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THE ACTS BLUEPRINT STUDIES

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INTRODUCTION FOR ALL MY STUDENTS:

This is a rich and important study. The book of Acts is best understood not merely as the history of the early Church, but as the continuing ministry of the risen Messiah through the Holy Spirit. Every major advance of the Kingdom is initiated, directed, empowered, or confirmed by the Spirit of God.

The central theme could be stated this way:

"The Book of Acts is the record of the Holy Spirit establishing the Kingdom of God through the Lord Yahshua Messiah by transforming ordinary believers into witnesses – commissioned disciples who overturned the kingdom of darkness. 'These who have turned the world rightside have come here also.'" (Acts 17:6)

Below is an expanded teaching outline that traces the movement of the Spirit chapter by chapter. You will profoundly be affected by this teaching! - Shepherd Lambur.

THE MOVEMENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT THROUGHOUT THE BOOK OF ACTS

The Expansion of the Kingdom of God Through the Spirit

Key Verse

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you..." (Acts 1:8)

This is the divine outline of Acts.

Jerusalem



Judea



Samaria



Ends of the Earth

The Spirit is the One moving the Church forward every step.

INTRODUCTION

The Spirit is mentioned over seventy times in Acts.

Acts is not primarily about Peter.

It is not primarily about Paul.

It is not primarily about miracles.

It is about:

The continuing ministry of Messiah Yahshua through the Holy Spirit.

Luke ends his Gospel with Jesus ascending.

Acts begins with Jesus continuing His work...

...only now through His Body.

The Spirit becomes the active administrator of Heaven on Earth.

ACTS 1

Waiting Before Working

Verses

Acts 1:1-14

The Spirit Gives Promise

Jesus commands them:

"Wait."

Not preach.

Not organize.

Not evangelize.

Wait.

Why?

Because without the Spirit...

everything becomes human effort.

The Kingdom advances by divine power.

The Spirit Creates Expectation

Ten days of prayer.

One hundred twenty believers.

No programs.

No advertising.

No strategies.

Just prayer.

The Spirit always prepares people before He pours Himself out.

ACTS 2

Pentecost

This changes world history.

The Spirit Comes

Acts 2:1-4

Suddenly.

Wind.

Fire.

Tongues.

The New Covenant begins.

God moves from temples made with hands...

into living temples.

This fulfills:

Joel 2

Jeremiah 31

Ezekiel 36

John 14

John 16

What the Spirit Did

Filled believers

Empowered witnesses

Released spiritual gifts

United nations

Created boldness

Destroyed fear

Started revival

Produced repentance

Created the Church

Added three thousand souls

Notice something remarkable.

Peter had denied Christ fifty days earlier.

Now...

one filling...

and he confronts Jerusalem.

That is the work of the Spirit.

ACTS 3

The Spirit Begins Demonstration

Healing of the lame man.

The miracle was not the destination.
It was the invitation.
Miracles open hearts.
The Spirit authenticates the Gospel.
Thousands believe.

ACTS 4

The Spirit Produces Boldness

Religious persecution begins.

Instead of praying:

"Lord remove our enemies."

They pray:

"Grant boldness."

Acts 4:31

The place shakes.

They are filled again.

Notice:

Pentecost was not a one-time event.

There are repeated fillings.

The Spirit keeps empowering.

ACTS 5

The Spirit Purifies the Church

Ananias and Sapphira.

Peter says:

"You have lied unto the Holy Ghost."

The Spirit protects holiness.

Revival requires purity.
The fear of God spreads.
The Church grows even faster.

ACTS 6

The Spirit Raises Leaders

Seven men chosen.
Requirement?
Full of:
the Holy Spirit
wisdom
good reputation
Stephen appears.
His wisdom comes from the Spirit.
His miracles come from the Spirit.
Leadership is spiritual before it is organizational.

ACTS 7

Stephen

The Spirit gives courage.
Stephen sees Heaven open.
Sees Messiah standing.
Even while dying...
he forgives.
That is supernatural.
The Spirit reproduces Christ.

ACTS 8

Revival in Samaria

Philip preaches.

Demons leave.

Healings occur.

Great joy fills the city.

The Gospel crosses ethnic barriers.

Then...

the Spirit confirms Samaritan believers.

Kingdom expansion.

Ethiopian Eunuch

The Spirit speaks.

"Go near."

One divine appointment.

The Gospel enters Africa.

One man.

One desert.

One Spirit-directed encounter.

ACTS 9

Saul's Conversion

The greatest missionary is arrested...

by Heaven.

The Spirit fills Saul.

Immediately...

he preaches.

The Spirit transforms enemies into apostles.

ACTS 10

Gentiles Receive the Spirit

Cornelius.

Peter's vision.

The Spirit says:

"Go."

No prejudice.

No favoritism.

The Kingdom expands.

While Peter is preaching...

the Spirit falls.

No altar call.

No laying on hands.

God interrupts the sermon.

ACTS 11

The Church Learns

Peter explains.

The Spirit convinces Jewish believers.

The Gospel belongs to all nations.

Antioch becomes the missionary center.

ACTS 12

Prayer Releases Heaven

Peter imprisoned.

Church prays.

Angel sent.

Chains fall.

Doors open.

The Spirit answers united prayer.

ACTS 13

Missionary Movement Begins

The Spirit speaks.

"Separate Barnabas and Saul."

The Spirit sends missionaries.

