Session 9
Gospels

The King Has Come

The Story of Scripture: Understanding the Bible from Genesis to Revelation

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Session Objectives:

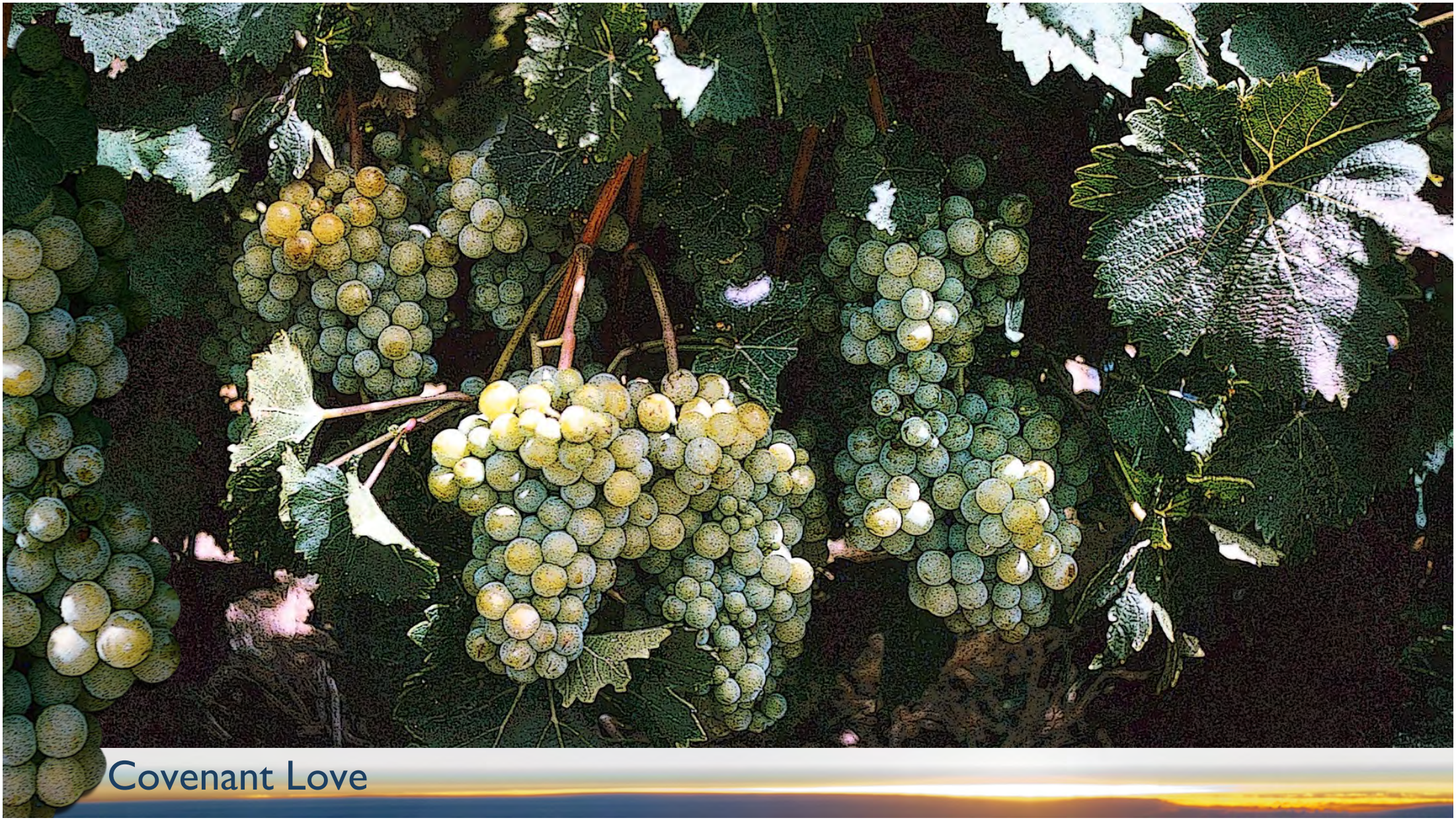
1. Understand the OT connections to the Messiah's NT fulfillment
2. Identify the Messianic themes of the Gospels

5-12-5-5-12
Old Testament

Pentateuch	History	Poetry	Major Prophets	Minor Prophets
5 Books	12 Books	5 Books	5 Books	12 Books

New Testament
4-1-21-1

Gospels	History	Letters	Prophecy
4 Books	1 Book	21 Books	1 Book



Covenant Love

A Covenant God

- Covenant: A legal term denoting a formal and legally binding declaration of benefits to be given by one party to another, with or without conditions attached
(e.g. *conditional* or *unconditional*).

