

MIRACLES IN THE BOOK OF ACTS

EVENT

PERSON(S) INVOLVED	PLACE	MIRACLE WORKER	EVENT
esus	Jerusalem	Jesus	Seen teaching for 40 days after His resurrection. 1:2
esus	Mt. of Olives	Jesus	Ascended into the clouds 1:9
postles	Upper room (8)	Jesus	visible tongues ^{of} fire, sound as mighty wind, tongues 2:3-
postles	Jerusalem	Apostles	Wonders and signs 2:43
ame man	Gate Beautiful	Peter & John	Made him leap for joy 3:7-11
he church	Jerusalem	The Lord	Earthquake after prayer by believers 4:31
nanias & Sapphira	Jerusalem church	The Lord	Struck dead 5:5-10
postles	Jerusalem	Apostles	Signs & wonders continued 5:12
eter	Surrounding cities	Peter	His shadow healed the sick folk. 5:15,16
postles	Prison	Angel	Opened prison doors 5:19
tephen	Jerusalem	Stephen	Wrought wonders and signs 6:8
hillip	Samaria	Phillip	Wrought miracles and signs 8:6,7,13
aul	Damascus Rd.	The Lord	Direct voice spoke-Light blinded Saul 9:3-9
aul	Damascus	Ananias	Saul healed of blindness 9:17,18
eneas	Lydda	Peter	Healed him of palsy 9:32-35
orcas	Joppa	Peter	Raised her from the dead 9:40-42
orneilus	Ceasarea	Angel	Appeared to him to send for Peter 10:5
eter	Joppa	The Lord	Spoke to tell Peter to go to Corneilus 10:11
orneilus	Ceasarea	The Lord	Spoke in tongues to convince Jews of Gentile Acceptance 10:10
eter	Prison	The Lord	Prison gate opened on its own 12:10
erod	Ceasarea	The Lord	Smitten of worms and died
lymas	Paphos	Paul	Elymas struck blind cp. 13:11,12
ame man	Lystra	Paul	Healed him who was born crippled 14:3,4,9
aul	Troas	Paul	Had a vision of a man from Macedonia
girl with spirits	Philippi	Paul	Cast out demons 16:18
philippian jailer	Philippi	The Lord	Earthquake released from prison 16:26
twelve "Baptists"	Ephesus	Paul	Spoke in tongues after Paul laid hands on them 19:6
ick	Asia	Paul	Healed by special miracles (Handkerchiefs etc.) 19:11-12
Eutycthus	Troas	Paul	Raised him from dead 20:8-12

WHAT THOSE IN THE BOOK OF ACTS DID TO BE SAVED

The Jew at Pentecost
Acts 2:37-47

When they heard and were pricked in their hearts and asked what they must do, they were told to repent and be baptized for the remission of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit and, being obedient, were added to the Church.

The Samaritans
Acts 8:5-13

When they believed the things Phillip preached concerning the Kingdom of God and the authority of Christ they were baptized.

The Jewish Priests
Acts 6:17

These heard and became obedient to the faith.

The Ethiopian Eunuch
Acts 8:25-40

When Phillip preached unto him Jesus he confessed his belief in His messiahship and was baptized and went on his way rejoicing.

Saul of Tarsus
Acts 9,22

When he believed and asked what he must do he was told to go to a street called Straight and he would be told what he must do. He was told to be baptized and wash away his sins.

Lydia of Thyatira
Acts 16:13-15

When her heart was opened she attended unto the things which were spoken and was baptized.

The Phillipian Jailor
Acts 16:25-34

When he asked what he must do to be saved he was told to believe on Christ and after he was taught more he did believe and was baptized the same hour of the night and rejoiced.

The Corinthians
Acts 18:1-8

When they heard they believed and were baptized.

The Ephesians
Acts 19:1-5

When they heard of Christ, whom John the Baptist foretold, they were baptized though they had already been immersed in John's baptism.

THERE MAY BE MORE DEMANDS FOR PARDON THAN ANY ONE VERSE COMMANDS, BUT THERE CAN NEVER BE FEWER THAN ANY ONE VERSE COMMANDS. This being true, we can see that the Gospel must be: HEARD - BELIEVED - OBEYED (Repentance and Baptism) When this is done we too can enjoy the promises: the remission of our sins, the gift of the Holy Spirit, added to the Lord's Church, and great rejoicing! Why don't you be obedient? The angels of heaven will rejoice with you.

