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Chapter 1

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(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:

(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.**

(5) **For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.**

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

(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.**

(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.**

(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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(3) To whom also He showed Himself alive after His passion by many infallible proofs, being seen by them forty days^b, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:

(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, He said, you have heard from Me.**

(5) **Because John truly baptized with water; but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.**

(6) When they had therefore come together, they asked Him, saying, Lord, will You at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?

(7) And He said to them, **It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father has put in His own power.**

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(9) And when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up; and a cloud received Him out of their sight*.

1:1a – Theophilus {Θεόφιλος}– "friend of God" see Luke 1:3 - former treatise - writing - i.e. the Gospel of Luke

1:3b - being seen by them 40 days this puts His ascension 10 days before Pentecost
- seen by over 500 at once I Cor. 15:5-8

483 years since Cyrus' decree to restore Jerusalem – end of Daniel's 69 – 7's of years
[*4071 A.H./C-29 A.D.] - See: [Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History](#)

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(10) 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.
(12) Then returned they unto Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is from Jerusalem a sabbath day's journey.
(13) And when they were come in, they went up into an upper room, where abode both Peter, and James, and John, and Andrew, Philip, and Thomas, Bartholomew, and Matthew, James *the son* of Alphaeus, and Simon Zelotes, and Judas *the brother* of James.
(14) These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.
(15) And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples, and said, (the number of names together were about an hundred and twenty,)
(16) Men *and* brethren, this scripture must needs have been fulfilled, which the Holy Ghost by the mouth of David spake before concerning Judas, which was guide to them that took Jesus.
(17) For he was numbered with us, and had obtained part of this ministry.

(10) And while they looked steadfastly towards heaven as He went up, two men stood by them in white robes;
(11) Who also said, *You men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, Who has been taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as you have seen Him go into heaven.*
(12) Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount of Olives, which is from Jerusalem a sabbath day's {Saturday} journey^c {about 1000 yds.; 0.91 km.}.
(13) And when they had come in, they went up into an upper room^d, where both Peter, and James, and John, and Andrew, Philip, and Thomas, Bartholomew, and Matthew, James *the son* of Alphaeus, and Simon Zelotes, and Judas *the brother* of James stayed^e.
(14) These all continued with one accord in prayer and requests to God, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.
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(16) Men *and* brothers, this scripture must have been fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit by the mouth of David spoke before concerning Judas, who was guide to those who took Jesus.
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1:12c - Sabbath's day journey – 2000 cubits, about 1000 yards or 0.91 kilometers

- see [Appendix J: Bible Weights and Measures](#)

1:13d – large upper room – Mat. 26:18f; Mark 14:15

1:13e - see list of disciples at the end of Matthew

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(18) Now this man purchased a field with the reward of iniquity; and falling headlong, he burst asunder in the midst, and all his bowels gushed out.

(19) And it was known unto all the dwellers at Jerusalem; insomuch as that field is called in their proper tongue, Aceldama, that is to say, The field of blood.

(20) For it is written in the book of Psalms, Let his habitation be desolate, and let no man dwell therein: and his bishoprick let another take.

(21) Wherefore of these men which have companied with us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us,

(22) Beginning from the baptism of John, unto that same day that he was taken up from us, must one be ordained to be a witness with us of his resurrection.

(23) And they appointed two, Joseph called Barsabas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias.

(24) And they prayed, and said, Thou, Lord, which knowest the hearts of all *men*, shew whether of these two thou hast chosen,

(25) That he may take part of this ministry and apostleship, from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place.

(26) And they gave forth their lots; and the lot fell upon Matthias; and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

(18) Now this man purchased a field with the reward of sin; and falling headlong, he burst asunder in the midst, and all his bowels gushed out^f.

(19) And it was known to all those who live in Jerusalem; insomuch as that field is called in their proper tongue, Aceldama, that is to say, The field of blood^g.

(20) Because it is written in the book of Psalms,

Let his home be desolate, and let no man live in it: and his position of authority let another take^h.

(21) Therefore of these men who have accompanied us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us,

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(23) And they appointed two, Joseph called Barsabas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthiasⁱ.

(24) And they prayed, and said, You, Lord, Who know the hearts of all *men*, show which of these two You have chosen,

(25) That he may take part of this ministry and apostleship, from which Judas by sin fell, that he might go to his own place.

(26) And they cast their lots; and the lot fell upon Matthias^j; and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

1:18f - Judas hung himself - apparently the rope broke and his belly split open when he hit the ground - See Mat 27:5

1:19g - Mat. 27:8; Zech. 11:12-13 - Aceldama [Aramaic] - field of blood

1:20h - Ps. 109:8

1:23i - these two fit the requirements of verse 22 - they had to have been with Jesus from the time of John's baptism until He was taken up to heaven

1:26j - See "[Equidistant Letter Sequences - Signature of God #2](#)" at

www.TheWordNotes.com - the Hebrew code lists Matthias [omitting Judas] in the list of disciples found in Isaiah 53 - see also: [His Name Is Jesus](#) by Yacov Rambsel

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(1) And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.
 (2) And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.
 (3) And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.
 (4) And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.
 (5) And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven.
 (6) Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language.
 (7) And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans?
 (8) And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?
 (9) Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judaea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia,
 (10) Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes,
 (11) Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.

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 (8) And how do we hear every man in our own tongue^b, in which we were born?
 (9) Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and those who live in Mesopotamia, and in Judaea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia,
 (10) Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes,
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2:4a - languages - tongues - glossais { γλωσσαις }

2:8b - tongue - dialect - dialekto - { διαλεκτω }

Note: What is taking place is the opposite of what happened at the tower of Babel. At the tower of Babel men had gathered together to "make a name" for themselves [Gen. 11:14] and God confounded their languages. Here men are gathered to worship God and God enables men to hear the Gospel in their own language.

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(12) And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this?
(13) Others mocking said, These men are full of new wine.
(14) But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all *ye* that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words:
(15) For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is *but* the third hour of the day.
(16) But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;
(17) And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:
(18) And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:
(19) And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke:

(12) And they were all amazed, and were wondering, saying one to another, What does this mean?
(13) Others mocking said, These men are full of new wine^e.
(14) But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said to them, You men of Judea, and all *you* who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to my words:
(15) Because these are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is *but* the third hour of the day {9 a.m.}^d.
(16) But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;
(17) **And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, I will pour out of My Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:**
(18) **And on My servants and on My handmaidens I will pour out in those days of My Spirit; and they shall prophesy:**
(19) **And I will show wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke:**

2:13c - new wine (sweet wine, alcoholic) gluekous {γλευκους}

Note: King James Version does not make a distinction between "new wine" and "sweet wine", but it is clear from the context that the disciples were accused of being drunk. The Greek text uses the word gluekous [we get the word glucose from] which is sweet wine. Technically, "new wine" is grape juice that has not fermented, "sweet wine" is alcoholic [grape juice that has fermented].

2:15d - third hour of the day - 9 o'clock in the morning - people who get drunk usually do so at night or late evening, not early in the morning

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(20) The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come:
(21) And it shall come to pass, *that* whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.
(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:
(23) Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain:
(24) Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it.
(25) For David speaketh concerning him, I foresaw the Lord always before my face, for he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved:
(26) Therefore did my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad; moreover also my flesh shall rest in hope:
(27) Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

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(21) **And it shall come to pass, that whoever shall call on the Name of the Lord shall be saved^f.**
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2:20e - the day of the Lord – Armageddon

2:19-21f - Joel 2:28-31

2:27g - hell - Hebrew: sheol {שְׁאוֹל} - place of souls after death for good and bad

- see Luke 16:19-31 – the rich man and Lazarus

2:27h - He did not see corruption - the Jews believed that the body began to decompose after three days [this is why Martha told Jesus - "by this time he stinketh" referring to her brother Lazarus who had been in the tomb 4 days already John 11:39] – Ps. 16:10

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(28) Thou hast made known to me the ways of life; thou shalt make me full of joy with thy countenance.
(29) 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.
(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;
(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.
(32) This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses.
(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.
(34) For David is not ascended into the heavens: but he saith himself, The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand,
(35) Until I make thy foes thy footstool.
(36) Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.
(37) Now when they heard *this*, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men *and* brethren, what shall we do?

(28) **You have made known to me the ways of life; You shall make me full of joy with Your countenance {smile}ⁱ.**
(29) Men *and* brothers, let me freely speak to you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his tomb is with us to this day.
(30) Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that He would raise up Christ of his descent, according to the flesh, to sit on his throne;
(31) He seeing this beforehand spoke of the resurrection of Christ, that His soul was not left in hell, neither did His flesh see corruption.
(32) This Jesus God has raised up, of which we all are witnesses.
(33) Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has brought this forth, which you now see and hear.
(34) Because David has not ascended into the heavens: but he said himself,
The LORD {Jehovah} said to my Lord, You sit on My right hand,
(35) **Until I make Your enemies Your footstoolⁱ.**
(36) Therefore let all the house of Israel know with certainty, that God has made this same Jesus, Whom you have crucified, both Lord and Christ.
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2:25-28i - Ps. 16:8-11 - countenance - facial expression - light of Your smile
2:34-35j- Ps. 110:1

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(38) 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.
 (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.
 (40) And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation.
 (41) Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added *unto them* about three thousand souls.
 (42) And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.
 (43) And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles.
 (44) And all that believed were together, and had all things common;
 (45) And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all *men*, as every man had need.
 (46) And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart,
 (47) Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

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 (39) Because the promise is to you, and to your children, and to all who are afar off, *even* as many as the Lord our God shall call.
 (40) And with many other words he did testify and encourage, saying, Save yourselves from this wicked generation.
 (41) Then those who gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added *to them* about three thousand souls.
 (42) And they continued holding firm to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.
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Chapter 3

(1) Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, *being* the ninth *hour*.

(2) And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple;

(3) Who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked an alms.

(4) And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us.

(5) And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them.

(6) Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.

(7) And he took him by the right hand, and lifted *him* up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.

(8) And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God.

(9) And all the people saw him walking and praising God:

(10) And they knew that it was he which sat for alms at the Beautiful gate of the temple: and they were filled with wonder and amazement at that which had happened unto him.

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(1) Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, *being* the ninth *hour* {3 p.m.}^a.

(2) And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful^b, to ask donations of those who entered into the temple;

(3) Who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked for a donation.

(4) And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look at us.

(5) And he gave heed to them, expecting to receive something from them.

(6) Then Peter said, Silver and gold I do not have; but such as I have I give you: In the Name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.

