3 days later arose from the dead and has now been seen for 40 days. Pentecost was 7 days yet in the future based on biblical timing.</p>	<p>Ex. 12:13-14, 18; Lev. 23:16</p>

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4-5	<p>Acts 1:4-5 — <i>And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.</i></p> <p>The promise of the Father is mention in the last chapter of Luke.</p> <p>Luke 24:46-49 — <i>And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And ye are witnesses of these things. And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.</i></p> <p>Baptized meaning - to immerse, submerge; to make whelmed</p> <p>John Baptized with water (immersed) while the promise of the Father is to immerse them with the Holy Ghost.</p> <p>John 14:16-17 — <i>And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.</i></p> <p>Thank God for baptizing us with the Holy Ghost!!</p> <p>What's missing in this passage versus the discussion in Matthew about John baptizing folks?</p> <p>Matthew 3:11 — <i>I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:</i></p> <p>Oh – but all Pentecostals say that happened in Acts. 2:3.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Luke 26:46-49 John 14:16-17</p>

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4-5 (cont)	<p>Acts 2:3 — <i>And there appeared unto them <u>cloven tongues like as of fire</u>, and it sat upon each of them.</i></p> <p>But the verse says “like as of fire”. The passage in Matthew refers to a different fire because you either are baptized into the body of Christ by the Holy Ghost or you will be baptized in the Lake of Fire for evermore as described in Rev. 20.</p> <p>Revelation 20:15 — <i>And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.</i></p>	Acts 2:3; Rev. 20:15
6-11	<p>Acts 1:6-11 — <i>When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? And he said unto them, <i>It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; Which also said, <i>Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.</i></i></i></p> <p>The disciples were still focused on Christ setting up His kingdom after His resurrection.</p> <p>Matthew 24:3 — <i>And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? <u>and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?</u></i></p> <p>John 21:22-23 — <i>Jesus saith unto him, If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee? follow thou me. <u>Then went this saying abroad among the brethren, that that disciple should not die: yet Jesus said not unto him, He shall not die; but, If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee?</u></i></p>	Mat. 24:3 John 21:22-23

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6-11 (cont)	<p>Even though the disciples have had 40 days of one on one communion with Christ and Him expounding the Old Testament about Him, they still were not allowed to see the Church dispensation because the Jews had one more shot at accepting Christ as the Messiah.</p> <p>Luke 24:44-45 — <i>And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me. Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures,</i></p> <p>For the Jews – this is the main theme of the Old Testament for Christ to set up an eternal earthly kingdom and it will happen at the end of the Tribulation period.</p> <p>Only God the Father has the knowledge of when that day will come.</p> <p>Mark 13:32 — <i>But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father.</i></p> <p>Receive power when the Holy Ghost comes upon you – and be witnesses. The great commission is repeated here from the gospels.</p> <p>Matthew 28:19-20 — <i>Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.</i></p>	<p>Luke 24:44-45 Mark 13:32 Mat. 28:19-20</p>

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6-11 (cont)	<p>Mark 16:15-18 — <i>And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.</i></p> <p>Thus – they are no longer disciples – but now as apostles – being sent throughout the world. And this commandment still falls to us today to get out and be witnesses. If anyone thinks the commission is just for the disciples at that time, then why is Paul also going everywhere – the Commission is for all who accept Christ.</p> <p>After the commission Christ is taken into the clouds into heaven (sky - visible heaven at this point). What a sight!! Luke is the only one to mention this occurrence in both Luke 24 and here. This same Jesus shall so come in like manner!!</p> <p>1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 — <i>But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words.</i></p> <p>What a day that will be – when my Jesus I shall see – When I look upon His face – the One who saved me by His grace!!!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Mark 16:15-18 1 Thes. 4:13-18</p>

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12-14	<p>Acts 1:12-14 — <i>Then returned they unto Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is from Jerusalem a sabbath day's journey. And when they were come in, they went up into an upper room, where abode both Peter, and James, and John, and Andrew, Philip, and Thomas, Bartholomew, and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon Zelotes, and Judas the brother of James. These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.</i></p> <p>As we discussed back in verse 3, The Day of Pentecost is fast approaching and they were assembled at Mt. Olivet when Jesus left. So He will be returning back to Mt. Olivet during His Revelation as described in the Old Testament.</p> <p>Zechariah 14:1-4 — <i>Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee. For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city. Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle. <u>And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south.</u></i></p> <p>Recent discoveries have geological studies have identified an east-west trending fault line running beneath the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem, often cited alongside the prophecy in Zechariah 14:4. This feature is technically a transverse shear zone or fault that traverses the ridge, with some evidence of micro-seismic activity. This fault, distinct from the Dead Sea Rift system, aligns with predictions of the mountain splitting north to south.</p>	Zech. 14:1-4

