

The Criterion of New Testament Interpretation.

“The Book of the Acts.”

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Under the above title, the Bible Testimony, Dixonville, Pa., U.S.A., have issued a most illuminating and convincing circular, and we felt that our readers would so appreciate the evidence assembled therein that we have obtained the gracious permission of the Bible Testimony to re-print it in our pages. Readers will not only value this outline for its own sake, but also as an evidence of the interest in dispensational truth that is growing in the United States of America:

“The ministry during the period covered by the Book of the Acts is a continuation and confirmation, by the Apostles, ‘Of all that Jesus began both to do and teach’ (Acts i. 1).

Throughout the Book features that distinguish the ‘Acts Administration’ from the present ‘Body Administration’ are very distinct and outstanding.

Points in the Acts, that stand out prominently as being exclusively applicable to the presence of Israel, as a Nation, and the absence of the Church, the Body of Christ, are as follows:--

ACTS		
1:2	Confirmation of Christ’s Earth Ministry.	Heb. 2:3-4
1:2	The Twelve Apostles (Chosen ones).	Matt. 10:2-4
1:4	Jerusalem the Religious Center.	Joel 2:32
1:5	Baptism with the Holy Ghost.	I Cor. 12:13 R.V.
1:6	Looking for the Kingdom to Israel.	Luke 2:25
1:7	Times and Seasons.	I Thess. 5:1
1:8	Commissioning the Apostles.	Mark 16:14-18
1:10	Visible, Corporeal Ascension of Christ.	Luke 24:39
1:10	Appearance of Angelic Messengers.	Acts 10:30
1:16-20	Prominence of Old Testament Prophecy.	Psa. 69
1:21-22	Requirements for office of Kingdom Apostle.	Eph. 4:8-11
1:26	Giving of Lots.	Prov. 16:33
2:1	Pentecost.	Lev. 23:16
2:2-3	Supernatural Sounds and Signs.	Deut. 4:33-35
2:4	Speaking in Tongues.	I Cor. 14:22
2:5	Jews out of every nation. The term Jew is used 82 times in Acts.	
2:6-13	Proselytes and Jews of the Dispersion.	Deut. 9:7
2:16-20	Prophecy, Dreams, Signs, Visions. Pentecost was an earnest of Joel’s Prophecy.	Joel. 2:28-32; Deut. 4:33-35
2:22-36	The Davidic Covenant.	II Sam. 7:12-17
2:39	Promise to all Afar Off.	Dan. 9:7
2:42	Apostles’ Doctrine (Jesus, as the Messiah, Raised).	Acts 2:21-36
2:44-45	Common Ownership of Property.	Isa. 58:7-12
3:7	Gifts of Miraculous Healings	Isa. 35:6
3:19	Repentance (National).	Acts 17:30
3:19-20	Christ again offered as King to Nation.	Luke 23:34
3:21-22	Mosaic Covenant Preached	Deut. 18:18
3:25	Children of the Covenant (Israelites).	Gen. 12:3
3:26	Unto you (Israel) First.	Acts 13:46

