

## Introduction

The book of Acts is a link and joins together the things that God had spoken of in the OT, and creates a pathway for you to find your way through other parts of scripture. The book of Acts is a link between the old and the new, it joins them together.

It's a sequel to the Gospel of Luke.

There are three movements of the Spirit of God through the book. (1) Jerusalem (2) Judea and Samaria (3) Uttermost Parts.

You will notice three things that Luke calls our attention to:

(1) Christ gave commandment to the apostles, both prior to, and after his Ascension.

**Acts 1:2.**

(2) He showed himself alive by many infallible proofs. **Acts 1:3.**

- Thomas and the Nail Scars. **John 20:27**
- Peter Fishing. **John 21:3,6, 14**
- They were to be WITNESSES to the FACT of His Resurrection. Not an old wives tale.
- Infallible - incapable of making mistakes or being wrong.

(3) He taught them for 40 days concerning the things of the Kingdom. **Luke 24:25-27, 44-45.**

- The first verses in Acts overlap the concluding verses in Luke, if we look at what Christ did prior to His ascension, we will see that He fully equipped Peter and the 10 with everything they “needed” to know.

***Luk 24:25-27** (25) Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken: (26) Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory? (27) And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.*

***Luk 24:44-45** (44) 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.*

*(45) Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures,...*

- The law of Moses = the Torah, the first five books of the OT.

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- The prophets = the prophetic writings.
- Psalms = the worship writing
- All three sections of the Old Testament are filled with prophecies about the coming Kingdom to Israel. **Deu 33:1-3; Psalm 47; Jer 23:5-6; Isa 11, 65:17-25; Zech 14:16-21**
- All the old testament prophets spoke of a time when Israel would be a light to the world. When all nations will look to Israel as the priests of God. **Lk 2:32; Acts 13:47, 26:23.**
  - Ex 19: A Holy Nation, Royal Priesthood
  - Zech 8: 23 ...In those days it shall come to pass, that ten men shall take hold out of all languages of the nations, even shall take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew, saying, We will go with you: for we have heard that God is with you.

Not only did Jesus give commandments after His ascension, He taught Apostles for 40 days out of the Law, the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Him.... Imagine, the greatest bible teacher to ever walk this planet teaching you for 40 days!!! They didn't learn on their own merits; Christ OPENED THEIR UNDERSTANDING.

***Mark 16:14-20** Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen. 15 And he said unto them, **Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.** 16 **He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.** 17 **And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; 18 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.** 19 So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. 20 And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.*

***Luke 24:47** And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.*

***John 20:21-23** Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you. 22 And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost: 23 Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained.*

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*Matthew 16:18-19 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. 19 And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.*

The verses in Matthew 16, Mark 16, Luke 24, and John 20, have created a problem with theologians. This causes such a dilemma, they claim the concluding verses of Mark 16 are not in the original text and are not part of holy writ.

Now, there are 18 major manuscripts in the Greek, of the 18 major manuscripts 2 do not have the concluding verses in the book of Mark. If that wasn't enough proof, there is even more evidence, during the book of Acts every one of the sign promises in Mark 16:17-18 came to pass because the Jew's require a sign.

...and signs always accompany the gospel of the kingdom. **Dan 4:3**

*Act 2:22 Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know:*

*1Co 1:22 For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom:*

And naturally the Apostles only had one question - Acts 1: 6 - which is the THEME to the Book of Acts. **Restoration (Joel 2:25, Acts 2:16).**

## The Promise of the Holy Spirit

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*Acts 1:1-3 The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, 2 Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen: 3 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:*

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.v1 **The former treatise.** This was the Gospel of Luke. See **Luke 1:1-4**.

**O Theophilus.** Luke addressed his first and second book to Theophilus, Acts is the sequel to the gospel of Luke. Some suppose that Theophilus was the "publisher", that he financed the publication of the two books, but there is no proof of that. Every book or letter is written to someone, and Theophilus (whose name means "lover of, or friend of God") was the recipient of Luke's books because he felt Theophilus needed know *the certainty of those things* that he was instructed in. See **Luke 1:4**.

