**The Book of Acts, Part 1**

**I. The Resumption of Luke (Acts 1:1-5)**

**Verse 1:1**

\**“Former treatise”* > Luke 1:1-4 > *“declaration”* (*diegesis* [1x]) medical logbook.

\*Derived from *“eyewitnesses* (*autoptes >* “autopsy” [1x]), *and ministers of the word”* (Lk. 1:2).

He wanted to do an **autopsy** on the Person of Christ and on His assembly!

\*Luke had *“perfect understanding”* > he knew he was writing Scripture (I Cor. 2:13; II Pet. 3:15-16; cf. also Eccl. 12:9-11).

\*Theophilus > “lover of God” > Roman official > Felix (Acts 23:26).

\*Jesus (cf. Acts 1:11) to do (Lk. 4:16 ff.) and to teach (Lk. 19:47).

**Verse 1:2**

\*Taken up > His Second Ascension (public) > plant churches in Judea, Samaria, and uttermost parts (Acts 1:6-11) His First Ascension (private) > (see Jn. 14:2; 19:30; Lk. 23:43; Heb. 6:19-20; 9:15-19).

**Verse 1:3**

\*Alive in resurrected body by many infallible proofs (*tekmeriois* [1x])

\*Forty days from Passover; ten days before Pentecost > 50 days; day following seven Sabbaths (49 days)

\*Speaking of Kingdom of God (realm of regeneration [Jn. 3:3-5, 7]) = **KOG** spiritual realm (invisible and universal > Lk. 17:20); **KOH** = Davidic Dynasty = Millennium

**Verse 1:4**

\* “assembled together” > eat “salt together” *sunalizo* (sun + halizo)

\*commanded not to depart Jerusalem (“city of peace”) because of Pentecost

\* “Promise of the Father” > Lk. 24:49 > sending > Jn. 14:26; 15:26; 16:7

\*God would ***“send”*** the Spirit as element for public **authentication** and ***“give”*** the Spirit for **regeneration** (Jn. 4:10, 14-15; 7:38-39; 14:16; Act 2:33; 38).

\*Regeneration or permanent indwelling of Spirit was promised in the New Covenant (Ezk. 36:25-27) and activated when Christ ratified New Covenant at Cross (Mt. 26:26). OT and Apostles/NT Disciples were “saved” but not regenerated (indwelt with Spirit), and NT saints were regenerated at Pentecost.

On Pentecost, authentication and regeneration occurred simultaneously but were distinct (see Jn. 20:22)

**Verse 1:5**

\*Holy Ghost Baptism as John predicted was promised shortly. John was the practitioner of water Baptism and the theologian of Spirit Baptism.

\*Exegete six references > Mt. 3:11; Mk. 1:8; Lk. 3:16; Jn. 1:33; Acts 1:5; 11:16 > **Jesus would baptize believers in the Holy Ghost subsequent to salvation for power and authentication**.

\*Spirit Baptism occurred four times in the NT, authenticating to the Jews the New Day (Sunday), the New Place (the Baptist Assembly), and the Final Sacrifice (Christ’s body).

\*The Lord authenticated for the **Jews** the Baptist Assembly (Acts 2), for the Jews that **Samaritans** were included (Acts 8), for the Jews that **Gentiles** were included (Acts 10-11), and for Paul that **Gentiles** were included (Acts 19). By the time Ephesians was written, Paul averred ***“one baptism”*** (Eph. 4:5).

**CONCLUSION:** Luke continued his Gospel and gave foundational truth to Pentecost and following.

**II. The Commission of the Lord (Acts 1:6-11)**

**Verse 1:6**

\*The Lord met with the Baptist assembly during the 40 days (cf. v. 4, 13)

\*They asked about the restoration of the Davidic Dynasty, Millennium, or Kingdom of Heaven (KOH).

\*The Lord preached about the KOH (Mt. 4:17; Mk. 1:15) based on Dan. 9:24-27 and 2:44. They/We are living in gap between AD 70 and 2024, awaiting Rapture then Tribulation:

**1)** 483 yrs. **2)** Cross and Destruction/Temple **3)** 7 yr. Tribulation **4)** 1000 yr. Reign.

**Verse 1:7**

\*Lord did not reveal the time (cf. Mt. 24:36, 42). > See Dt. 29:29; Mk. 13:32.

\*Since Jews rejected their Messiah (Jn. 1:11), the KOH is postponed (Mt. 21:43; Rom. 11:25-26).

**Verse 1:8**

\*During the interval, with Pentecost authentication and power, Baptists are to practice Great Commission, going to Jews, Samaritans, and Gentiles, establishing Baptist churches!

**Verse 1:9**

\*At end of 40 days He ascended for 2nd time from Mount Olivet (v. 12; Zech. 14:4). 1st ascension (Jn. 19:30; Heb. 6:19-20).

**Verse 1:10**

\*They saw Him ascend in His resurrected body in this public event. Two men were angels (Lk. 24:4; 20:12; Heb. 1:14).

**Verse 1:11**

\*Why stand gazing when work is to be done (Jn. 20:17; Mt. 28:9)? He will return in his bodily resurrected form (I Jn. 3:2).

**CONCLUSION:** The Lord told the Baptists to wait for Spirit authentication and power to carry out Great Commission and to establish Baptist churches worldwide.

**III. The Lord’s Baptist Assembly (Acts 1:12-26)**

**Verse 1:12**

\*The believers left Mount Olivet, crossed Kidron, and walked back up to Jerusalem, about ½ mile (Sabbath Day journey [see Josh. 3:4; Num. 35:5? > 2000 cubits = 3000 feet > 5280 ft./mile])

**Verse 1:13**

\*They were meeting and living in the safe and secret place called “the upper room.” Since John Mark was identified twice with the secret meeting place, it was probably the large home of wealthy Mary, the mother of Mark (see Lk. 22:12; Mk. 14:12-17; 51-52; Acts 12:12).

\*The Baptist brethren including the Apostles, the women, the Virgin Mary and her children were living and hiding in this home (cf. Lk. 8:3 [women ministered with their substance to Jesus])

\*Simon Zelotes > Simon the Canaanite (Mt. 10:4; Mk. 3:18): he was a zealot for the land of Canaan!

**Verse 1:14**

\*Continued with one accord in prayer > Acts 2:1, 46.

\*Mary’s sons James and Jude were now believers (Jn. 7:3-5) and wrote the Books James and Jude!

**Verse 1:15**

\*Peter was head of apostolate (Mt. 10:2; 16:18-19) and 2nd Pastor of Jerusalem church (120 members).

\*He stood up to instruct the assembly about getting the Apostolate back to 12 before Pentecost!

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