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Acts Lesson 2 Chapter 1

Introduction: Vs 1-4

1. "former treatise" crf. Luke 1:1-4

Luke 1:1 = "many" "a declaration"

1:2 = "they" "delivered them unto us" Many wrote about Christ
"from the beginning" crf. Acts 1:21-22

1:3 = "to me also" Luke puts himself in the "they" of Vs 2
"perfect (exact) understanding"

"all things from the very first" Luke could have been Judas' replacement

1:4 "the certainty" Luke has a technical writing style. (see Vs 5 for example)

Theophilus? Men like to discuss who this is. We don't know for sure.

"do and teach" Not "did and taught"

Vs 2 "given commandments" crf. Matt 28:19-20, Mark 16:15-20, Luke 24:46-47, John 20:21-23

Same message as John the Baptist with the added fact of the resurrection.

Vs 3 Luke's "Kingdom of God" Is this the same as the phrase "kingdom of Heaven" Matthew uses?

Luke 7:28 crf. Matt 11:11

Luke 8:10 crf. Matt 13:11

These phrases are used interchangeably in Mark, Luke and John with Matthew.

Only Matthew uses the phrase "kingdom of Heaven"

If the kingdom is coming from God, is it not coming from heaven?

I'm not saying all uses of these are interchangeably.

Regardless verse 6 defines verse 3 for us anyway. "to Israel"

Vs 4 "from Jerusalem" crf. Vs 8, The order matters, crf. Luke 24:47

"the promise of the Father crf. Vs 5 crf. Luke 24:49, John 14:16+26, 15:26, 16:7

To baptize is NOT to immerse in water! (to make whelmed =Strong's)

Two Baptisms Vs 5

Vs 5 PROVES the word DOES NOT mean to be immersed in water! The word "but" is clear.

The Holy Ghost is the medium into which they are "whelmed" into. crf. Acts 2:1-4

This was NOT a second blessing, evidence or a sign of salvation.

They were saved already but did not have the Holy Ghost.

From this point on in Acts people get the Spirit AT belief, unless they had believed earlier.

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Paul runs into believers that only knew the baptism of John later on, he lays hands on them.

This does not happen now.

There are no “kingdom believers” now.

The Obvious Question Vs 6

Why? Jesus just spent 40 days talking about it!

Why use the word restore and the word again?

The name David is used 50X in the Gospels

The Phrase “Son of David is used 16X in the Gospels.

Isaiah 9:6-7

Jeremiah 33:14-26

Zech 12:8-10

David’ throne is being restored to its former glory

Why say “to Israel?” Because this is consistent with the entire OT

As fulfilled in the Gospels, Luke 2:67-73

Theologians claim the disciples did not understand the “spiritual” nature of the kingdom.

Crf. Luke 24:44-45, We should always side with the Bible not theologians.

They asked not “whether” it would be but, when! “at this time”

The Non-Answer Vs 7

“its not for you to know the times and seasons” (in other words, when?)

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Interesting phrase, used 3X in the Bible (Here in Acts and)

Dan 2:21 in the context of Nebuchadnezzars dream explaining the end times.

Daniel knows God controls the times and seasons. (end times)

I Thess 5:1, where Paul is comparing the end times to the rapture.

Now would be the time for Jesus to explain that the kingdom is not literal, if its not.

Power promised Vs 8

The power comes from the promise of Vs 4-5,

Jesus and the disciples had already been demonstrating power.

This power is specifically to “witness”

The order in Vs 8 matters. crf. Luke 24:47

The only change in their message is that they have a resurrected Messiah.