4:25-27	Psalm 2:1-2 Fulfilled.	
5:1-10 5:12 5:15 5:17-18 5:19	Judgment for Sin against the Holy Ghost. Signs and Wonders by the Apostles. Healing by an Apostle's Shadow. Official Interference. Angelic Interception.	I John 5:16 Rom. 15:18-19 John 14:12
6:2-3 6:6 6:9	The Twelve Apostles in Authority. Laying on of Hands for Authority. Synagogue Worship.	Acts 15:23
7:2-53 7:2-19 7:20-46 7:47-50 7:56 7:59 7:60	Historical Summary of the Nation of Israel. Abrahamic Covenant Preached. Mosaic Covenant Referred to. Davidic Covenant Referred to. Son of Man Standing. Stephen Stoned. Prayer of Forgiveness by Stephen.	John 16:2
8:6-8 8:17 8:26 8:27-35 8:36-38 8:39	Philip performs Miracles in Name of Christ. Holy Ghost received by Laying on of Hands. Angelic Instruction to a Disciple. A National Official of Ethiopia Believes. Water Baptism Practiced. Supernatural Translation of a Disciple.	Mark 16:14-17
9:1 9:2 9:3-8 9:9 9:10 9:12 9:27 9:29 9:34 9:36-43	High Priest recognized as Ecclesiastical Authority. Synagogue subject to High Priest. Paul's Supernatural Conversion. Paul Supernaturally stricken with Blindness. Supernatural Vision given to Ananias. Supernatural Vision given to Paul. Paul personally converses with the Lord. Confirmation of Jesus' word. Health restored to the Sick. Life restored to the Dead.	Acts 9:14 Acts 9:14 I Cor. 15:8 Acts 9:17-18 Joel 2:28 Joel 2:28 John 16:2 Mark 16:18
10:1-3 10:4-8 10:9-20 10:21-48 10:28-33 10:34-48	An Angel ministers to a Gentile. A GENTILE HAS A VISION FROM GOD; Then directed to Peter, a Jewish Apostle. Peter receives a Vision from God. An Orthodox Jew preaches The Gospel to the Gentiles for the FIRST TIME. Peter Opens the Door of the Kingdom to the Gentiles. A GENTILE PENTECOST. Gentiles speak with tongues.	Acts 10:22 Acts 15:14-18 Matt. 16:19
11:1-3 11:4-17 11:16 11:19 11:27-28	Peter reproved for elevating Gentiles to Jewish Social level: "Didst eat with them." Gentiles Baptised with the Holy Ghost. CONFIRMATION OF CHRIST'S WORDS. Word preached to JEWS ONLY. The Gift of Prophecy Demonstrated.	Acts 11:3 Heb.2:3-4 I Cor. 12:29-30
12:7-11 12:20-23	Angelic interception. Peter freed by Angel. An Offensive, Arrogant ruler Visibly judged.	Dan. 4:30-37

13:3	Fasting.	
13:3	Laying on of hands in Confirmation.	
13:11	Apostles had power to strike Blind.	
13:14	SABBATH OBSERVED.	
13:16-37	Paul's preaching based upon Abrahamic, Mosaic and Davidic Covenants.	
13:17	Paul witnesses to Moses.	
13:33-35	Paul witnesses to Psalms.	
13:27	Paul witnesses to Prophets.	
13:24-25	Paul witnesses to John Baptist.	
13:27-29	Paul witnesses to the Ministry of Christ.	
13:30-37	Paul witnesses to the Resurrection of Christ.	
13:31	Paul witnesses to "them that heard".	Heb. 2:3-4
13:33	Paul witnesses to the fulfillment of the Promises.	
13:34	Paul witnesses to "the sure mercies of David".	
13:39	Paul contrasts between Moses and Christ.	
13:46-47	Paul witnesses to the First Commission.	
13:46	Paul preached to THE JEW FIRST.	Rom. 1:16
13:51	Ceremony of Shaking Dust from their Feet.	Matt. 10:14
14:1-18	Paul and Barnabas Preach and Perform Miracles.	
14:19-20	Paul Stoned (A Jewish form of punishment).	
14:22	The Kingdom of God entered through much tribulation.	
15:2	JERUSALEM THE SEAT OF DIVINE WORSHIP.	Joel 2:32
15:2	Authority of Apostles and Elders honored.	
15:2-30	The Jerusalem Council.	
15:23-31	GENTILES RELIEVED OF LAW OBLIGATIONS.	
TWO ORDERS OF WORSHIP PREVAILED DURING THE ACTS.		
16:3	The Jews Circumcised, and worshipped in their Synagogues.	
16:4	The Gentiles were governed by the Decrees of the Council.	Acts 15:1-32
16:9	Paul received a Vision.	
16:15	Household Baptism in Order.	Acts 16:31
16:18	Paul casts out Demon.	Mark 16:14-18
16:26	Paul and Silas freed by an Earthquake.	
17:1-7	PAUL PREACHED JESUS AS KING.	John 18:37
17:19-32	Paul witnesses against Gentile Idolatry in Athens.	
18:5	Paul testifies that Jesus is Christ (Messiah).	John 1:41
18:6	Paul witnesses to Jews first; then Gentiles.	Rom. 1:16
18:9	Paul receives a Vision from the Lord.	
18:18	Paul's head shorn "for he takes a vow".	Deut. 12:26
18:21	Feast Days Observed.	Lev. 23:1-44
19:8	Worship in Synagogues.	Psa. 74:8
19:11	Special Miracles Performed by Paul.	
19:12	Blessed Handkerchiefs.	
19:12	Blessed Aprons.	
19:12	Demons Cast Out.	
20:9-10	Paul restores the DEAD to LIFE.	
20:16	Pentecost observed at Jerusalem by Paul.	
20:27	"All the Counsel of God declared" (O.T. Revelation).	
20:28	The Church of God.	I Thess. 2:14
21:9	Daughters Prophecy.	Joel 2:28
21:20	Law Obedience, Many thousands of the Jews.	
21:21	Law Zealousy.	
21:23-28	Worship in the Temple of Jerusalem.	
21:26	Ceremonial Purification.	Acts 24:18
22:16	Washing away of Sins signified by Water Baptism.	