- Abrahamic Covenant: Genesis 12:1-3

- Mosaic Covenant: Exodus 20; 24:1-7

- Davidic Covenant: 2 Sam 7:4-16

- New Covenant: Jeremiah 31:31-34

A Promised New Covenant

- Jeremiah 31:31-34
- 3 Components
  - I will be your God
  - You will be my people
  - I will live among you
- Ezekiel 36:24-28; 37:14; Joel 2:28-29

Covenant Love
2 Kings 13:23

- 1&2 Samuel, 1&2 Kings (Prior to and during captivity)
  1&2 Chronicles (Post captivity . . . looking back)
- God Preserved His People During Captivity (the Exile)
- Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther (Daniel)
- Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi

Returning Home

- Ezra and Nehemiah (originally one book)
- 3 Groups return Home after captivity:
  1) Zerubbabel (538 BC)
  2) Ezra (458 BC)
  3) Nehemiah (445 BC)

Returning Home

- Minor Prophets (Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi)
- "Post-Exilic" (Live and Teach after the captivity)
- Haggai & Zechariah (520 BC) -- follow God as you await God's perfect kingdom
- Malachi -- obey God's commands while they waited expectantly for the coming of the prophet "Elijah," who would signal the dawning of the great day of the Lord and the coming of the Messiah.

Returning Home

- Messianic Expectations
- Abraham (Blessing to World), Davidic (King), New (Sin Removed)
- Isaiah -- Suffering Servant (Ch 53), born of a Virgin (7:14)
- Micah -- Born in Bethlehem (5:2)
- Malachi -- a Forerunner will announce the Messiah's arrival.

Returning Home

- Why did the Lord bring Israel Home?
- A Covenant God
- Along with Malachi...our OT story ends around 430 B.C

An Old Testament Recap

- Good, Bad, and Hope
- Law, Land, and Judgment
- Anticipation of God's Deliverer

In Between the Testaments

- Approximately 430 years
- A modest Temple is rebuilt, but no “presence” of the LORD
- Hypocrisy in worship, corrupt priests, social injustice
- No Davidic King on the throne
- Persians rule over Judah (and the Jews)

In Between the Testaments

- Shifts in Empires:
  Assyrians...Babylonians...Persians...(as OT ends)
- 334 BC -- Alexander the Great (Greek Empire) -- Greek Language
- Rome conquers Jerusalem in 63 BC (37 BC, Herod the Great)
- Some Israelites return to Judah. Many are spread across Asia Minor.
- Temple, Sabbath, Priesthood
- Synagogues, Rabbis, Torah