TWELVE REASONS FOR THE BOOK OF ACTS

- ONE: To illustrate the son of God's continued watch and care over His Body, the Church, of which He is the Head.
- TWO: To illustrate the Holy Spirit's activity in comforting, guiding, convicting, and calling to remembrance as Christ had promised.
- THREE: To illustrate the Father's cooperation in the expansion of the Church by miracles, signs and wonders.
- FOUR: To illustrate the relevancy of Christ's death as He gave men the remission of sins and salvation.
- FIVE: To illustrate the place and authority of the apostles of Christ in God's plan. They exercise the God given power to loose and unloose! Their doctrines are to be continued in and they are seen to be the dispensers of the miraculous gifts of the Spirit.
- SIX: To illustrate the progress of evangelizing the whole world, beginning with the Palestine Jew, the Hellenistic Jew, Samaritans, Proselyte of Righteousness (Eunuch), the Proselyte of the Gate (Cornelius), Peter is seen using the keys to Kingdom to both Jew and Gentile at the God appointed time.
- SEVEN: To illustrate the Power of God over any foe which Satan sent against the Church.
- EIGHT: To illustrate that all the promises unto the ancient fathers were fulfilled in Christ and could be received by faith in Him. Salvation, hope, the resurrection, the Kingdom of God, are made known in Christ.
- NINE: To illustrate the zeal and conviction of those who were witnesses of the resurrected Lord. They sealed their testimony with their own blood.
- TEN: To illustrate the great commission when carried out as Christ commanded His apostles resulted in salvation - "Go - teach - make disciples - baptize - shall be saved." Acts shows this promise fulfilled in this book of conversions.
- ELEVEN: To illustrate the duties of the different offices of the Church. In Acts we see their obligations, while Paul's Letters contain their qualifications. Acts gives us the practical purpose of the offices and their relationship to one another.
- TWELVE: To illustrate the reactions and feedback of those to whom the Gospel was first preached. It encourages us in that some will believe. It makes us aware that some will mock, persecute, and kill. It strengthens us in seeing the example of those who endured unto death.

THE ZEAL OF THE CHURCH IN THE BOOK OF ACTS

They preached

When mocked 2
 When marveled at 3
 When forbidden to 4
 When beaten 5
 When disputed with 6
 When on trial 7
 When scattered abroad 8
 When murder is plotted against them 9
 When they were still prejudice 10
 When persecuted 11
 When their leaders were killed 12
 When truth was perverted 13
 When offered a chance to speak 13
 When they are worshipped 14
 When left for dead by stoning 14
 When doctrine is not clear 15
 When in prison 16
 When fleeing 17
 When stirred by sins influence 17
 When afraid 17
 When falsely accused 18
 When opposed by other religions 19
 When in a hurry 20
 When arrested 21
 When mobbed 22
 When before religious authorities 23
 When before governors 24
 When before kings 25-26
 When in peril 27-28
 When waiting to be executed 28
 When in chains 28

They preached to

The poor
 The rich
 The educated
 The free thinkers
 The inquirers
 The women
 The religiously prejudice
 The commoner
 The governors
 The guards
 The soldiers
 The kings
 The councils
 The individual
 The mobs
 The crowds
 The idolaters
 The priests
 The chief priest
 The sorcerers
 The outcasts
 The Jew
 The Gentile
 The sick
 The lame
 The Judizers
 The mockers
 The lawyers
 The prisoners
 The jailers
 The business people

"And the Lord added to the Church daily those who were being saved"

REFERENCE	CRISIS	REMEDY	RESULT
6:7	<u>Internal murmuring</u> in the church over Grecian widows neglect	Apostles let them choose seven Grecian deacons to serve them	Apostles freed to teach Word of God increased Disciples multiplied Great company of priest obeyed
9:31	<u>Persecution</u> by Saul of Tarsus	He is converted and they fear-fully receive him and then fully receive him	Churches had rest. Edified and walk in fear of Lord and comfort of the Holy Spirit.
12:24	The Gospel was being <u>hindered</u> by <u>political power</u> of Herod Agrippa I.	God caused his death by worms.	Word of God grew and multiplie ie. As word preached the church grew.
16:5	There had been an argument over <u>doctrine</u> , namely the necessity of Gentile's being circumcised.	Holy Spirit had the decision of council delivered to churches.	So were the churches established in the faith and increased in number daily.
19:20	<u>False prophets</u> tried to imitate the Apostle Paul in casting out devils.	They were abused by the evil spirit.	So mightily grew the word of God and prevailed.
28:31	The Jews <u>rejection of Christ</u> is finalized.	Be it known unto you that salvation of God is sent unto Gentiles and they will hear it.	He preached the kingdom of God and things concerning the Lord Jesus Christ to Gentiles.

IN ACTS THEY PREACHED

THE WORD

The Word 8:4 11:9 14:25 16:6 17:11
 The Word of the Lord 8:25 15:25,35 13:48,49
 The Word of the Lord Jesus 19:10
 The Word of God 13:5,7,44 17:13 18:11 19:20
 The Words of Life 5:20
 Words whereby men are saved 11:14

THE GOSPEL

Gospel 8:25 14:7,21 16:10
 Doctrine of the Lord 13:12
 All the counsel of God 20:27

THE CHRIST

Christ 8:5 9:20
 Jesus Christ 3:20 5:42
 Jesus 8:35
 The Lord Jesus 11:20
 In the name of the Lord Jesus 9:27
 In name of Jesus 9:27
 Peace by Jesus Christ 10:36
 Judgement by Jesus Christ 10:42
 Forgiveness by Jesus Christ 13:38
 Faith in Christ 24:24

THE REMISSION OF SINS

To Israel 5:31 2:38 3:19 13:38
 To Gentile 10:43
 To whosoever 10:43 13:26,38,48

THE RESURRECTION

Jesus and the resurrection 17:18 2:14-40 4:10 17:18
 Through Jesus, the resurrection from death 4:2
 The resurrection of the Lord Jesus 4:33 5:30 26:8
 6:40 17:3,18,31 2:2:6-11 24:15-21 26:8,33

REPENTANCE

Repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus
 20:21
 To turn from vanity to the living God. 14:15
 Of righteousness, temperance and judgement to
 come 24:25