(7) And he took him by the right hand, and lifted *him* up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.

(8) And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God.

(9) And all the people saw him walking and praising God:

(10) And they knew that it was he who sat for donations at the Beautiful gate of the temple: and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

3:1a - ninth hour - 3:00 in the afternoon

3:2b - Beautiful Gate - there were three gates on the east, the middle gate which led directly to the Temple was called the Beautiful Gate - In the New Jerusalem [Rev. 21:13] there will be three gates on each side of the city

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(11) And as the lame man which was healed held Peter and John, all the people ran together unto them in the porch that is called Solomon's, greatly wondering.

(12) And when Peter saw *it*, he answered unto the people, Ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this? or why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk?

(13) The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, hath glorified his Son Jesus; whom ye delivered up, and denied him in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let *him* go.

(14) But ye denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you;

(15) And killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses.

(16) And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.

(17) 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.

(11) And as the lame man who was healed held Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the porch that is called Solomon's^c, greatly wondering.

(12) And when Peter saw *it*, he answered to the people, You men of Israel, why do you marvel at this? or why do you look so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we have made this man to walk?

(13) The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our forefathers, has glorified His Son Jesus; Whom you delivered up, and denied Him in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let *Him* go.

(14) But you denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted to you;

(15) And killed the Prince of Life, Whom God has raised from the dead; of which we are witnesses.

(16) And His Name through faith in His Name this man has been made strong, whom you see and know: yes, the faith which is by Him has given him this perfect wholeness in the presence of you all.

(17) And now, brothers, I know that through ignorance you did *it*, as *did* also your rulers.

(18) But those things, which God beforehand had shown by the mouth of all His prophets, that Christ should suffer, He has so fulfilled.

3:11c - Solomon's Porch - a covered entry-way on the east side of the temple in the outer courtyard of the Gentiles - Herod had reconstructed the porch that Solomon had built - it was known for its beauty and was probably where Jesus' disciples were when they were showing Him the beauty of the building - see Mat. 24:1

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(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.
 (22) For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you.
 (23) And it shall come to pass, *that* every soul, which will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people.
 (24) Yea, and all the prophets from Samuel and those that follow after, as many as have spoken, have likewise foretold of these days.
 (25) Ye are the children of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying unto Abraham, And in thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed.
 (26) Unto you first God, having raised up his Son Jesus, sent him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities.

Chapter 4

(1) And as they spake unto the people, the priests, and the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees, came upon them,

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(19) Repent therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out^d, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;
 (20) And He shall send Jesus Christ, Who beforehand was preached to you:
 (21) Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restoring of all things^e, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began.
 (22) Because Moses truly said to the forefathers,
the Lord your God shall raise up a Prophet to you of your brothers, like me; Him you shall hear in all things whatever He shall say to you.
 (23) **And it shall come to pass, *that* every soul, which will not hear that Prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people^f.**
 (24) Yes, and all the prophets from Samuel and those who followed after, as many as have spoken, have likewise foretold of these days.
 (25) You are the children of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our forefathers, saying to Abraham,
And in your Descendant shall all the peoples of the earth be blessed^g.
 (26) To you God, having raised up His Son Jesus, first sent Him to bless you, in turning everyone of you away from his sins.

Chapter 4

(1) And as they spoke to the people, the priests, and the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees, came upon them,

3:19d - blotted out - literally - lifted out of the book

3:21e - times of restoring - Armageddon - when Christ returns to restore the earth and reign on the present earth for 1000 years

3:22f- Deut. 18:18-19

3:25g - Gen. 22:18

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(2) Being grieved that they taught the people, and preached through Jesus the resurrection from the dead.
(3) And they laid hands on them, and put *them* in hold unto the next day: for it was now eventide.
(4) Howbeit many of them which heard the word believed; and the number of the men was about five thousand.
(5) And it came to pass on the morrow, that their rulers, and elders, and scribes,
(6) And Annas the high priest, and Caiaphas, and John, and Alexander, and as many as were of the kindred of the high priest, were gathered together at Jerusalem.
(7) And when they had set them in the midst, they asked, By what power, or by what name, have ye done this?
(8) Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel,
(9) If we this day be examined of the good deed done to the impotent man, by what means he is made whole;
(10) Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, *even* by him doth this man stand here before you whole.
(11) This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner.

(2) Being grieved that they taught the people, and preached through Jesus the resurrection from the dead.
(3) And they laid hands on them, and put *them* in jail until the next day: because it was now evening.
(4) Nevertheless many of those who heard the word believed; and the number of the men was about five thousand.
(5) And it came to pass in the morning, that their rulers, and elders, and scribes,
(6) And Annas the high priest, and Caiaphas^a, and John, and Alexander, and as many as were of the kin of the high priest, were gathered together at Jerusalem.
(7) And when they had set them in the midst, they asked, By what power, or by what Name, have you done this?
(8) Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, You rulers of the people, and elders of Israel,
(9) If we this day are being examined for the good deed done to the lame man, how it is he has been made whole;
(10) Let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the Name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, Whom you crucified, Whom God raised from the dead, *even* by Him this man stands here before you whole.
(11) He is the Stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the head of the corner^b.

4:6a - Annas and Caiaphas high priests - Caiaphas is the son-in-law of Annas - we believe that Annas had been the high priest and then gave the title to his son-in-law, but out of respect both are still referred to as high priests – see John 18:13; Luke 3:2
4:11b - Ps. 118:22-23; Is. 28:16

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(12) Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

(13) Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.

(14) And beholding the man which was healed standing with them, they could say nothing against it.

(15) But when they had commanded them to go aside out of the council, they conferred among themselves,

(16) Saying, What shall we do to these men? for that indeed a notable miracle hath been done by them is manifest to all them that dwell in Jerusalem; and we cannot deny *it*.

(17) But that it spread no further among the people, let us straitly threaten them, that they speak henceforth to no man in this name.

(18) And they called them, and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus.

(19) But Peter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye.

(20) For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.

(12) Neither is there salvation in any other: because there is no other Name under heaven given among men, by which we must be saved.

(13) Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.

(14) And seeing the man who was healed standing with them, they could say nothing against it.

(15) But when they had commanded them to go aside out of the council, they conferred among themselves,

(16) Saying, What shall we do to these men? because indeed a notable miracle has been done by them which is evident to all those who live in Jerusalem; and we cannot deny *it*.

(17) But that it spreads no further among the people, let us strictly threaten them, that they not from this time forward speak to any man in this Name.

(18) And they called them, and commanded them to not speak at all nor teach in the Name of Jesus.

(19) But Peter and John answered and said to them, Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you more than to God, you judge.

(20) Because we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.

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(21) So when they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding nothing how they might punish them, because of the people: for all *men* glorified God for that which was done.

(22) For the man was above forty years old, on whom this miracle of healing was shewed.

(23) And being let go, they went to their own company, and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said unto them.

(24) And when they heard that, they lifted up their voice to God with one accord, and said, Lord, thou *art* God, which hast made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is:

(25) Who by the mouth of thy servant David hast said, Why did the heathen rage, and the people imagine vain things?

(26) The kings of the earth stood up, and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord, and against his Christ.

(27) For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together,

(28) For to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel determined before to be done.

(29) And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word,

(30) By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus.

(21) So when they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding no way that they might punish them, because of the people: because all *men* glorified God for that which was done.

(22) Because the man was over forty years old, on whom this miracle of healing was shown.

(23) And being let go, they went to their own company, and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said to them.

(24) And when they heard that, they lifted up their voice to God with one accord, and said, Lord, You *are* God, Who has made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is:

(25) Who by the mouth of Your servant David has said,

Why did the heathen {ungodly nations} rage, and the people imagine vain things?

(26) The kings of the earth stood up, and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord, and against His Christ^c.

(27) Because truly against Your holy Child Jesus, Whom You have anointed, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles {non-Jews}, and the people of Israel, were gathered together,

(28) In order to do whatever Your hand and Your counsel determined beforehand to be done.

(29) And now, Lord, hear their threats: and grant to Your servants, that with all boldness they may speak Your word,

(30) By stretching forth Your hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the Name of Your holy Child Jesus.

4:25-26c - Ps. 2:1-2

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(31) And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

(32) And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common.

(33) And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.

(34) Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold,

(35) And laid them down at the apostles' feet: and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need.

(36) And Joses, who by the apostles was surnamed Barnabas, (which is, being interpreted, The son of consolation,) a Levite, and of the country of Cyprus,

(37) Having land, sold it, and brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet.

Chapter 5

(1) But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession,

(2) And kept back part of the price, his wife also being privy to it, and brought a certain part, and laid it at the apostles' feet.

(31) And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit^d, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.

(32) And the multitude of those who believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither did anyone say of any of the things which they possessed were his own; but they had all things in common.

(33) And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.

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(35) And laid it down at the apostles' feet: and distribution was made to every man according to his need.

(36) And Joses, who by the apostles was surnamed Barnabas, (which is, being interpreted, The son of consolation, {comfort}) a Levite, and of the country of Cyprus,

(37) Having land, sold it, and brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet.

Chapter 5

(1) But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession,

(2) And kept back part of the price, his wife also knowing about it, and brought a certain part, and laid it at the apostles' feet^a.

4:31d – filled with the Holy Spirit – they had been baptized by the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Baptism of the Holy Spirit is a one-time event that occurs when a person believes in Jesus – the filling of the Holy Spirit may occur many times because we are earthen vessels with cracks and leaks – we need repeated filling!

5:2a - kept back part of it - the land was his to do with as he chose - the problem was that apparently he claimed that he was giving all of the money to the apostles in order to receive the praise of people - see Acts 5:4,8

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(3) But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back *part* of the price of the land?
(4) Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God.
(5) And Ananias hearing these words fell down, and gave up the ghost: and great fear came on all them that heard these things.
(6) And the young men arose, wound him up, and carried *him* out, and buried *him*.
(7) And it was about the space of three hours after, when his wife, not knowing what was done, came in.
(8) And Peter answered unto her, Tell me whether ye sold the land for so much? And she said, Yea, for so much.
(9) Then Peter said unto her, How is it that ye have agreed together to tempt the Spirit of the Lord? behold, the feet of them which have buried thy husband *are* at the door, and shall carry thee out.
(10) Then fell she down straightway at his feet, and yielded up the ghost: and the young men came in, and found her dead, and, carrying *her* forth, buried *her* by her husband.
(11) And great fear came upon all the church, and upon as many as heard these things.

