

Acts 2:1-13

The Supernatural Start of NT Church

The Context of Acts 2:1-13

The Book of Acts Summarized Topically/Major Concepts

“JESUS IS ALIVE AS HEAD OF HIS BRIDE”

The Book of Acts Summarized Geographically/Key Locations

You will be My witnesses in Jerusalem (1:1-6:7)

and in Judea and Samaria (6:8-9:31)

and unto the Uttermost Parts of the Earth (9:32-28:31)

Chapter Two of the Book of Acts

Advent of the Holy Spirit in His NT Ministry Beginning the Church Age 2:1-13

Preaching of Peter in Jerusalem-Substantial Response to His Invitation 2:14-41

The Initial Function of the 1st Local Church (Jerusalem Bible Fellowship) 2:42-47

The Content of Acts 2:1-13

The Beginning of a New Era (the Church Age) the Era You and I Live in Today

What Happened in Acts 2:1-13?

The Advent of the Holy Spirit in His NT Ministry Began the Church Age

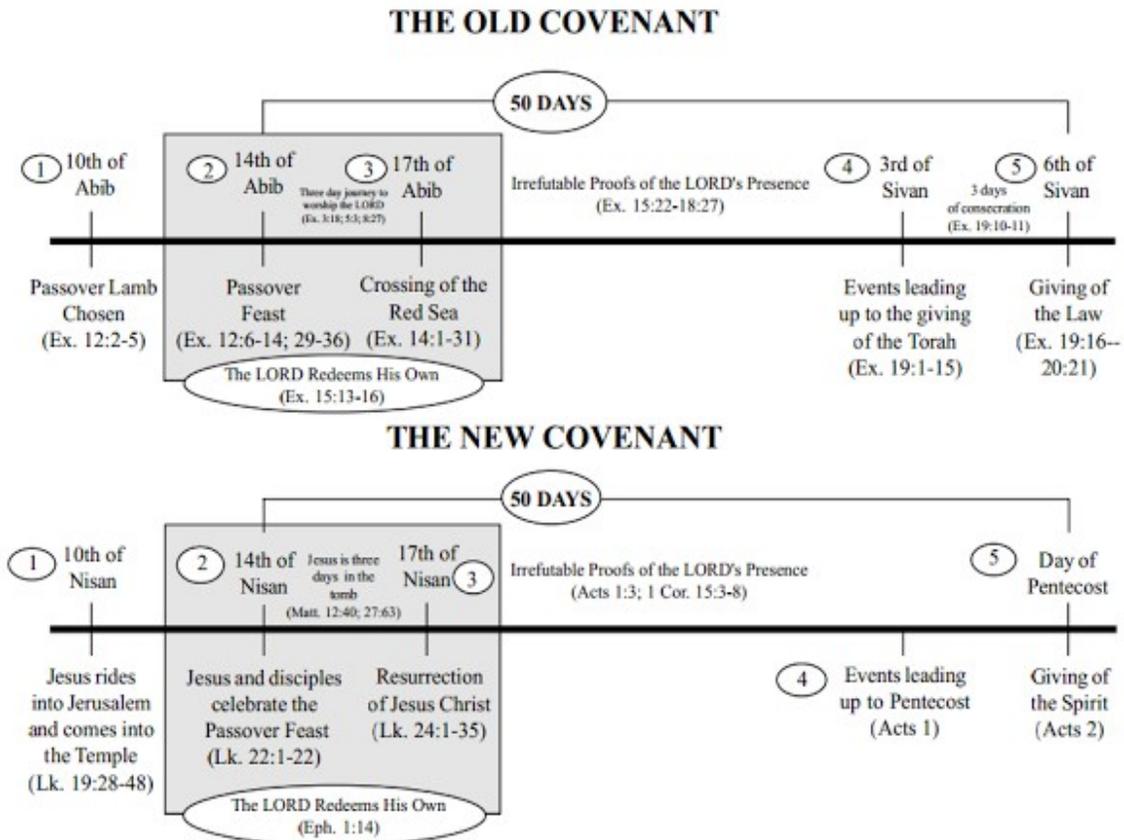
The Work of the Spirit in the 120 v1-4

The Response of the Crowd v5-13

What Does What Happened in Acts 2 Mean?

The 120 believers who had been praying/waiting since the Ascension of Christ, were supernaturally given the ability TO BE UNDERSTOOD in tongues/languages they had not naturally learned. This was especially/primarily to give Israel undeniable confirmation that God was beginning a new phase of His plan/program-the Church Age.

The Significance of the 50 Days between the Resurrection of Christ and the Advent of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost in Acts 2



The Supernatural Dynamics of the Tongues/Languages in Acts 2

1: Acts 2 describes what I call “the spontaneous manifestation” of tongues/languages-a onetime/supernatural phenomenon allowing the 120 to share the Gospel with a group of Jews/God-fearers from dozens of nations in Jerusalem for the OT Holiday Pentecost.

This “spontaneous manifestation of tongues/languages” took place two other times during the early phases of the 1st generation Church. Consistent with Acts 2, it was used by God to validate unique paradigm changing events within the 1st generation Church. Acts 10 = the 1st concerted Gospel ministry to Gentiles (saved by faith not thru the Law) Acts 19 = the unique situation in which Paul interacts with “OT Believers” whose faith had been in the promised Messiah while not knowing specifically who He was/what He had done. When they heard the specifics of the Person/work of Jesus, they immediately trusted in Him/received the NT work of the Holy Spirit.

2: This was different than “the spiritual gift of tongues/languages” which was the supernatural ability to speak in a tongue/language one had not naturally learned. This in turn was used to share specific exhortations from God with the local church. When this gift was employed, the speaker did not understand his/her message until/unless it was interpreted. This spiritual gift (along a few others like the gift of Apostle) was given to the foundational generation of the Church, during the process of the production of NT Scripture. It is described (due to its misuse at Corinth Bible Fellowship) in 1 Cor 12-14.

Take This To Heart

The Christian faith is rooted and built upon truth/facts-real people, real places and real events. Consistent with that principle: God has made it a point to highlight and validate major new phases of His program for history with unique supernatural markers.

The Beginning of the OT Era Was Uniquely Marked by God:

The miracle of the first Passover, the opening of the Red Sea, the giving of the Law/the Mosaic Covenant to Israel

The Beginning of the NT Era Was Uniquely Marked by God:

The miracle of the manifestation of tongues/languages on Pentecost, the salvation of 3000 in Jerusalem, the giving of the NT to the Church

The OT Leads to and the NT Moves from the 1st Advent of Christ/the Lamb of God His Person and SAS/LBSR/LBSA.....Both Testaments prophesy the 2nd Advent of Christ/the Lion of Judah-His Glorious Appearance and Defeat of Evil/Sin and Death

History is Ultimately HIS-story

Our Response

1: Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ....and receive Eternal Life
(Salvation is not a reward for the righteous but a gift to the guilty)

2: Abide in the Lord Jesus Christ/Be Filled (Controlled) by the Holy Spirit...
...and Express the Eternal/Spiritual Life we have in Christ

Under That/Some Key Applications/Implications of Acts 2:1-13

1: Believers Should Appreciate the Amazing Origin and History of Christ's Church

2: All of Us Should Actively Contribute to the Ongoing Function of Christ's Church
IOWs: Instead of Passively Reading Acts/Church History...Start Makin' Some!