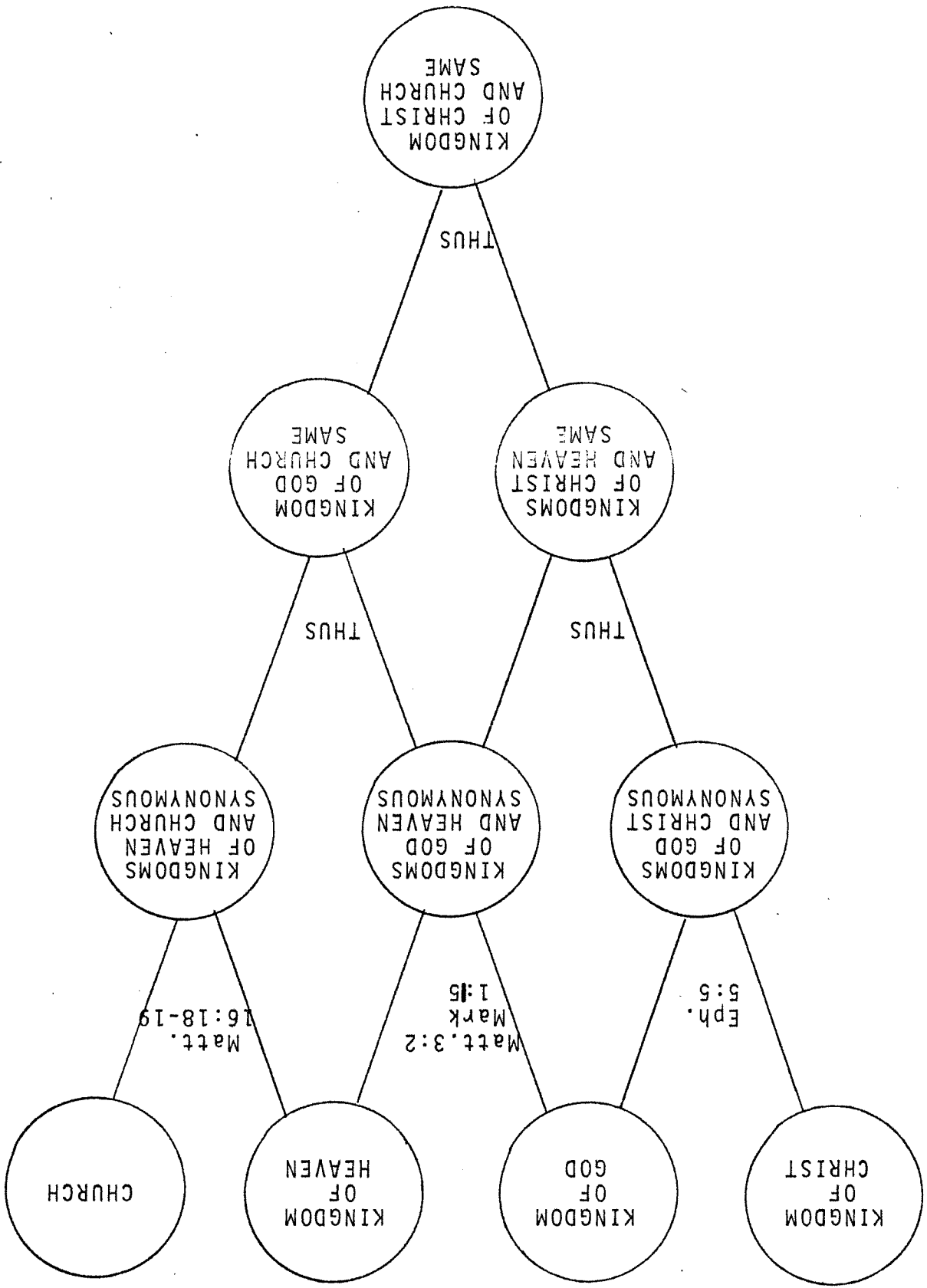
THE KINGDOM

The Kingdom of God 20:25
 Things concerning the Kingdom of God 19:8
 Concerning the Kingdom of God and the name of
 Jesus Christ 8:12
 The Kingdom of God and things which concern the
 Lord Jesus Christ 28:31
 The Kingdom of God, persuading them concerning
 Jesus both out of law and prophets 28:23

THE SCRIPTURES

Foretold Christ must suffer, rise from the dead
 17:3
 Foretold Jesus is the Christ 17:3 18:5 18:28
 26:23
 Foretold the Kingdom of God in law and prophets
 28:23

THE CHURCH IS THE KINGDOM



Apostles of Christ

These were the twelve men chosen by Christ to initiate His work in the world. They personally were chosen by Christ. When Judas fell because of his sin his bishopric was given under the direction of the apostles to Matthias who was numbered with the eleven as one of the twelve. (Acts 1:26 2:14) He fulfilled the qualifications of an apostle as given by Peter in that he had seen the resurrected Lord. Paul also is an apostle of Christ. Being personally chosen of Christ and having seen the resurrected Christ he is named the apostle to the Gentiles. (9:15) This office was of course temporary due to its purpose and its qualifications. The apostles' word was given to guide the Church and we are to continue in it. (Acts 2:42) Their words are Christ's law.

Apostles of the Church

These men were sent by a Church through the Holy Spirit to do what the Church needed accomplished. It may be to teach (Acts 13:2,3) gift bearing (11:29-30) confirmation of churches (11:22-24) To deliver the decrees of the apostles (15:25-27), (16:4) or to even pass along Spiritual Gifts as Peter and John did to the Samaritans. (8:14-18) At times the apostles of Christ acted as apostles of the Church as well. They are merely "one sent" by the Church. This office continues today in our word 'missionary' in that they are sent by the Church to do those errands the Churches desire done.

