

ACTS

*THE GOSPEL
ON THE MOVE*



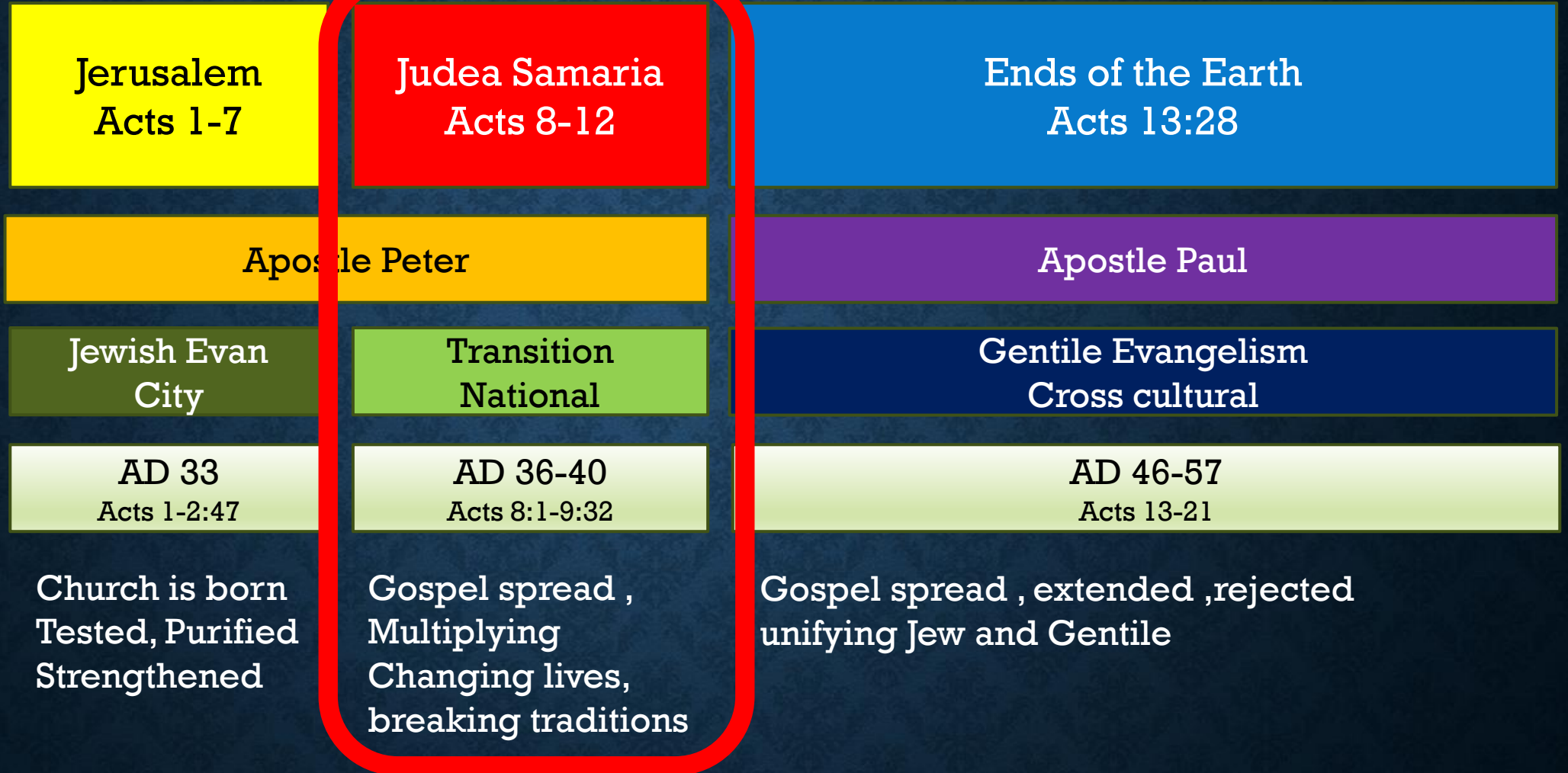
STUDY 10

Conversion of Cornelius

Birth of Missions

Acts 10-11

ACTS



Acts 1:8 (ESV) But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”



Cornelius vision

Acts 10:1-8

Peter's vision

Acts 10:9-16

Spirit tells Peter to go with Gentiles

Acts 10:19-33

Peter preaches gospel with Cornelius

Acts 10:34-47

Peter reports back to Jerusalem church

Acts 11:1-18



WORSHIPPER OF GOD

Acts 10:1-2 (ESV) At Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion of what was known as the Italian Cohort, 2 a devout man who feared God with all his household, gave alms generously to the people, and prayed continually to God.



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Italian Cohort

Clave de la ilustración:
CT = Centurion
C = Cornicen
T = Tesserarius
O = Optio
S = Signifer

Las legiones
En línea

Cinco tribuni
auxiliorum

Aquilifer

Tribunus
latrocinum

Legatus

Primus
pilus

Præfectus
castrorum



CORNELIUS VISION

Acts 10:3-5 (ESV) About the ninth hour of the day he saw clearly in a vision an angel of God come in and say to him, “Cornelius.” 4 And he stared at him in terror and said, “What is it, Lord?” And he said to him, “Your prayers and your alms have ascended as a memorial before God. 5 And now send men to Joppa and bring one Simon who is called Peter..



PETER' VISION

Acts 10:10-13 (ESV) And he became hungry and wanted something to eat, but while they were preparing it, he fell into a trance 11 and saw the heavens opened and something like a great sheet descending, being let down by its four corners upon the earth.

12 In it were all kinds of animals and reptiles and birds of the air. 13 And there came a voice to him: "Rise, Peter; kill and eat."

EATING UNCLEAN ANIMALS



Acts 10:14-16 (ESV) But Peter said, "By no means, Lord; for I have never eaten anything that is common or unclean." 15 And the voice came to him again a

second time, "What God has made clean, do not call common." 16 This happened three times, and the thing was taken up at once to heaven.



God

Sin

Man

THE SYSTEM TO ILLUSTRATE THE DISTANCE

Clean

Unclean

Bodily conditions

Foods



RATIONALE OF THE PURITY LAWS

God is holy but
human beings are
contaminated by sin

Everyone gets
contaminated at
some stage

DIRT SYMBOLISE SIN
A very good visual aid
for our sin because



SIN DEFILES BY DISFIGURING



SIN DESTROYS

Skin manifestation of disease, infection, pollution ... death



SIN COMES FROM WITHIN

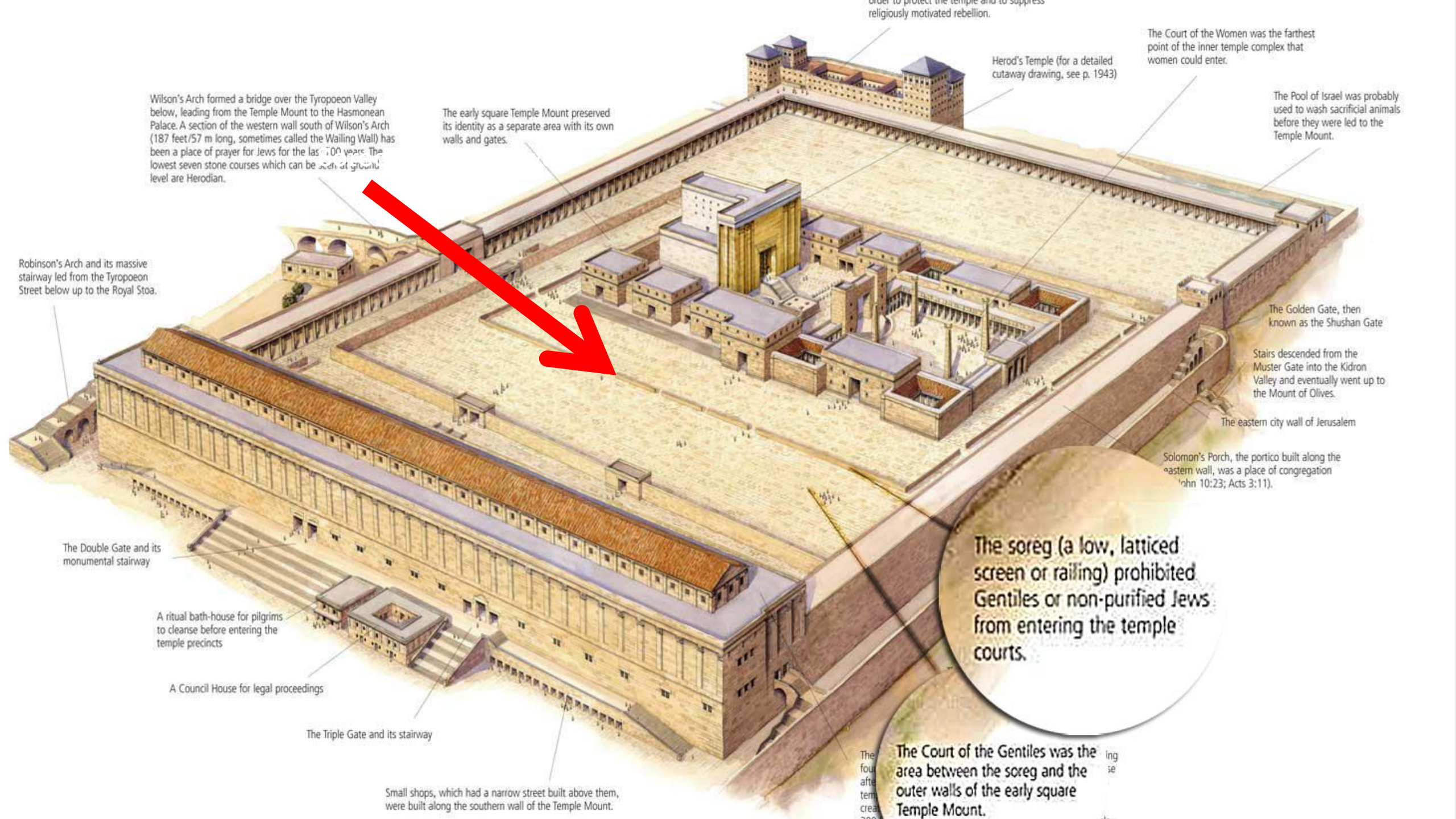


Bodily discharge meant a loss of vitality movement toward death. Because decaying corpses discharged, so natural bodily discharges were reminders of sin and death.

THREE CATEGORIES

Acceptable only by sacrifice

	Holy	Clean	Unclean
Animal	Sacrificed	Eaten	Not Eaten
People	Priest	Israel	Gentiles
Space	Temple	Land	Nations



order to protect the temple and to suppress religiously motivated rebellion.

Wilson's Arch formed a bridge over the Tyropoeon Valley below, leading from the Temple Mount to the Hasmonean Palace. A section of the western wall south of Wilson's Arch (187 feet/57 m long, sometimes called the Wailing Wall) has been a place of prayer for Jews for the last 2,000 years. The lowest seven stone courses which can be seen at ground level are Herodian.

The early square Temple Mount preserved its identity as a separate area with its own walls and gates.

Herod's Temple (for a detailed cutaway drawing, see p. 1943)

The Court of the Women was the farthest point of the inner temple complex that women could enter.

The Pool of Israel was probably used to wash sacrificial animals before they were led to the Temple Mount.

Robinson's Arch and its massive stairway led from the Tyropoeon Street below up to the Royal Stoa.

The Golden Gate, then known as the Shushan Gate

Stairs descended from the Muster Gate into the Kidron Valley and eventually went up to the Mount of Olives.

The eastern city wall of Jerusalem

Solomon's Porch, the portico built along the eastern wall, was a place of congregation (John 10:23; Acts 3:11).

The Double Gate and its monumental stairway

The soreg (a low, latticed screen or railing) prohibited Gentiles or non-purified Jews from entering the temple courts.

A ritual bath-house for pilgrims to cleanse before entering the temple precincts

A Council House for legal proceedings

The Triple Gate and its stairway

Small shops, which had a narrow street built above them, were built along the southern wall of the Temple Mount.

The Court of the Gentiles was the area between the soreg and the outer walls of the early square Temple Mount.

PETER GOES TO CORNELIUS



PETER APPLIES WHAT HE HAD LEARNED

Acts 10:25-28 (ESV) 25 When Peter entered, Cornelius met him and fell down at his feet and worshiped him. 26 But Peter lifted him up, saying, "Stand up; I too am a man." 27 And as he talked with him, he went in and found many persons gathered. 28 And he said to them,

"You yourselves know how unlawful it is for a Jew to associate with or to visit anyone of another nation, but God has shown me that I should not call any person common or unclean.

THE PRAYING SEEKER

Acts 10:30-31 (ESV) And Cornelius said, “Four days ago, about this hour, I was praying in my house at the ninth hour, and behold, a man stood before me in bright clothing 31 and said, ‘Cornelius, your prayer has been heard and your alms have been remembered before God.

DOES ACCEPTABLE MEANS SAVED?

Acts 10:34-35 (ESV) So Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, 35 but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.



CORNELIUS STILL NEEDED TO BE SAVED

PETER'S RECOUNTING THE DETAILS TO JERUSALEM



Acts 11:13-14 (ESV) And he told us how he had seen the angel stand in his house and say, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon who is called Peter; 14 he will declare to you a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household.'

NEED TO BELIEVE IN JESUS



Acts 10:42-43 (ESV) And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. 43 To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

DEVOUT JEWS STILL NEEDED TO REPENT AND BELIEVE IN JESUS



Acts 2:5 (ESV) Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven.

Acts 2:38 (ESV) And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

EVERYONE MUST HAVE JESUS



Response of Jerusalem church

Acts 11:18 (ESV) When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, “Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life.”

GOSPEL

Jesus Christ

Life and ministry

Death

Resurrection

Exaltation..Judge

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GENTILE PENTECOST

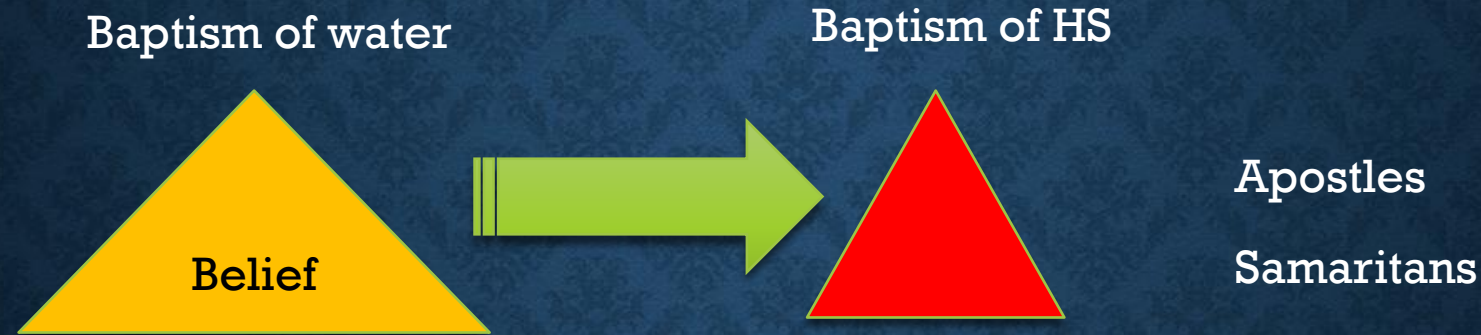
No evidence it was like Acts 2 in foreign languages

Acts 10:44-46 While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. 45 And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. 46 For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God

SPIRIT SHOWS GOD'S APPROVAL

Acts 10:46-48 Then Peter declared, 47 “Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” 48 And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days

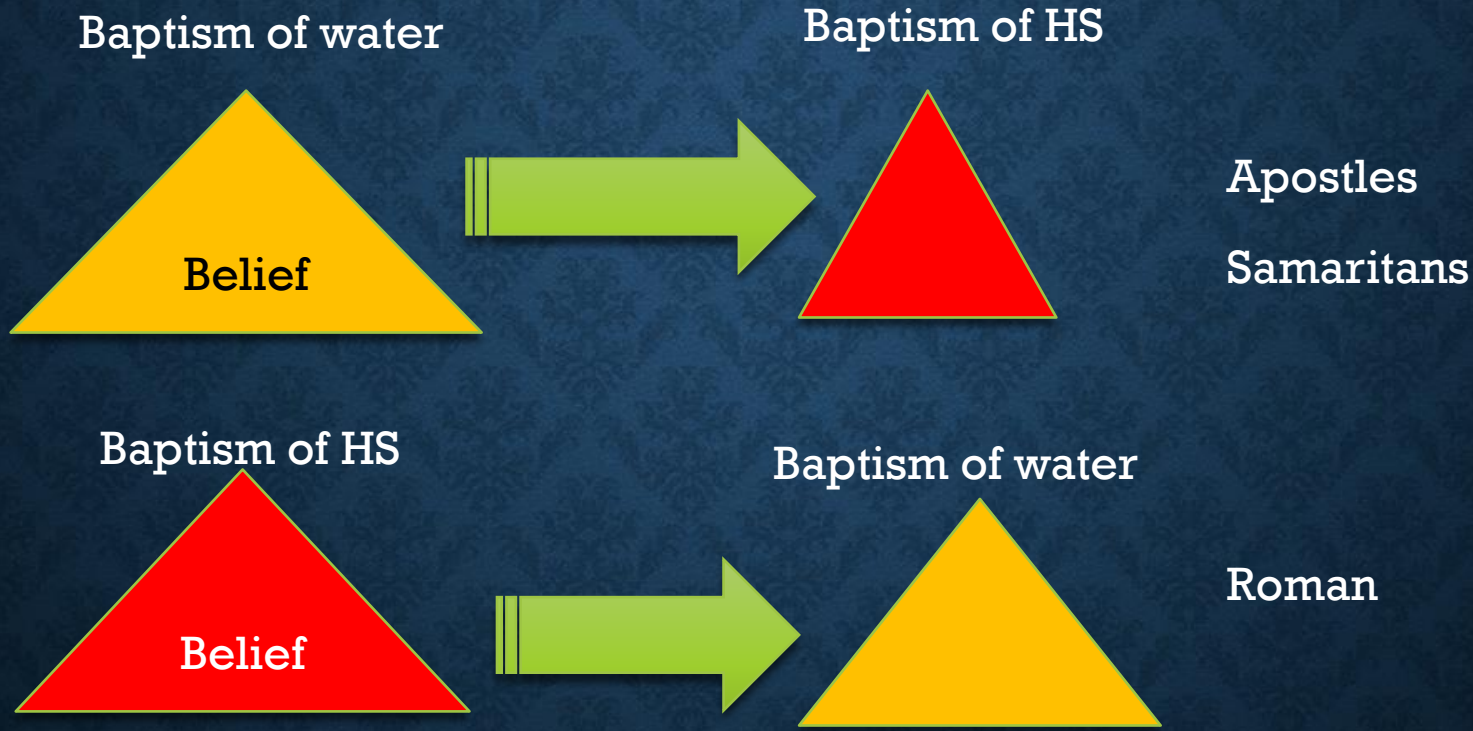
PENTECOSTAL VIEW OF BAPTISM OF THE HS AND TONGUES



Baptism in the Holy Spirit is physically evidenced by the supernatural gift of speaking in other tongues (glossolalia). That is, a person who is baptized with the H.S. will speak in tongues.

The only evidence is Acts 2, Acts 10 and Acts 19

GENTILE CONVERSION REVERSES THE SEQUENCE



They never asked for it never heard about it

PROBLEM WITH THAT VIEW

- The teaching is nowhere else taught in the NT hence to base theology on something that happened 3 times is difficult (Acts 2, Acts 10 and Acts 19)
- These three were special circumstances in Jerusalem, Samaria, Cornelius's house, and Ephesus that made speaking in tongues especially helpful in communicating the truth that the Holy Spirit was creating a new unified body of Jew and Samaritan and Gentile.
- Acts records at least nine other conversion stories, but never again mentions a two-step sequence with tongues
- Paul says in 1 Cor 12:30 that "not all speak in tongues"
- Jesus taught in Acts 1:8 that the baptism of HS was to bring power to witness not tongues specifically

GENTILES AND ISRAEL

ABRAHAMIC COVENANT MEANT FOR ALL NATIONS



**ABRAHAM AND ISRAEL TO BE HIS
INSTRUMENT TO RECONCILE THE WORLD**

Genesis 12:2-3 (ESV)
And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.

ISRAEL : LIGHT TO THE NATIONS

Isaiah 60:1-3 (ESV) 1 Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

2 For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you.

3 And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

GENTILE WOMEN IN HIS KINGDOM



Rahab
...Canaanite
Joshua 2:9,
11..included in
genealogy
of Jesus



Ruth ...
Moabite ..
Married
Boaz son of
Rahab
ancestor of
Jesus

JONAH SENT TO NINEVEH



JESUS AND THE THREE CENTURIONS



Centurion whose servant was sick
Centurion declared that this is the
Son of God
Centurion Cornelius

THREE CATEGORIES

Acceptable only by sacrifice



Clean

Ephesians 2:14-16 14 For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility

15 by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances,

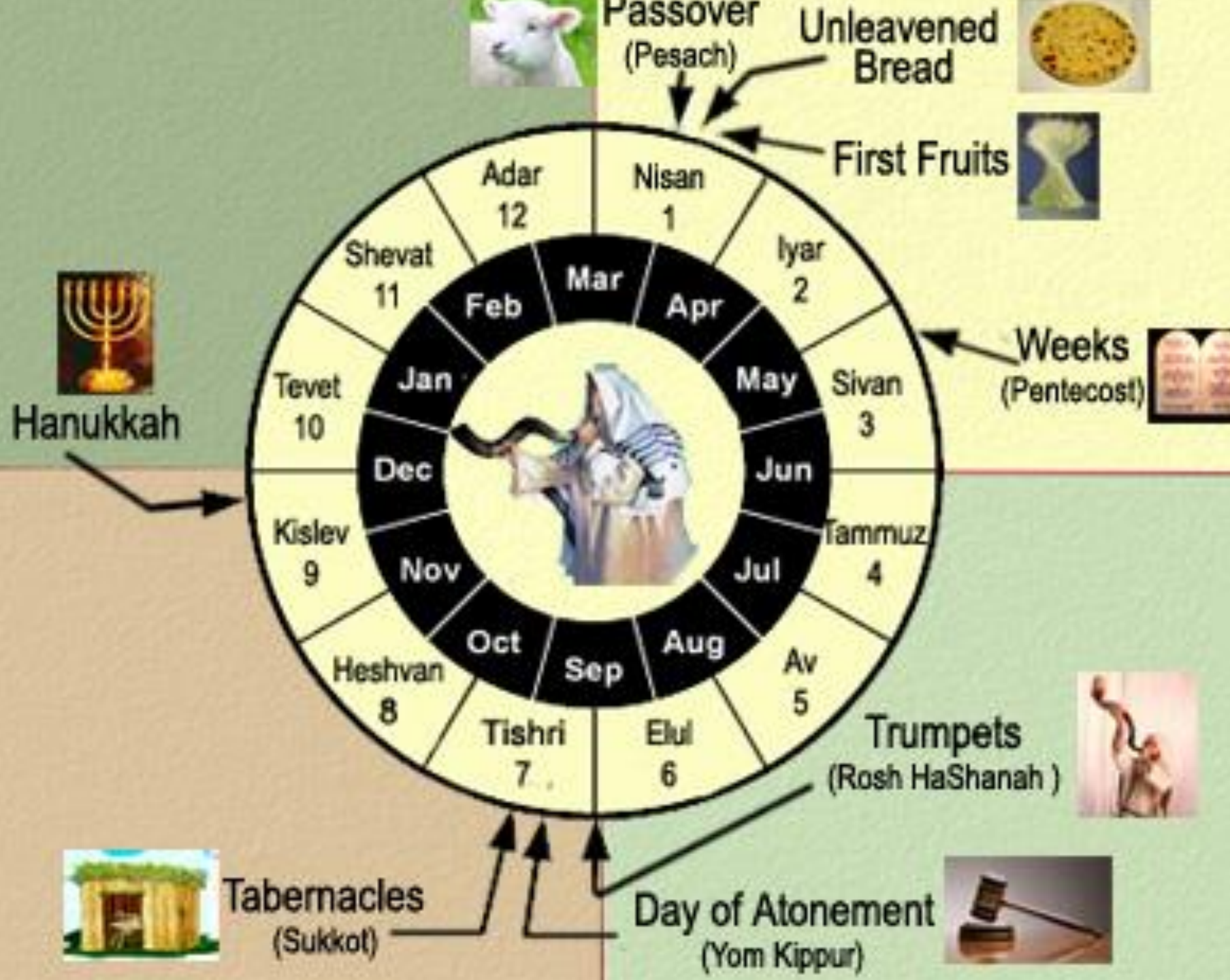
that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace,

Ephesians 3:4-6 (ESV) When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, 5 which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. 6 This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

The 'Hebrew Roots' Movement



FEASTS OF ISRAEL



Matthew 5:17 (ESV) Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.

Misinterpretation is to obey all OT laws

OT CONVERTS BECOME ISRAELITES

Exodus 12:48-49 (ESV) If a stranger shall sojourn with you and would keep the Passover to the LORD, let all his males be circumcised. Then he may come near and keep it; he shall be as a native of the land. But no uncircumcised person shall eat of it. 49 There shall be one law for the native and for the stranger who sojourns among you.”

THE GREAT COMMISSION

Jesus did not command them to bring their future disciples into the nation of Israel, but to make disciples of Jesus among the nations.

Matthew 28:18-20 (ESV) And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”



SEVENTH-DAY
ADVENTIST
CHURCH

**DISTURBING
ORIGINS OF THE
VEGAN DIET**

PAUL CONFIRMS

Romans 14:20 (ESV) Do not, for the sake of food,
destroy the work of God. Everything is indeed clean,
but it is wrong for anyone to make another stumble by
what he eats

2 Corinthians 5:21 (ESV) 21 For our sake
he made him to be sin who knew no sin,



...so that in
him we might
become the
righteousness
of God.



ACTS 11:1- 18

CONVICTING FACTORS FOR PETER TO ACCEPT GENTILE CHRISTIANS

- Vision of unclean animals
- Spirit commands him to go with the men
- News of angel appearing to Cornelius
- Holy Spirit experience similar to the disciples