Nothing beyond this is known of him. From the fact that Luke applies to him the title "most excellent", the same title Paul uses in addressing Felix (Acts 23:26 ; 24:3) and Festus (26:25), it has been concluded that Theophilus was a person of rank, perhaps a Roman officer.

**Of all that Jesus began...** The Luke book begins with the birth of John the Baptist and ends with our Lord's ascension. The book of Acts begins with our Lord's Ascension and ends with the kingdom & nation of Israel in abeyance.

.v2 **Until the day...** Luke records what Jesus did, both before and after this passion, until the day of his ascension.

**After that...** and also AFTER the ascension, by means of the Holy Ghost, through the commandments he gave to the Apostles.

**Given commandments...** Christ gave commandment to the apostles to define their parts concerning the possibilities of the coming kingdom. **Mat 28:19,20; Mk 16:15-18; Lk 24:47; Jn 20:21-23.**

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**Matthew 28:19-20** Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20 Teaching them to observe all things **whatsoever I have commanded you**: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

**Mark 16:15-18** And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. 16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. 17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; 18 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.

**Luke 24:46-48** And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: 47 And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. 48 And ye are witnesses of these things.

**John 20:21-23** Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you. 22 And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost: 23 Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained.

- The phrase **whatsoever I have commanded you** in Mat 28:20 would include those commandments both prior to, and after His ascension. The sermon on the mount, Mat 5,6,7 as well as Matthew 23:1-2.

**Matthew 23:1-3** Then spake Jesus to the multitude, and to his disciples, 2 Saying, The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat: 3 All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, that observe and do; but do not ye after their works: for they say, and do not.

- Our Lord, In the days of his flesh, He was sent to none save the lost sheep of the house of Israel. **Mat 15:24**
- Just prior to our Lord's Ascension, He breathed on his apostles and sent them, as His Father had sent Him. **Jn 20:21-23**.

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.v3 **To whom also he...** Jesus showed himself alive to the Apostles, and at one time up to 500 brethren. **1 Cor 15:1-19**. This lasted for a period of 40 days.

- The period called 'the omer' begins the day following the weekly sabbath during the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the day of the Feast of First Fruits, and ends on the Feast of Weeks (Pentecost). The period between these feasts is 7 weeks + one day. The word Pentecost literally means means fifty, as in fifty days.
- Christ was resurrected on the feast of first fruits, which starts the counting of the omer; meaning Christ ascended into heaven 10 days prior to the Feast of Pentecost in Acts 2.

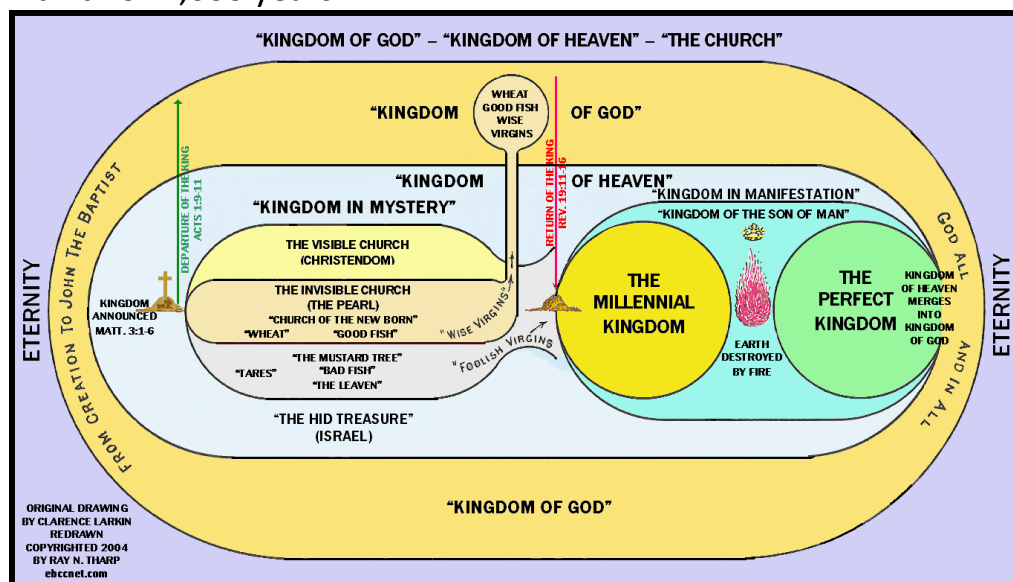
**Many infallible proofs...** the word infallible means "*incapable of making mistakes or being wrong*". During the 40 days between his passion and his ascension, he showed himself alive, with irrefutable proofs. **John 20:27-31; 21:4,5,7, 12-14, 24-25; Lk 24:38-40**