Evangelists

These seem to be mostly itinerant preachers who traveled where ever they personally desired or where the Lord led by revelation. They may even reside for some time in one place. Paul is usually playing the role of Evangelist as well as apostle of Christ. (Acts 8:5,26) (Acts 21:8 (Acts 15:34) This office continues.

Elders

These men were the overseers of local congregations. They were teachers and feeders of the flock. Each Church had its own elders appointed by the Evangelists who were moving on to new fields. This office continues today. (Acts 20:28-31 Acts 14:23) Peter usually played the role of elder as well as apostle of Christ.

Deacons

These men were chosen to do the daily ministrations of caring for the widows and serving the Church in a non-teaching capacity. (Acts 6:1-6) Some of these later became Evangelists as they learned the Word and saw the need to preach. Phillip is an example as well as Stephen (Acts 21:8).

Prophets

These men were inspired men upon whom the apostles had laid their hands and given these special gifts to confirm, edify and work miracles. They usually taught in plain speech but some could speak in tongues and foretell coming events. Since these gifts were given only by the laying on of the apostles of Christ' hands, the office was of course temporary. (Acts 19:6, 13:1 11:22-24 11:27-28).

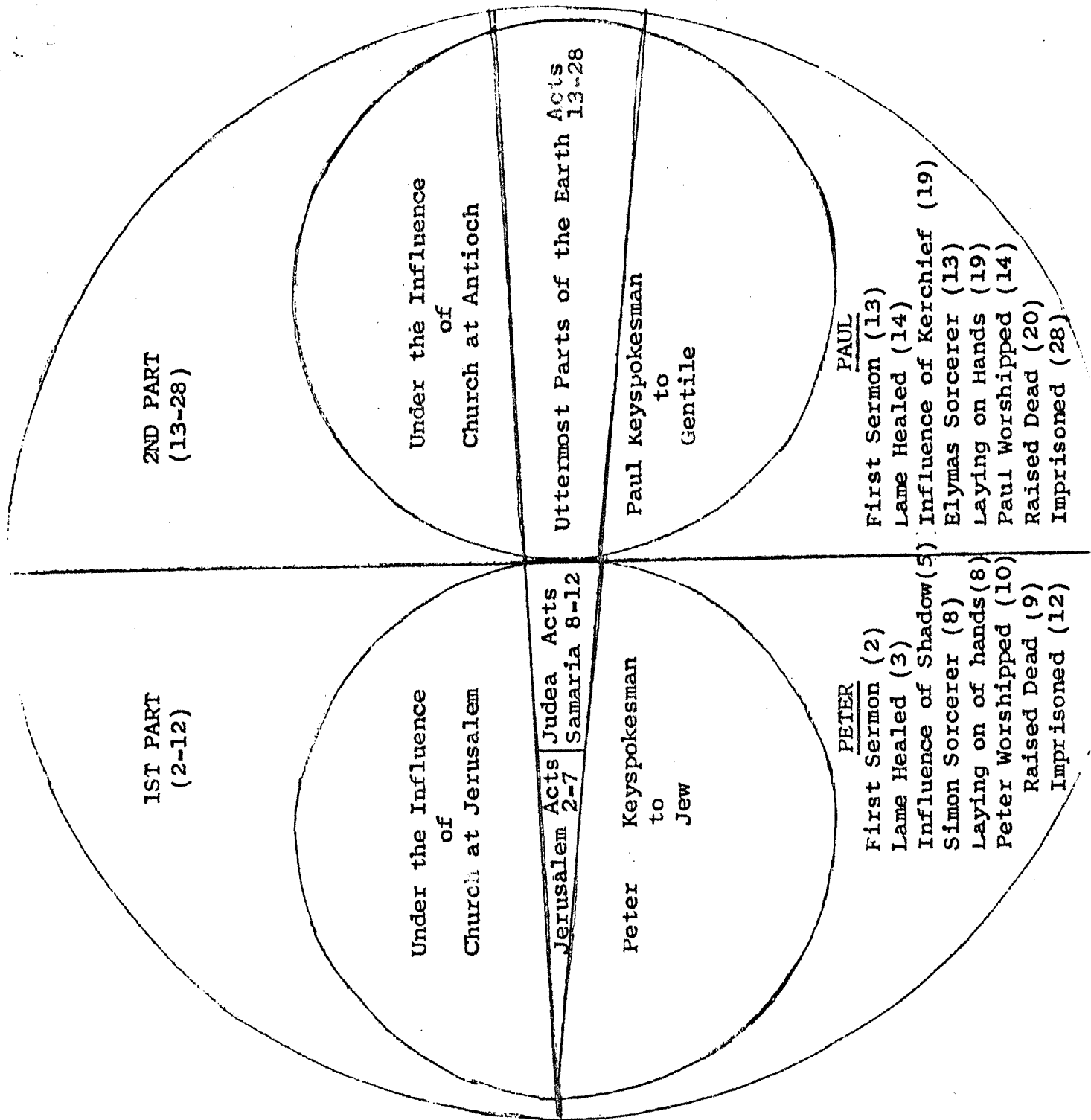
THERE ARE NO NEW TESTAMENT OFFICES EXCEPT THESE MENTIONED IN THE BOOK OF ACTS

Any other office mentioned is identical with one of the above

THE ACTS
OF THE
APOSTLES

ACTS
1:8

P E N T E C O S T



THE SPREAD OF CHRISTIANITY IN ACTS COMPARED TO OTHER RELIGIOUS GROUPS

MOST RELIGIONS ARE PROPAGATED IN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING WAYS