23:4 23:11	Temple Priesthood carried on through the Acts. Paul receives a Revelation from the Lord.	
24:2-9	Jews defend Tradition in preference to Truth.	
25:10-21	Paul appeals to Cæsar.	Acts 9:15
26:1-30 26:6-7 26:16 26:16 26:17-19 *26:22	Paul speaks before a King. Promise UNTO THE TWELVE TRIBES STILL IN VIEW. “These Things”—Things pertaining to the Nation. “THOSE THINGS”—Things revealed Later. Commission in accord with Old Testament Prophets. “Saying things Prophets and Moses did say should come.”	Acts 1:6 Eph. 3:3
27:23 27:33-44	Angelic Instruction given to Paul. Paul and Companions saved when Ship Wrecks.	
28:3-6 28:1-10 *28:20 28:23 28:25 28:26-27	Apostle Bitten by Viper: not harmed. Paul performs Miracles among Barbarous people. THE HOPE OF ISRAEL. The Source of Acts Teaching: “MOSES AND THE PROPHETS.” THEY (Chief of the Jews, [17]) WERE DISMISSED “Gk.”. JUDGMENT PRONOUNCED.	Mark 16:14-20 Matt. 13:14; John 12:39-40; Isa. 6:9-10.

* When the contents of the Acts is interpreted in the light of these two verses, the Student will see that the whole of the Acts confirms what is said in the Gospels and the Old Testament.

The Books of THE NEW TESTAMENT that were written during the Acts Period are, Romans, I and II Corinthians, Galatians, I and II Thessalonians, James, I, II, III John; I and II Peter, Jude and Hebrews. The contents of these Books indicate their agreement with the subject matter of the Acts.

The Second Coming of Christ referred to in the above books has to do with Israel, and is not to be confused with His manifestation in glory (Col. 3:4).

I Thess. 4:13, through to 5:3, has reference to people under the Abrahamic Covenant, Jews and Gentiles. Sounds, Voice, Archangel, Trump of God, Times, Seasons, Day of the Lord: All belong to the time when Israel is first and the Gentiles subordinate.

Today the CHURCH, THE BODY OF CHRIST, has no Covenant (Eph. 1:4). When the above Books were written THE CHURCH WAS A MYSTERY (Eph. 3:1-12) not yet revealed. Paul had an early and late Ministry. SEARCH.”