Notice:

The Church doesn't invent missions.

The Spirit starts missions.

ACTS 13-14

The Spirit Advances the Gospel

Cities transformed.

Miracles.

Opposition.

Conversions.

Churches planted.

The Spirit never stops because persecution begins.

ACTS 15

The Spirit Settles Doctrine

Jerusalem Council.

Key statement:

"It seemed good to the Holy Spirit..."

The Spirit governs doctrine.

Not politics.

Not popularity.

Truth.

ACTS 16

Macedonia

The Spirit forbids Asia.

Then forbids Bithynia.

Then opens Macedonia.

The Spirit closes doors.

The Spirit opens doors.

Kingdom strategy belongs to Him.

Philippi

Lydia converted.

Slave girl delivered.

Jailer saved.

Entire households transformed.

ACTS 17

Turning the World Upside Down

Thessalonica.

Opponents declare:

"These who have turned the world upside down..."

Actually...

the Spirit was turning a fallen world right side up.

Idolatry confronted.

Kingdom established.

ACTS 18

The Spirit strengthens churches.

Apollos grows.

Disciples mature.

The Kingdom deepens.

ACTS 19

Ephesus

Perhaps the greatest revival in Acts.

The Spirit falls.

Believers speak in tongues.

Miracles.

Demons cast out.

Books burned.

Idolatry collapses.

Economics change.

Society changes.

Entire city affected.

This is Kingdom invasion.

ACTS 20

Paul warns.

The Spirit reveals future persecution.

Also warns of wolves.

Revival must be protected.

ACTS 21

The Spirit continues directing.

Even suffering is embraced.

The Spirit prepares believers for sacrifice.

ACTS 22-26

Paul's testimony.

Again.

Again.

Again.

The Spirit keeps opening opportunities.

Even trials become pulpits.

ACTS 27

Storm.

Shipwreck.

Yet the Spirit preserves His servant.

Nothing can stop God's mission.

ACTS 28

Malta.

Healing.

Miracles.

Rome reached.

Acts ends...

without ending.

No conclusion.

Why?

Because the Spirit's work continues.

The story is still being written.

MAJOR MOVEMENTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT THROUGH ACTS

1. Waiting

Acts 1

Dependence.

2. Filling

Acts 2

Power.

3. Witnessing

Acts 2-4

Bold proclamation.

4. Purifying

Acts 5

Holiness.

5. Appointing Leaders

Acts 6

Servant leadership.

6. Sustaining Martyrs

Acts 7

Faithfulness.

7. Crossing Cultures

Acts 8-10

Samaritans.

Gentiles.

Nations.

8. Calling Missionaries

Acts 13

Global expansion.

9. Guiding Decisions

Acts 15-16

Direction.

10. Transforming Cities

Acts 19

Revival changes culture.

11. Sustaining Through Suffering

Acts 20-28

Perseverance.

THE SPIRIT'S METHOD OF REVIVAL

Throughout Acts, the Spirit consistently follows a recognizable pattern:

1. Prayer prepares the people (Acts 1:14; 4:24–31).
2. The Spirit fills believers with power (Acts 2:4; 4:31; 9:17).
3. The Word of God is proclaimed boldly (Acts 2:14–40; 13:16–41).
4. God confirms the message with signs and wonders (Acts 3:1–10; 5:12–16; 14:3).
5. People are convicted and repent (Acts 2:37–41; 8:12; 19:18–20).
6. New disciples are formed into local congregations (Acts 2:42–47; 14:21–23).
7. Leaders are raised up and commissioned (Acts 6:1–7; 13:1–3).
8. The Spirit sends the Church into new regions (Acts 8:26–40; 16:6–10).
9. Opposition arises, but the Gospel advances even further (Acts 4:1–31; 8:1–4; 17:1–9).
10. The Kingdom expands from one city to the next until it reaches the heart of the Roman Empire (Acts 28:30–31).

This repeated pattern demonstrates that revival in Acts was not random excitement but the orderly work of the Holy Spirit advancing the reign of God through obedient, Spirit-filled believers.

The Kingdom Turning the World Right Side Up

Acts is more than a record of conversions; it is the story of God's Kingdom confronting every realm of human life. Through the Spirit:

- Fear was replaced with boldness.
- Religious ritual gave way to living fellowship with God.
- Division between Jew and Gentile was broken down.
- The sick were healed and the oppressed were delivered.
- Idol worship declined as people turned to the living God.
- Communities were transformed by generosity, holiness, and love.
- Ordinary men and women became courageous witnesses.
- Local gatherings became missionary centers that reached nations.

Conclusion:

The accusation in Acts 17:6 that the apostles had "turned the world upside down" reflects the dramatic impact of the Gospel. In reality, the Kingdom of God was restoring as today,

A fitting conclusion for this teaching is this:

The statement in Acts 17:6 about the apostles having "turned the world upside up" really highlights the powerful influence of the Gospel. Just like today, the Kingdom of God is at work, restoring lives and communities. In closing, it's essential to recognize that the Book of Acts is much more than just the history of the early Church; it serves as a blueprint for a Kingdom led by the Spirit. The same Holy Spirit that empowered believers in Jerusalem is still directing missionaries across the globe, over seeing and purifying the Church, raising up leaders, and transforming lives through the message of the Gospel. Every believer has a vital role to play in ensuring that nations hear the good news of Messiah Yahshua!

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