



Welcome to Church!

**Terrigal
Christian Israelite Church**

25th October 2026



ACTS

— OF THE APOSTLES —

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WITNESSES TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH



How Great Is Our God

The splendor of a King, clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice
All the earth rejoice

He wraps himself in Light, and darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice
Trembles at His voice

Chorus

How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great is our God

Age to age He stands
And time is in His hands
Beginning and the end
Beginning and the end

The Godhead Three in One
Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb
The Lion and the Lamb

(Chorus)

Name above all names
Worthy of our praise
My heart will sing
How great is our God

(Chorus)

How great, how great is our God

O Praise the Name

I cast my mind to Calvary
Where Jesus bled and died for me
I see His wounds, His hands, His feet
My Saviour on that cursed tree

His body bound and drenched in tears
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb
The entrance sealed by heavy stone
Messiah still and all alone

Chorus

*O praise the Name of the Lord our God
O praise His Name forevermore
For endless days we will sing Your praise
Oh Lord, oh Lord our God*

Then on the third at break of dawn
The Son of heaven rose again
O trampled death, where is your sting?
The angels roar for Christ the King

[Chorus]

He shall return in robes of white
The blazing sun shall pierce the night
And I will rise among the saints
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face

[Chorus]x2

Oh Lord, oh Lord our God

The Naming of
Eli Brown



What a Beautiful Name

You were the Word at the beginning
One with God the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation
Now revealed in You our Christ

What a beautiful Name it is
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a beautiful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

You didn't want heaven without us
So Jesus, You brought heaven down
My sin was great, Your love was greater
What could separate us now

What a wonderful Name it is
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a wonderful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus
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Death could not hold You,
the veil tore before You
You silenced the boast, of sin and grave
The heavens are roaring, the praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life again
You have no rival, You have no equal
Now and forever, Our God reigns
Yours is the Kingdom, Yours is the glory
Yours is the Name, above all names

What a powerful Name it is
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a powerful Name it is
Nothing can stand against
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy
name.

Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.

Give us day by day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every
one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into
temptation; but deliver us from evil.

Luke 11: 2-4

ACTS

— OF THE APOSTLES —

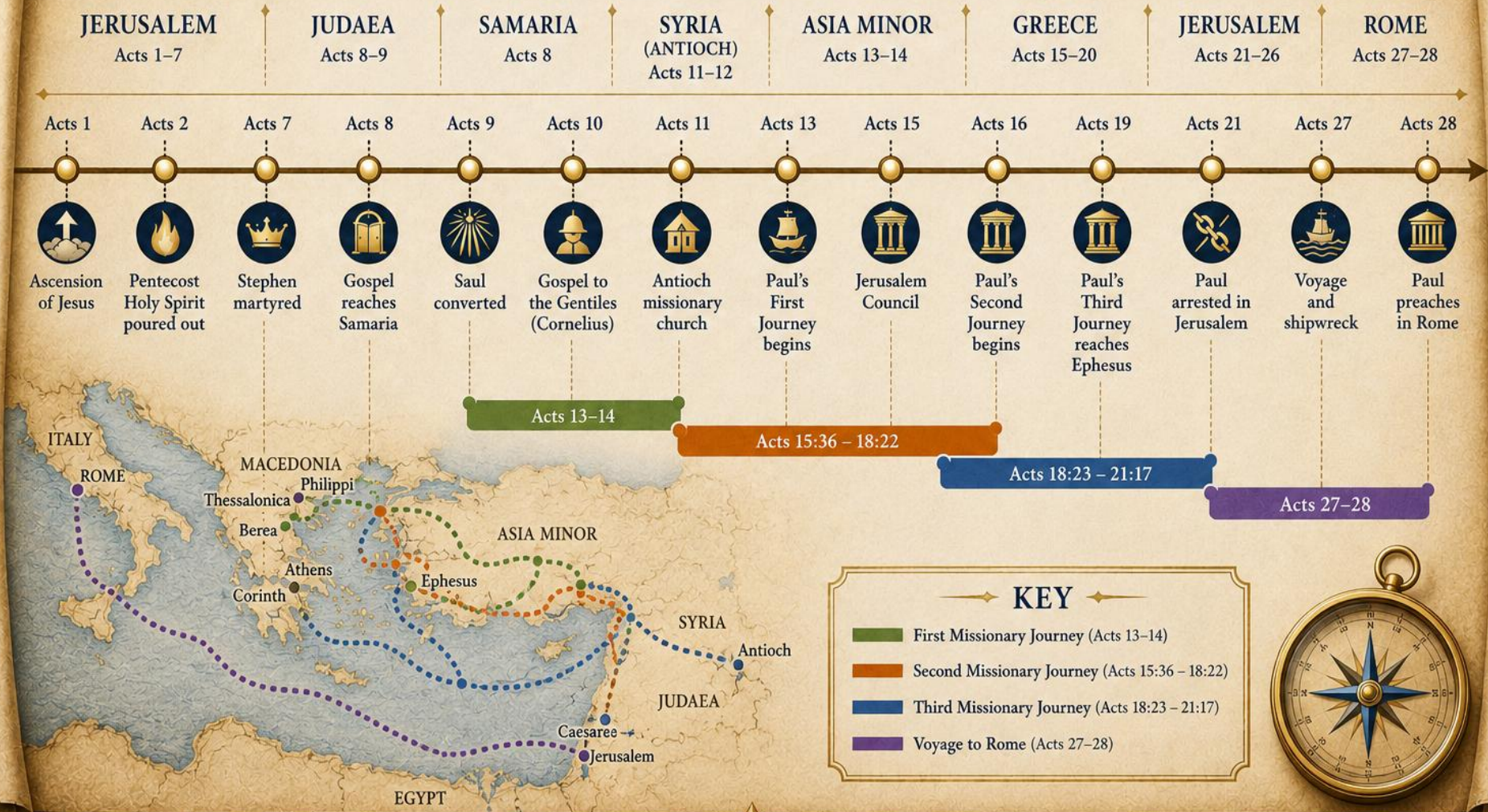
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WITNESSES TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH



THE BOOK OF ACTS

THE GOSPEL GOES TO THE WORLD

"Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Acts 1:8



THE BOOK AT A GLANCE

A CHAPTER SUMMARY OF THE BOOK OF ACTS



ACTS 1–7 JERUSALEM

- 1 Jesus ascends; Matthias is chosen.
- 2 The Holy Spirit is poured out.
- 3 Peter heals a lame man.
- 4 Peter and John witness boldly.
- 5 God's holiness is shown.
- 6 Seven servants are appointed.
- 7 Stephen becomes the first martyr.



ACTS 8–12 JUDEA & SAMARIA

- 8 The gospel reaches Samaria.
- 9 Saul is converted.
- 10 Cornelius, a Gentile, receives the gospel.
- 11 The church in Antioch is established.
- 12 Peter is miraculously delivered from prison.



ACTS 13–28 TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

- 13 Paul and Barnabas begin first journey.
- 14 Churches are established in Asia Minor.
- 15 Jerusalem Council confirms Gentiles.
- 16 Paul reaches Europe (Macedonia).
- 17 Paul in Thessalonica, Berea, Athens.
- 18 Paul in Corinth.
- 19 Ephesus: great impact.
- 20 Paul's farewell to the elders.
- 21 Paul returns to Jerusalem; arrested.
- 22 Paul defends before crowds.
- 23 Plot against Paul is discovered.
- 24 Paul before Felix.
- 25 Paul before Festus.
- 26 Paul before King Agrippa.
- 27 Shipwreck on the way to Rome.
- 28 Paul arrives in Rome; preaches freely.



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BOTH IN JERUSALEM, AND IN ALL JUDAEA,
AND IN SAMARIA, AND UNTO THE
UTTERMOST PART OF THE EARTH.”

