

Greetings,

God gave Luke a New Testament history of His work on earth through the eyewitnesses who saw with their own eyes the work of God. The Book of Luke and the Book of Acts are God's perfect work and will stand alone. I am going to write about Luke as a "stand alone." I do this for three reasons.

Number one: I believe Luke's opening statement in his gospel. Luke wrote that he got his information from eyewitnesses. An eyewitness will stand alone in any court of judgment. God honors two or three witnesses with His approval.

Number two: I believe Luke's opening statement in the book of Acts. The eyewitnesses gave him many infallible proofs. I believe Luke. Anything infallible will stand alone.

Number three: Luke's complete coverage of "The Story," from the breaking of God's 400 years of silence between the Old and the New Testament to the end of the book of Acts, gives to the Gentile world the message God intended for us to hear. Luke's complete "Story" will "stand alone." I have accepted Luke's message and it works. It has worked for me for 59 years. It will work for anyone who believes it in **all the nations** in the world.

Luke wrote the New Testament Standard on which we are to make our judgment. The fulfillment of the Old Testament and the validity of the New Testament hang on God's inspired Word in the Gospel of Luke and the Book of Acts. "The Story" is more complete in these two books.

All churches must go back to the book of Acts to find their beginning. The book of Acts is a valid, continuous, history of the church. Many ignore this. They err by going to the book of Romans for their plan of salvation. In doing this they make void Luke's eyewitnesses. The eyewitnesses told Luke the plan of salvation Jesus gave them just before He ascended.

Luke's eyewitnesses confirm the following: "Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures, And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. **And ye are witnesses of these things**. And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high." Luke 24:45-49. KJV

Now we come to Luke's book of Acts. There is no other book like it. There is nowhere else to go to get the information the eyewitnesses gave Luke about the book of Acts. This part of church history was reserved for Luke and Luke alone. It shows God's intended purpose for the Gentiles. The book of Acts brings the Gentiles to Jesus. Jesus is a "Light to Lighten the Gentiles". Jesus gave the authority that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His Name **among all nations**, beginning in Jerusalem. The eyewitnesses told Luke Peter obeyed Jesus charge to them by preaching repentance and remission of sin in His Name. Time has not changed a thing.

Then Luke got from his eyewitnesses the actual fulfillment of Jesus purpose and mission. Jesus said that repentance and remission of sins should be preached. Peter preached these words: "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call." Acts 2:38-39 KJV

In Luke's time period the whole New Testament was launched. As you read his writings you should understand Luke in "real time." God's Word is in "real time" for every generation. The Book of Luke and the Book of Acts were written to you. Be accountable to yourself as you search for new meaning in these two books.