

Acts – Class 1 – Your Kingdom Come

Acts	Basic Comments	Prophecies	Description
1:1-5	Luke devised his two books to turn on the event of the resurrection. Everything in the gospel leads up to Jesus resurrection and ascension, everything in Acts happens because of his resurrection and ascension, and the message of these happenings to the world. There is a new King on the throne and he has declared that everyone everywhere should come before him and bow down because he has proven himself worthy.		
1:6-8	What is the gameplan? What were the Apostles thinking, imagining, expecting? God seems to always turn our preconceptions upside down. Ps 72, 89, Is 40-55 suggest Israel to be the world power. Sent to Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, the ends of the earth.	Ps 72 Ps 89 Is 40 Is 42 Is 44 Is 49 Is 51 Is 52 Is 54 Is 55	The glorious eternal king, the son of David And I will appoint him to be my firstborn, the most exalted 40) The sovereign Lord comes with power; 42) I will put my spirit on him; 44:3) I will pour out my spirit on your offspring; 49) A servant restores Jacob; light to the Gentiles - Kings & princes bow 51) Israel's tormentors will be humbled and crushed; 52) Israel to free itself, no uncircumcised enter Jerusalem again; 54) dispossess nations; your gates like jewels; the Lord himself teaches 55) the nations will come running to you; you will go out in joy and be lead forth in peace
1:9-14	Jesus' ascension; relationship between heaven and earth; Jesus ascending to the throne in heaven until the heaven and earth are united in the re-creation. Book of Daniel was heavily studied during the first century because the 490 years (70 sevens) predicted in Daniel related closely to the approximately 500 years since Babylonian captivity. There was a lot of discussion amongst the Jews in Jesus time regarding the prophecies. Daniel 7 prophecy is suggested here by Luke in the way he has recorded the occurrence.	Dan 7: 13-14 Dan 9:24	"In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed. 24 "Seventy 'sevens'[c] are decreed for your people and your holy city to finish[d] transgression, to put an end to sin, to atone for wickedness, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the Most Holy Place.
1:15-26	Restoring the 12;	Ps 69:25 Ps 109:8	
2:1-13	The coming of the Spirit: fire and wind; untamable, powerful; something new. The meanings of Passover and Pentecost; Passover – the God empowered rescue from slavery witnessed and received only by those who sacrificed an unblemished lamb; they departed immediately for the promised land. why Pentecost – 50 days later, they arrived at Mt. Horeb and received the law – God telling his people how they should live and follow him. It is also the festival of the first fruits, the beginning of harvest season. Jesus is the first fruits from the dead, the Spirit is poured out visibly and audibly as the first fruits and the declaration of the time for harvesting to begin. God is declaring the new law, the new life, the new way of following	Ex 3:1 Ex 17:6 Dt 1:1 Dt 4:10 Dt 4:15 Dt 5:2 Dt 18:16 Ps 106:19 Mal 4:4	God first speaks to Moses at Horeb Water came out of the rock for the people to drink at Horeb Moses spoke the commandments of God to them at Horeb All the people assembled to hear Gods words to learn to revere him God spoke to them out of the fire God made a covenant with them at Horeb The people were fearful of God's voice and his great fire they committed idolatry at Horeb The decrees and laws were given for all Israel
2:14-21	This is what we've been waiting for; it is all beginning to come true now. The Jews were looking for the Messiah, he just wasn't what they expected. The last days vs. the last day. The times of fulfillment of the prophecies, just not the completion of them all. The death & resurrection of Jesus results in the pouring out of the Holy Spirit; God moves with great power in a new way. First proclamation of the universal promise to Abraham: <u>Everyone</u> who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.	Joel 2:28-32	
2:22-36	David announces the resurrection to come. Jesus is murdered by the combination of Jew and Gentile, Religious and sectarian, the pinnacle of religious government and of worldly	Ps 16:8-11 Ps 110:1	
2:37-41	The plan of rescue; resurrection is the means of rescue from death; not just souls being rescued or death would still hold sway, but bodies too, so that death has no hold whatsoever.		