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12-14 (cont)	<p>Luke 6:12-16 — <i>And it came to pass in those days, that he went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God. And when it was day, he called unto him his disciples: and of them he chose twelve, whom also he named apostles; Simon, (whom he also named Peter,) and Andrew his brother, James and John, Philip and Bartholomew, Matthew and Thomas, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon called Zelotes, And Judas the brother of James, and Judas Iscariot, which also was the traitor.</i></p> <p>The word “abode” implies a place of residence. Here we see the same list of men from Luke 6 where Christ selected the specific 12 disciples – later to be called apostles except for Judas who betrayed Christ.</p> <p>We also see the last mention of Mary the mother of Jesus, in the bible. If she was so important to the Christian life as the Roman Catholics place her, then why is her position not mentioned anywhere in the New Testament? It also mentions that Jesus had brothers – we call our male brothers in Christ as brethren – this use of the word means “brothers from the womb” – So Mary was not a virgin after Christ, but had other sons from Joseph.</p> <p>Mark 6:3 — <i>Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, the brother of James, and Joses, and of Juda, and Simon? and are not his sisters here with us? And they were offended at him.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Luke 6:12-16 Mark 6:3</p>

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15-20	<p>Acts 1:15-20 — <i>And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples, and said, (the number of names together were about an hundred and twenty,) Men and brethren, this scripture must needs have been fulfilled, which the Holy Ghost by the mouth of David spake before concerning Judas, which was guide to them that took Jesus. For he was numbered with us, and had obtained part of this ministry. Now this man purchased a field with the reward of iniquity; and falling headlong, he burst asunder in the midst, and all his bowels gushed out. And it was known unto all the dwellers at Jerusalem; insomuch as that field is called in their proper tongue, Aceldama, that is to say, The field of blood. For it is written in the book of Psalms, Let his habitation be desolate, and let no man dwell therein: and his bishoprick let another take.</i></p> <p>So Peter gets up and takes the lead of the apostles. Approximately 120 disciples were present, but only 11 were considered as apostles. See a similar number 120 mentioned in the Old Testament that brought the Glory of the Lord down.</p> <p>2 Chronicles 5:11-14 — <i>And it came to pass, when the priests were come out of the holy place: (for all the priests that were present were sanctified, and did not then wait by course: Also the Levites which were the singers, all of them of Asaph, of Heman, of Jeduthun, with their sons and their brethren, being arrayed in white linen, having cymbals and psalteries and harps, stood at the east end of the altar, and with them an hundred and twenty priests sounding with trumpets:) It came even to pass, as the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD; and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of musick, and praised the LORD, saying, For he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever: that then the house was filled with a cloud, even the house of the LORD; So that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud: for the glory of the LORD had filled the house of God.</i></p>	<p>2 Chr. 5:11-14 Psa. 109:6-8 Mat. 19:28</p>

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15-20 (cont)	<p>Peter goes back to Psalms 69 and 109 to identify what was prophesied about Judas. Also, Christ indicated in Matthew that there would be 12 thrones and the disciples would rule with him – so one needs to be added back to make up the 12.</p> <p>Psalm 69:25 — <i>Let their habitation be desolate; and let none dwell in their tents.</i></p> <p>Psalm 109:6-8 — <i>Set thou a wicked man over him: and let Satan stand at his right hand. When he shall be judged, let him be condemned: and let his prayer become sin. Let his days be few; and let another take his office.</i></p> <p>Matthew 19:28 — <i>And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.</i></p> <p>Now Peter considered Judas Iscariot as a co-disciple until he sold out on Jesus. However, Jesus knew all along as described in John.</p> <p>John 6:70-71 — <i>Jesus answered them, Have not I chosen you twelve, <u>and one of you is a devil?</u> He spake of Judas Iscariot the son of Simon: for he it was that should betray him, being one of the twelve.</i></p> <p>John 6:64 — <i>But there are some of you that believe not. For <u>Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who should betray him.</u></i></p> <p>Matthew 27 says Judas hung himself and the silver was used for a potter's field which is defined as a field of blood. So how did the bowels gush out? – He was still hanging when Christ died in Mat. 27 and then there was a great earthquake. That could have easily resulted in the tree breaking and falling on a rock to cause the latter effect.</p>	<p>Psa. 69:25; 109:6-8 Mat. 19:28 John 6:64</p>

