

INTRODUCTION

A. LUKE-ACTS OVERLAP (Luke 1:1-4 & Acts 1:1; Lk.24:36-53 & Acts 1:2-11; see 1Cor.15:1ff; 2Pt.1:16)

B. ACTS 1:8 OUTLINE (Jerusalem, c.1-7 → Judea & Samaria, c.8-10 → end of earth, c.11-28)

C. FOCUS: THE NATIONS IN PROPHECY & FULFILLMENT (Acts 1:8 /Lk24:47; Mt28:19; Mk16:15,20)

I. WITNESS TO THE NATIONS IN PROPHECY

A. THE SEED OF THE WOMAN (Gen.3:15; see Gal.3:16f; Rom.5:12)

B. THE BLESSING OF ABRAHAM (Gen.12:3; 22:18; 26:4; 28:14; see Acts 3:25; Gal.3:8; see Jn.4:22)

C. THE SERVANT OF THE LORD (Is.42:6; 49:6; 60:3; see Rev.21:24)

D. THE PROPHETS (Is.19:23f; Jer.46:27f; 48:47; 49:6,11,39; Ezk.16:53f; Jonah)

E. THE PSALMS (Ps.22:27f; 45:12; 67:2f; 68:31f; 72:8f; 86:9; 87:3f; 117:1)

F. THE MESSIAH'S GENEALOGY (Mt.1:5; see Ruth 4:10f,17)

II. WITNESS TO THE NATIONS IN FULFILLMENT

A. LOST SHEEP OF ISRAEL (Mt.10:5f; 15:24; see Acts 1:8a(Jerusalem, Judea); Rom.1:16; 2:9,10; 11:25f,13)

B. THE SAMARITAN WOMAN (Jn.4:7f,39f; Lk.10:33f; 17:16f; see Acts 1:8b(Samaria))

C. THE CANAANITE, SYRO-PHOENICIAN WOMAN (Mt.15:2f/Mk.7:26f; see Acts 1:8c(ends); 21:3f)

D. THE GREEKS (Jn.12:20f; see Acts 1:8c (ends); 14:1; 18:4,etc.; Rom.1:16; 3:9; 10:12)

E. EVERY NATION, TRIBE, TONGUE, PEOPLE (Rev5:9(7:9; 13:7; 14:6) /Acts1:8c(ends); 2:5; 10:35; 17:26)

F. THE RULER OF THE NATIONS DETHRONED (Jn.12:31; 16:11; Eph.2:2; see Lk.10:18; Rev.12:7f; 9,10,13(Dan.10:13f,21))

G. THE RULER OF THE NATIONS ENTHRONED (Acts 1:9(Mt.26:64); 2:33-36; Rev.1:5,7,12f; 2:1ff; 5:6f; 12:10; Eph.1:18f)

III. WITNESS TO ANYONE ANYWHERE! (Acts 1:8; see Lk.24:47; Mt.28:19; Mk.16:15,20)

A. MOTIVE: *BECAUSE JESUS CHRIST IS KING OF THE WORLD!* (Acts 1:8; 2:33; Lk.24:46f; Mt.28:18f; Mk.16:19f; see Eph.1:18f)

B. MESSAGE: *PROCLAIM LIFE BY FORGIVENESS & RIGHTEOUSNESS THROUGH FAITH IN CHRIST!* (Acts 1:8; 2:14f,38; 16:31; Lk.24:47; Mt.28:19; see Mt.3:2; 4:17; 10:7)

1. pass on the foundational witness of the apostles to Christ (1:8,21f; 2:11,14f; 7:2ff; see Eph.2:20; i.e., witness to salvation *accomplished*)
2. share your & others' personal testimony to God's grace to you/them in Christ (Jn.3:11a; Ps.66:16; Mk.5:19; see Acts 9:1f & 22:3f & 26:9f; witness to salvation *applied*)
3. call everyone everywhere to turn to Jesus as Saving King (Mt.3:2(4:17; 10:7); 28:19f /1Cor.11:1)

C. METHOD: *FROM HERE TO THERE AND BEYOND!* (Acts 1:8; see all above)