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2:42-24	The new family		
3:1-10	Power is in Jesus name; occurs outside the gate to the temple; activities are moving from inside the temple to outside into		
3:11-16	Peter declares the power by which the healing was accomplished by declaring the name of God as it was announced to Moses at the burning bush (Ex 3:6). The burning bush was when God began to intervene to bring the Israelites into relationship with him through the covenant. The declaration here by Peter is significant because God is now intervening to bring them into the new covenant through Jesus. What happened before is happening again, only now it is happening through God's servant (referencing Isaiah 53 –	Ex 3:6 , Is 53	"I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob."
3:17-27	Abraham declared a prophet in Gen 20:7 in a dream to Abimelech; the promise to Abraham contained the prophecy of this time: Gen 12:3, 18:18, 22:18, 26:24, 28:14 Peter declares that this is what Moses prophesied: Deut 18:15-19. This is what Samuel and all the prophets spoke of: This is what Isaiah prophesied (Is 53) God will raise up his servant	Gen 20:7 Gen 12:3 Gen 18:18 Gen 22:18 Gen 26:24 Gen 28:14 Dt 18:15-19 Is 52:10-15 Is 53	Now return the man's wife, for he is a prophet... And all the peoples on earth shall be blessed through you. And all the nations of the earth shall be blessed through him. And thru your offspring all nations on earth shall be blessed. Promise renewed to Isaac Promise renewed to Jacob Promise of a prophet like Moses to come All the nations blessed by the servant to come The suffering servant
4:1-12	See Daniel 2, the rock cut out of the mountain, but not by human hands. See Psalm 118: specific quote about the stone the builders rejected, but also reminds them of the procession of palms to the temple with which Jesus was welcomed by the people and how he came in the name of the Lord; v 15-16 about how the Lord has done mighty things, even the healing of this beggar, but more importantly the	Dan 2:44-45 Ps 118:22-24 Ps 118:26-27 Mt 21:8-11 Mk 11:8-10 Jn 12:12-16 Zech 9:9	The God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed The stone rejected has become the capstone; this very day, rejoice Blessed is he who comes in name of the Lord; with boughs in hand... Hosanna to the son of David... Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David Blessed is the king of Israel Your king is coming riding on a donkey's colt
4:13-31	Warned by the rulers, the Apostles call the church together and pray to God for boldness, with a confidence based on the scriptures declaring Jesus king, messiah and the Son of God.	Ps 2:1-12	Things have changed: God has installed his king, he has named him Son, He is laying down the rules for how it is going to be from now on.
4:32-37	In Luke 4, Jesus responses to Satan are from Dt.; Jesus proclamation is from Is 61 and Is 58. Interestingly, these two chapters link together the freedom declared in the year of canceling debts (Deut 15) and the year of jubilee (Lev 25) and proclaim the creation of a community of the free where all	Is 61:1... Is 58:6... Deut 8:3; 6:13; 6:16	Consecrate the fiftieth year and proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you; each of you is to return to your family property and to your own clan. Lev 25:10 <i>It would be interesting to know if this was a Jubilee year on the Hebrew calendar</i>

CLASS 1 – General Notes

1. The Gospel of Luke and the Book of Acts is a 2-Part publication. They are linked by design.
2. Approximate date of Acts is 62 AD
3. Purpose stated at beginning of Luke is "that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught"
Gospel of Luke: All that Jesus began to do and teach; the Kingdom is coming
Acts: All that Jesus continued to do and teach; the Kingdom is here
4. "Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets and the psalms"
5. Written as a history and an epic journey in keeping with great Greek literature
6. Major Events/topics: Coming of the king and kingdom, demonstration of power, resistance received, response to message, Jesus' authority, life in the church.
7. Other subjects: John the Baptist, Herod, interaction with rulers, following Jesus, women's roles, godly Jews, godly Gentiles, godly soldiers
8. Themes: Kingdom of God has come; Jesus is King and Messiah; Jesus working by his Spirit; Salvation is for everyone; Resurrection and New Life; Message must be delivered; Grace, Justice & Judgment.
9. Prophecies of the Messiah and Kingdom: Climate of the times, the Jews were expectant
10. Why they didn't see it
11. Resurrection and Ascension
12. Meaning of Passover and Pentecost; How God made a convincing case for the believers
13. How are we like the Jews of that time? What are we expecting: resurrection, heaven, etc. Do we search?