BRITTANIA
BELGICA
GERMANIA
Rhine R.
Vistula R.
Lutetia
Loire R.
Atlantic Ocean
GAUL
ALPS MTS.
SARMATIA
Dnieper R.
Dniester R.
Volga R.
Vercellae
Po R.
Pola
ILLYRICUM (DALMATIA)
DACIA
BOSPORUS
Caspian Sea
Rhone R.
Rubicon R.
Massalia
Ancona
ITALY
Adriatic Sea
MOESIA
Danube R.
Black Sea
Douro R.
Caesarea Augusta
Corsica
Rome
Cannae
MACEDONIA
THRACE
Byzantium
Heraclea
Sinope
CAUCASUS MTS.
COLCHIS
IBERIA
ALBANIA
Cyrus R.
Balearic Islands
Sardinia
Tyrrhenian Sea
Thessalonica
BITHYNIA & PONTUS
Trapezus
Tagus R.
HISPANIA
Nora
Caralis (Cagliari)
Aegean Sea
Ancyra
Pergamum
Sardis
ASIA
GALATIA
Halys R.
L. Tuz
CAPPADOCIA
ARMENIA
L. Van
Guadalquivir R.
Corduba
Cadiz (Gades)
Caesarea Mauretania
Sicily
Syracuse
Olympia
Athens
Ephesus
Miletus
Malatya
L. Urmia
Tingis (Tangier)
Gibraltar
Cirta (Constantine)
Hippo (Bone)
Carthage
Sparta
ACHAIA
Cyclades Islands
Rhodes
Tarsus
CILICIA
Aleppo
SYRIA
ADIABENE
Arbela
Malta
Crete
Salone
Cyprus
Salamis
Tigris R.
Dura-Europos
Ecbatana
MAURETANIA
East-West division of Roman Empire (AD 395)
Mediterranean Sea
Tripolis
Damascus
Tyre
Tadmor
Euphrates R.
Ctesiphon
Lepcis Magna
Cyrene
Jerusalem
Babylon
Susa
TRIPOLITANIA
CYRENAICA
Alexandria
Pelusium
NABATEA
EASTERN DESERT
Dumah
Memphis
EGYPT
Persian Gulf
Tema
Nile R.
Red Sea
ARABIAN DESERT
Thebes
city
extent of Roman Empire
Roman territory by the time of Julius Caesar (d. 44 BC)
Roman territory by the time of Augustus Caesar (d. AD 14)
Roman territory by the time of Trajan (d. AD 117)
territory controlled temporarily by Rome
DACIA Roman provincial or regional name
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Adriatic Sea
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Caspian Sea
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Aegean Sea
Red Sea
Persian Gulf
Rome
ITALY
Puteoli
Pompeii
MACEDONIA
THRACE
Philippi
Thessalonica
Berea
Byzantium
GREECE
Delphi
Corinth
Athens
Sparta
Sardis
Ephesus
Miletus
Adramyttium
Pergamum
ASIA
BITHYNIA
Heraclea
Sinope
PONTUS
Ancyra
GALATIA
PHRYGIA
Antioch in Pisidia
Laodicea
Lystra
Iconium
Derbe
PAMPHYLIA
Tarsus
CAPPADOCIA
Araxes R.
COMMAGENE
ADIABENE
PARTHIA
MESOPOTAMIA
Tigris R.
Euphrates R.
Antioch
Seleucia Pieria
Seleucia
Tracheotis
CRETE
Gortyna
Salamis
CYPRUS
Paphos
Arvadus
Tripolis
Palmyra
Ecbatana
MEDIA
Sidon
Berytus
Tyre
Ptolemais
Damascus
Caesarea
Pumbeditha
Ctesiphon
Babylon
Nippur
Susa
ELAM
Cyrene
CYRENAICA
Joppa
JUDEA
Jerusalem
Alexandria
LIBYA
Bubastis
Pelusium
Memphis
EGYPT
ARABIA
Heracleopolis
Oxyrrhynchus
ARABIAN DESERT
SAHARA DESERT
Nile R.
Abydos
Thebes
Ombos
Elephantine
PATHROS
city with Jewish population at time of Pentecost
CRETE region attested at Pentecost (Acts 2:9f)
CYPRUS other regions of Jewish diaspora
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In Between the Testaments

- An unrecognized phenomenon — "God-fearers"
- Wherever Jews established communities, they touched people around them with their belief in the one true God, the Creator of the world and the coming redeemer of Israel.
- Some people would come to faith in God and would actually convert to Judaism. They would become practicing Jews (proselytes)
- But many felt that they could not actually become Jews, even though they "feared God."