**Kingdom of God...** The Kingdom of God and the Kingdom of Heaven can be synonymous, but not always. **Lk 17:20-37; Jn 3:3-8; Lk 24:45-47, Acts 1:6, 2:29-30.**

- The phrase "Kingdom of Heaven" was used exclusively in Matthew's Gospel because Matthew is presenting the Messiah as king of the Jews and heir to the throne of David. Hence the preaching of John the Baptist:

*Mat 3:2 And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.*

- The phrase "*Kingdom of Heaven*" is referring to that visible representation of the eternal Kingdom of God on Earth, where Christ rules on the throne of David for 1,000 years.



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*Acts 1:4-5 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. 5 For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.*

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**.v4 Commanded them...** At some point during Christ's 40 day bible institute class, Christ commanded the Apostles to stay in Jerusalem.

**...But wait for the promise of the Father... Jn 14:16; Lk 24:49.** This promise was originally given before his Passion; the Holy Spirit is called the "spirit of truth" and "the comforter". This Spirit was to lead them into "all truth". **Jn 16:13.**

*John 14:16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever...*

*Luke 24:49 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...*

**.v5 baptized...** John baptized with water, they were going to be baptized WITH the Holy Ghost.

*Matthew 3:11-12 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: 12 Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.*

- Just as John baptized with water unto repentance, so Christ was to baptize the believers in the book of Acts with the Holy Ghost unto repentance.  
**Act\_1:5; Act\_2:38; Act\_10:47; Act\_11:16.**



## The Ascension

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*Acts 1:6 When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?*

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**.v6 When they therefore...** therefore, *that is because of verses 1-5*, the Apostles are going to ask Jesus Christ a question. Remember:

- Christ had given commandments to the apostles
- He shewed himself alive by many infallible proofs
- He spoke and taught for 40 days of the kingdom of God
  - He opened their understanding of the scriptures and the OT Prophecies
  - How that Christ would suffer and rise from the dead
  - And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached to ALL NATIONS.
- He reminded them that they would receive the gift of the Holy Ghost and be *endued with power from on high*.

**At this time...** Know knowing of, and understanding, the grace that was to be offered between the suffering and glorified Messiah (*that is when Christ sits on his Throne*); nothing else prophetically needed to happen for this offer to be initiated. He had died, He had risen, and in their minds - He had returned.

- The resurrection of the kingdom to Israel was conditioned upon their acceptance of their King. We will see this in Peter's coming speeches.
- Having given man a freewill and knowing the possibilities; God had contingencies which were conditioned upon the freewill of the Jewish people.
  - (1) They accept their Messiah, and He would *soon* usher in Daniel's 70th week. or,
  - (2) they reject the Messiah and God would postpone the Kingdom offer and extend grace & salvation in His name to the gentiles.

**Restore AGAIN the kingdom to Israel...** AGAIN, because it is not a new kingdom, this is the same kingdom that once thrived under David, and Solomon.



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*Matthew 3:2-3 And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. 3 For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.*

*Oba 1:21 And saviours shall come up on mount Zion to judge the mount of Esau; and the kingdom shall be the LORD'S.*

*Mic 4:8 And thou, O tower of the flock, the strong hold of the daughter of Zion, unto thee shall it come, even the first dominion; the kingdom shall come to the daughter of Jerusalem.*

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*Acts 1:7 And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.*

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**It is not for you to know...** He did not say YES, and He did not say NO; The answer was "I am not going to tell you when". God had a hidden purpose which He foreordained before the foundation of the world knowing what the response of the Nation of Israel would be.

- There was a condition that would hinder, or make this event possible.
- Times - the exact day
- Seasons - the length of time until it's occurrence
  - Rev 22:10 And he saith unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for **the time** is at hand.