(3) But Peter said, Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit, and to keep back *part* of the price of the land?
(4) While it remained, was it not yours to own? and after it was sold, was it not in your own power? why have you conceived this thing in your heart? You have not lied to men, but to God.
(5) And Ananias hearing these words fell down, and gave up the spirit {died}^b: and great fear came on all those who heard these things.
(6) And the young men arose, wrapped *him* up, and carried *him* out, and buried *him*.
(7) And it was about the space of three hours later, when his wife, not knowing what had happened, came in.
(8) And Peter said to her, Tell me whether you sold the land for so much? And she said, Yes, for so much.
(9) Then Peter said to her, How is it that you have agreed together to tempt the Spirit of the Lord? Look, the feet of those who have buried your husband *are* at the door, and shall carry you out.
(10) Then she fell down immediately at his feet, and yielded up the spirit {died}: and the young men came in, and found her dead, and, carrying *her* forth, buried *her* by her husband.
(11) And great fear came upon all the church, and upon as many as heard these things.

5:5b - gave up the ghost - gave up his spirit - i.e. he died

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(12) And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people; (and they were all with one accord in Solomon's porch.

(13) And of the rest durst no man join himself to them: but the people magnified them.

(14) And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women.)

(15) Insomuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid *them* on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them.

(16) There came also a multitude *out* of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed every one.

(17) Then the high priest rose up, and all they that were with him, (which is the sect of the Sadducees,) and were filled with indignation,

(18) And laid their hands on the apostles, and put them in the common prison.

(19) But the angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors, and brought them forth, and said,

(20) Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life.

(12) And by the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were performed among the people; (and they were all with one accord in Solomon's porch^c.

(13) And of the rest no man dared to join himself to them: but the people magnified them.

(14) And more believers were added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women.)

(15) So much so that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid *them* on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them.

(16) There also came a multitude *out* of the cities all around Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and those who were harassed by unclean spirits: and every one of them was healed.

(17) Then the high priest rose up, and all those who were with him, (which is the sect of the Sadducees,) and were filled with indignation,

(18) And laid their hands on the apostles, and put them in the common prison.

(19) But the Angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors, and brought them forth, and said,

(20) [Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this Life.](#)

5:12c – Acts 3:11

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(21) And when they heard *that*, they entered into the temple early in the morning, and taught. But the high priest came, and they that were with him, and called the council together, and all the senate of the children of Israel, and sent to the prison to have them brought.

(22) But when the officers came, and found them not in the prison, they returned, and told,

(23) Saying, The prison truly found we shut with all safety, and the keepers standing without before the doors: but when we had opened, we found no man within.

(24) Now when the high priest and the captain of the temple and the chief priests heard these things, they doubted of them whereunto this would grow.

(25) Then came one and told them, saying, Behold, the men whom ye put in prison are standing in the temple, and teaching the people.

(26) Then went the captain with the officers, and brought them without violence: for they feared the people, lest they should have been stoned.

(27) And when they had brought them, they set *them* before the council: and the high priest asked them,

(21) And when they heard *that*, they entered into the temple early in the morning, and taught. But the high priest came, and those who were with him, and called the council together, and all the senate of the children of Israel, and sent to the prison to have them brought.

(22) But when the officers came, and did not find them in the prison, they returned, and told *them*,

(23) Saying, The prison we truly found shut with all security, and the keepers standing outside in front of the doors: but when we had opened, we found no man inside.

(24) Now when the high priest and the captain of the temple and the chief priests heard these things, they questioned of themselves where this would lead.

(25) Then one came and told them, saying, Indeed, the men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple, and teaching the people.

(26) Then the captain went with the officers, and brought them without violence: because they feared the people, lest they should have been stoned.

(27) And when they had brought them, they set *them* before the council: and the high priest asked them,

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(28) Saying, Did not we straitly command you that ye should not teach in this name? and, behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this man's blood upon us.

(29) Then Peter and the *other* apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men.

(30) The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree.

(31) Him hath God exalted with his right hand *to be* a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.

(32) And we are his witnesses of these things; and *so is* also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him.

(33) When they heard *that*, they were cut *to the heart*, and took counsel to slay them.

(34) Then stood there up one in the council, a Pharisee, named Gamaliel, a doctor of the law, had in reputation among all the people, and commanded to put the apostles forth a little space;

(35) And said unto them, Ye men of Israel, take heed to yourselves what ye intend to do as touching these men.

(36) For before these days rose up Theudas, boasting himself to be somebody; to whom a number of men, about four hundred, joined themselves: who was slain; and all, as many as obeyed him, were scattered, and brought to nought.

(28) Saying, Did we not strictly command you that you should not teach in this Name? and, indeed, you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and intend to bring this Man's blood upon us.

(29) Then Peter and the *other* apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men.

(30) The God of our forefathers raised up Jesus, Whom you killed and hung on a tree.

(31) God has exalted Him with His right hand *to be* a Prince and a Savior, in order to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.

(32) And we are His witnesses of these things; and *so is* also the Holy Spirit, Whom God has given to those who obey Him.

(33) When they heard *this*, they were cut *to the heart*, and took counsel to kill them.

(34) Then there stood up one in the council, a Pharisee, named Gamaliel^c, a doctor of the law, who had a reputation among all the people, and commanded that the apostles be put forth a little distance;

(35) And said to them, You men of Israel, take heed to yourselves what you intend to do concerning these men.

(36) Because before these days Theudas rose up, boasting himself to be somebody; to whom a number of men, about four hundred, joined themselves: who was killed; and all, as many as obeyed him, were scattered, and brought to nothing.

5:34c - Gamaliel - Acts 22:3

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(37) After this man rose up Judas of Galilee in the days of the taxing, and drew away much people after him: he also perished; and all, *even* as many as obeyed him, were dispersed.
(38) And now I say unto you, Refrain from these men, and let them alone: for if this counsel or this work be of men, it will come to nought:
(39) But if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it; lest haply ye be found even to fight against God.
(40) And to him they agreed: and when they had called the apostles, and beaten *them*, they commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go.
(41) And they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name.
(42) And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.

Chapter 6

(1) And in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministrations.
(2) Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples *unto them*, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables.

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(37) After this man rose up Judas of Galilee in the days of the taxing, and drew away many people after him: he also perished; and all, *even* as many as obeyed him, were dispersed.
(38) And now I say to you, Refrain from these men, and let them alone: because if^d this counsel or this work is of men, it will come to nothing:
(39) But if^e it is of God, you cannot overthrow it; lest perhaps you are found even to fight against God.
(40) And to him they agreed: and when they had called the apostles, and beaten *them*, they commanded that they should not speak in the Name of Jesus, and let them go.
(41) And they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His Name.
(42) And daily in the temple, and in every house, they did not cease to teach and preach Jesus Christ.

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Chapter 6

(1) And in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministry of food^a.
(2) Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples *to themselves*, and said, It is not reasonable that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables.

5:38d - "if this counsel or this work be of men" - the Greek word for "if" in this verse is *ean* {εαν} which suggests that Gamaliel really suspected that it wasn't of men
5:39e - "if it be of God" - the Greek word for "if" in this verse is *ei* {ει} which implies that Gamaliel suspected that it was of God
6:1a - the law of Moses specifically provided for widows, but apparently the widows who were Greek speaking Jews from other parts of the country were not being provided for - see Deut. 14:29

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(3) Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business.
(4) But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.
(5) And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch:
(6) Whom they set before the apostles: and when they had prayed, they laid *their* hands on them.
(7) And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith.
(8) And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles among the people.
(9) Then there arose certain of the synagogue, which is called *the synagogue* of the Libertines, and Cyrenians, and Alexandrians, and of them of Cilicia and of Asia, disputing with Stephen.
(10) And they were not able to resist the wisdom and the spirit by which he spake.
(11) Then they suborned men, which said, We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses, and *against* God.

(3) Therefore, brothers, seek out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business.
(4) But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.
(5) And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch:^b
(6) Whom they set before the apostles: and when they had prayed, they laid *their* hands on them.
(7) And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith.
(8) And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles among the people.
(9) Then there arose certain ones of the synagogue, which is called *the synagogue* of the Libertines, and Cyrenians, and Alexandrians, and of those of Cilicia^c and of Asia, disputing with Stephen.
(10) But they were not able to resist the wisdom and the spirit by which he spoke.
(11) Then they recruited men, who said, We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses, and *against* God.

6:5b - we believe these are the first deacons - their job was to make sure that all those, primarily the widows, needs were provided for
6:9c - Libertines, Cyrenians, Alexandrians, Cilicians, and of Asia - Jews from the various parts of the Roman empire, possibly gathered together for the Feast of Pentecost or one of the other feasts: Libertine, Cyrene, Alexandria, Cilicia, etc.

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(12) And they stirred up the people, and the elders, and the scribes, and came upon *him*, and caught him, and brought *him* to the council,
(13) And set up false witnesses, which said, This man ceaseth not to speak blasphemous words against this holy place, and the law:
(14) For we have heard him say, that this Jesus of Nazareth shall destroy this place, and shall change the customs which Moses delivered us.
(15) And all that sat in the council, looking stedfastly on him, saw his face as it had been the face of an angel.

Chapter 7

(1) Then said the high priest, Are these things so?
(2) And he said, Men, brethren, and fathers, hearken; The God of glory appeared unto our father Abraham, when he was in Mesopotamia, before he dwelt in Charran,
(3) And said unto him, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and come into the land which I shall shew thee.
(4) Then came he out of the land of the Chaldaeans, and dwelt in Charran: and from thence, when his father was dead, he removed him into this land, wherein ye now dwell.
(5) And he gave him none inheritance in it, no, not *so much as* to set his foot on: yet he promised that he would give it to him for a possession, and to his seed after him, when *as yet* he had no child.

(12) And they stirred up the people, and the elders, and the scribes, and came upon *him*, and caught him, and brought *him* to the council,
(13) And set up false witnesses, which said, This man does not cease to speak blasphemous words against this holy place, and the law:
(14) Because we have heard him say, that this Jesus of Nazareth shall destroy this place, and shall change the customs which Moses delivered to us.
(15) And all who sat in the council, looking steadfastly on him, saw his face as it had been the face of an angel.