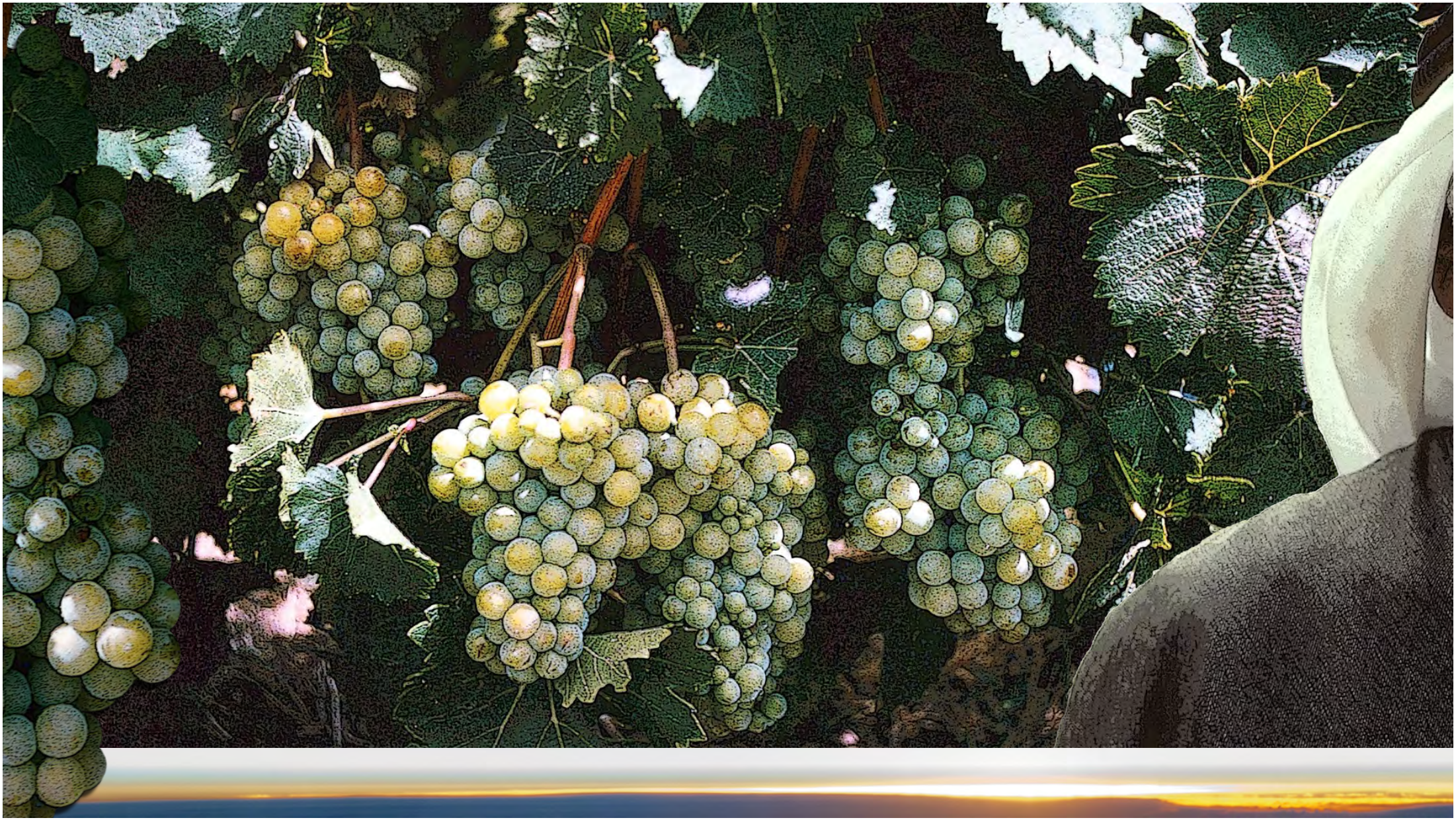
In Between the Testaments

- It was because of God's work through the Diaspora of the Jewish people that a believing Gentile populace existed and was primed for the coming of the Jewish Messiah.

- God had moved kings and kingdoms for the coming of His Son.

- God had used Israel's judgment to spread His people to all places.

- Messianic hope? Mixed, but existing.
  There is always a "faithful remnant."



The King Has Come

Messianic Hope:

- Militaristic: Break from the Bonds of Rome
- Religious leaders: religious superiority (self-righteous)

Repentance:

- A righteous Remnant (Covenant Keepers)
- The Malachi Promise ("Elijah" will signal Messiah's coming)
  (Luke 1:5-17: Silence Broken!)

Messiah's Birth:

- The King has Come
- Matthew 1-2; Luke 1:31-33

Messiah's Ministry:

- Matthew and Mark
- Luke and John

Messiah's Earthly Message:

- A Call to the Kingdom of God
- "Reign of God over all creation—and especially His people."
- The Kingdom of God was present in Christ. (Matt 11:11-12; 18:1-5)
- One joins this Kingdom . . . through repentance of sin and trust in Jesus

Messiah's Earthly Sacrifice

and

Messiah's Resurrection

All the King's Men

- **Authorship and Audience (and Date)**

Authorship = *LUKE*

Audience = *THEOPHILUS*

LUKE

- Ancient historians are unanimous in assertion that Luke authored Acts
- Irenaeus (an early church father) provides an extensive testimony

“Luke also, the companion of Paul, recorded in a book the Gospel preached by him . . . but that this Luke was inseparable from Paul, and his fellow-laborer in the Gospel, he himself clearly evinces, not as a matter of boasting, but as bound to do so by the truth itself.”