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21-26	<p>Acts 1:21-26 — <i>Wherefore of these men which have companied with us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, Beginning from the baptism of John, unto that same day that he was taken up from us, must one be ordained to be a witness with us of his resurrection. And they appointed two, Joseph called Barsabas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias. And they prayed, and said, Thou, Lord, which knowest the hearts of all men, shew whether of these two thou hast chosen, That he may take part of this ministry and apostleship, from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place. And they gave forth their lots; and the lot fell upon Matthias; and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.</i></p> <p>Verses 21 and 22 define what Peter says is the criteria for being defined as an apostle – been with Christ from the baptism of John until he was caught out. However, these criteria do not hold the same weight when applying to the Apostle Paul since he only saw the risen Christ (1 Cor. 15:8). They chose 2 men that met Peter’s criteria and cast lots to define which one was the replacement. Of course – they missed it.</p> <p>A key point though in this passage is the statement that Judas went to his “own place”. What could be meant by this statement? We will go back to our study of Rev. Chapter 9 to bring this passage to an understanding.</p>	
<p>The following passages and study is from Rev. Chapter 9 and all verses on the left refer to Rev. 9.</p>		

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Chap. 9: 1-2	<p>Revelation 9:1,2 — <i>And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit. And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit.</i></p> <p>Notice that this star is an angel and not a planet similar to Revelation 1:20</p> <p>The first mention of the place called the “bottomless pit” Also mentioned in Rev. 11, 17, and 20. Notice the following characteristics of the pit.</p> <p>It can be locked – Rev. 8:1</p> <p>Revelation 20:1 — <i>And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.</i></p> <p>Revelation 20:3 — <i>And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.</i></p> <p>It is filled with smoke – Rev. 8:2 It is full of non-earthly beast – Rev. 9:3 It has a king over it that is an angel – Rev. 9:11</p> <p>Revelation 9:11 — <i>And they had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon.</i></p> <p>The angel is also referred to as a “beast” – Rev. 11:7, 17:8</p> <p>Revelation 11:7 — <i>And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.</i></p> <p>Revelation 17:8 — <i>The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.</i></p>	<p>Rev. 1:20 Rev. 20:1, 3 Rev. 9:11, 11:7 Rev. 17:8</p>

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Chap. 9: 3	<p>Revelation 9:3 — <i>And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth: and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power.</i></p> <p>These are definitely not ordinary locusts – They have a king (Verse 11) and normal locust do not:</p> <p>Proverbs 30:27 — <i>The locusts have no king, yet go they forth all of them by bands;</i></p> <p>They are given power like scorpions – Their size is not specifically defined.</p>	Prov. 30:27
Chap. 9: 4	<p>Revelation 9:4 — <i>And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads.</i></p> <p>Notice the timing relative to Rev. 7 – The locust can't harm the 144,000 Jews sealed in Rev. 7.</p>	
Chap. 9: 5-6	<p>Revelation 9:5,6 — <i>And to them it was given that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented five months: and their torment was as the torment of a scorpion, when he striketh a man. And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them.</i></p> <p>Scorpion's impact on man is rarely fatal, but result in severe pain locally and sometimes numbness. Obviously though, these scorpions can result in the kind of pain and suffering that one would rather die, but can't.</p>	
Chap. 9: 7-10	<p>Revelation 9:7-10 — <i>And the shapes of the locusts were like unto horses prepared unto battle; and on their heads were as it were crowns like gold, and their faces were as the faces of men. And they had hair as the hair of women, and their teeth were as the teeth of lions. And they had breastplates, as it were breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings was as the sound of chariots of many horses running to battle. And they had tails like unto scorpions, and there were stings in their tails: and their power was to hurt men five months.</i></p> <p>So these locusts are definitely not of the earth and they are scary-looking locusts.</p>	