Chapter 7

(1) Then the high priest said, Are these things so?
(2) And he answered, Men, brothers, and fathers, listen; The God of glory appeared to our forefather Abraham, when he was in Mesopotamia, before he lived in Haran^a,
(3) And said to him, **Get out of your country, and away from your kindred, and come into the land which I shall show you^b.**
(4) Then he came out of the land of the Chaldaeans, and lived in Haran: and from there, when his father was dead^c, he removed himself into this land, in which you now live.
(5) But He gave him no inheritance in it, no, not *so much as* to set his foot on: yet He promised that He would give it to him for a possession, and to his descendants after him, when *as yet* he had no child.

7:2a - Charran - Haran {The "Ch" is a variant in transliteration of the Hebrew}

7:3b - Gen. 12:1

7:4c – when his father was dead – by this we know that Abraham came to Canaan following the death of his father who was 205 at the time {Gen. 11:31-32} and Abraham was 75 years old at the time {Gen. 11:32 – 12:5}

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(6) And God spake on this wise, That his seed should sojourn in a strange land; and that they should bring them into bondage, and entreat *them* evil four hundred years.

(7) And the nation to whom they shall be in bondage will I judge, said God: and after that shall they come forth, and serve me in this place.

(8) And he gave him the covenant of circumcision: and so *Abraham* begat Isaac, and circumcised him the eighth day; and Isaac *begat* Jacob; and Jacob *begat* the twelve patriarchs.

(9) And the patriarchs, moved with envy, sold Joseph into Egypt: but God was with him,

(10) And delivered him out of all his afflictions, and gave him favour and wisdom in the sight of Pharaoh king of Egypt; and he made him governor over Egypt and all his house.

(11) Now there came a dearth over all the land of Egypt and Chanaan, and great affliction: and our fathers found no sustenance.

(12) But when Jacob heard that there was corn in Egypt, he sent out our fathers first.

(13) And at the second *time* Joseph was made known to his brethren; and Joseph's kindred was made known unto Pharaoh.

(6) And God spoke in this manner, That his descendants should live in a strange land; and that they should bring them into bondage, and treat *them* evil four hundred years^d.

(7) **And the nation to whom they shall be in bondage I will judge, said God: and after that they shall come forth, and serve Me in this place^e.**

(8) And He gave him the covenant of circumcision: and so *Abraham* fathered Isaac, and circumcised him the eighth day; and Isaac *fathered* Jacob; and Jacob *fathered* the twelve patriarchs.

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(10) And delivered him out of all his afflictions, and gave him favor and wisdom in the sight of Pharaoh king of Egypt; and he made him governor over Egypt and all his house.

(11) Now there came a famine over all the land of Egypt and Canaan^f, and great affliction: and our forefathers found no food.

(12) But when Jacob heard that there was corn in Egypt, he sent out our forefathers first.

(13) And at the second *time* Joseph was made known to his brothers; and Joseph's kindred were made known to Pharaoh.

7:6d - treated evil 400 years and put into bondage - see Gen. 15:13; Gal. 3:17 - note: based on Gal. 3:17 we know that Israel was not in bondage for 400 years since there was only 430 years from the time the promise was given to Abraham until Moses received the Law.

The 400 years is counted from Isaac's 5th birthday.

See note on Gen. 15:13 and Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History

7:7e - Gen. 15:14, 16

7:11f - Chanaan - Canaan - See note on 7:2

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(14) Then sent Joseph, and called his father Jacob to *him*, and all his kindred, threescore and fifteen souls.
(15) So Jacob went down into Egypt, and died, he, and our fathers,
(16) And were carried over into Sychem, and laid in the sepulchre that Abraham bought for a sum of money of the sons of Emmor *the father* of Sychem.
(17) But when the time of the promise drew nigh, which God had sworn to Abraham, the people grew and multiplied in Egypt,
(18) Till another king arose, which knew not Joseph.
(19) The same dealt subtilly with our kindred, and evil entreated our fathers, so that they cast out their young children, to the end they might not live.
(20) In which time Moses was born, and was exceeding fair, and nourished up in his father's house three months:
(21) And when he was cast out, Pharaoh's daughter took him up, and nourished him for her own son.
(22) And Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and in deeds.
(23) And when he was full forty years old, it came into his heart to visit his brethren the children of Israel.
(24) And seeing one *of them* suffer wrong, he defended *him*, and avenged him that was oppressed, and smote the Egyptian:

(14) Then Joseph sent, and called his father Jacob to *him*, and all his kindred, seventy-five souls^g.
(15) So Jacob went down into Egypt, and died, he, and our forefathers,
(16) And were carried over into Sychem, and laid in the tomb that Abraham bought for a sum of money from the sons of Emmor *the father* of Sychem^h.
(17) But when the time of the promise drew near, which God had sworn to Abraham, the people grew and multiplied in Egypt,
(18) Until another king arose, who did not know Josephⁱ.
(19) The same dealt subtly with our kindred, and treated our forefathers evilly, so that they cast out their young children, intending to kill them.
(20) During that time Moses was born, and was exceedingly fair, and nourished up in his father's house three months:
(21) And when he was cast out, Pharaoh's daughter took him up, and nourished him for her own son.
(22) And Moses was educated in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and in deeds.
(23) And when he was full forty years old, it came into his heart to visit his brothers the children of Israel.
(24) And seeing one *of them* suffer wrong, he defended *him*, and avenged him who was oppressed, and struck the Egyptian^j:

7:14g - Jacob's kindred, seventy-five souls in all. See notes on Gen. 46:26 and 46:27
7:16h - Gen. 23:1-2
7:18i - Ex. 1:8
7:24j - Ex. 2:11-12

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(25) For he supposed his brethren would have understood how that God by his hand would deliver them: but they understood not.
(26) And the next day he shewed himself unto them as they strove, and would have set them at one again, saying, Sirs, ye are brethren; why do ye wrong one to another?
(27) But he that did his neighbour wrong thrust him away, saying, Who made thee a ruler and a judge over us?
(28) Wilt thou kill me, as thou diddest the Egyptian yesterday?
(29) Then fled Moses at this saying, and was a stranger in the land of Madian, where he begat two sons.
(30) And when forty years were expired, there appeared to him in the wilderness of mount Sina an angel of the Lord in a flame of fire in a bush.
(31) When Moses saw *it*, he wondered at the sight: and as he drew near to behold *it*, the voice of the Lord came unto him,
(32) *Saying*, I *am* the God of thy fathers, the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Then Moses trembled, and durst not behold.
(33) Then said the Lord to him, Put off thy shoes from thy feet: for the place where thou standest is holy ground.

(25) Because he supposed his brothers would have understood how that God by his hand would deliver them: but they did not understand.
(26) And the next day he showed himself to them as they strove, and would have set them at one again, saying, Sirs, you are brothers; why do you wrong one to another?
(27) But he who did his neighbor wrong pushed him away, saying, Who made you a ruler and a judge over us?
(28) Will you kill me, as you did the Egyptian yesterday?^k
(29) Then Moses fled at this saying, and was a stranger in the land of Midian^l, where he fathered two sons.
(30) And when forty years had expired, there appeared to him in the wilderness of mount Sinai an Angel of the Lord in a flame of fire in a bush.
(31) When Moses saw *it*, he wondered at the sight: and as he drew near to see *it*, the voice of the Lord came to him,
(32) *Saying*, **I *am* the God of you forefathers, the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.**^m
Then Moses trembled, and dared not look.
(33) Then the Lord said to him, **Remove your shoes from your feet: because the place where you stand is holy ground.**ⁿ

7:28k - Ex. 2:13-15
7:29l - Madian - Midian
7:32m - Ex. 3:6 - see Mat. 22:32
7:33n - Ex. 3:5

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(34) I have seen, I have seen the affliction of my people which is in Egypt, and I have heard their groaning, and am come down to deliver them. And now come, I will send thee into Egypt.

(35) This Moses whom they refused, saying, Who made thee a ruler and a judge? the same did God send *to be* a ruler and a deliverer by the hand of the angel which appeared to him in the bush.

(36) He brought them out, after that he had shewed wonders and signs in the land of Egypt, and in the Red sea, and in the wilderness forty years.

(37) This is that Moses, which said unto the children of Israel, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear.

(38) This is he, that was in the church in the wilderness with the angel which spake to him in the mount Sina, and *with* our fathers: who received the lively oracles to give unto us:

(39) To whom our fathers would not obey, but thrust *him* from them, and in their hearts turned back again into Egypt,

(40) Saying unto Aaron, Make us gods to go before us: for *as for* this Moses, which brought us out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him.

(41) And they made a calf in those days, and offered sacrifice unto the idol, and rejoiced in the works of their own hands.

(34) **I have surely seen the affliction of My people who are in Egypt, and I have heard their groaning, and have come down to deliver them. And come now, I will send you into Egypt^o.**

(35) This Moses whom they refused, saying, Who made you a ruler and a judge? the same God sent *to be* a ruler and a deliverer by the hand of The Angel Who appeared to him in the bush.

(36) He brought them out, after he had shown wonders and signs in the land of Egypt, and in the Red Sea, and in the wilderness forty years.

(37) This is that Moses, who said to the children of Israel,

The Lord your God shall raise up a Prophet to you of your brothers, like me; Him you shall hear.^p

(38) This is He, Who was in the church in the wilderness with the Angel Who spoke to him in the mount Sinai, and *with* our forefathers: who received the living oracles to give to us:

(39) To whom our forefathers would not obey, but pushed *him* from them, and in their hearts turned back again into Egypt,

(40) Saying to Aaron, Make for us gods to go before us: because *as for* this Moses, who brought us out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him^q.

(41) And they made a calf in those days, and offered sacrifices to the idol, and rejoiced in the works of their own hands.

7:340 - Ex. 3:9-10
7:37p - Deut. 18:15
7:40q - Ex. 32:1

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(42) Then God turned, and gave them up to worship the host of heaven; as it is written in the book of the prophets, O ye house of Israel, have ye offered to me slain beasts and sacrifices *by the space of* forty years in the wilderness?
(43) Yea, ye took up the tabernacle of Moloch, and the star of your god Remphan, figures which ye made to worship them: and I will carry you away beyond Babylon.
(44) Our fathers had the tabernacle of witness in the wilderness, as he had appointed, speaking unto Moses, that he should make it according to the fashion that he had seen.
(45) Which also our fathers that came after brought in with Jesus into the possession of the Gentiles, whom God drave out before the face of our fathers, unto the days of David;
(46) Who found favour before God, and desired to find a tabernacle for the God of Jacob.
(47) But Solomon built him an house.
(48) Howbeit the most High dwelleth not in temples made with hands; as saith the prophet,
(49) Heaven *is* my throne, and earth *is* my footstool: what house will ye build me? saith the Lord: or what *is* the place of my rest?
(50) Hath not my hand made all these things?