—Irenaeus, *Against Heresies* 3.1.1

“As Luke was present at all these occurrences, he carefully noted them down in writing, so that he cannot be convicted of falsehood or boastfulness.”

—Irenaeus, *Against Heresies* 3.14.1

“Luke was a Syrian of Antioch, by profession a physician, the disciple of the apostles, and later a follower of Paul until his martyrdom. He served the Lord without distraction, without a wife, and without children. He died at the age of eighty-four in Boeotia [a region in central Greece], full of the Holy Spirit.”

—“Anti-Marcionite prologue”
(As cited by J.A. Fitsmyer)
In *The Gospel According to Luke*

LUKE

- Likely a Jewish sympathizer prior to identity with Christ
- Gentile Christian (probably of Syrian origin)
- By trade, a physician (we know nothing of his medical training)
- Not married, no children
- Traveling companion of Paul (post-conversion)
- Traveled in the “apostolic” circle
- Participant in the book of ACTS
  (“we” sections; Acts 16:10-18, 20:4-21:19, 27:1-28:30)
- Referenced by Paul in Colossians 4:14, 2 Timothy 4:11, Philemon 24
- Faithful

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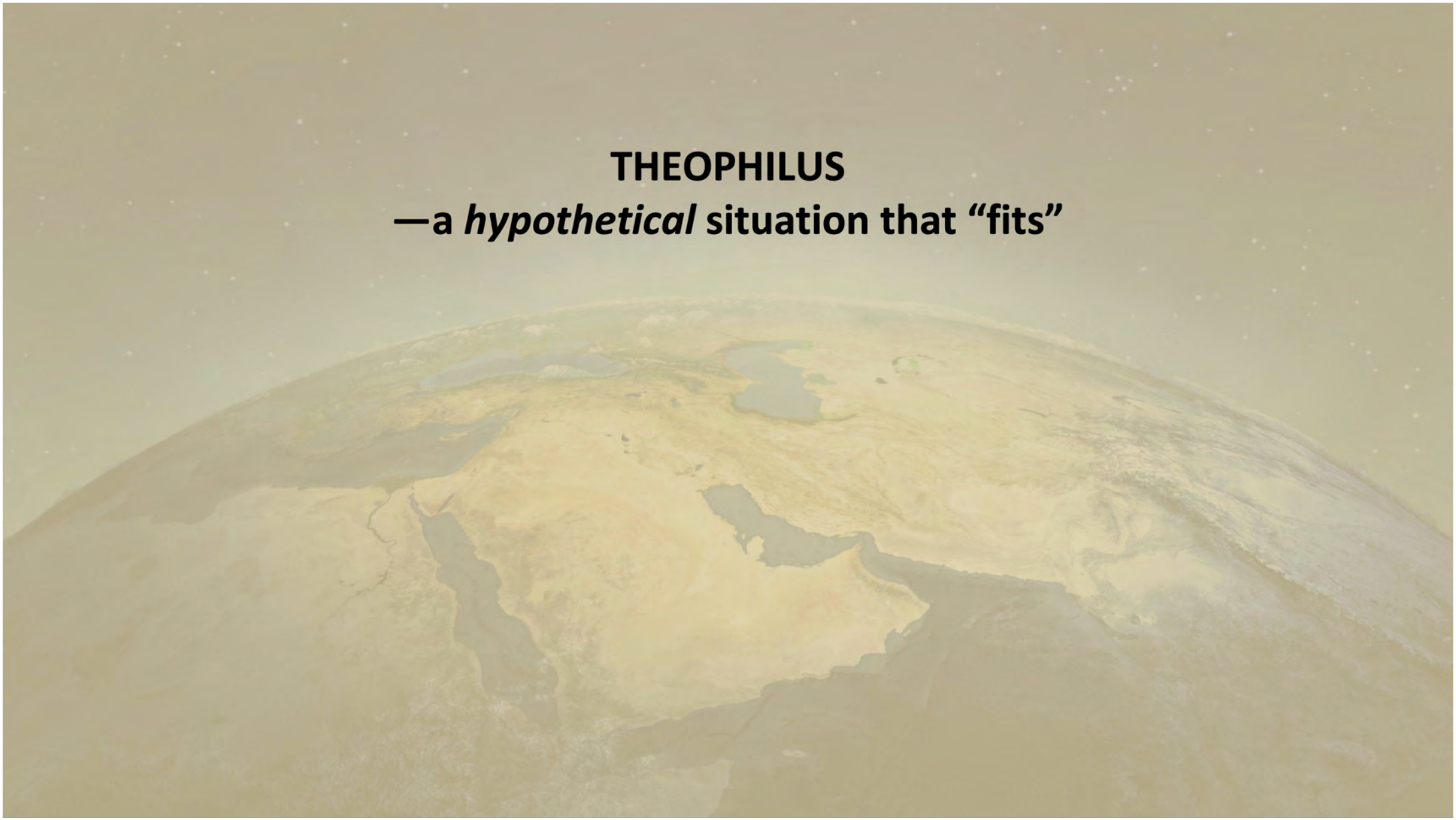
Entrance into Equestrian Order 400 Sesterces (1.2 Million USD)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"Theophilus is a new believer from the equestrian order in Rome—excited about his new faith, anxious to spread the word, and eager to learn more and grow. He meets Luke shortly after his arrival in Rome with Paul. Luke has already planned to write both the Gospel and Acts, but is unable both to support himself and devote his time to the arduous and time-consuming task of writing. As Theophilus gets to know Luke and hears of his plans, he becomes convinced (not least by the leading of the Holy Spirit) that he should use his resources to subsidize Luke for the period it would take to write the two volumes and then support the publication of the work."

