

## Notes on Acts 1-2

Acts 1:1-5 – Introduction, address, continuity with the former book, command to wait in Jerusalem for the Holy Spirit

Many proofs – think 1 Cor 15; Matt 28:8-10; Luke 24:13-53; John 20:11-29, 21:1-23

Exaltation – Phil. 2:6-11

Apostles – Luke 6:13; Luke 9:1-6, 10; 17:5; 22:14; 24:10

Receive the Holy Spirit – Compare John 20:22; Holy Spirit has been received in part, but there is more to come

Pour out – Baptism imagery; does it work well for submersion?

Acts 1:6-11 – Jesus' Ascension

Restoration of the Kingdom?

Power from the Holy Spirit to be witnesses of Jesus in Jerusalem, Samaria, Judea, "to the end of the earth"

Cloud as image of God – Exo 40:34-38; 2 Chr. 7:1-3 - the cloud filling the Tabernacle/Temple

Exodus 16:10 ESV And as soon as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud.

Daniel 7:13-14 ESV "I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. <sup>14</sup> And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

Promise of Jesus' return – 1 Thess. 4:16-17

Acts 1:12-14 – The disciples (more than the 11) gather together for prayer

Acts 1:15-26 – Peter says that Judas' spot among the 12; flashback to Judas' demise (cf. Matt. 27:3-8); Scripture, prayer and casting lots

In those days – 50 days between Easter and Pentecost (Lev. 23:15-21); 10 days between Ascension and Pentecost

Psalms 69:25 ESV May their camp be a desolation; let no one dwell in their tents.

Psalms 109:8 ESV May his days be few; may another take his office!

Although there is a lot of detail here about Joseph and Matthias, they are never mentioned again

The choosing of Matthias is still considered to be the work of Jesus, not of the apostles

Why 12? Jesus chose 12. Correspondence with the 12 tribes of Israel

Acts 2:1-4 – Pentecost, the arrival of the Holy Spirit, like tongues of fire, languages

Pentecost was a harvest festival, but also came to commemorate the giving of the Torah on Sinai

What happened before the giving of the Torah (the Exodus; cf. Luke 9:31); what happens here before Pentecost?

Acts 2:5-13 – Crowd composition and confused reaction

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There was also a promise that Israel would be reunified under the Messianic King (Isaiah 11:11-12, Ezekiel 37:11-14) and that the good news of God's reign would go out and be announced to the nations through His people, filled with His Spirit

Acts 2:14-21 Peter begins to speak: prophecy of Joel fulfilled

Joel 2:28-32 ESV "And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions.<sup>29</sup> Even on the male and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit.<sup>30</sup> ¶ "And I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke.<sup>31</sup> The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes.<sup>32</sup> And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the LORD has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the LORD calls.

Isaiah 2:2 ESV It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it,

Acts 2:22-28 – Jesus who was crucified and killed by lawless men was raised to new life; quotes Psalm 16

How was Scripture fulfilled?

Psalm 16:8-11 ESV I have set the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.<sup>9</sup> Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.<sup>10</sup> For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption. You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Acts 2:29-36 – David spoke not of himself, but as a prophet foresaw the resurrection of the Christ; Christ has been exalted to the right hand of God and given the promise of the Holy Spirit; this is all confirmation that Jesus is the Christ!

Psalm 110:1 ESV *A Psalm of David.* The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool."

2 Samuel 7:12-16 ESV When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom.<sup>13</sup> He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.<sup>14</sup> I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son. When he commits iniquity, I will discipline him with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men,<sup>15</sup> but my steadfast love will not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you.<sup>16</sup> And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever."

Acts 2:37-42 – "What must we do" – "Repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus for the forgiveness of your sins and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit"

Acts 2:43-47 – Summary of response: signs and wonders of apostles; holding things in common; selling and distributing to the poor; attending the temple; breaking bread in their homes; glad and generous hearts; praising God and having favor with all people; the Lord added to their number

Acts 2:43-47 ESV ¶ And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles.<sup>44</sup> And all who believed were together and had all things in common.<sup>45</sup> And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need.<sup>46</sup> And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts,<sup>47</sup> praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.