- Spread by force (Mohammedism)
- Deportation of nonbelievers of their faith (Mohammedism)
- Promise of sinful sensual rewards in after life (Mohammedism)
- Glorified begging and laziness (Buddhism)
- Compromise (Mohammedism, Buddhism, Shintoism, Hinduism)
- Political powers accepted it (Imperial faith like Buddhism)
- A caste system (Hinduism)
- Spread by fear of demons in nature (Taoism)
- Educational system taught their principles (Confucianism)
- Ancestor worship (Confucianism)
- Emperor is God (Shintoism)
- No moral regeneration required (All pagan religions ceremony only)

ACTS SHOWS CHRISTIANITY DID NOT HAVE THESE ADVANTAGES

- Forced to spread abroad 8:4
- The believers were the ones deported 8:1
- No sinful things promised. Only God's presence 7:55-60
- Says we ought to support the weak 20:33-36
- Would not compromise even with Judism 15:24-31
- No political advantage. Felix, Festus, Agrippa 24:26
- A brotherhood, all things common 2:44-45 4:32-34
- Commanded them to repent of such superstition 17:29
- No school taught it. Thought foolish by wise 17:18
- Rejected worship of ancients and selfs 3:12-26
- Denies Emperor God. Struck Herod dead 12:21-23
- Man must repent and be converted 3:19 17:29 5:1-11

FOR EVERY EFFECT THERE IS A CAUSE.....THE CAUSE OF THE RAPID SUCCESS OF CHRISTIANITY WAS THE ZEAL OF THE EYE WITNESSES OF THE RESURRECTION BOTH IN THEIR LIVES AND DEATHS. THEY SEALED THEIR TESTIMONY WITH THEIR BLOOD

PROBLEMS OF FIRST CHURCH

PERSECUTION

After Peter and John had healed the lame man and given honor to Christ they were forbidden to speak in Christ's name. It resulted in their imprisonment. Cp. 3,4,5

FACTIONS

The native Jews (Hebrews) were accused by the Grecian (Hellenist) Jews of playing favorites in the daily distribution of food to widows. This could have produced a problem between the Hebrews and those Jews who were open to Greek influences. This was a great threat to the unity of the young Church. The apostles answered the charge by having deacons chosen. This was great diplomacy on the part of the apostles for all seven deacons have Greek names. Thus the Palestinian Jews were overseeing the Spiritual matters and Hellenists were administering daily needs and harmony resulted.

MARTYRDOM

Before Stephen, the first Christian martyr, was stoned there is no record of anyone beside the apostles being persecuted. With his martyrdom persecution affected all the Christians as they were then scattered abroad. Stephen had spoken against the Jewish nation and as they fled from that nation they went every where preaching the Word. Even to the despised "half Jews", the Samaritans (8:5). Others fled to Antioch and preached to the Hellenist Jews there (Acts 11:19-21). Phillip even went and preached to an Ethiopian Eunuch. Since he was a proselyte to Judaism and was what is called a "Proselyte of Righteousness" and had been circumcised his acceptance was natural. At the end of Acts 9 every member of the Church was circumcised.

GENTILE CONVERSION

Cornelius was a God fearer. These were Gentiles who were "Proselytes of the Gate". He was uncircumcised. Peter was now by vision instructed to go to him and tell words whereby he could be saved (11:14). It appears Peter was already drifting from strict adherence to the law. He was staying in a tanner's home. These were outcasts and the occupation was considered unclean. Here in Joppa, where Jonah had refused to go to preach to Gentiles, Peter is called to do the same. The problem was he ate with uncircumcised Gentiles and received them into the Church. He defends his action by showing God's hand in it by vision and by His Spirit. Then they all rejoiced that repentance into life had been granted unto Gentiles (11:18). The Great Commission was now to be fulfilled. Paul and Barnabas are sent out to preach to all men. They preached first to Jew and God fearers (13:15) and when they rejected the offer they turned to Gentiles (13:43-47)

JUDIZERS

In Acts 15 some men from Judea came and informed Paul and Barnabas that before Gentiles could be saved they must be circumcised as Moses commanded. They disputed with them and then went to confirm their feelings with the apostles in Jerusalem. After the council it was decided by those present and the Holy Spirit that neither circumcision nor the law of Moses was binding on Christians. Gentiles had only to abstain from meat offered to idols, blood, things strangled, and fornication. The rest of the law was unbinding. These decrees were taken to the Churches (16:4)

FALSE RELIGIONS: DIVINATION

Paul had problems with a girl who had a spirit of divination who affirmed that Paul was a servant of God. Who needs a demon possessed girl as a witness? When he healed her and her masters saw her fortune telling ability destroyed they had Paul and Silas put in prison. In this prison they converted the jailer Acts 16.

IDOLATRY

In Athens Paul's spirit was stirred when he saw the superstitions of Idolatry. His speech on Mars Hill against Idolatry and their statues to the unknown god caused some to believe, others to mock (Acts 17:16-34)

Epicureans

These philosophers followed Epicurus (342-270 B.C.) He taught that pleasure of self was highest goal. Seek it, avoid pain at all costs. It was not over indulgence however for this would promote pain. It was pleasure of the mind, contentment without pain or fear. Paul disputed with them 17:18.