THEOPHILUS
—a *hypothetical* situation that "fits"

(continued)

"Theophilus personally wants to benefit from Luke's account as a means of facilitating his own knowledge and growth as a Christian, but he also realizes that there are numerous others who could benefit similarly from such a production. Theophilus thus gives generously to support Luke in this endeavor and then funds scribes to make copies of the manuscript for distribution to churches."

—Clint E. Arnold
***Acts*, Zondervan IBBC**

SUMMARY

- **Authorship and Audience (and Date)**

Authorship = *LUKE* (friend of Paul, author of Gospel, physician)

Audience = *THEOPHILUS* (Roman official, Christian, supporter)

Date = AD 60-62, from Rome (end of Acts, Luke is present), after meeting Theophilus

TEXT

- **<u>ACTS 1:1-11</u>**

  1) 1:1-5

  2) 1:6-11

ACTS 1:1-5

A. **<u>Continuity</u>**
   Acts is Luke Part II (Cf. Luke 1:1-4)
B. **<u>Convincing Proofs</u>**
   "Many Convincing Proofs"(Cf. Luke 24:28-43)
C. **<u>Concerning the Kingdom</u>**
   Kingdom = God's promised rule that comes with Jesus
   Messianic program and activity. (32X in Luke)
D. **<u>Command and Promise</u>**
   Stay in Jerusalem, Promise of H.S. (Cf. Luke 24:44-49)