ACTS 1:8

THE BOOK OF ACTS – THE WORLD STAGE

THE GOSPEL SPREADS FROM JERUSALEM TO ROME

JERUSALEM
Acts 1–7

JUDAEA & SAMARIA
Acts 8–12

ASIA MINOR
Acts 13–14

GREECE
Acts 15–20

JERUSALEM
Acts 21–26

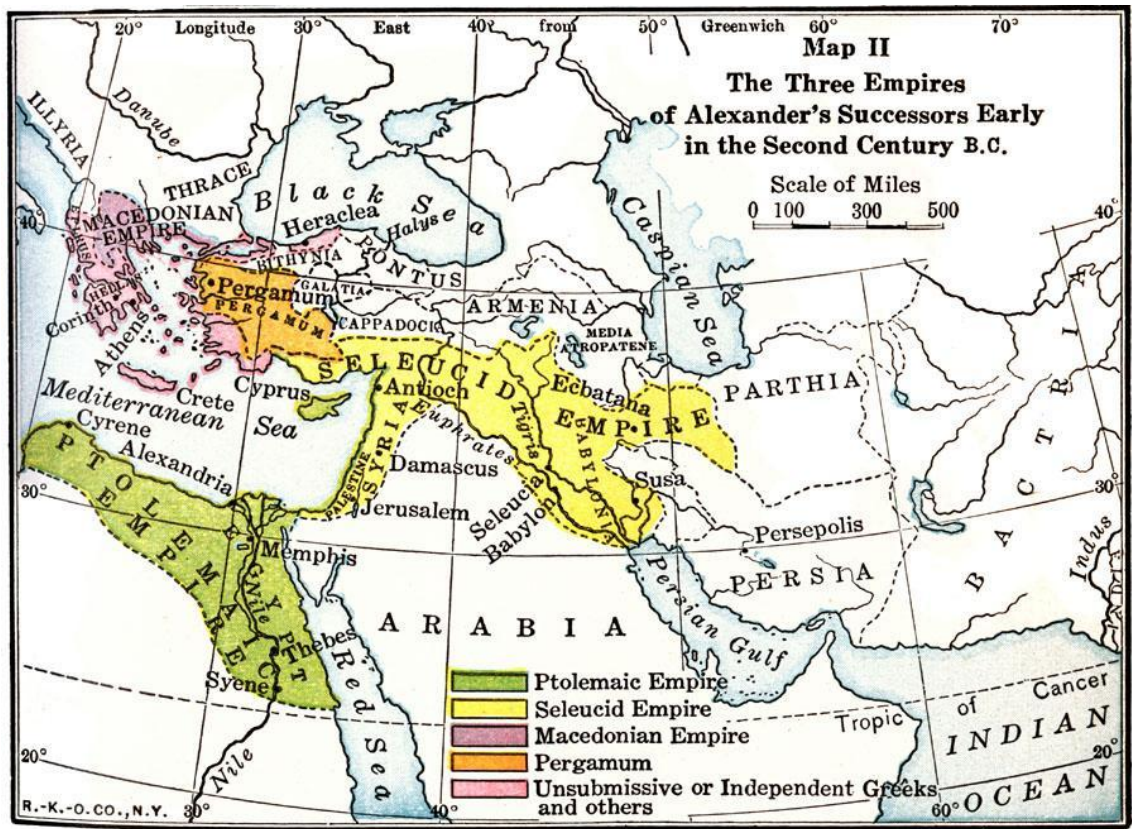
ROME
Acts 27–28



Acts 6

The Grecians

And in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministration.



	GRECIANS (Hellenistic Jews)	HEBREWS (Judean Jews)
LANGUAGE	Primarily Greek-speaking. Often used Greek in daily life and in the synagogue.	Primarily Aramaic-speaking. Often used Aramaic (and Hebrew) in daily life and in the synagogue.
ORIGIN	Often from Jewish communities outside Israel (Diaspora), such as Asia Minor, Greece, North Africa and other regions of the Roman world.	More closely associated with Judea and Jerusalem. Generally local to the land of Israel.
CULTURAL INFLUENCE	Strongly influenced by Greek culture, philosophy and way of life.	More closely connected to traditional Jewish (Judean) culture and way of life.
SCRIPTURES	Often used the Septuagint (Greek Old Testament), a Greek translation of the Hebrew Scriptures.	More commonly used the Hebrew Scriptures in their original language.
CUSTOMS AND PRACTICES	More likely to adopt Greek customs, for example: • Greek names and dress styles • Greater engagement with Greek education and philosophy • Participation in the wider Greco-Roman society • More openness to non-essential Jewish customs (e.g. food laws)	More likely to maintain traditional Jewish customs, for example: • Use of Hebrew/Aramaic names • Traditional Jewish dress • Stronger observance of Jewish laws and traditions (e.g. food laws, Sabbath, festivals) • Less engagement with Greco-Roman culture
EDUCATION	Familiar with Greek education, literature and philosophy.	Familiar with traditional Jewish teaching and the Law of Moses.
IDENTITY	Jewish by faith and heritage (not Gentiles).	Jewish by faith and heritage.

Alexander the Great

and the Spread of Greek Culture

TOPIC	KEY FACTS
Conquests (334–323 BC)	Alexander conquered much of the Persian Empire, including Egypt, Judea, and territories stretching as far as India, spreading Greek influence widely.
Hellenisation	Greek language, education, customs and philosophy spread throughout the conquered territories, mixing with local cultures.
Greek as a Common Language	Koine Greek became a widely used language for trade, education and communication across the eastern Mediterranean.
Lasting Influence	After Alexander's death in 323 BC, his successors established Greek-speaking kingdoms that continued spreading Greek culture for centuries.
Impact on the Jews	Many Jewish communities adopted Greek as their everyday language, contributing to the need for the Septuagint, the Greek translation of the Hebrew Scriptures.

The Septuagint (LXX)

Background for Hellenistic Jews and Acts 6

TOPIC	KEY FACTS
What is it?	An ancient Greek translation of the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament).
When?	Translation began around 250 BC, with other books translated over time.
Where?	Began in Alexandria, Egypt, a major centre of Greek-speaking Jewish culture.
Why was it needed?	Many Jews outside Israel spoke Greek rather than Hebrew.
Name	Septuagint means 'seventy,' referring to the tradition that about 70–72 Jewish scholars translated the Scriptures.
Who used it?	Widely used by Greek-speaking Jews, including Hellenistic Jews (Grecians), and early Christians.
New Testament connection	Many Old Testament quotations in the New Testament follow the Greek Septuagint wording.
Significance	Helped make Jewish Scriptures accessible throughout the Greek-speaking world and influenced the spread of Christianity.