STOICS

These men followed Zeno (336-263 B.C.) Their idea was "What will be, will be". So be prepared and enjoy fate, whatever it is. This fatalism however, did not make them unevangelistic. Their missionaries went everywhere helping people understand the goodness of reality. Paul disputed with them (17:18).

GNOSTICS

The knowing ones who thought all was divided into good or evil. The flesh was evil. Two extremes resulted: The Ascetics who abused the flesh and the Libertines who indulged to show they were not ruled by earthly ethics. The latter are mentioned in Acts 6:9.

RULER WORSHIP

The state implemented ruler worship to supplant the old religious structure of idolatry. They made their rulers gods. This made Christians to be traitors as they would not worship the emperors. See God's attitude of them in Acts 12:21-23.

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WHY THE MIRACULOUS GIFTS OF TONGUES IN THE BOOK OF ACTS

TO THE APOSTLES ON PENTECOST,.... The tongues in this chapter as exercised by the apostles attracted the attention of the Jews from every nation that had assembled together for Pentecost. These men heard the sermon of Peter and the apostles as they told that the Jesus whom they had crucified was now exalted to the right hand of God and was shedding forth those things they were seeing and hearing. This confirmed the doctrine of the apostles and distinguished them from the other disciples as the givers of the doctrine of Christ. The whole Church continued steadfastly in the apostles doctrines as they were the recognized deliverers of that law which went out from Jerusalem. Acts 2

TO THE SAMARITANS,.....It is commonly held by Bible scholars that the Samaritans spoke in tongues. The Samaritans were mongrels. They were half Jews and half Gentiles. They had their own worship of the true God and were believers in the law of Moses. They did not look to Jerusalem for leadership in the Mosaic religion. Phillip preached unto them Jesus and they believed and were baptized and saved but it was not until the apostles laid their hands on them that they received the gift of tongues. This established the authority of the apostles over the Samaritans and caused them to look to them for leadership and guidance in doctrine and matters of faith and practice. They would not establish a separate Samaritan church as they had established the separate center of the religion of Moses. They would recognize the right of Jewish apostles to set precedent and bind and unloose as Christ had foretold. They knew salvation was in Christ and His apostles were the dispensers of further instruction and blessings. Acts 8

TO THE GENTILE, CORNELIUS AND FRIENDS,.....When these spoke in tongues it prodded Peter to use the Keys of the Kingdom to open the door to Gentiles. Had Peter dispensed the gift of tongues to the Gentiles by laying his hands on them he would have been rebuked by those of the circumcision. He himself would not be apt to do it because of his own prejudice and fear of reproval from his brethren. As it was, he needed convinced and he must not receive the blame for giving the gift to Gentiles. God did it for him to persuade both him and those who would find fault with him. The tongues was not proof the Gentiles were saved. It was to prove that they could be saved as other men by obeying the Gospel of Christ. The Gentiles, however, saw that the apostles had the right to bind and unbind what would be accepted on earth and what would not. Because of this experience of the Gentile the Gentile was recognized as men to be preached to. It also established apostolic authority. The latter is proven by the fact that they accepted the decision of the apostles on the subject of the circumcision question. Acts 10

TO THE EPHESIAN DISCIPLES OF JOHN,.....To provide a witness to the numerous Jewish population in Ephesus of the power of the Christ these disciples of John were given the ability to prophecy. The Jews everywhere recognized that John the Baptist was a prophet from God. They accepted this as a fact. When the disciples of John believed on Christ and were baptized into His name and then spoke in tongues after the apostle laid his hands on them, it must have made them sit up and take notice. Could it be that the disciples of John had a power given unto them in the name of the Messiah whom they had rejected and crucified? Could it be that the apostles of this rejected Messiah had more power than the Baptist himself? Of course the end result would be for the disciples of John to be aware of Paul's authority to instruct them further in the name of the Lord. He even separated them from the synagogue. Acts 19

The gift of tongues without exception sealed the authority of the apostles of Christ. 2 Cor. 12:12,13

WITCHCRAFT

In Acts 19:19 those who used curious acts in witchcraft burned their books. Simon the Sorcerer in Acts 8 also had long fooled people with his arts. Elymas the Sorcerer was struck blind for resisting the Word of God. Acts 13:8-11

THE MYSTERY CULTS

These worshipped a goddess and a god of nature. In different countries different names were used for these gods and goddesses. When Paul met the initiates and worshippers of Diana, whose image was supposed to have fallen down from Jupiter, a great uproar resulted. The craftsmen who made her images were angry knowing that they would lose sales if she was removed. Acts 19

WORSHIP OF THE APOSTLES

Peter had to rebuke men who sought to worship him Acts 3:12, as well as Paul and Barnabas Acts 14:12-15. Later when Paul was bitten by a serpent they thought him a god because he did not die Acts 28:6.

THE BOOK OF ACTS SHOWS CHRISTIANITY VICTORIOUS OVER ALL HER ENEMIES AND PROBLEMS.....

