

“Empowered”

A series in the Book of Acts: Part 2

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-Recap intro to book

-Foundational verse- Acts 1:8 (ESV)

⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

“In Jerusalem” (Acts 2-7)

Chapter 2: Coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost

Acts 2:1-13 (ESV)

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested^[a] on each one of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

⁵ Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶ And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. ⁷ And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?

⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? ⁹ Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, ¹¹ both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.”

¹² And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³ But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.”

-OT Roots

-Past: Exodus 40; 2 Chronicles 7

-Future: Ezekiel 43; Haggai 2

-Israel Reunified Under the Messianic Kingdom (Isaiah 11; Ezekiel 37)

-Purpose & Point

Chapters 3-5: A Tale of Two Temples

Acts 4:13, 23-24, 29-31 (ESV)

¹³ Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished. And they recognized that they had been with Jesus.

The Believers Pray for Boldness

²³ When they were released, they went to their friends and reported what the chief priests and the elders had said to them. ²⁴ And when they heard it, they lifted their voices together to God and said, “Sovereign Lord, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and everything in them,

²⁹ And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness, ³⁰ while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus.” ³¹ And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.

-New Temple: Jesus’ Followers Themselves

-Jesus’ Disciples Gather Daily in Temple Courts and House to House (2:46-5:42)

-Peter Heals and Preaches in the Temple (3-4a) and is Arrested & Tried (5b)

-Jesus’ Followers Sell Possessions to Support the Poor (4b-5a)

-OT Roots: Deuteronomy 14-15

-Purpose & Point

Chapters 5-7: First Persecution

Acts 8:1-3 (ESV)

Saul Ravages the Church

8 And Saul approved of his execution.

And there arose on that day a great persecution against the church in Jerusalem, and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles. ² Devout men buried Stephen and made great lamentation over him. ³ But Saul was ravaging the church, and entering house after house, he dragged off men and women and committed them to prison.

-Murder of Stephen (6:1-8:3)

-Effect it Has on Jesus' Followers

-Purpose & Point