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(44) Our forefathers had the tabernacle of witness in the wilderness, as He had appointed, speaking to Moses, that he should make it according to the fashion that he had seen.
(45) Which our forefathers who came in afterward also brought in with Jesus {Joshua}^s into the possession of the Gentiles, whom God drove out before the face of our forefathers, until the days of David;
(46) Who found favor before God, and desired to find a tabernacle for the God of Jacob.
(47) But Solomon built Him a house {temple}.
(48) However the most High does not live in temples made with hands; as the prophet says,
(49) **Heaven is My throne, and earth is My footstool: what house {temple} will you build Me? Says the Lord: or what is the place of My rest?**
(50) **Has not My hand made all these things?^t**

7:42-43r - Amos 5:25-26

7:45s - Jesus - i.e. Joshua [Jesus {Ἰησοῦς} is Greek for the Hebrew name Joshua {יהושע} which means Jehovah saves]

7:49-50t - Is. 66:1-2

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(51) Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers *did*, so *do* ye.
(52) Which of the prophets have not your fathers persecuted? and they have slain them which shewed before of the coming of the Just One; of whom ye have been now the betrayers and murderers:
(53) Who have received the law by the disposition of angels, and have not kept *it*.
(54) When they heard these things, they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed on him with *their* teeth.
(55) But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God,
(56) And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God.
(57) Then they cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and ran upon him with one accord,
(58) And cast *him* out of the city, and stoned *him*: and the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet, whose name was Saul.
(59) And they stoned Stephen, calling upon *God*, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.
(60) And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

(51) You stubborn and uncircumcised in heart and ears^u, you always resist the Holy Spirit: as your forefathers *did*, so *do* you.
(52) Which of the prophets have your forefathers not persecuted? and they have killed those who showed beforehand the coming of the Just One; of Whom you have now been the betrayers and murderers:
(53) Who have received the law delivered by angels, and have not kept *it*.
(54) When they heard these things, they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed at him with *their* teeth.
(55) But he, being full of the Holy Spirit, looked up intently into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing^v on the right hand of God,
(56) And said, Look, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing on the right hand of God.
(57) Then they cried out with a loud voice, and covered their ears, and ran upon him with one accord,
(58) And cast *him* out of the city, and stoned *him*: and the witnesses laid down their coats at a young man's feet, whose name was Saul^w.
(59) And they stoned Stephen, even as he was calling upon *God*, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.
(60) And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, do not lay this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

7:51u - uncircumcised of heart and ears - i.e. they act like ungodly unbelievers
7:55v - Jesus is standing - showing His love and support of Stephen and his testimony
7:58w - Acts 22:20

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Chapter 8

(1) And Saul was consenting unto his death. And at that time there was a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judaea and Samaria, except the apostles.
(2) And devout men carried Stephen *to his burial*, and made great lamentation over him.
(3) As for Saul, he made havock of the church, entering into every house, and haling men and women committed *them* to prison.
(4) Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word.
(5) Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them.
(6) And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did.
(7) For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed *with them*: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed.
(8) And there was great joy in that city.
(9) But there was a certain man, called Simon, which beforetime in the same city used sorcery, and bewitched the people of Samaria, giving out that himself was some great one:
(10) To whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, This man is the great power of God.

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(8) And there was great joy in that city.
(9) But there was a certain man, called Simon, who previously in the same city used sorcery {magic; fake miracles}^a, and deceived the people of Samaria, pretending that he himself was some great one:
(10) To whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, This man has the great power of God.

8:9a - sorcery - literally: magic {μαγευων}

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(11) And to him they had regard, because that of long time he had bewitched them with sorceries.
(12) But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.
(13) Then Simon himself believed also: and when he was baptized, he continued with Philip, and wondered, beholding the miracles and signs which were done.
(14) Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John:
(15) Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost:
(16) (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.)
(17) Then laid they *their* hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.
(18) And when Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money,
(19) Saying, Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost.

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(12) But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the Name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.
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(15) Who, when they had come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Spirit:
(16) (Because as yet He had not fallen upon any of them: but they were only baptized in the Name of the Lord Jesus^c.)
(17) Then they laid *their* hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.
(18) And when Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Spirit was given, he offered them money,
(19) Saying, Give me also this power, that on whomever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Spirit.

8:13b - Simon who previously practiced magic (which is fake) now saw true power and recognized that it was real
8:16c - They had been baptized in the Name of Jesus, but had not received the Holy Spirit -
- it was necessary for the Jewish apostles to see for themselves that the Samaritans believed and the laying on of hands was an identification both to the Jews and to the Samaritans that Jesus was Savior for all and they were one body in Christ Jesus.

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(20) But Peter said unto him, Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money.
 (21) Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not right in the sight of God.
 (22) Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee.
 (23) For I perceive that thou art in the gall of bitterness, and *in* the bond of iniquity.
 (24) Then answered Simon, and said, Pray ye to the Lord for me, that none of these things which ye have spoken come upon me.
 (25) And they, when they had testified and preached the word of the Lord, returned to Jerusalem, and preached the gospel in many villages of the Samaritans.
 (26) And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert.
 (27) And he arose and went: and, behold, a man of Ethiopia, an eunuch of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem for to worship,
 (28) Was returning, and sitting in his chariot read Esaias the prophet.
 (29) Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot.

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 (21) You have neither part nor lot in this matter: because your heart is not right in the sight of God.
 (22) Repent therefore of this your wickedness, and pray to God, if perhaps the thought of your heart may be forgiven you.
 (23) Because I perceive that you are caught up with bitterness, and *in* the bonds of sin.
 (24) Then Simon answered, and said, You pray to the Lord for me, that none of these things which you have spoken come upon me.
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 (27) And he arose and went: and, a man of Ethiopia, an eunuch^d of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem to worship,
 (28) Was returning, and sitting in his chariot reading Isaiah the prophet.
 (29) Then the Spirit said to Philip, **Go near, and join yourself to this chariot.**

8:27d - eunuch - a man who has been castrated or for some other reason is unable to perform sex - eunuchs were often put in charge of harems since there was no possibility of them having sex with the women - being a eunuch, he would not be allowed to enter the temple [Lev. 21:17-23] so he would not have access to learning from the teachers of the law - see Acts 8:31; Mat. 19:12

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(30) And Philip ran thither to *him*, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest?
(31) And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him.
(32) The place of the scripture which he read was this, He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth:
(33) In his humiliation his judgment was taken away: and who shall declare his generation? for his life is taken from the earth.
(34) And the eunuch answered Philip, and said, I pray thee, of whom speaketh the prophet this? of himself, or of some other man?
(35) Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus.
(36) And as they went on *their* way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, *here is* water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?
(37) And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

(30) And Philip ran there to *him*, and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah, and said, Do you understand what you read?
(31) And he said, How can I, unless some man should guide me?^e And he desired that Philip would come up and sit with him.
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(33) **In His humiliation His judgment was taken away: and who shall declare His generation? Because His life is taken from the earth.**^f
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(36) And as they went on *their* way, they came to a certain body of water: and the eunuch said, See, *here is* water; what hinders me to be baptized?
(37) And Philip said, If you believe with all your heart, you may be. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.^g

8:31e - See Acts 8:27

8:32-33f - Is. 53:7-8

8:37g – modern translations leave out this verse all together because the authors don't believe it
- See [Appendix I: Examples of Missing Words and Verses in Modern Translations](#)

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(38) And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.

(39) And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing.

(40) But Philip was found at Azotus: and passing through he preached in all the cities, till he came to Caesarea.

Chapter 9

(1) And Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest,

(2) And desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of this way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem.

(3) And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven:

(4) And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, **Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?**

(5) And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, **I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.**

(6) And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord *said* unto him, **Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.**

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9:4a – Acts 22:7; 26:14

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(7) And the men which journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice, but seeing no man.
(8) And Saul arose from the earth; and when his eyes were opened, he saw no man: but they led him by the hand, and brought *him* into Damascus.
(9) And he was three days without sight, and neither did eat nor drink.
(10) And there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias; and to him said the Lord in a vision, **Ananias**. And he said, Behold, I *am here*, Lord.
(11) And the Lord *said* unto him, **Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and enquire in the house of Judas for *one* called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold, he prayeth,**
(12) **And hath seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in, and putting *his* hand on him, that he might receive his sight.**
(13) Then Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he hath done to thy saints at Jerusalem:
(14) And here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that call on thy name.
(15) But the Lord said unto him, **Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel:**
(16) **For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake.**

(7) And the men who traveled with him stood speechless, hearing a voice, but seeing no man^b.
(8) And Saul arose from the earth; and when his eyes were opened, he saw no man: but they led him by the hand, and brought *him* into Damascus.
(9) And he was three days without sight, and neither did he eat nor drink.
(10) And there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias; and to him the Lord said in a vision, **Ananias**. And he said, Look, I *am here*, Lord.
(11) And the Lord *said* to him, **Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and inquire at the house of Judas for *one* called Saul, of Tarsus: because, indeed, he is praying,**
(12) **And has seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in, and putting *his* hand on him, that he might receive his sight.**
(13) Then Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he has done to Your saints at Jerusalem:
(14) And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on Your Name.
(15) But the Lord said to him, **Go your way: because he is a chosen vessel to Me, to bear My Name before the Gentiles {non-Jews}^c and kings, and the children of Israel:**
(16) **Because I will show him what great things that he must suffer for My Name's sake.**

9:7b - Acts 22:9

9:15c - Gentiles - non-Jews - people of other nations

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(17) And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, *even* Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost.

(18) And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized.

(19) And when he had received meat, he was strengthened. Then was Saul certain days with the disciples which were at Damascus.

(20) And straightway he preached Christ in the synagogues, that he is the Son of God.

(21) But all that heard *him* were amazed, and said; Is not this he that destroyed them which called on this name in Jerusalem, and came hither for that intent, that he might bring them bound unto the chief priests?

(22) But Saul increased the more in strength, and confounded the Jews which dwelt at Damascus, proving that this is very Christ.

(23) And after that many days were fulfilled, the Jews took counsel to kill him:

(24) But their laying await was known of Saul. And they watched the gates day and night to kill him.

(25) Then the disciples took him by night, and let *him* down by the wall in a basket.

(26) And when Saul was come to Jerusalem, he assayed to join himself to the disciples: but they were all afraid of him, and believed not that he was a disciple.