*Acts 3:17-21 And now, brethren, I wot that through ignorance ye did it, as did also your rulers. 18 But those things, which God before had shewed by the mouth of all his prophets, that Christ should suffer, he hath so fulfilled. 19 Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; 20 And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: 21 Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.*

The restoration of the kingdom was conditioned upon their response. Peter explains this requirement, as well as their required response, in Acts Chapter 3.

- **IF:** REPENT therefore - and be converted

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- **THEN:** your sins will be blotted out - the times of refreshing shall come - and Jesus Christ would be sent back.

Notice Acts 3:12 - *Ye men of Israel:* This offer was to the Nation of Israel, the message at this time was to the Jew ONLY.

*Matthew 15:22-24 And, behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried unto him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou Son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil. 23 **But he answered her not a word.** And his disciples came and besought him, saying, Send her away; for she crieth after us. 24 **But he answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel.***

Also see **Matthew 10:6; John 20:21; Romans 15:8; Gal 2:2-10.** The gospel of the circumcision is sent to the JEW ONLY.

**In His own Power...**The nation of Israel was to be the light to the Gentiles, hence the reason why it was necessary to have the gospel sent to the Jew ONLY from Mat 1:1 to Acts 12:23; and to the Jew FIRST from Acts 13:1 to Acts 28:28. In God's power and wisdom, He decreed that the failure of Israel would bring light and grace to the Gentiles through their reconciliation to God, and there restoration would bring life from the dead. See Rom 11:15.

*Act\_15:14-16; Psa\_22:27-29, Psa\_67:2-7, Psa\_72:7-8, Psa\_96:1-2, Psa\_98:2-3, Psa\_117:1-2; Isa\_2:1-3, Isa\_24:13-16, Isa\_42:9-12, Isa\_45:22, Isa\_52:10, Isa\_59:19-20; Jer\_16:19; Hos\_1:10; Amo\_9:12; Mic\_4:2-3, Mic\_5:7; Zep\_3:9-10; Zec\_2:11, Zec\_8:20-23; Mal\_1:11*

*Acts 13:46-47 Then Paul and Barnabas waxed bold, and said, It was necessary that the word of God should first have been spoken to you: but seeing ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles. 47 For so hath the Lord commanded us, saying, I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles, that thou shouldest be for salvation unto the ends of the earth. **Isa 42:6 & Isa 49:6***

Simply put, the nation of Israel's restoration was conditioned upon their response toward their risen King.

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*Acts 1:8 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.*

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**But...** He is going to direct their attention to where it needed to be - witnessing. Telling the world, *first in Jerusalem, first the Jew only*, about their risen Messiah and King.

**Shall receive power...** God is going to equip them with the power necessary to complete the task at hand. The power of the Holy Ghost is to give the power to witness and preach the gospel.

*Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.*

*1 Thessalonians 1:5 For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance; as ye know what manner of men we were among you for your sake.*

The word **power** has multiple meanings. The word used here, in verse 8, means by FORCE; while the word used in verse 7, given the context in the Father's power, means *in His capacity, competency, freedom, or (objectively) mastery*. The restoration of the Kingdom is in God's authority and timing.

In verse 8 the word **power** (doo'-nam-is) means *power, strength, violence, a mighty (wonderful) work*. It's where we get our English word DYNAMITE. The power the Holy Ghost gives comes from within - and it's a mighty work.

Remember the book of Acts is divided into three parts.

- The events in Jerusalem. **Chapters 1-7**
- The events in Judea and Samaria. **Chapters 8-12**. This is the greater area, Judea being where Jerusalem was, and Samaria extending north into the northern kingdom.
- The events in the Uttermost parts. **Chapters 13-28**. This would extend unto Rome, London, Australia, Africa, etc...

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The Apostles carried out the commandment found in verse 8 to a T, they remained in Jerusalem until Acts 7, then the ministry extended to Judea and Samaria in Chapter 8 through chapter 12.

Then because the nation of Israel rejected their Messiah, the Lord raised up the Apostle Paul to continue the work into the uttermost parts through Acts Chapter 28.

