

ACTS 1:8-9 JESUS' PROPHETIC STATEMENT & ITS FULFILLMENT

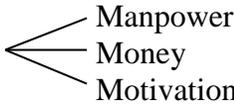
Good outline of the Book of Acts:

- Chapters 1-12 Peter and the Early Church
- Chapters 13-28 Paul and the Expanded Church

Jesus' Prophetic Statement

NKJ Acts 1:8-9 *"But you shall receive power* when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.*

*power = dunamis/δυναμις: see Romans 1:16, *The Gospel* = The _____ of God unto salvation.

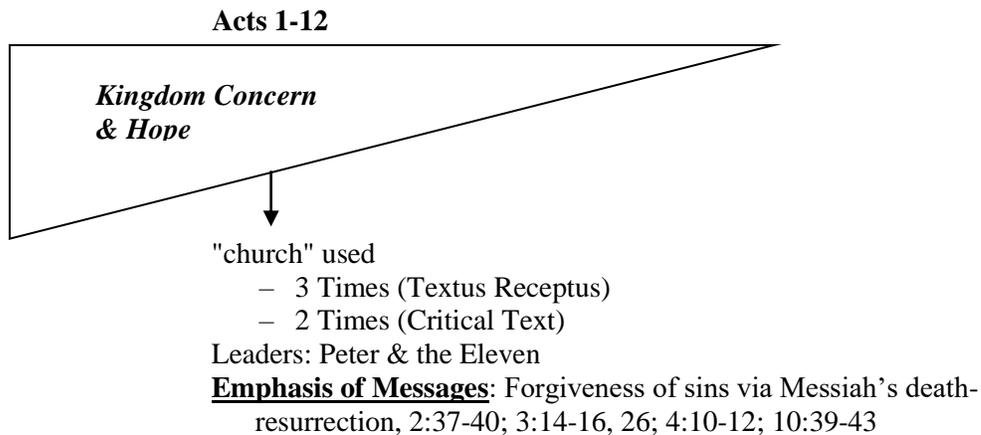
Three provisions were necessary to fulfill this 

Manpower	Money	Motivation
Acts 1:15, ca. 120 believers	↓	Acts 2, H.S. Dynamic (see 1:8)
Acts 2:41, ca. 3,000 + 120	↓ Acts 2:43-45	↓
Acts 2:47, Additions <u>daily</u>	↓	
Acts 4:4, # of men, ca. 5,000	↓ Acts 4:33-37	
Acts 5:14, + Multitudes	↓	↓
Acts 6:1, + Multitudes		Acts 8:1 Persecution by Saul
Acts 6:7, + Multitudes	↓	↓
MANPOWER TO GO!	FINANCE TO GO!	MOTIVATION TO GO!
		8:1-4 – THEY GO!
		8:1 – <u>Except the 12</u>
		11:19 – <u>AND ONLY TO JEWS</u>

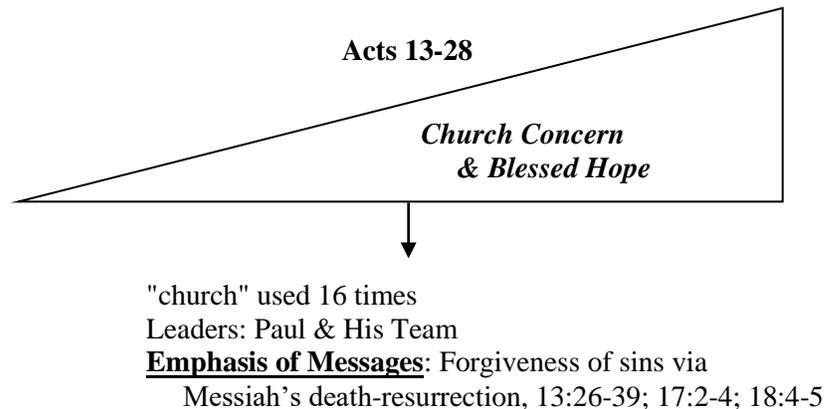
Summary: At least 2 years – maybe even 5 – BEFORE believers depart and witness in Judea, Samaria, Phoenicia, Antioch (Syria), and Cyprus – AND THEN, ONLY TO JEWS! Myopia characterized the outreach in Acts 1-9.

Scriptural Facts, Acts 1-12

1. Acts 1-12 demonstrates the myopic Jewishness of the Church in Jerusalem.
2. Peter & the Eleven perceived the Church as a qahal (Hb.), an assembly of Jewish believers, NOT as the Body of Christ with NO ethnic distinctions.
3. Two events correct this myopia
 - First, God demands that Peter bring the Gospel to Cornelius, Acts 10.
 - Second, Paul & Peter at Council of Jerusalem, Acts 15.
4. Acts 1-12 demonstrates a “kingdom hope” in the early church, 1:6, 3:19-21.



5. Acts 13-28 demonstrates a “Church hope” via the special revelation to Paul.



6. The “Church” began at Pentecost; *Acts* not only records its expansion from Jerusalem to Rome, it also records its birth, infancy, and maturation.