(17) And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, *even* Jesus, Who appeared to you on the road as you came, has sent me, that you might receive your sight, and be filled with the Holy Spirit.

(18) And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he immediately received sight, and arose, and was baptized.

(19) And when he had received food, he was strengthened. Then Saul was certain days with the disciples who were at Damascus.

(20) And immediately he preached Christ in the synagogues, that He is the Son of God.

(21) But all who heard *him* were amazed, and said; Is this not he who destroyed those who called on this Name in Jerusalem, and came here with that intent, that he might bring them bound to the chief priests?

(22) But Saul increased the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived at Damascus, proving that this {Jesus} is truly Christ.

(23) And after many days were fulfilled, the Jews took counsel to kill him:

(24) But their laying in wait was made known to Saul. And they watched the gates day and night to kill him.

(25) Then the disciples took him by night, and let *him* down by the wall in a basket^d.

(26) And when Saul had come to Jerusalem, he determined to join himself to the disciples: but they were all afraid of him, and did not believe that he was a disciple.

9:25d - basket - hamper - large basket - see Mat. 14:20; Mat. 15:37

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(27) But Barnabas took him, and brought *him* to the apostles, and declared unto them how he had seen the Lord in the way, and that he had spoken to him, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus.

(28) And he was with them coming in and going out at Jerusalem.

(29) And he spake boldly in the name of the Lord Jesus, and disputed against the Grecians: but they went about to slay him.

(30) *Which* when the brethren knew, they brought him down to Caesarea, and sent him forth to Tarsus.

(31) Then had the churches rest throughout all Judaea and Galilee and Samaria, and were edified; and walking in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, were multiplied.

(32) And it came to pass, as Peter passed throughout all *quarters*, he came down also to the saints which dwelt at Lydda.

(33) And there he found a certain man named Aeneas, which had kept his bed eight years, and was sick of the palsy.

(34) And Peter said unto him, Aeneas, Jesus Christ maketh thee whole: arise, and make thy bed. And he arose immediately.

(35) And all that dwelt at Lydda and Saron saw him, and turned to the Lord.

(36) Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha, which by interpretation is called Dorcas: this woman was full of good works and almsdeeds which she did.

(27) But Barnabas took him, and brought *him* to the apostles, and declared to them how he had seen the Lord on the road, and that He had spoken to him, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the Name of Jesus.

(28) And he was with them coming in and going out at Jerusalem.

(29) And he spoke boldly in the Name of the Lord Jesus, and disputed against the Grecians^e: but they went about to kill him.

(30) *Which* when the brothers found out, they brought him down to Caesarea, and sent him forth to Tarsus^f.

(31) Then the churches had rest throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria, and were encouraged; and walking in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, were multiplied.

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(33) And there he found a certain man named Aeneas, who had been bedfast eight years, and was sick with paralysis.

(34) And Peter said to him, Aeneas, Jesus Christ makes you whole: arise, and make your bed. And he arose immediately.

(35) And all who lived at Lydda and Sharon saw him, and turned to the Lord.

(36) Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha {deer [Aramaic]}^g, which by interpretation is called Dorcas {deer [Greek]}^h: this woman was full of good works and charity which she did.

9:29e – Grecians – Greek speaking Jews
 9:30f – Tarsus – Paul's home town
 9:36g - Tabitha - Aramaic for deer
 9:36h - Dorcas - Greek for deer

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(37) And it came to pass in those days, that she was sick, and died: whom when they had washed, they laid *her* in an upper chamber.

(38) And forasmuch as Lydda was nigh to Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent unto him two men, desiring *him* that he would not delay to come to them.

(39) Then Peter arose and went with them. When he was come, they brought him into the upper chamber: and all the widows stood by him weeping, and shewing the coats and garments which Dorcas made, while she was with them.

(40) But Peter put them all forth, and kneeled down, and prayed; and turning *him* to the body said, Tabitha, arise. And she opened her eyes: and when she saw Peter, she sat up.

(41) And he gave her *his* hand, and lifted her up, and when he had called the saints and widows, presented her alive.

(42) And it was known throughout all Joppa; and many believed in the Lord.

(43) And it came to pass, that he tarried many days in Joppa with one Simon a tanner.

Chapter 10

(1) There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of the band called the Italian *band*,

(2) A devout *man*, and one that feared God with all his house, which gave much alms to the people, and prayed to God alway.

(37) And it came to pass in those days, that she was sick, and died: whom when they had washed, they laid *her* in an upper chamber.

(38) And since Lydda was near to Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent to him two men, desiring *him* that he would not delay to come to them.

(39) Then Peter arose and went with them. When he had come, they brought him into the upper chamber: and all the widows stood by him weeping, and showing the coats and clothes which Dorcas had made, while she was with them.

(40) But Peter put them all out, and kneeled down, and prayed; and turning *himself* to the body said, Tabitha, arise. And she opened her eyes: and when she saw Peter, she sat up.

(41) And he gave her *his* hand, and lifted her up, and when he had called the saints and widows, presented her alive.

(42) And it was known throughout all Joppa; and many believed in the Lord.

(43) And it came to pass, that he stayed many days in Joppa with one Simon a tanner.

Chapter 10

(1) There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion^a of the band called the Italian *band*,

(2) A devout *man*, and one who feared God with all his household, who gave many gifts to the people, and prayed to God always.

10:1a - centurion - officer in charge of 100 men

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(3) He saw in a vision evidently about the ninth hour of the day an angel of God coming in to him, and saying unto him, Cornelius.
 (4) And when he looked on him, he was afraid, and said, What is it, Lord? And he said unto him, Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God.
 (5) And now send men to Joppa, and call for *one* Simon, whose surname is Peter:
 (6) He lodgeth with one Simon a tanner, whose house is by the sea side: he shall tell thee what thou oughtest to do.
 (7) And when the angel which spake unto Cornelius was departed, he called two of his household servants, and a devout soldier of them that waited on him continually;
 (8) And when he had declared all *these* things unto them, he sent them to Joppa.
 (9) On the morrow, as they went on their journey, and drew nigh unto the city, Peter went up upon the housetop to pray about the sixth hour:
 (10) And he became very hungry, and would have eaten: but while they made ready, he fell into a trance,
 (11) And saw heaven opened, and a certain vessel descending unto him, as it had been a great sheet knit at the four corners, and let down to the earth:
 (12) Wherein were all manner of fourfooted beasts of the earth, and wild beasts, and creeping things, and fowls of the air.
 (13) And there came a voice to him, Rise, Peter; kill, and eat.

(3) He saw in a vision evidently about the ninth hour of the day {3 p.m.}^b an Angel of God coming in to him, and saying to him, **Cornelius.**
 (4) And when he looked on Him, he was afraid, and said, What is it, Lord? And He said to him, **Your prayers and your gifts have come up for a memorial before God.**
 (5) **And now send men to Joppa, and call for one Simon, whose surname is Peter:**
 (6) **He is staying with one Simon a tanner, whose house is by the sea side: he shall tell you what you should to do.**
 (7) And when the Angel Who spoke to Cornelius had departed, he called two of his household servants, and a devout soldier of those who waited on him continually;
 (8) And when he had declared all *these* things to them, he sent them to Joppa.
 (9) In the morning, as they went on their journey, and drew near to the city, Peter went up upon the housetop to pray about the sixth hour {noon}^c:
 (10) And he became very hungry, and would have eaten: but while they made ready, he fell into a trance,
 (11) And saw heaven opened, and a certain vessel descending towards him, as it had been a great sheet held at the four corners, and let down to the earth:
 (12) In which were all manner of four footed beasts of the earth, and wild beasts, and crawling things, and birds of the air^d.
 (13) And there came a voice to him, **Rise, Peter; kill, and eat.**

10:3b - ninth hour of the day - 3:00 in the afternoon - the hour of prayer - see Acts 3:1

10:9c - sixth hour - noon

10:12d - "unclean" animals that the Jews were not permitted to eat - Lev. 11; Deut. 14

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(14) But Peter said, Not so, Lord; for I have never eaten any thing that is common or unclean.
(15) And the voice *spake* unto him again the second time, What God hath cleansed, *that* call not thou common.
(16) This was done thrice: and the vessel was received up again into heaven.
(17) Now while Peter doubted in himself what this vision which he had seen should mean, behold, the men which were sent from Cornelius had made enquiry for Simon's house, and stood before the gate,
(18) And called, and asked whether Simon, which was surnamed Peter, were lodged there.
(19) While Peter thought on the vision, the Spirit said unto him, Behold, three men seek thee.
(20) Arise therefore, and get thee down, and go with them, doubting nothing: for I have sent them.
(21) Then Peter went down to the men which were sent unto him from Cornelius; and said, Behold, I am he whom ye seek: what *is* the cause wherefore ye are come?
(22) And they said, Cornelius the centurion, a just man, and one that feareth God, and of good report among all the nation of the Jews, was warned from God by an holy angel to send for thee into his house, and to hear words of thee.

(14) But Peter said, Not so, Lord; because I have never eaten anything that is common or unclean.
(15) And the voice *spoke* to him again the second time, *What God has cleansed, that you shall not call common {or unclean}*^e.
(16) This was done three times: and the vessel was received up again into heaven.
(17) Now while Peter questioned in himself what this vision which he had seen meant, the men who were sent from Cornelius had made inquiry for Simon's house, and stood before the gate,
(18) And called, and asked whether Simon, who was surnamed Peter, was staying there.
(19) While Peter thought about the vision, the Spirit said to him, *Look, three men seek you.*
(20) *Arise therefore, and get yourself down, and go with them, questioning nothing: because I have sent them.*
(21) Then Peter went down to the men who were sent to him from Cornelius; and said, Indeed, I am he whom you seek: what *is* the reason that you have come?
(22) And they said, Cornelius the centurion, a just man, and one who fears God, and of good report among all the nation of the Jews, was warned from God by an holy angel to send for you to come into his house, and to hear words from you.

10:15e - common or unclean - see Acts 10:28; 11:8

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(23) Then called he them in, and lodged *them*. And on the morrow Peter went away with them, and certain brethren from Joppa accompanied him.

(24) And the morrow after they entered into Caesarea. And Cornelius waited for them, and had called together his kinsmen and near friends.

(25) And as Peter was coming in, Cornelius met him, and fell down at his feet, and worshipped *him*.

(26) But Peter took him up, saying, Stand up; I myself also am a man.

(27) And as he talked with him, he went in, and found many that were come together.

