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)

LUKE — **ACTS**

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*

3:1-5a JESUS' FOLLOWERS SELL POSSESSIONS TO SUPPORT THE POOR

3:1a, 3b — 3:11 PETER HEALS & PREACHES IN THE TEMPLE--ARRESTED & TRIED

2:46 "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?

9a CONVERSION OF SAUL OF TARSUS

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

GREECE · ASIA MINOR · ANTIOCH · JERUSALEM

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!
- RID THE EARTH OF HIM!!!

15 THE JERUSALEM COUNCIL
- UNLESS PEOPLE BECOME JEWISH, THEY CAN'T BE SAVED. (15:1)
- NO WAY!
- 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
- **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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