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<p>Chap. 9: 11</p>	<p>Revelation 9:11 — <i>And they had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon.</i></p> <p>This angel is referred to as a “beast” in Rev. 11 and 17. His name is Abaddon – Hebrew tongue – Destroying Angel Apollyon – Greek tongue – A Destroyer</p> <p>Let’s study this person. He is a “king” Referred to as the “beast” that kills the 2 witnesses in Rev. 11.</p> <p>Revelation 11:7 — <i>And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.</i></p> <p>It’s the same beast referred to in Rev. 17 and the great whore.</p> <p>Revelation 17:7-12 — <i>And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns. The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition; and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is. And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth. And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space. And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition. And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast.</i></p>	<p>Rev. 11:7 17:7-12</p>

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<p>Chap. 9: 11</p>	<p>The beast in Rev. 17 is connected to the beast of Rev. 13 by description. Seven heads and ten horns</p> <p>Revelation 13:1-3 — <i>And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a <u>beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns</u>, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy. And the <u>beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion</u>; and the <u>dragon</u> gave him his <u>power, and his seat, and great authority</u>. And I saw one of his heads as it <u>were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed</u>: and all the world wondered after the beast.</i></p> <p>Is there any question on who this beast is – He is the Antichrist.</p> <p>Notice how both Rev. 13 and 17 describe that he was wounded to death but risen again. Rev. 13:3 and Rev. 17:11</p> <p>Revelation 17:11 — <i>And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition.</i></p> <p>He is a “man”</p> <p>Revelation 13:18 — <i>Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six.</i></p>	<p>Rev. 13:1-3 Rev. 17:11</p>

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Chap. 9: 11	<p>Daniel 7:1-8 — <i>In the <u>first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon</u> Daniel had a dream and visions of his head upon his bed: then he wrote the dream, and told the sum of the matters. Daniel spake and said, I saw in my vision by night, and, behold, the four winds of the heaven strove upon the <u>great sea</u>. And four great <u>beasts came up from the sea</u>, diverse one from another. The first was like a <u>lion</u>, and had <u>eagle's wings</u>: I beheld till the wings thereof were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth, and made stand upon the <u>feet as a man</u>, and a <u>man's heart was given to it</u>. And behold another <u>beast, a second, like to a bear</u>, and it raised up itself on one side, and it had three ribs in the mouth of it between the teeth of it: and they said thus unto it, Arise, devour much flesh. After this I beheld, and lo another, <u>like a leopard</u>, which had upon the back of it four wings of a fowl; the beast had also four heads; and dominion was given to it. After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a <u>fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly</u>; and it had <u>great iron teeth</u>: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was <u>diverse from all the beasts that were before it</u>; and it had <u>ten horns</u>. I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another <u>little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots</u>: and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and a <u>mouth speaking great things</u>.</i></p> <p>Revelation 13:5-7 — <i>And there was given unto him a <u>mouth speaking great things</u> and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue <u>forty and two months</u>. (3-1/2 years) And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven. And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.</i></p>	Dan. 7:1-8 Rev. 13:5-7

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<p>Chap. 9: 11</p>	<p>Daniel 7:9-11 — <i>I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire. A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened. I beheld then because of the voice of the great words which the horn spake: I beheld even till the beast was slain, and his body destroyed, and given to the burning flame.</i></p> <p>Revelation 19:20 — <i>And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.</i></p> <p>Daniel 7:12-17 — <i>As concerning the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away: yet their lives were prolonged for a season and time. I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed. I Daniel was grieved in my spirit in the midst of my body, and the visions of my head troubled me. I came near unto one of them that stood by, and asked him the truth of all this. So he told me, and made me know the interpretation of the things. These great beasts, which are four, are <u>four kings, which shall arise out of the earth.</u></i></p>	<p>Dan. 7:9-17 Rev. 19:20</p>

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Chap. 9: 11	<p>Belshazzar came after Nebuchadnezzar as king of Babylon. The four Kingdoms defined in Daniel 2 started with Nebuchadnezzar and Daniel defined the 4 world-wide kingdoms at that time in succession as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Babylon • Medes and Persians • Greek Empire • Roman Empire – split between Eastern and Western branches <p>Therefore, notice that the description in Daniel 7 starts with the Medes & Persians and the fourth kingdom has yet to be seen but will be the Anti-Christ reign.</p> <p>Daniel 7:19-25 — <i>Then I would know the truth of the fourth beast, which was diverse from all the others, exceeding dreadful, whose teeth were of iron, and his nails of brass; which devoured, brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with his feet; And of the ten horns that were in his head, and of the other which came up, and before whom three fell; even of that horn that had eyes, and a mouth that spake very great things, whose look was more stout than his fellows. I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them; Until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom. Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces. And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings. And <u>he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.</u> (1+2+1/2 = 3-1/2).</i></p> <p>2 Thessalonians 2:3 — <i>Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, <u>and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;</u></i></p>	Dan. 17:19-25 2 Thes. 2:3

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<p>Chap. 9: 11</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. So the beast is a man (Rev. 13:18) that is also a king (Dan. 7:17). 2. He cometh up out of the bottomless pit (Rev. 17:8) and he has a name in the Greek tongue – Abaddon and in the Hebrew tongue – Apollyon (Rev. 9:11). 3. He had lived when John wrote Revelation (~ 90 AD) but was not living when he wrote it, and will ascend out of the bottomless pit in the future (Rev. 17:8, 11). 6. His dominion will be the whole earth (Dan. 7:23, Rev. 13:16-18). 7. He will be incarnated by Satan himself (Rev. 12 and 13). 8. He will appear to die and be resurrected (Rev. 13:3, 12). 9. He will speak great things (Dan. 7:11, 20, 25; Rev. 13:5-6). 10. He will make war with the saints (Dan. 7:21, Rev. 13:7) 11. His destruction is in the lake of fire (Rev. 19:20: 20:10) 12. He is referred to as the Son of Perdition (2 Thes 2:3). <p>There is a Satanic Trinity – He tries to mimic God</p> <p>Revelation 16:13 — <i>And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.</i></p> <p>There are only two places in the whole Bible that use the term “Son of Perdition”. 2 Thes 2:3 is one and it definitely identifies this person as the Antichrist. The other is Christ himself in John 17</p> <p>John 17:11-12 — <i>And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled.</i></p> <p>Who is Jesus referring to here? – JUDAS – Let’s see</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Rev. 16:13 John 17:11-12</p>

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Chap. 9: 11	<p>John 6:64 — <i>But there are some of you that believe not. For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who should betray him.</i></p> <p>John 6:70-71 — <i>Jesus answered them, Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil? He spake of Judas Iscariot the son of Simon: for he it was that should betray him, being one of the twelve.</i></p> <p>Acts 1:24-25 — <i>And they prayed, and said, Thou, Lord, which knowest the hearts of all men, shew whether of these two thou hast chosen, That he may take part of this ministry and apostleship, from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place. (bottomless pit)</i></p> <p>If these do not convince you of the connections – look at some Old Testament Prophecy</p> <p>Zechariah 11:12-14 — <i>And I said unto them, If ye think good, give me my price; and if not, forbear. So they weighed for my price thirty pieces of silver. And the LORD said unto me, Cast it unto the potter: a goodly price that I was prised at of them. And I took the thirty pieces of silver, and cast them to the potter in the house of the LORD. Then I cut asunder mine other staff, even Bands, that I might break the brotherhood between Judah and Israel.</i></p> <p>Zechariah 11:15-17 — <i>And the LORD said unto me, Take unto thee yet the instruments of a foolish shepherd. For, lo, I will raise up a shepherd in the land, which shall not visit those that be cut off, neither shall seek the young one, nor heal that that is broken, nor feed that that standeth still: but he shall eat the flesh of the fat, and tear their claws in pieces. Woe to the idol shepherd that leaveth the flock! the sword shall be upon his arm, and upon his right eye: his arm shall be clean dried up, and his right eye shall be utterly darkened.</i></p> <p>Luke 22:3 — <i>Then entered Satan into Judas surnamed Iscariot, being of the number of the twelve.</i></p> <p>Revelation 13:4 — <i>And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Cross References</p> <p style="text-align: right;">John 6:64, 70-71 Acts 1:24- 25 Zech. 11:12-17 Luke 22:3</p>