(28) And he said unto them, Ye know how that it is an unlawful thing for a man that is a Jew to keep company, or come unto one of another nation; but God hath shewed me that I should not call any man common or unclean.

(29) Therefore came I *unto you* without gainsaying, as soon as I was sent for: I ask therefore for what intent ye have sent for me?

(30) And Cornelius said, Four days ago I was fasting until this hour; and at the ninth hour I prayed in my house, and, behold, a man stood before me in bright clothing,

(31) And said, Cornelius, thy prayer is heard, and thine alms are had in remembrance in the sight of God.

(23) Then he called them in, and lodged *them*. And in the morning Peter went away with them, and certain brothers from Joppa accompanied him^f.

(24) And the morning after they entered into Caesarea. And Cornelius waited for them, and had called together his kinsmen and close friends.

(25) And as Peter was coming in, Cornelius met him, and fell down at his feet, and worshiped *him*.

(26) But Peter lifted him up, saying, Stand up; I myself also am a man.

(27) And as he talked with him, he went in, and found many who had come together.

(28) And he said to them, You know how that it is an unlawful thing for a man who is a Jew to keep company, or come to one of another nation; but God has shown me that I should not call any man common or unclean.

(29) Therefore I came *to you* without hesitation, as soon as I was sent for: I ask therefore for what reason you have sent for me?

(30) And Cornelius said, Four days ago I was fasting until this hour; and at the ninth hour {3 p.m.}^g I prayed in my house, and a man stood before me in bright clothing,

(31) And said, **Cornelius, your prayer is heard, and your gifts are had in remembrance in the sight of God.**

10:23f - 6 men in all went with Peter - Acts 11:12
10:30g - ninth hour - 3:00 p.m.

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(32) Send therefore to Joppa, and call hither Simon, whose surname is Peter; he is lodged in the house of *one* Simon a tanner by the sea side: who, when he cometh, shall speak unto thee.

(33) Immediately therefore I sent to thee; and thou hast well done that thou art come. Now therefore are we all here present before God, to hear all things that are commanded thee of God.

(34) Then Peter opened *his* mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons:

(35) But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him.

(36) The word which *God* sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (he is Lord of all:)

(37) That word, *I say*, ye know, which was published throughout all Judaea, and began from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached;

(38) How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

(39) And we are witnesses of all things which he did both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem; whom they slew and hanged on a tree:

(32) **Therefore send to Joppa, and call to here Simon, whose surname is Peter; he is staying in the house of *one* Simon a tanner by the sea side: who, when he comes, shall speak to you.**

(33) Therefore I immediately sent to you; and you have done well that you have come. Now therefore we are all here present before God, to hear all things that are commanded of you by God.

(34) Then Peter opened *his* mouth, and said, Truly I perceive that God is no respecter of persons^h:

(35) But in every nation those who fear Him, and work righteousness, are accepted by Him.

(36) The word which *God* sent to the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (He is Lord of all:)

(37) That word, *I say*, you know, which was published throughout all Judea, and began from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached;

(38) How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power: Who went about doing good, and healing all who were oppressed of the devil; because God was with Him.

(39) And we are witnesses of all things which He did both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem; Whom they killed and hung on a tree:

10:34^h - no respecter of persons - no person is more important to the Lord than any other person. A person's social status or wealth mean nothing to the Lord.

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(40) Him God raised up the third day, and shewed him openly;
(41) Not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before of God, *even* to us, who did eat and drink with him after he rose from the dead.
(42) And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was ordained of God *to be* the Judge of quick and dead.
(43) To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.
(44) While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word.
(45) And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost.
(46) For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter,
(47) Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?
(48) And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.

(40) God raised Him up the third day, and showed Him openly;
(41) Not to all the people, but to witnesses chosen beforehand by God, *even* to us, who ate and drank with Him after He arose from the dead.
(42) And He commanded us to preach to the people, and to testify that it is He Who was ordained by God *to be* the Judge of the living and dead.
(43) To Him all the prophets give witness, that through His Name whoever believes in Him shall receive forgiveness of sins.
(44) While Peter yet spoke these words, the Holy Spirit fell on all those who heard the word.
(45) And those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out on the Gentiles {non-Jews} also.
(46) Because they heard them speak with other languages¹, and magnify God. Then Peter said,
(47) Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, who have received the Holy Spirit as well as we?
(48) And he commanded them to be baptized in the Name of the Lord. Then they asked him to stay certain days.

10:46i - Acts 19:6

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Chapter 11

(1) And the apostles and brethren that were in Judaea heard that the Gentiles had also received the word of God.
(2) And when Peter was come up to Jerusalem, they that were of the circumcision contended with him,
(3) Saying, Thou wentest in to men uncircumcised, and didst eat with them.
(4) But Peter rehearsed *the matter* from the beginning, and expounded *it* by order unto them, saying,
(5) I was in the city of Joppa praying: and in a trance I saw a vision, A certain vessel descend, as it had been a great sheet, let down from heaven by four corners; and it came even to me:
(6) Upon the which when I had fastened mine eyes, I considered, and saw fourfooted beasts of the earth, and wild beasts, and creeping things, and fowls of the air.
(7) And I heard a voice saying unto me, Arise, Peter; slay and eat.
(8) But I said, Not so, Lord: for nothing common or unclean hath at any time entered into my mouth.
(9) But the voice answered me again from heaven, What God hath cleansed, *that* call not thou common.
(10) And this was done three times: and all were drawn up again into heaven.
(11) And, behold, immediately there were three men already come unto the house where I was, sent from Caesarea unto me.

Chapter 11

(1) And the apostles and brothers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles {non Jews} had also received the word of God.
(2) And when Peter had come up to Jerusalem, those who were of the circumcision contended with him,
(3) Saying, You went in to uncircumcised men, and ate with them.
(4) But Peter rehearsed *the matter* from the beginning, and explained to them, in order saying,
(5) I was in the city of Joppa praying: and in a trance I saw a vision, A certain vessel descend, as it had been a great sheet, let down from heaven by four corners; and it came even to me:
(6) Upon which when I had fastened my eyes, I considered, and saw four-footed beasts of the earth, and wild beasts, and crawling things, and birds of the air.
(7) And I heard a voice saying to me, **Arise, Peter; kill and eat.**
(8) But I said, Not so, Lord: because nothing common or unclean has at any time entered into my mouth^a.
(9) But the voice answered me again from heaven, **What God has cleansed, *that* you shall not call common {or unclean}.**
(10) And this was done three times: and all were drawn up again into heaven.
(11) And, indeed, immediately there were three men who had already come to the house where I was, sent from Caesarea to me.

11:8a – Acts 10:15, 28

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(12) And the Spirit bade me go with them, nothing doubting. Moreover these six brethren accompanied me, and we entered into the man's house:

(13) And he shewed us how he had seen an angel in his house, which stood and said unto him, Send men to Joppa, and call for Simon, whose surname is Peter;

(14) Who shall tell thee words, whereby thou and all thy house shall be saved.

(15) And as I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them, as on us at the beginning.

(16) Then remembered I the word of the Lord, how that he said, **John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost.**

(17) Forasmuch then as God gave them the like gift as *he did* unto us, who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ; what was I, that I could withstand God?

(18) When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life.

(19) Now they which were scattered abroad upon the persecution that arose about Stephen travelled as far as Phenice, and Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching the word to none but unto the Jews only.

(20) And some of them were men of Cyprus and Cyrene, which, when they were come to Antioch, spake unto the Grecians, preaching the Lord Jesus.

(12) And the Spirit told me to go with them, questioning nothing. Furthermore these six brothers accompanied me, and we entered into the man's house:

(13) And he showed us how he had seen an Angel in his house, which stood and said to him, **Send men to Joppa, and call for Simon, whose surname is Peter;**

(14) **Who shall tell you words, by which you and all your household shall be saved.**

(15) And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them, as it did on us at the beginning.

(16) Then I remembered the word of the Lord, how that He said, **John indeed baptized with water; but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit.^a**

(17) Since God gave them the same gift as *He did* to us, who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ; who was I, that I could withstand God?

(18) When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, Then God has also granted repentance for eternal life to the Gentiles {non-Jews}.

(19) Now those who were scattered abroad upon the persecution that arose about Stephen traveled as far as Phenice, and Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching the word to no one but to the Jews only.

(20) And some of them were men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who, when they had come to Antioch, spoke to the Grecians^b, preaching the Lord Jesus.

11:16a - Acts 1:5

11:20b - Grecians - Greek speaking Jews

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(21) And the hand of the Lord was with them: and a great number believed, and turned unto the Lord.
(22) Then tidings of these things came unto the ears of the church which was in Jerusalem: and they sent forth Barnabas, that he should go as far as Antioch.
(23) Who, when he came, and had seen the grace of God, was glad, and exhorted them all, that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord.
(24) For he was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith: and much people was added unto the Lord.
(25) Then departed Barnabas to Tarsus, for to seek Saul:
(26) And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.
(27) And in these days came prophets from Jerusalem unto Antioch.
(28) And there stood up one of them named Agabus, and signified by the Spirit that there should be great dearth throughout all the world: which came to pass in the days of Claudius Caesar.

(21) And the hand of the Lord was with them: and a great number believed, and turned to the Lord.
(22) Then news of these things came to the ears of the church which was in Jerusalem: and they sent forth Barnabas, that he should go as far as Antioch.
(23) Who, when he came, and had seen the grace of God, was glad, and encouraged them all, that with purpose of heart they would cling to the Lord.
(24) Because he was a good man, and full of the Holy Spirit and of faith: and many people were added to the Lord.
(25) Then Barnabas departed to Tarsus, in order to seek Saul:
(26) And when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. And it came to pass, that for a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught many people. And the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch.
(27) And in these days prophets came from Jerusalem to Antioch.
(28) And there stood up one of them named Agabus^c, and signified by the Spirit that there should be a great famine throughout all the world: which came to pass in the days of Claudius Caesar^d.

11:28c – Agabus – Acts 21:10

11:28d - See Acts 18:2; 21:10

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King James Version

(29) Then the disciples, every man according to his ability, determined to send relief unto the brethren which dwelt in Judaea:
 (30) Which also they did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul.

