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Daily Bible Notes/Highlights Genesis through Revelation 2014

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Acts

C1-3

C1 Vss 1-26. This is Like's second book. He is the most prolific writer of the Gospels. So he writes the History of Church beginning. Acts!

Narrative framework: Unlike the epistles, Acts is a history narrative. It is not an effort to frame church policy or life principles and therefore must be approached with great caution. As a result, when seeking an answer to life questions or Church policy Acts is a secondary book. Whatever the conclusions made about any operation of the Church important to the Church is in the Gospels or Epistles. Otherwise a conclusion drawn from Acts alone is likely misguided.

He records the fact that Jesus meets several times with the apostles. The more something occurs the more real "He" becomes with each subsequent session. This is one reason why daily prayer is so important. The more we pray the more material our faith becomes (1-5).

One of their first questions is when will this be over (figuratively). History is in the hands of the Father. There continues to be work to do today. Jesus' answer settles the matter for anyone who believes that God had revealed precise times to anyone. These times are set by the Father! This was this case before the resurrection and after. It has not changed (6-8). They are simply to wait in the comforter.

They draw lots and Judas is replaced. Luke records how Judas died. Judas will always represent sorrow unto death as opposed to repentance unto life. Simply being sorry is not enough (1-23).

C2 Vss 1-47. The day of Pentecost is the celebration or memorial fifty days after the historic Passover, when the death angel passes over the Hebrews in Egypt (Exodus). These Jesus following Jews were gathered together in celebration. But little did they know at this same time there would be a new Passover. The Holy Spirit, the

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administrator and empowerment of the Church age begins His administration.

Luke provides the context as these believers became understandable to all of the visitors in the visitor's native tongue. Even though Greek was the common language, this ability would be needed to spread the gospel.

Nevertheless, clarity is required. Peter gives sense to the experience. He readily lifts the name of Jesus and provides history so all the bystanders are clear (22-36), particularly Jews.

Repent of your sins and relent are Peter's words to the listeners. Three thousand that day become followers of Jesus.

This is a very unique situation in that it is the precedent or beginning and Christian theology is not yet developed. Even with Peter's great intention and results, his message is more geared to Jews in the John the Baptist form. No wonder a little later Jesus will call the one who will shape New Testament principles and policy with surgical precision.

The new movement calls for a mutual commonality and bond. Their miracles were wrought by the Apostolic leaders (42-47).

C3 Vss 1- The extraordinary works continue to be performed. A fellow begs for money, but He's given life. No matter what the proponents of the social-gospel say, there is no greater message to anyone than the Gospel of Jesus. Peter with onlookers and the window of opportunity shares about Jesus.

This is consistent with the Gospels and Epistles. Jesus trumps any miracle and convincing souls about Him is the greatest work of all. They were firmly focussed on Jesus (12-26).

C4 Vss 1- Jesus told them as John revealed, the world hated me. It hates you. James and John are arrested by the religious leaders. The Jews (a religious state) were allowed to have their own laws of governance within the Roman Empire.

What a change! This time before the high priest Peter proclaims the name of Jesus. And indicts them for killing Jesus. The same one who ran just a short time ago now stands boldly.

Peter, James and all the disciples are ready to die, and they are being tied and handcuffed just as Jesus said (.). But they take this opportunity to speak boldly with the authority of presence of the Holy Ghost (1-10).

As with Jesus they were astonished. As they said of Jesus, he had no training. Again they say the same about these men. This lack of educational status would be remedied

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soon to validate the faith with it's first theologian and law expert--in the eyes of men.

Nevertheless, the religious leaders threaten them and warn them too say no more in Jesus name. They however must obey God rather than these men and they let them know (11-22).

The believers redouble their effort by gathering to pray for courage. The place shook! This is what happens with praying so fervently displayed about a common people (23-31).

Like again sets up an experience that shakes everyone by speaking of the communicing arrangement.

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