



The Ascension of Christ

The Intro To Theophilus

Act 1:1–3 The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, (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 He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God.

Outline

- Israel's Future Restoration.
- The Current Need to Actively Wait for Power
- The Foundation of the Apostles of Christ

Told to Wait For Power

Act 1:4-5 And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me; (5) for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

What About The Restoration of Israel

Act 1:6-8 Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" (7) And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. (8) But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

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Act 1:9–11 Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, **He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.** (10) And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, (11) who also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? **This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven.**"

The Return of Christ

Zec 14:2-4 For I will gather all the nations to battle against Jerusalem; The city shall be taken, The houses rifled, And the women ravished. Half of the city shall go into captivity, But the remnant of the people shall not be cut off from the city. (3) Then the LORD will go forth And fight against those nations, As He fights in the day of battle...

The Restoration of Israel

Zec 14:2-4 ... (4) And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, Which faces Jerusalem on the east. And the Mount of Olives shall be split in two, From east to west, Making a very large valley; Half of the mountain shall move toward the north And half of it toward the south.

The Sacred Assembly

Act 1:12–14 Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey. (13) And when they had entered, they went up into the upper room where they were staying: Peter, James, John, and Andrew; Philip and Thomas; Bartholomew and Matthew; James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot; and Judas the son 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 brothers.

The Sacred Assembly

- Crucified Day 1 of the Omer
- Resurrected Day 3
- Ascended Day 42 of the Omer (40 + 3 inclusive counting)
- $42 + 7 = 49 =$ Seven Day Sacred Assembly with eighth day Sacred Assembly Outpouring

The Powerful Sacred Assembly

2Ch 7:1–9 When Solomon had finished praying, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of the LORD filled the temple. (2) And the priests could not enter the house of the LORD, because the glory of the LORD had filled the LORD's house...

The Powerful Sacred Assembly

2Ch 7:1–9 ... (3) When all the children of Israel saw how the fire came down, and the glory of the LORD on the temple, they bowed their faces to the ground on the pavement, and worshiped and praised the LORD, saying: "For He is good, For His mercy endures forever." (4) Then the king and all the people offered sacrifices before the LORD...

The Powerful Sacred Assembly

2Ch 7:1–9 ... (5) King Solomon offered a sacrifice of twenty-two thousand bulls and one hundred and twenty thousand sheep. So the king and all the people dedicated the house of God. (6) And the priests attended to their services; the Levites also with instruments of the music of the LORD, which King David had made to praise the LORD, saying, "For His mercy endures forever," whenever David offered praise by their ministry. The priests sounded trumpets opposite them, while all Israel stood...

The Powerful Sacred Assembly

2Ch 7:1–9 ... (7) Furthermore Solomon consecrated the middle of the court that was in front of the house of the LORD; for there he offered burnt offerings and the fat of the peace offerings, because the bronze altar which Solomon had made was not able to receive the burnt offerings, the grain offerings, and the fat...

The Powerful Sacred Assembly

2Ch 7:1-9 ... (8) At that time Solomon kept the feast seven days, and all Israel with him, a very great assembly from the entrance of Hamath to the Brook of Egypt. (9) And on the eighth day they held a sacred assembly, for they observed the dedication of the altar seven days, and the feast seven days.

Judas Replaced

Act 1:15–26 And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples (altogether the number of names was about a hundred and twenty), and said, (16) "Men and brethren, this Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke before by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus; (17) for he was numbered with us and obtained a part in this ministry...."

Judas Replaced

Act 1:15–26 ...(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 day when He was taken up from us, **one of these must become a witness with us of His resurrection.**" (23) And they proposed two: Joseph called Barsabas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias...

Judas Replaced

Act 1:15-26 ... (24) And they prayed and said, "You, O Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which of these two You have chosen (25) to take part in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place." (26) And they cast their lots, and the lot fell on Matthias. And he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

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1Co 15:3–10 For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, (4) and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, (5) and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. (6) After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep...

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1Co 15:3-10 ...(7) After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. (8) Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time. (9) For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. (10) But by the grace of God I am what I am...

The Apostolic Office

- 1 Cor 12:28 speak of apostles in terms of spiritual gifts – Church Planter
- Yet one MUST have an eye-witness encounter with the resurrected Christ.
- The Revelation of Scripture even more sure (2 Peter 1:16–21)

Sola Scriptura

2Pe 1:16–21 For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty. (17) For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. (18) And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount...

Sola Scriptura

2Pe 1:16–21 ...(19) **We have also a more sure word of prophecy**; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: (20) Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. (21) For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.



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