ACTS 1:6-11

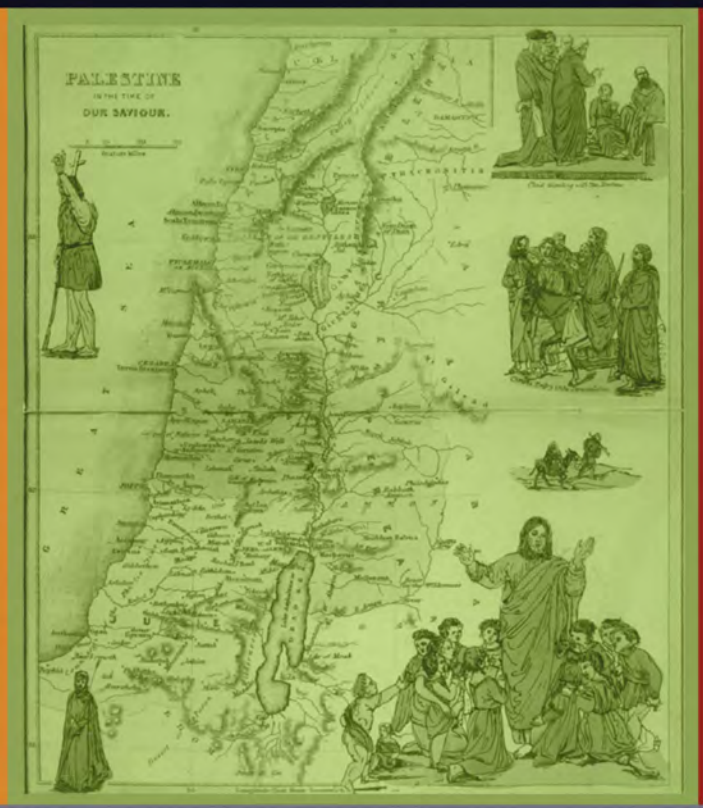
A. **Judgment?** — Not Yet

B. **Holy Spirit?** — Coming Soon

C. **Purpose?** — Be My Witnesses

D. **Place?** — Jerusalem, Judea/Samaria, Ends of Earth

ACTS 1:8
The THESIS and OUTLINE of Luke's Letter



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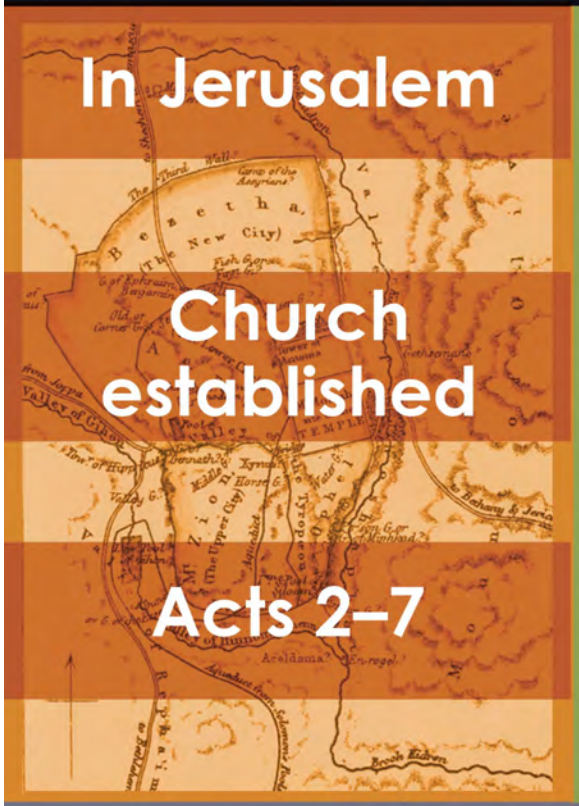

