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And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, Ephesians 3:9

Acts Lesson 13 Acts 8:1-40

Vs 1-4 “the church which was at Jerusalem” = Not a “Christian” church.

These were not “Hebrew Christians” = no such thing.

These were believers.

This was a kingdom church = the little flock of Israel. (Believing Israel) Proof = Acts 11:19

Vs 2 “devout men” = 9X in NT, Paul's uses = 0

Vs 4 “preaching the word” = Do not anticipate revelation here!

Peter and the apostles do not know the gospel of the grace of God. (Still a secret)

Vs 5-25 Philip preaches in Samaria

Vs 5 “Philip went down” “preached Christ” = Vs 12 definition (kingdom and name)

Vs 6-8 “hearing and seeing the miracles”

Vs 9-13

Vs 12 = definition of the kingdom gospel.

Vs 13 what did Simon believe? = this is something you could and many did change their mind about.

John 6:57-66 “many”

Vs 14 = “Peter and John”?? Apparently this was a big deal.

Vs 15-17 = They needed prayer and the laying on of hands to receive the Holy Ghost?

Possibility 1 = This is speaking of the Spirit gifts = Tongues ect.....

Possibility 2 = Peter needed to confirm the gospel was actually going to Samaria. Acts 1:8, Luke 24:47

Possibility 3 = This is just an outcome of being scattered and NOT the order of 1:8 being followed.

Peter would have been the guy to do this.

Vs 18-24 Simon the Sorcerer

Vs 18-19 the offer:

Vs 20-23 Peters condemnation. “perish with thee” “neither part nor lot in this matter”

“heart is not right” “if perhaps”

Vs 13 Simon had believed and been baptized.... He “continued” Matt 13:1-8

Both accounts and used today to show loss of salvation.

Vs 24 “Pray ye to the Lord for me” ??

Can a man pray for the forgiveness of our sins today? Do we need a priest today?

Are we supposed to “confess” our sins today = I Jn 1:9

Vs 25 “the word of the Lord” “returned to Jerusalem”

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Vs 26-40 The Ethiopian Eunuch

Vs 26 “the (an) angel of the Lord” 66X in scripture = never in Paul’s books

Dispensational principle = What happens to the angel of the Lord?

Acts 22:14-15, Phil 4:9

Vs 27-31 Who is this guy?

(Ethiopia 20X in scripture. Ethiopians 12 X in scripture)

Ps 68:31, Is 20:3, Is 45:14,

Very possible this was a Jew. (At minimum a proselyte)

Examples: Joseph, Daniel, Esther, Moses (Important “Gentile” positions)

Why does he not understand this portion of scripture?

Could the Rabbis not answer this question? (Is 53:7-8) = Acts 3:17 (apparently not)

Vs 32-35 = Cannot anticipate revelation here = Rom 16:25

We preach Jesus according to information that was a secret when Philip was preaching.

Vs 36-40 = Water baptism = (believer’s baptism) = Baptist doctrine

Vs 38 “down both” = Does not prove immersion = unless both go under the water.

Both could just as easily step down into a creek, stream, or puddle

Water always settles in the lowest spot.

You always go down to get to water.

The Eunuch was saved by believing Jesus is the Son of God and was then water baptized.

He was saved under the gospel of the kingdom.

This is all Philip could have known.