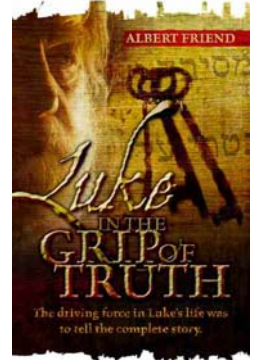


Dear Student of the Word,

Have you ever wondered why God chose a Gentile to write two books and have them included in a Bible written by Jews?

Luke is God's gift to the Gentiles

There are 66 books in our Bible. There are 40 writers. 39 of them wrote 64 books. 39 of them were Jews. One of the writers is a Gentile. He wrote two books, the Gospel of Luke and the Book of Acts. Every book in the Bible was written by a Jew except the Book of Luke and the Book of Acts. Luke, the Gentile, wrote both books. Now isn't that interesting? One Gentile and 39 Jews wrote our Bible.



God so loved the World, The whole world, including we Gentiles. For this cause God included the Gentile Writer in His "Big Book." We Gentiles are "the cause" God called Luke the Gentile to write his two books. And the Jewish Apostles accepted Luke gladly in Acts 21:17. Luke wrote his two books to the Gentile Theophilus. He told Theophilus when and how God opened the international entrance to the Gentiles. The Gate is open to all the world.

There are over 6 ½ billion people in the world in 2007. There are 13.2 million Jews. The Jews make up .002 % of the world. The Gentiles make up 99.998 % of the world. Jesus is a light to lighten the Gentiles. This is why God included the Gentile, Luke, in His Big Book. Luke gives us the history of when God included the Gentiles. Luke is God's gift to the Gentiles.

God had it in His plan for the New Testament Church to be predominately Gentile. It began with the Jew because of the promised seed of Abraham. It was to the Jew first and then to the Gentile. From the Jews and proselytes, on the day of Pentecost, it went out to the whole world. Jesus said that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His Name among all Nations. The Jews and proselytes that were added to the church on the day of Pentecost took their new found salvation back to every nation under heaven from which they came.

God has a time when He is going to fulfill His promise of a resurrected Church. He has kept that secret all to Himself. He knew it would be at least 2000 years before it would happen. He knew the gospel was directed also to the Gentiles. It was proper and fitting for God to carefully set a Gentile writer among His Jewish writers for the intention of writing to the Gentiles. Luke, the Greek seeking wisdom, the physician concerned with his medical patients, fills this position well. Luke saw in the Word made flesh a healing for sin. He saw in Jesus a wise pattern for life.

Luke cleared up Gentile Christianity when he recorded the following in his freestanding book of Acts.

“For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things; That ye abstain from meats offered to idols, and from blood, and from things strangled, and from fornication: from which if ye keep yourselves, ye shall do well. Fare ye well.” Acts 15:28-29

This ruling from the Apostolic Church Council in Jerusalem cleared up the wrong judgment of the Jews who believed God was a respecter of persons. To the contrary God publicly discharged the Jew from all the rituals of the Law. The Jew was free from the works of the Law of Moses. The Law of the Spirit of Life had made him free from the Law of Sin and Death. Jesus was the Law fulfilled, the Word made flesh, the church in the wilderness made plain. There now was no need for the Law. We can see in Jesus the grace and truth we should live and witness to others.

Today, it is by Grace we do the works of faith. Noah found Grace in the eyes of the LORD and built the Ark. We find Grace in the eyes of the LORD and do His works of faith in Acts 2:38.