LUKE-ACTS

HOW GOD'S KINGDOM CAME ON EARTH AS IN HEAVEN THROUGH JESUS & HIS SPIRIT & HIS CHURCH

EXAMPLES OF FAITHFULNESS TO KING JESUS:

-SHARING THE GOOD NEWS IN WORD & ACTION
-FORMING DIVERSE COMMUNITIES WHERE PEOPLE ARE EQUALS
-TRUSTING IN THE POWER & GUIDANCE OF THE SPIRIT

- A UNIFIED, TWO-VOLUME WORK
- FROM THE SAME AUTHOR: LUKE
- A TRAVELING CO-WORKER WITH PAUL (COLOSSIANS 4:14, PHILEMON V.24)

1:1 "I produced my FIRST ACCOUNT about all the things Jesus BEGAN to do & teach."

IMPLICATION: ACTS = WHAT JESUS "CONTINUED" TO DO & TEACH

TRADITIONAL NAME: The Acts of the Apostles

A MORE ACCURATE NAME:

The ACTS of JESUS & the SPIRIT

1 INTRODUCTION

KINGDOM OF GOD:
- JESUS RESTORES GOD'S KINGDOM OVER THE WORLD
- CALLED ISRAEL TO FOLLOW HIM
- ENTHRONED AS KING THROUGH HIS DEATH & RESURRECTION

PROMISE OF THE SPIRIT:
- FULFILLS PROPHETIC HOPE (ISAIAH 32, EZEKIEL 36, JOEL 2)
- NEW TEMPLE IN THE MESSIANIC KINGDOM FILLED WITH GOD'S PRESENCE

"YOU'LL BE MY WITNESSES in JERUSALEM, JUDEA & samaria, and to the ENDS OF THE EARTH." (1:8)

JESUS IS EXALTED AS KING OF THE WORLD

FROM: DANIEL ch.7

JESUS IS ENTHRONED as the SON OF MAN

2-7 IN JERUSALEM

2 PENTECOST

HOLY SPIRIT

GOD'S GLORY = FILLING the TEMPLE

IN THE PAST: EXODUS 40, 2nd CHRONICLES 7
IN THE FUTURE: EZEKIEL 43, HAGGAI 2

THE NEW TEMPLE IS JESUS' NEW COVENANT FAMILY

ISRAEL REUNIFIED UNDER THE MESSIANIC KING (ISAIAH 11, EZEKIEL 37)

3-5 A TALE OF TWO TEMPLES

A PRACTICE DESCRIBED IN THE TORAH (DEUTERONOMY 14-15) SUPPOSED TO BE MANAGED BY THE TEMPLE

LUKE'S POINT:

THE NEW TEMPLE OF JESUS' COMMUNITY IS NOW WHERE PEOPLE ENCOUNTER GOD'S GENEROSITY & healing presence

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4:32b-5a JESUS' FOLLOWERS SELL POSSESSIONS TO SUPPORT THE POOR

3-4a PETER HEALS & PREACHES IN THE TEMPLE--ARRESTED & TRIED

5b-42

2:42-47 "JESUS' DISCIPLES GATHER DAILY IN THE TEMPLE COURTS & HOUSE TO HOUSE"

6:1-8:3 FIRST PERSECUTION

STEPHEN: WHY DO YOU ALWAYS RESIST GOD'S SPIRIT?

JESUS' FOLLOWERS DRIVEN FROM THE CITY

8-12 JUDEA & SAMARIA

HOW THE MOSTLY JEWISH, JERUSALEM-BASED COMMUNITY OF JESUS ...BECAME... A MULTI-ETHNIC, INTERNATIONAL MOVEMENT

8 PHILIP IN SAMARIA

SAUL, WHY DO YOU PERSECUTE ME?

CONVERSION OF SAUL OF TARSUS 9a

9b-11a PETER & CORNELIUS

DON'T CALL IMPURE SOMETHING GOD HAS PURIFIED!

11b THE CHURCH IN ANTIOCH

BARNABAS & PAUL

- FIRST MULTI-ETHNIC CHURCH
- FIRST USE OF "CHRISTIANS" (11:26)

13-20 THE MISSIONARY JOURNEYS

13-14 ASIA MINOR

16-18a ASIA MINOR & GREECE

18b-20 ASIA MINOR & GREECE AGAIN!

CONTINUED MISSION TO ISRAEL

JESUS IS KING OF ISRAEL AND THE NATIONS!

HE OPPOSES THE TORAH!

15 THE JERUSALEM COUNCIL

NO WAY!

UNLESS PEOPLE BECOME JEWISH, THEY CAN'T BE SAVED. (15:1)

GOD'S PLAN WAS ALWAYS TO INCLUDE NON-JEWS IN HIS PEOPLE.

AMOS

GROUNDBREAKING

MEMBERSHIP IN JESUS' PEOPLE IS NOT BASED ON ETHNICITY OR TORAH OBSERVANCE, BUT SIMPLY ON TRUSTING & OBEYING JESUS.

THE CLASH OF CULTURES (ch.14,16-17,19)

GALLIO

HE'S DANGEROUS TO OUR WAY OF LIFE!

IDOLS

THE RISEN JESUS IS THE ONE TRUE GOD & KING!

