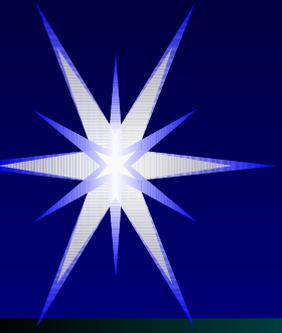




Spirit and Prophecy in Acts

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A. The Organization of Acts



Acts 1:8 as Key Organization

Pentecost

God's
work

witness;
word of God

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.

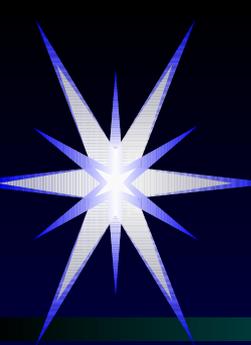
但聖靈降臨在你們身上，你們就必得著能力，並要在耶路撒冷、猶太全地，和撒馬利亞，直到地極，作我的見證。

locations



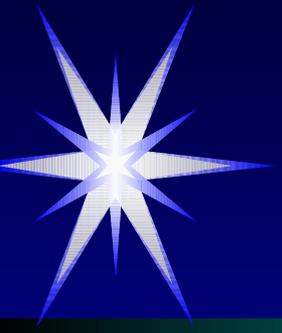
Multiplication of the Word

- 1:1 (and 1:8)
- 6:7
- 9:31
- 12:24
- 28:31
- 1:1-6:7 Jerusalem
- 6:8-9:31 Judea and Samaria
- 9:32-12:24 Syria-Palestine
 - Gentiles
- 13:1-28:31 Roman Empire



Themes

- Multiply disciples
- Multiply the word
- Multiply reach to ethnic groups (Gentiles)
- The power of the gospel

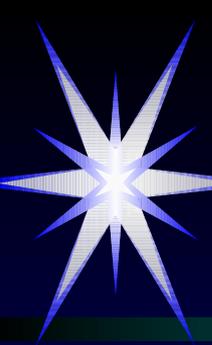


B. Prophecy and Tongues



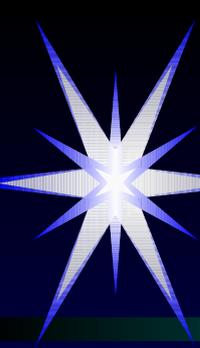
Where Are Tongues?

- ▶ Acts 2:4-12
- ▶ 10:46
- ▶ 19:6



Points

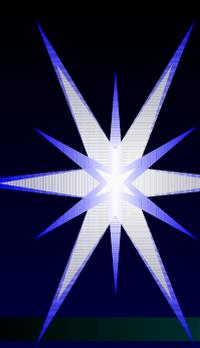
- ▶ Tongues is a form of prophecy
- ▶ Extolling God's mighty works
- ▶ To the nations
- ▶ In fulfillment of God's plan
- ▶ Reversal of Babel
- ▶ Reversal of the curse
- ▶ Tongues is the fitting sign of a transition to the redemptive epoch of the new covenant



Tongues in Acts 10:46

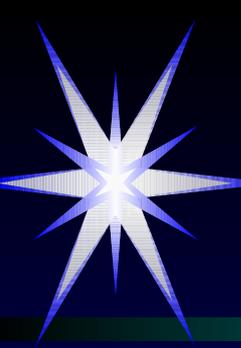
For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God.

因聽見他們說方言，稱讚 神為大。



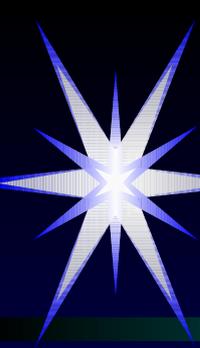
Prophecy in Acts 19:6

And when Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they began speaking in tongues and prophecy.
保羅按手在他們頭上，聖靈便降在他們身上，他們就說方言，又說預言（或作：又講道）



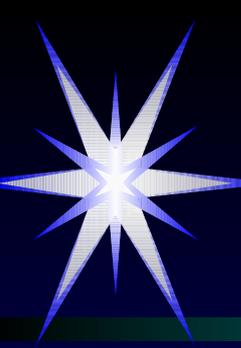
Prophecy and the Word

Acts 2:17-18; 4:2, 31, 33; 5:42; 6:7, 10;
8:40; 11:50-51; 12:24; sermons.



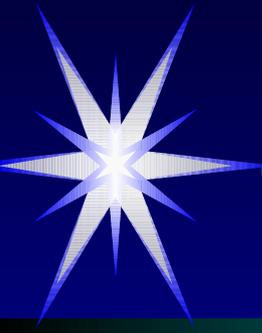
The Spirit empowers witness

- ▶ Acts 1:8
- ▶ Acts 2:11
- ▶ Miracles confirm
- ▶ The gospels spreads
- ▶ Disciples multiply (by the power of God)



Prophecy and Tongues

- ▶ Prophecy (extolling God) and tongues go together
- ▶ Tongues fits with God's purpose to extend salvation to the nations

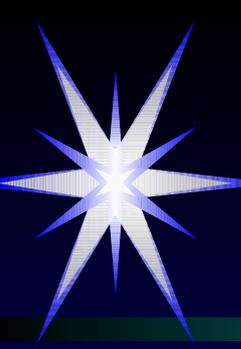


C. Role of Prophecy



Levels

- ▶ Jesus as final prophet, Luke 4:18-19; Acts 3:22
- ▶ The Twelve as prophets, Luke 9:1-6; 24:47-49; Acts 1:8, 21-22
- ▶ Ordinary members as prophets
 - ▶ Philip, Acts 8:5
 - ▶ All, Acts 2:17-18



Original and Derivative Authority

inspired

Jesus: Divine and Messianic authority
Apostles: derivative divine authority

non-
inspired

Pastors and teachers: declarative authority
All believers: general office



D. Summary:

Function of Prophecy and Tongues

- ▶ The coming of the Holy Spirit empowers witness:
- ▶ “You shall be my witnesses” (Acts 1:8)
- ▶ Tongues serves with prophecy to spread the word of God
- ▶ Major theme is the spread of the gospel