THE ACTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN ACTS

He gave the apostles of Christ power as He promised them (Acts 1:4-8) and confirmation of their word by signs.
Acts 2:4-11 4:33

He is poured out upon all flesh as promised by Joel (Acts 2:19-21) to both Jew and Gentile before the terrible destruction in the day of the Lord upon Jerusalem, letting people of all nations glorify God. (Acts 2:11, 10:46 21:9)

He indwells the immersed penitent believer as promised by Peter (Acts 2:38) to both obedient Jews and Gentiles.
Acts 2:39 5:32 9:17 Here He is the gift.

He imparts gifts to those upon whom the apostles lay their hands as observed by Simon (Acts 8:15) to edify the Church and to evangelize the world. Acts 8:16 6:8-9 19:6 Here He is the giver.

He smites dead those who tempt Him or lie unto Him. Acts 5:1-11

He inspires men to:
speak with tongues 2:4 19:6 10:46
speak with authority 4:8
speak the Word of God with boldness 4:31
speak with reproof and anger 13:9-11
speak prophecy 11:28 21:9-11
see into heaven 7:55,56

He fills men with His very being.
All believers 2:38
Stephen 6:3,5
Barnabas 11:24
Disciples 13:52

He guided men to:
speak to an individual about his soul. Acts 8:29 (Phillip to Eunuch)
speak to Gentiles 10:19 11:12 (Peter to Cornelius)
send out preachers of the Gospel 13:2-4 (as when Paul and Barnabas were sent out)
make decisions of doctrinal issues 15:28 (circumcision)
not yet go into an area for evangelism. 16:6,7 21:4 20:23
go into another area of evangelism for Christ. 16:10

He makes men overseers of the Church. Acts 20:28

He testifies of Christ's resurrection. Acts 5:32

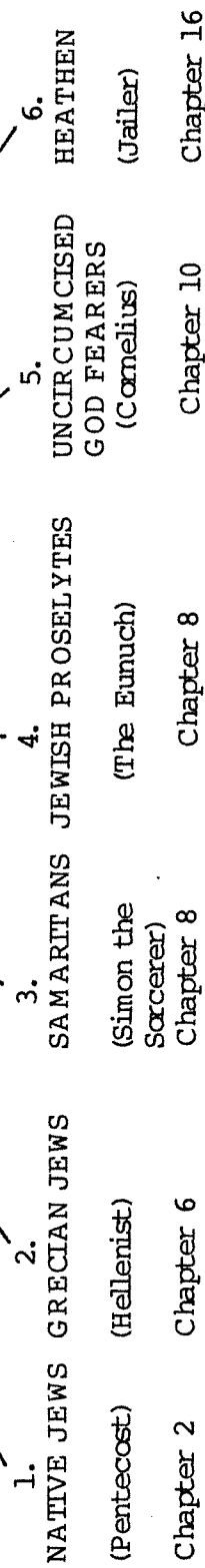
He comforts the Churches. Acts 9:31

WHO SPOKE IN TONGUES ON PENTECOST

1. Since only the apostles were promised it (Mark 16:17-18)
2. Since the antecedent of "they" in Acts 2:1 is the apostles (1:26)
3. Since ^{was it?} there ¹⁰ days between the mentioning of 120 to Pentecost (1:15 - 2:1)
4. Since those who spoke in tongues were all Galileans (vs. 7)
5. Since those who spoke in tongues were all men (2:13)
6. Since Peter stood up only with the eleven apostles to speak (vs. 14)
7. Since Joel's prophecy was not all fulfilled that day in that no Gentiles received the Spirit and it is not recorded that ^{dreams or visions were seen,} we cannot assume handmaids prophesied that day (vs. 17,18)
8. Since all who did it were witnesses of the resurrection of Christ (vs. 32) compare 1:21-23)
9. Since the question of what to do was asked only of the apostles (vs. 37)
10. Since they continued in the apostles' doctrine (vs. 43)
11. Since the other signs and wonders were only done by the apostles (vs. 43)
12. Since women were forbidden to exercise the gift of tongues publicly (1 Cor. 14:34)

IT IS NOT ASSUMPTION TO SAY ONLY THE APOSTLES RECEIVED THE MIRACULOUS GIFTS ON PENTECOST

THE GOSPEL RECEIVED BY



1. These spoke Hebrew. The 3,000 are thought to be mostly native born.
2. These were foreign born Jews who spoke Greek. The widows who murmured were such. Acts 6.
3. These were a half breed of Jew and Gentile. Simon the Sorcerer was such. Acts 8.
4. These were Gentiles though circumcised, these were called proselytes of righteousness. The Eunuch is an example - Acts 8. The Eunuch, however, was not the first proselyte to obey the Gospel. See Acts 6:5.
5. The God-fearers were Gentiles, uncircumcised, but appreciated for alms - Acts 10:2; 13:16. They were called proselytes at the gate. (Josephus' Wars 6,3,3.) Cornelius was a God-fearer. See also Acts 13:43.
6. Heathen - Gentiles that did not believe in the true God. Acts 13:46...the Philippian jailer as an example.