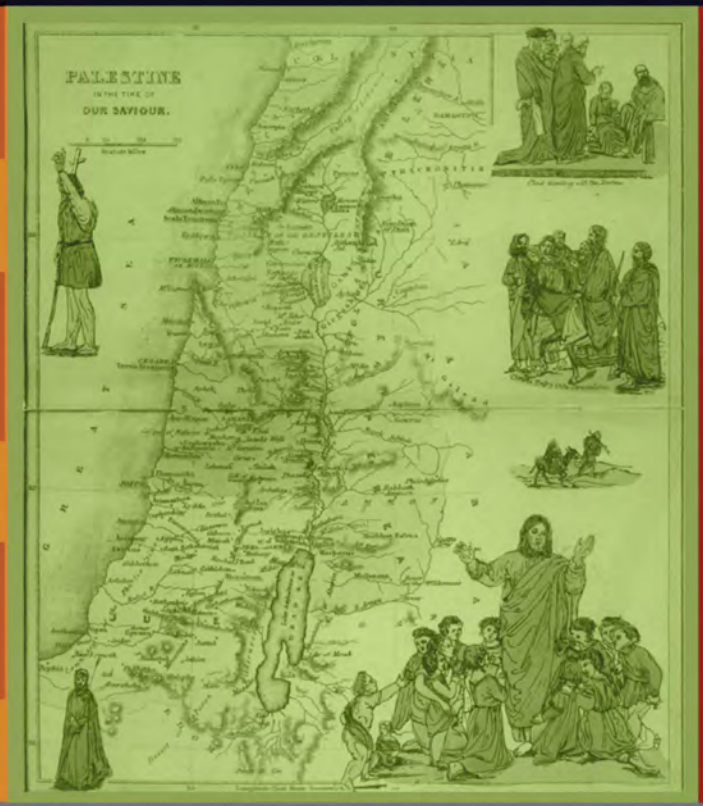

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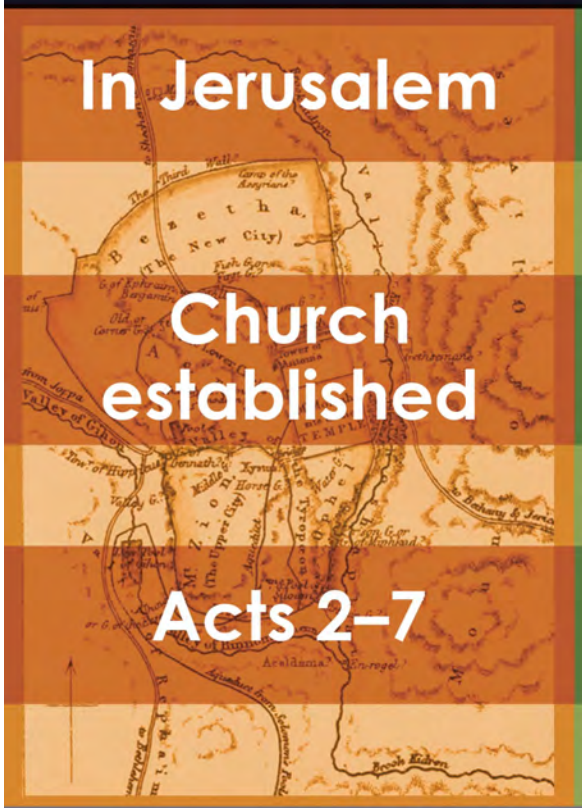
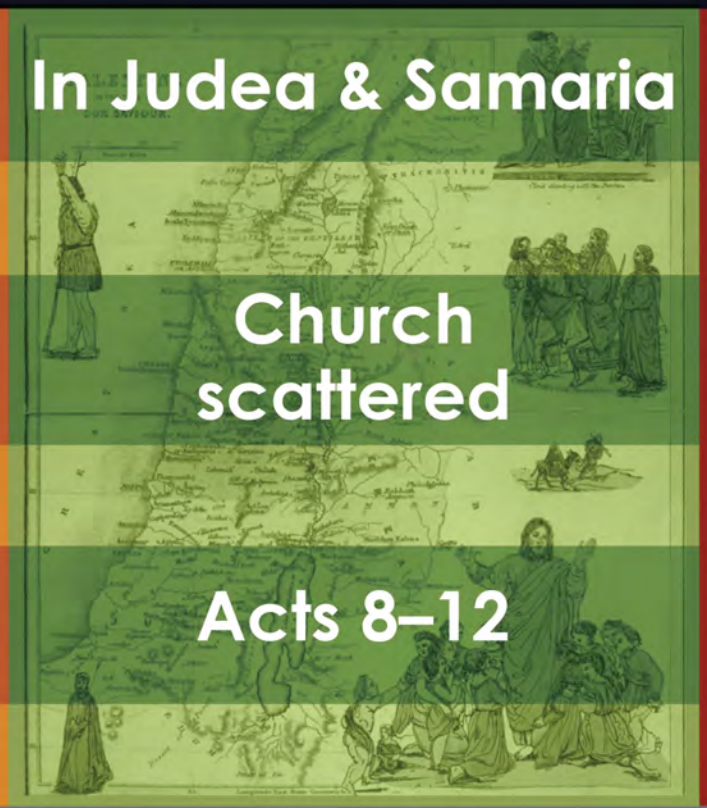


In Jerusalem

Church established

Acts 2–7



In Judea & Samaria

Church scattered

Acts 8–12

ACTS 1:8
The THESIS and OUTLINE of Luke's Letter

In Jerusalem	In Judea & Samaria	To the ends of the earth
Church established	Church scattered	Church extended
Acts 2–7	Acts 8–12	Acts 13–28

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E. **Reason?** — Jesus is leaving (v.9-11)

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“You Gotta Job to Do”

All the King's Men

Living for the King

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