

World Conquest Acts 1

Most of Acts is written the 3rd person personal pro-nouns. The story moves along “they did “or “he did “. Beginning in Acts 16:10-18 first person plural, “we”. cf:

Acts 20:5-15, Acts 21:1-18, Acts 27:1, Acts 28:16, thus, the “we” alerts us fact author is eye witness to the “we” sections of Acts.

In the introduction to Luke the author states his purpose in writing both Luke and Acts cf:

Luke 1:1-4 Forasmuch as many have taken in hand to set forth in order a declaration of those things which are most surely believed among us, 1:2 Even as they delivered them unto us, which from the beginning were eyewitnesses, and ministers of the word; 1:3 It seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to write unto thee in order, most excellent Theophilus, 1:4 That thou mightest know the certainty of those things, wherein thou hast been instructed.

Although written separately there are seven threads that tie together Luke and acts joining them into one historical narrative.

Theophilus cf: cf:

Luke 1:3 It seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to write unto thee in order, most excellent Theophilus,

Acts 1:1 The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, ...

They are addressed to the same person. Theophilus meaning friend of God in Greek.

THE SECOND THREAD:

Acts 1:1 The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach,

Acts 1:1B.cf: Note the word order “Do and teach” cf:

Luke 24:19 And he said unto them, What things? And they said unto him, Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, which was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people:

Jesus did not practice what He preached, He preached what He practiced. He was not like all other men He was a genuine prophet.

Acts 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:

THE THIRD THREAD:

Acts 1:2A “Taken up” cf: **Luke 24:51.**

Acts 1:2 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:

Luke 24:51 And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven.

Acts 1:2B Given commandments unto the Apostles cf:

Matthew 28:18-20 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. **28:19** Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: **28:20** 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 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. **16:16** He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

John 20:19 Then the same day at evening, being the first *day* of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace *be* unto you. **20:20** And when he had so said, he shewed unto them *his* hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord. **20:21** Then said Jesus to them again, Peace *be* unto you: as *my* Father hath sent me, even so send I you. **20:22** And when he had said this, he breathed on *them*, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost: **20:23** Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; *and* whose soever *sins* ye retain, they are retained.

Acts 2:38-39 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. **2:39** For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, *even* as many as the Lord our God shall call.

Luke 24:44 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. **24:45** Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures, **24:46** And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: **24:47** And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. **24:48** And ye are witnesses of these things. **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.

Thus are the commandments Jesus gave to the Apostles.

The Fourth Thread:

Acts 1:3A “Many infallible proofs” cf: Luke 24:36-43.

Acts 1:3 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:

What many infallible proofs?

Luke 24:36 And as they thus spake, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, Peace *be* unto you. 24:37 But they were terrified and affrighted, and supposed that they had seen a spirit. 24:38 And he said unto them, Why are ye troubled? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts? 24:39 Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have. 24:40 And when he had thus spoken, he shewed them *his* hands and *his* feet. 24:41 And while they yet believed not for joy, and wondered, he said unto them, Have ye here any meat? 24:42 And they gave him a piece of a broiled fish, and of an honeycomb. 24:43 And he took *it*, and did eat before them.

The Fifth Thread the Kingdom of God:

Acts 1:3B Kingdom of God cf: Luke 24:46-47.

Acts 1:3 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:

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

The Kingdom of God is the Church of Christ cf: Matthew 16:13 ff where kingdom and Church are used inter-changeably.

Beginning at Jerusalem which was the prophetic, historical and redemptive appointed place for the Kingdom to begin cf: Isaiah 2:1ff & Zech. 12:10-13:8.

The Sixth Thread:

Acts 1:4 Wait for the promise cf: Luke 24:49.

Act 1:4 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.

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.

The Seventh Thread:

Acts 1:5 Apostles to be baptized with the Holy Ghost

John the Baptist had prophesied the coming Baptism of the Holy Spirit:

Matthew 3:11 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*:

Matthew 3:12 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.

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

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.

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?

Jesus promised Kingdom God come during lifetime apostles cf:

Mark 9:1 And he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That there be some of them that stand here, which shall not taste of death, till they have seen the kingdom of God come with power.

They asked about time: Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom” they were not confused as to the nature of the coming Kingdom of God or Church of Christ they wanted to know when.

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.

Jesus’ answer is to stay focused on job. The second coming is the same way it is not to be the focus of all your preaching cf:

I Thessalonians 5:1 But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. **5:2** For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.

Remember we studied the Kingdom God was to come with Power cf:

Mark 9:1 And he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That there be some of them that stand here, which shall not taste of death, till they have seen the kingdom of God come with power.

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

The Power will come in Acts 2 when baptism of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 1:8B The apostles to be eyeball witnesses unto the uttermost parts of the earth,

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.

Acts 1:9 Is a view from earth & Daniel 7:13ff is a view of the same event in Heaven.

Daniel 7:13 I saw in the night visions, and, behold, *one* like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him.

Daniel 7:14 And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion *is* an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom *that* which shall not be destroyed.

False teachers teach Daniel vision is of the second coming, while the verse plainly says The Son of Man was coming to the Ancient of Days (God). When does Daniel 7:13-14 teach Christ received His Kingdom? At His Ascension to the Father cf:

Acts 2:29-33 Men *and* brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day. 2:30 Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne; 2:31 He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption. 2:32 This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses. Acts 2:33 Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.

Psalm 110:1 A Psalm of David. The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.

Psalm 110:4 The LORD hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou *art* a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.

Acts 1:10 And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel;

Acts 1:11 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.

He will come from Heaven again the same way He went cf:

Revelation 1:7 Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they *also* which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.

I Thessalonians 4:13 But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. 4:14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. 4:15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive *and* remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. 4:16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: 4:17 Then we which are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. 4:18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.