

Acts

[1] indeed the **first** book, I **made** concerning everything, O Theophilus
 [2-4] which (there) **began**, Jesus, **to do** and also **to teach**
 [5-6] until which **day** He (**was**) **commanding** the apostles through (the)
Spirit, Holy – whom [*apostles*] He **had chosen** –

[7] He **was taken up**

[8-10] to them also, He **presented Himself, living** – after which, (there)
to suffer, Him – by many **signs** [*proofs*] →

[1-2] through **days, forty, appearing** to them →

[3-4] and **speaking**, what (**was**) concerning the kingdom of God

[5-6] and **assembling** (them) **together**, He **commanded** them

[7] from Jerusalem, **not to depart**

[8] but **to await** the promise of the Father

[9] “which you **heard** from Me

[10] that John indeed **baptized** with water –

[1-2] but you, in (the) **Spirit** – **will be baptized** – **Holy**, not after many
 (of) these **days**”

[3-5] who [*apostles*] indeed then, **having gathered together**, **asked** Him, **saying**

[1-2] Lord, in the **time, this** –

[3] **will You restore** the kingdom to Israel?

[4] but He **said** to them

[5-6]* **not** of you, it **is, to know** (the) **times** and the **appointed times** →

[1] which the Father **has appointed** by His own authority

[7] but you **will receive** power

[8] (when) (there **is**) **coming**, the Holy Spirit, upon you

[9-10] and you **will be** My witnesses in **Jerusalem** and in all **Judea**

[1-2] and **Samaria** and as far as (the) **last** [*farthest*] of the land [*earth*]

[3] and these (things) **having said** –

[4] (while) they (**were**) **watching** –

[5] He **was lifted up**

[1-2] and a cloud **took** Him **up** from their eyes [*two*]

[3] and as, **gazing intently**, they **were**, into the heaven

[4] (where) He (**was**) **having gone**

[5-6] and behold, **men, two, stood** by them in garments,

[7] **white**,

[8] who also **said**

[9]* **men**,

[10] **Galileans** – ←

[1-2] why do **you stand**, **looking earnestly** into the heaven?

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This is a translation and a study of the Book of Acts. This work presents the possible presence of a literary numbering system in Acts. Following the PebbleCounting hypothesis, this numbering system appears to be inherent in the Greek and consistently used throughout Acts, as it is in other books of Scripture. As this book is the sequel to the Gospel of Luke, the reader is urged to check out Luke's first book for local and macrostructural designs. Like Luke's gospel, the Book of Acts appears to be modeled with two subject columns: heavenly and earthly. © Steve, 2026. Update: Sept. 10, 2026.

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“(the) times and the appointed times” | The 40-fold literary measure is split, 20-fold and 20-fold, about the middle of the present line.

“men, Galileans” | Galilee means “circle” or “circuit.” Upper Galilee was predominantly gentile, while lower Galilee was predominantly Hebrew. The circle of ethnicities in Galilee may be a topic for these apostles, even as the fourfold destination of their missional circuit (Jerusalem, Judea // Samaria,

“time, this” | 10-fold

40 elements | “days, forty”

12 apostles "numbered"

12-fold measure

[3] this Jesus who (was) being taken up from you into the heaven –

[4] thus He will come, (in) which manner

[5-6] you saw Him, going into the heaven

[7-8] then they returned to Jerusalem from the mountain being called "Olivet"

["olive garden"]

[9-10] which is near Jerusalem – of a sabbath, having a journey

[1-2] and when they had entered, to the upper-room, they went up

[3-6] where they were, staying: Peter and John and James and Andrew

[7-8] Philip and Thomas

[9-10] Bartholomew and Matthew

[1-2] James, of Alphaeus [son of Alphaeus]

[3-4] and Simon, the zealot

[5-6] and Judas, of James [son of James]

[7] these all were, being devoted, of-same-accord, to the prayer, with (the) women

[8] and Mary,

[9-10] the mother of Jesus and His brothers

[1-2] and in the days, those – (there) rising, Peter, in (the) midst of the brothers, said –

[3] and (there) was, (the) crowd of names upon the same, like, a hundred

[4-5] twenty –

[1-2] men, brothers – it was necessary, (for) (there) to be fulfilled, the Scripture

[3-4] which, (there) foretold, the Spirit, the Holy, through (the) mouth of David, concerning Judas

[5-6] the, having become a guide to the, (those) seizing Jesus

[7] because having been numbered, he was, among us

[8-9] and he received-by-lot, the portion of the ministry, this

[10] this-one, indeed then, acquired a field from (the) wage of the unrighteousness

[1-2] and head-first, becoming, he burst open in-the-middle

[3] and (there) poured out, all his entrails!

[4-5] and known, it became, to all the,

[6] (those) inhabiting Jerusalem

[7-8] such that (there) to be called, the field, that, in their own dialect, "Akeldama"

[9] this is, "field of blood"

[10] for it is written in the Book of Psalms:

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120 names | 120-fold measure

“counted” with the eleven

11-fold measure

[1-2] “let (there) become, his habitation, a desert
[3-4] and let (there) not be the, (he) dwelling in it”
[5] and, “his office, let (there) take, another”
[1-2] it is necessary, then, of the, (those) accompanying us, men
[3-4] in every time which (there) went in and went out among us, the Lord
Jesus
[5-6] beginning from the baptism of John, as far as the day which He was
taken up from us
[7-8] a witness of His resurrection, with us, (there) to become, one of these
[9-10] and they put forward two –
[1-2] Joseph, the, (he) being called Barsabbas, who was called Justus
[3] and Matthias
[4-5] and praying, they said
[2-4] You, [O] Lord, (the) heart-knower of all –
[5] (You) show which:
[1-2] You have chosen from these two –
[1-2] one, to take the place of the ministry, this
[3] and (the) apostleship
[4-5] from which (there) turned aside, Judas, to go to the place, the, his-
own
[1] and they cast lots for them
[2] and (there) fell, the lot, upon Matthias
[3] and he was counted with the eleven apostles

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120 names | 120-fold measure