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King James 1769 Version

King James Paraphrase

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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(2) Until the day in which He was taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen:

(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.**

(8) **But you shall receive power, after the Holy Spirit has come upon you: and you shall be witnesses to Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and to the uttermost parts of the earth.**

(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.
(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* 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,

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

(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