The appointment of the Seven

² Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables.

³ Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business.

⁴ But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.

⁵ And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose **Stephen**, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and **Philip**, and **Prochorus**, and **Nicanor**, and **Timon**, and **Parmenas**, and **Nicolas** a proselyte of Antioch:

⁶ Whom they set before the apostles: and when they had prayed, they laid their hands on them.

Going from Strength to Strength

⁷ And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith.

⁸ And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles among the people.

⁹ Then there arose certain of the synagogue, which is called the synagogue of the **Libertines**, and **Cyrenians**, and **Alexandrians**, and of them of **Cilicia** and of **Asia**, disputing with Stephen.

¹⁰ And they were not able to resist the wisdom and the spirit by which he spake.



¹¹ Then they suborned men, which said, We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses, and against God.

¹² And they stirred up the people, and the elders, and the scribes, and came upon him, and caught him, and brought him to the council,

¹³ And set up false witnesses, which said, This man ceaseth not to speak blasphemous words against this holy place, and the law:

¹⁴ For we have heard him say, that this Jesus of Nazareth shall destroy this place, and shall change the customs which Moses delivered us.

¹⁵ And all that sat in the council, looking stedfastly on him, saw his face as it had been the face of an angel.

Hymn 121

God moves in a mysterious way,
His wonders to perform;
He plants His footsteps in the sea,
And rides upon the storm.

Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take;
The clouds ye so much dread
Are big with mercy, and shall break
In blessings on your head.

Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,
But trust Him for His grace:
Behind a frowning Providence
He hides a smiling face.

ST. PETER—C.M.

A. R. Reinagle.



His purposes will ripen fast,
Unfolding every hour;
The bud may have a bitter taste,
But sweet will be the flower.

Blind unbelief is sure to err,
And scan His work in vain;
God is His own interpreter,
And He will make it plain.

Most Spoken Languages in the World (c. AD 33)

Estimated total speakers in the ancient world — highly approximate

#	Language	Estimated total speakers	% of world population
1	Han Chinese (Old Chinese)	60 million	25.9%
2	Prakrits (Middle Indo-Aryan)	35 million	15.1%
3	Latin	20 million	8.6%
4	Koine Greek	15 million	6.5%
5	Aramaic	10 million	4.3%
6	Egyptian (Demotic / Early Coptic)	6 million	2.6%
7	Celtic languages	5 million	2.2%
8	Iranian languages (Parthian / Persian)	5 million	2.2%
9	Dravidian languages (led by Tamil)	5 million	2.2%
10	Germanic languages	4 million	1.7%

Ancient speaker counts are broad historical estimates, not exact census data. Percentages use an estimated world population of about 232 million around 1 CE / AD 33. Totals rounded.

Source: World population baseline: HYDE 3.3; language totals are illustrative historical estimates.

Approximate Spread of Major Languages (c. AD 33)

Broad historical language zones — highly approximate



Acts 8:26-40

²⁶ And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert.

²⁷ And he arose and went: and, behold, a man of Ethiopia, an eunuch of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure, and **had come to Jerusalem for to worship**,

²⁸ Was returning, and sitting in his chariot read Esaias the prophet.

²⁹ Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot.

³⁰ And Philip ran thither to him, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest?

³¹ And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him.

³² The place of the scripture which he read was this, He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth:

³³ In his humiliation his judgment was taken away: and who shall declare his generation? for his life is taken from the earth.

³⁴ And the eunuch answered Philip, and said, I pray thee, of whom speaketh the prophet this? of himself, or of some other man?

³⁵ Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus.

³⁶ And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?

³⁷ And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

³⁸ And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.

³⁹ And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing.

⁴⁰ But Philip was found at Azotus: and passing through he preached in all the cities, till he came to Caesarea.

Holy Forever

A thousand generations falling down in worship
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb
And all who've gone before us, and all who will
believe
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb

Pre-Chorus

Your name is the highest, Your name is the greatest
Your name stands above them all
All thrones and dominions, All powers and positions
Your name stands above them all

Chorus

And the angels cry, "Holy",
All Creation cries, "Holy"
You are lifted high, holy, Holy forever

If you've been forgiven, if you've been redeemed
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
If you walk in freedom, if you bear His name
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
We'll sing the song forever and amen

[Chorus]

Hear your people sing: "Holy",
To the King of Kings: "Holy"
You will always be holy, Holy forever

[Pre-Chorus]

[Chorus]

You will always be holy, Holy forever

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1 Peter 3:15

“But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:”