Chapter 12

(1) Now about that time Herod the king stretched forth *his* hands to vex certain of the church.
 (2) And he killed James the brother of John with the sword.
 (3) And because he saw it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to take Peter also. (Then were the days of unleavened bread.)
 (4) And when he had apprehended him, he put *him* in prison, and delivered *him* to four quaternions of soldiers to keep him; intending after Easter to bring him forth to the people.
 (5) Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him.
 (6) And when Herod would have brought him forth, the same night Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains: and the keepers before the door kept the prison.
 (7) And, behold, the angel of the Lord came upon *him*, and a light shined in the prison: and he smote Peter on the side, and raised him up, saying, Arise up quickly. And his chains fell off from *his* hands.

King James Paraphrase

(29) Then the disciples, every man according to his ability, determined to send relief to the brothers who lived in Judaea:
 (30) Which they also did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul.

Chapter 12

(1) Now about that time Herod the king stretched forth *his* hands to harass certain of the church.
 (2) And he killed James the brother of John with the sword.
 (3) And because he saw it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to take Peter also. (These were the days of Unleavened Bread.^a)
 (4) And when he had apprehended him, he put *him* in prison, and delivered *him* to sixteen soldiers^b to keep him; intending after Easter^c to bring him forth to the people.
 (5) Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing by the church to God for him.
 (6) And when Herod would have brought him forth, the same night Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains: and the keepers before the door kept the prison.
 (7) And the Angel of the Lord came upon *him*, and a light shone in the prison: and He struck Peter on the side, and raised him up, saying, **Get up quickly.** And his chains fell off from *his* hands.

12:3a - days of Unleavened Bread - seven days beginning with Passover – Lev. 23:5-6
 12:4b - quaternions - four soldiers, so 4 quaternions = 16 soldiers
 12:4c - Easter - modern translations incorrectly say Passover, but if it is the days of Unleavened Bread [v. 3], Passover has already passed. – this is one of the places where the King James version varies from the Greek Received Text which also says “Passover” rather than “Easter” – the verse could read: “after the Passover holidays” but the King James version solves this problem by using the word “Easter”.

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(8) And the angel said unto him, Gird thyself, and bind on thy sandals. And so he did. And he saith unto him, Cast thy garment about thee, and follow me.

(9) And he went out, and followed him; and wist not that it was true which was done by the angel; but thought he saw a vision.

(10) When they were past the first and the second ward, they came unto the iron gate that leadeth unto the city; which opened to them of his own accord: and they went out, and passed on through one street; and forthwith the angel departed from him.

(11) And when Peter was come to himself, he said, Now I know of a surety, that the Lord hath sent his angel, and hath delivered me out of the hand of Herod, and *from* all the expectation of the people of the Jews.

(12) And when he had considered *the thing*, he came to the house of Mary the mother of John, whose surname was Mark; where many were gathered together praying.

(13) And as Peter knocked at the door of the gate, a damsel came to hearken, named Rhoda.

(14) And when she knew Peter's voice, she opened not the gate for gladness, but ran in, and told how Peter stood before the gate.

(15) And they said unto her, Thou art mad. But she constantly affirmed that it was even so. Then said they, It is his angel.

(8) And the Angel said to him, **Put your belt on, and tie your sandals. And he did so.** And He said to him, **Put your coat on and follow Me.**

(9) And he went out, and followed Him; and did not know that what the Angel was doing was real; but he thought he was seeing a vision.

(10) When they were past the first and the second ward, they came to the iron gate that lead to the city; which opened to them of its own accord: and they went out, and passed on through one street; and immediately the Angel left him.

(11) And when Peter had come to himself, he said, Now I know of a certainty, that the Lord had sent His Angel, and has delivered me out of the hand of Herod, and *from* all the expectation of the people of the Jews.

(12) And when he had considered *the thing*, he came to the house of Mary the mother of John, whose surname was Mark; where many were gathered together praying.

(13) And as Peter knocked at the door of the gate, a young girl came to answer the door, named Rhoda.

(14) And when she recognized Peter's voice, she did not open the gate because of gladness, but ran in, and told how Peter stood before the gate.

(15) And they said to her, You are mad. But she constantly affirmed that it was so. Then they said, It is his angel.

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King James Paraphrase

(16) But Peter continued knocking: and when they had opened *the door*, and saw him, they were astonished.

(17) But he, beckoning unto them with the hand to hold their peace, declared unto them how the Lord had brought him out of the prison. And he said, Go shew these things unto James, and to the brethren. And he departed, and went into another place.

(18) Now as soon as it was day, there was no small stir among the soldiers, what was become of Peter.

(19) And when Herod had sought for him, and found him not, he examined the keepers, and commanded that *they* should be put to death. And he went down from Judaea to Caesarea, and *there* abode.

(20) And Herod was highly displeased with them of Tyre and Sidon: but they came with one accord to him, and, having made Blastus the king's chamberlain their friend, desired peace; because their country was nourished by the king's *country*.

(21) And upon a set day Herod, arrayed in royal apparel, sat upon his throne, and made an oration unto them.

(22) And the people gave a shout, *saying, It is the voice of a god, and not of a man.*

(23) And immediately the angel of the Lord smote him, because he gave not God the glory: and he was eaten of worms, and gave up the ghost.

(16) But Peter continued knocking: and when they had opened *the door*, and saw him, they were astonished^d.

(17) But he, motioning to them with the hand to hold their peace, declared to them how the Lord had brought him out of the prison. And he said, Go tell these things to James, and to the brothers. And he departed, and went into another place.

(18) Now as soon as it was day, there was no small stir among the soldiers, what had become of Peter.

(19) And when Herod had sought for him, and did not find him, he examined the keepers, and commanded that *they* should be put to death. And he went down from Judea to Caesarea, and stayed *there*.

(20) And Herod was highly displeased with those of Tyre and Sidon: but they came with one accord to him, and, having made Blastus the king's chamberlain their friend, desired peace; because their country was nourished by the king's *country*.

(21) And upon a set day Herod, arrayed in royal apparel, sat upon his throne, and made a speech to them.

(22) And the people gave a shout, *saying, It is the voice of a god, and not of a man.*

(23) And immediately the Angel of the Lord struck him, because he did not give God the glory: and he was eaten by worms, and gave up the spirit {died}.

12:16d – they had been praying for him for days, but were astonished at how God had answered their prayers

{42} Luke

King James Version

(51) (The same had not consented to the counsel and deed of them;) *he was* of Arimathaea, a city of the Jews: who also himself waited for the kingdom of God.
 (52) This *man* went unto Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus.
 (53) And he took it down, and wrapped it in linen, and laid it in a sepulchre that was hewn in stone, wherein never man before was laid.
 (54) And that day was the preparation, and the sabbath drew on.
 (55) And the women also, which came with him from Galilee, followed after, and beheld the sepulchre, and how his body was laid.
 (56) And they returned, and prepared spices and ointments; and rested the sabbath day according to the commandment.

Chapter 24

(1) Now upon the first *day* of the week, very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulchre, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain *others* with them.
 (2) And they found the stone rolled away from the sepulchre.
 (3) And they entered in, and found not the body of the Lord Jesus.
 (4) And it came to pass, as they were much perplexed thereabout, behold, two men stood by them in shining garments:

King James Paraphrase

(51) (This same {man} had not consented to the counsel and their deed;) *he was* of Arimathaea, a city of the Jews: who also himself waited for the kingdom of God^d.
 (52) This *man* went to Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus.
 (53) And he took it down, and wrapped it in linen, and laid it in a tomb that was cut in stone, in which no man before had lain^e.
 (54) And that day was the preparation^f, and the sabbath {Saturday} was drawing near.
 (55) And the women also, who came with Him from Galilee, followed after, and saw the tomb, and how His body was laid.
 (56) And they returned, and prepared spices and ointments; and rested the sabbath day {Saturday} according to the commandment.

Chapter 24

(1) Now on the first *day* of the week {Sunday}^{*a} very early in the morning, they came to the tomb, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain *others* with them.
 (2) And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb.
 (3) And they entered in, and did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.
 (4) And it came to pass, as they were greatly perplexed about these things, suddenly, two men stood by them in shining robes:

23:51d - Joseph of Arimathaea and Nicodemus (John 19:38-39)
 23:53e - Joseph of Arimathaea's personal tomb - see Mat. 27:60
 23:54f - the preparation – Mat. 27:57; Mark 15:42
 - see “What Day of the Week Was Jesus Crucified?” at www.TheWordNotes.com
 24:1a - first day of the week after the sabbath after the Passover - Lev. 23:11 - First Fruits Offering - Easter

483 years since Cyrus' decree to restore Jerusalem – end of Daniel's 69 – 7's of years
 [*4071 A.H./C-29 A.D.] - See: [Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History](#)

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King James Paraphrase

(5) And as they were afraid, and bowed down *their* faces to the earth, they said unto them, Why seek ye the living among the dead?
(6) He is not here, but is risen: remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee,
(7) Saying, The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.
(8) And they remembered his words,
(9) And returned from the sepulchre, and told all these things unto the eleven, and to all the rest.
(10) It was Mary Magdalene, and Joanna, and Mary *the mother* of James, and other *women that were* with them, which told these things unto the apostles.
(11) And their words seemed to them as idle tales, and they believed them not.
(12) Then arose Peter, and ran unto the sepulchre; and stooping down, he beheld the linen clothes laid by themselves, and departed, wondering in himself at that which was come to pass.
(13) And, behold, two of them went that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was from Jerusalem *about* threescore furlongs.
(14) And they talked together of all these things which had happened.
(15) And it came to pass, that, while they communed *together* and reasoned, Jesus himself drew near, and went with them.

(5) And as they were afraid, and bowed down *their* faces to the earth, they said to them, **Why do you seek the living among the dead?**
(6) **He is not here, but has risen: remember how He spoke to you when He was yet in Galilee,**
(7) **Saying, the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.**
(8) And they remembered His words,
(9) And returned from the tomb, and told all these things to the eleven, and to all the rest.
(10) It was Mary Magdalene and Joanna, and Mary *the mother* of James, and other *women who were* with them, who told these things to the apostles.
(11) And their words seemed to them as idle tales, and they did not believe them.
(12) Then Peter arose, and ran to the tomb; and stooping down, he saw the linen clothes laid by themselves, and departed, wondering in himself at that which had come to pass.
(13) And, two of them went that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was from Jerusalem *about* sixty furlongs {about 7.5 mi.; 12.1 km.}^b.
(14) And they talked together of all these things which had happened.
(15) And it came to pass, that, while they communed *together* and reasoned, Jesus Himself drew near, and went with them.

24:13b – 60 furlongs – about 7.5 miles or 12.1 kilometers - see [Appendix J: Bible Weights and Measures](#)