ACCUSATIONS OF REBELLION (ch.17,18)

HE'S DEFYING CAESAR, SAYING THERE'S ANOTHER KING, JESUS!! (17:7)

THE PARADOX OF THE EARLY CHURCH:

- A JEWISH MESSIANIC MOVEMENT... ...but ethnically diverse
- MEN & WOMEN, RICH & POOR, SLAVE & FREE... all treated as equals
- LOYAL TO JESUS ALONE... ...but not a military threat to Rome

21-28 PAUL'S WITNESS SPREADS TO ROME

21-22 PAUL ARRESTED IN JERUSALEM

HE TEACHES AGAINST OUR PEOPLE & OUR TEMPLE! (21:28)

HE'S THE TERRORIST FROM EGYPT! (21:38)

ROME

23-26 PAUL ON TRIAL BEFORE...

UHHHHH... ...PASS!

24 GOVERNOR FELIX

HE'S OUT OF HIS MIND!

25 GOVERNOR FESTUS

HE'S DONE NOTHING WORTHY OF DEATH!

26 KING AGRIPPA

RID THE EARTH OF HIM!!!

23 THE SANHEDRIN

I STAND ON TRIAL BECAUSE OF MY HOPE IN THE RESURRECTION OF THE SUFFERING MESSIAH. (23:6, 26:23)

PAUL'S IMPRISONMENT ALLOWS TIME TO COMPOSE HIS APOSTOLIC LETTERS

TO: COLOSSAE, TO: EPHESUS, TO: PHILIPPI, TO: PHILEMON

28 UNDER HOUSE ARREST IN ROME

"PAUL ANNOUNCED THE KINGDOM OF GOD, BOLDLY TEACHING ALL ABOUT THE LORD JESUS, THE MESSIAH, TOTALLY UNHINDERED." (28:31)

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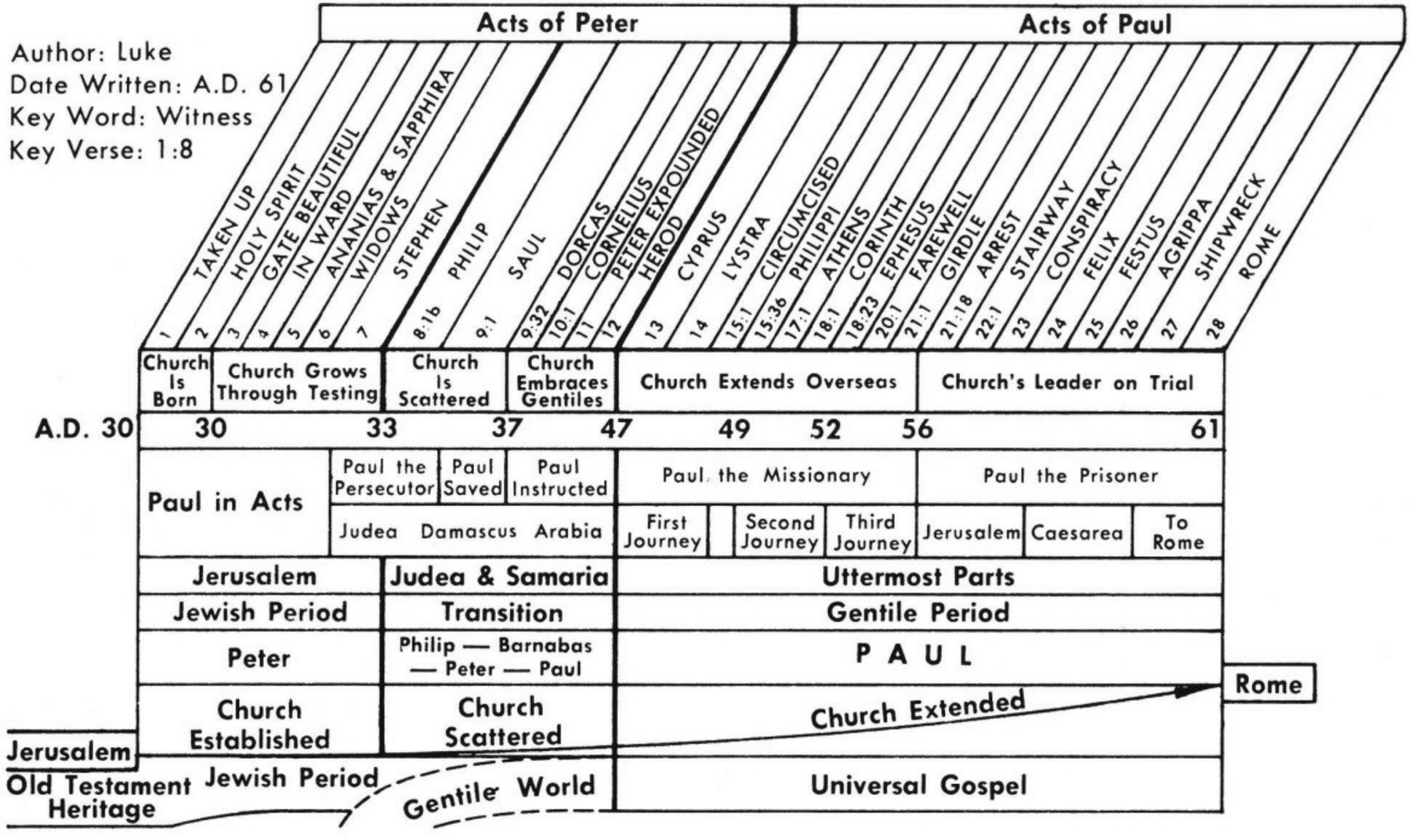

ACTS : Geographical Advance

1:1-6:7	6:8-9:31	9:32-12:25	13:1-16:5	16:6-19:20	19:21-28:31
Advance in Jerusalem	Advance into Judea & Samaria	Advance to Antioch	Advance into Asia Minor	Advance into Europe	Advance to Rome