WATER BAPTISM IN ACTS

AS TO WHOM

Jews 2,6,9
Gentiles 10,16,18,19
Samaritans 8
Jewish Proselytes 8
Women 16
Only believing, repentant live sinners
(No baptism for the dead nor infants are recorded)*

AS TO WHY

Remission of sins 2:38
Wash away sins 22:16
Receive the gift of the Holy Spirit 2:38
To be added to the Church 2:41,47
To go on your way rejoicing 8:39

AS TO WHEN

Same hour of the night 16:33
As soon as they came to water 8:36
As soon as command was made known 22:16

AS TO HOW

They both went down into the water, both Phillip and the Eunuch,
and he baptized him. 8:38

* To find infant baptism in the case of Lydia assumes four things: One, that she was married. Two, that she had children. Three, that she had them with her. Four, that they were infants. We are faced with a dilemma if baptism of infants should be practiced. They are: Either Christ commanded it and the apostles did not do it, which impeaches their honesty: or, Christ commanded it and they did not understand it, which impeaches their intelligence. Or, Christ commanded it and they did it but it is not recorded, which impeaches the inspired history. Believing in their honesty and intelligence and the inspiration of the history, the only alternative is to believe that Christ never did command it and so they never did practice it.

JOEL SAID

(Peter records)

EXPLANATION

BIBLE RECORDS

JEWISH HISTORIAN JOSEPHUS RECORDS

In the last days I will pour out of my spirit	Last days of Jewish nation	This is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel 2:17	Does not deal with church matters but the nation of Israel
Upon all flesh	Includes Gentiles	Gentiles are given Holy Spirit Acts 10	
Daughters shall prophesy	Foretell events	The same had four daughters, virgins, which did prophesy 21:9	
Young men see visions	Inspired appearance	When Peter doubted what the vision meant Acts 10	
Old men dream dreams	A vision of the night while asleep	A vision appeared to Paul in the night. Acts 16:9	
Servants and hand-maidens shall prophesy	Foretell events	There came down from Judea a certain prophet, Agabus 21:10-12	
Wonders in heaven above	Miracles in heaven which cause wonder by witnesses	He was taken into clouds 1:9 Suddenly there shined a light from heaven 9:3 A sound from heaven 2:2 Tongues like fire Other tongues 2:4 Earthquakes Healings	
Signs in earth beneath	Miracles on earth which were signs to those who saw		
Blood, fire, vapor of smoke	Emblems of war which produce these things		
Sun darkened and moon into blood	Prophetic way of saying evil days for men. Eclipse of sun causes red moon as does earthquakes	If taken literal the sun was darkened at midday at crucifixion of Jesus Matt. 27:46 The eclipse was followed by earthquake 27:51	
Before great day of the Lord	These were to happen before judgement on Jerusalem		The destruction is recorded in great detail.
Whoever shall call on the Lord shall be	Christian can escape it		He tells how Cestius retreated allowing Christian to escape

Does not deal with

church matters but the nation of Israel

A prophet foretold the destruction of Jerusalem for seven and one half years without growing hoarse

Star resembling a dagger stood over the city
A comet continued for a year
Light shone around altar for one half hour
Charlotts and horsemen ran around in the clouds

Heifer gave birth to lamb
Temple door opened of its own accord

City burned, blood was in larger quantity than fire. So many dead bodies ground could not be seen

An earthquake and a great sound of a great multitude saying "Let us remove hence".

The destruction is recorded in great detail.

He tells how Cestius retreated allowing Christian to escape

J E S U S I S A L I V E

HE SAVES

He adds to the Church 2:47
Opens Lydia's heart 16:14
Gives Words whereby Cornelius
is saved. 11:14

HE FORETELLS

Of draught in world 11:28
Of Paul's imprisonment 21:11
Of shipwreck & deliverance 24:26

HE SMITES

Ananias and Sapphira 5:10
Elymas blind 13:11
Herod with worms 12:23

HE DELIVERS

From dungeons
Apostles 5:19
Peter 12:11
Paul & Silas 16:26
From Demons
Fortune teller 16:18
Another man 19:11-17
By Phillip 8:7
From Disease
By Peter
Lame man 3:16 4:10
Aeneas 9:34
By Phillip 8:7
By Paul 14:3,4
From Death
By Peter (Dorcas) 9:40-42
By Paul (Eutychus) 20:8-12
From Serpents
Paul 28:3-6

HE COMFORTS

The Church by Holy Spirit 9:31
The fearful by an angel 18:9
The anxious by a vision 23:11

HE COMMISSIONS

By Spirit
Phillip to Eunuch 8:39
Missionary journeys of Paul
and Barnabas 13:2

HE LEADS

On choosing Judas' successor 1:24-26
On circumcision question 15:38
Forbids Paul to go to Asia 16:6,7
Warns Paul against going to Jerusalem
20:23 21:4 22:21

By Angels

To apostles 1:11 5:19
To Phillip 8:26,39
To Cornelius 10:3
To Peter 12:7
To Herod 12:23
To Paul 27:23

HE PROMISES

He promised Spirit 1:5
Given to Jews 2:33
Given to Gentiles 10:44 11:15
He is with them 11:21

By Word

Apostles to go to 1:8
Jerusalem Chapters 1-7
Judea Chapters 8,9
Samaria Chapters 8,9
Uttermost part of world
10:28

HE EMPOWERS

Gives boldness when prayed for 4:31-33
Gives signs and wonders 14:3,4
Gives Gifts
To apostles to attract crowd Cp. 2
To seven deacons to help apostles
Cp. 6

To Samaritans to establish apostle's

authority Cp.8

To Cornelius to convince Peter of
Gentiles acceptance. Cp. 10
To Ephesians to edify the Church.
Cp. 19

To apostles and those whom they laid
their hands to confirm & edify the Church.

HE APPEARS

To Stephen (on right hand
of God) 7:55-56
To Paul (on Damascus road)
9:10