

Part 1

“FROM THE UPPER ROOM TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH”

“An Introduction to the Book of Acts”

(Acts 1:1-11)

INTRODUCTION:

“The first account I composed, Theophilus, about all that Jesus began to do and teach, ² 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. 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.”

—Acts 1:1-3

Volume 1: His Work _____ **— the work of** _____.

“I glorified You on the earth, having accomplished the work which You have given Me to do.”

—John 17:4

Volume 2: His Work _____ **— the work of** _____.

“As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world.”

—John 17:18

WHEN YOUR CLOSEST COMPANION IS TAKEN FROM YOU:

“This Jesus, who has been taken up from you...”

—Acts 1:11

1A. THE SEPARATION IS _____ **. (1:9-11)**

“...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.”

“...Some of His disciples then said to one another, ‘What is this thing He is telling us, ‘A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me’... We do not know what He is talking about.’”

“Therefore you too have grief now; but I will see you again, and your heart will rejoice, and no one will take your joy away from you.”

—John 16:16-22

2A. THE SEPARATION IS _____ **. (1:4-5)**

“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.’”

“Was it not necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and to enter into His glory?”

—Luke 24:26

“But now I am going to Him who sent Me; and none of you asks Me, ‘Where are You going?’ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you.”

—John 16: 6, 7

3A. THE SEPARATION IS _____ . (1:6-2:47)

“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...’”

1B. It marks the _____ of the new _____ .

“When He said, ‘A new covenant,’ He has made the first obsolete.”

—Hebrews 8:13

2B. It marks the _____ of the new _____ .

“... 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.”

—Acts 1:8

3B. It marks the _____ of the new _____ .

“And behold, I am sending forth the promise of My Father upon you; but you are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

—Luke 24:49

“I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever...”

—John 14:16

THE SPIRIT OF GOD IN SALVATION HISTORY:

1. From _____ to _____ : The Spirit & _____

2. From _____ to _____ : The Spirit & _____

*3. From _____ to _____ : The Spirit & _____

*4. From _____ to _____ : The Spirit & _____

4B. It marks the _____ of the new _____ .

“So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls. They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.”

—Acts 2:41-47

CONCLUSION: