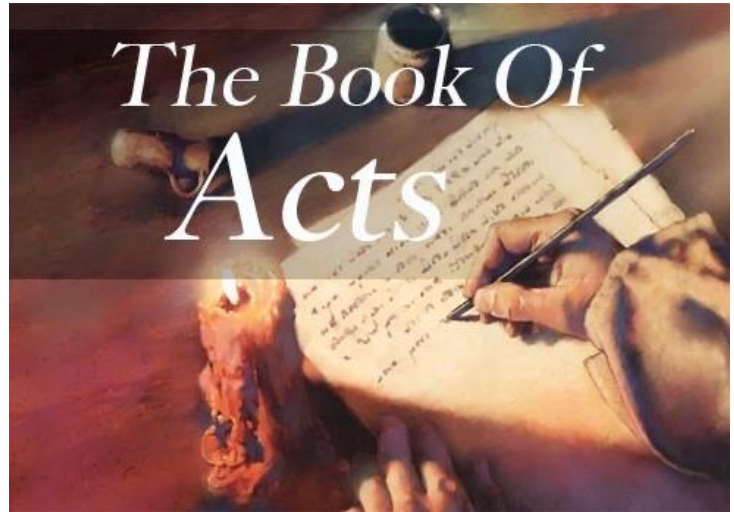


# The Book of Acts

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## Introductory Material

- Time period & Authorship
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- Setting
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- Audience
  - “What’s in a name?”



## Chapter 1

- 1:4: That’s not very Jesus-like is it?
- “The Promise of God”

### **Strong's Concordance**

**epaggelia: a summons, a promise**

**Part of Speech:** Noun, Feminine

**Transliteration:** epaggelia

**Phonetic Spelling:** (ep-ang-el-ee'-ah)

**Definition:** a summons, a promise

**Usage:** a promise.

### **HELPS Word-studies**

1860 epaggelía (a feminine noun comprised of 1909 /epí, "appropriately on" and aggelō, "announce") – a promise which literally "announces what is fitting" (apt, appropriate).

1860/epaggelia ("an appropriate promise") is nearly always used of God's promises in the NT – and hence guaranteed by His own eternal Law (Being).

[In the NT (and throughout antiquity), (epaggelía) is a legal term that refers to an officially sanctioned promise. "Almost every NT use of the word promise (epaggelia) points back to the OT" (Walter C. Kaiser, Jr., Back Toward the Future, Hints for Interpreting Bible Prophecy, 102).]<sup>1</sup>

- How might you define what the “promise” is?

#### The Ascension of Jesus Christ: 1:6-11

- Mark 16:19-20
- Luke 24:50-53
- “The Kingdom of Israel”

#### We gonna need more disciples: 1:12-26

- What were the disciples doing anyway?
  - Are they a 21st century church?
- Verse 16. . . Is this verse true? Can you locate the OT reference?

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<sup>1</sup> <https://biblehub.com/greek/1860.htm>. accessed on April 19, 2022.

- Replacing Judas
  - What were the criteria needed to replace Judas?
  
- Their discernment practice. . . sometimes discernment does not look or feel like true discernment. In this case, it feels off. But God uses it/uses them.