Peter, one of the twelve, was the leader through Acts 12. In Acts Chapter 9 the Lord converted Saul, whose name was changed to Paul, who became the leader in Chapter 13.

*Acts 17:1-3 Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where was a synagogue of the Jews: 2 And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three sabbath days reasoned with them out of the scriptures, 3 Opening and alleging, that Christ must needs have suffered, and risen again from the dead; and that this Jesus, whom I preach unto you, is Christ.*

In every city Paul went, the first place he entered was the Jewish Synagogue. And when they, the Jews, rejected the message, Paul turned to the Gentiles to offer them the same hope the Jewish nation was being offered.

All this was according to prophecy and a part of the revealed plan of God. **Acts 17:2; 1 Cor 15:1-11.**

*1Co 15:8 And last of all he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time.*

The phrase *one born out of due time* means that it was an aborted birth: a miscarriage (abortion), that is, (by analogy) untimely birth. You see when God picks up his program, He is going to call 144,000 Apostle Paul's out of every tribe of the nation of Israel to deliver the gospel to the uttermost parts of the world, **Rev 7**, to go to the gentiles.

When the 12 Apostles' work was rejected in Chapters 7-12, Paul picks up the torch and carries the ministry through the rest of the book ending at Acts 28:28. Paul was one born out of due time.

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*Acts 28:28 Be it known therefore unto you, that the salvation of God is sent unto the Gentiles, and that they will hear it.*

Up until Acts 28:28, **John 4:22** says salvation is of the Jews because they were the instrument of blessings on the earth. After Acts 28:28 the Gentile is the primary channel of blessings to those "whosoever will".

*Rom 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.*

*Colossians 3:11 Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all.*

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*Acts 1:9 And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.*

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He was not taken up on a cloud, he was taken up into a cloud and he disappeared.

*Luke 24:51-53 And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven. 52 And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy: 53 And were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God. Amen.*

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*Acts 1:10-11 And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; 11 Which also said, 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.*

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**.v10 Looked stedfastly...** Having heard the commandments of Jesus, they watched Him disappear into a cloud and kept staring - steadfastly. That is, they fastened their eyes on the heavens and earnestly watched the cloud the Lord disappeared into.

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**Two men stood by them...** These two men were just standing there, alongside the apostles from Galilee. They were men, probably had beards, and were dressed in white apparel.

**.v11 Ye men of Galilee...** Christ ascended near the mount of olives, in Jerusalem. The apostles were from Galilee where the majority of Christ's ministry was located.

**This same Jesus...** Not some spook, or spirit revival, or some other form, this SAME JESUS.

***"Benjamin Creme** (born in 1922) - From a young age he was a student of the works of Blavatsky and Bailey, (and other occultists). First contacted by The Master (full name undisclosed) in 1959. The Master informed him that he would play a major role in the reappearance of Maitreya the Christ. Formed Share International Foundation in 1975. Since then he has been travelling the globe, speaking and lecturing in preparation for The Christ, and he claims to be in direct telepathic contact with both The Master and Maitreya.*

***Maitreya the World Teacher** (a.k.a. The Christ) - As he allegedly appeared in Kenya in 1988. Creme claims that Maitreya created and inhabited a human body in 1977, and privately entered society taking up residence in London. Since then he is alleged to have privately appeared to thousands of individuals, performing miracles and wonders and convincing many of the truth of his mission. (Wayne S. Peterson is one influential casualty, as is Mikhail Gorbachev.)*

*\*Creme claims that Maitreya descended from the Himalayas in 1977 and then flew to London on a 747, thus returning to human society "on the clouds of heaven," fulfilling Matthew 24:29. Of course it is possible that the Antichrist may have flown from Asia to London in 1977, but this trip would not in any way have fulfilled the prophecy regarding the visible Second Coming of Jesus Christ."*

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**In like manner...** As Christ was taken up, into a cloud, so shall he come back. Out of a cloud. **Dan 7:13-14; Zech 14:3-4; Matt 24:30; Mark 13:26; Lk 21:27; Rev 19:11-16.**

*Daniel 7:9-10 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. 10 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.*

*Revelation 19:11-16 And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. 12 His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. 13 And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. 14 And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. 15 And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. 16 And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.*