

ORIGINS Pt 1

“It’s A Bear”

Acts 1:8 NIV

8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

YOU HAVE TO UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU ARE SEEING

Our witness is not just to our own personal experience, but rather we belong to a cloud of witnesses who testify to all that God is doing and has been doing.

Acts 1:1-3 NIV

In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach 2 until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. 3 After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the **kingdom of God**.

OUR BIBLES

The Bible is a collection of writings that reveal God’s love, pursuit, and promise of redemption. God-breathed and sovereignly preserved, the Bible reveals to us who God is and what He has to say, ultimately pointing us to Jesus Christ as our clearest revelation of God.

LUKE’S ASSUMPTIONS

- We know what Jesus taught.
- We know that Jesus was killed.
- We know that Jesus was raised from the dead.
- We know that Jesus was received by heaven.

Matthew 26:63-64 NIV

The high priest said to him, “I charge you under oath by the living God: Tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God.”

“You have said so,” Jesus replied. “But I say to all of you: From now on you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven.”

THE BEASTS & THE SON OF MAN

- Which direction?
- What happens?

Daniel 7:9-10 NIV

9 “As I looked, “thrones were set in place, and the Ancient of Days took his seat.

His clothing was as white as snow; the hair of his head was white like wool.

His throne was flaming with fire, and its wheels were all ablaze.

10 A river of fire was flowing, coming out from before him.

Thousands upon thousands attended him; ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him.

The court was seated, and the books were opened.

Daniel 7:13-14 NIV

13 “In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence.

14 He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.

The Overlap of HEAVEN & EARTH

The expectation was that the God of Israel was returning to Israel to dwell in the Temple.

God’s Presence would inhabit the Temple Space once again, just as everyone was expecting, just unlike anyone expected it.

Acts 1:4-8 NIV

4 On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about.

5 For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

6 Then they gathered around him and asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”

7 He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Bearing witness is to allow that which we are giving witness to be the thing that is primary.

What have you witnessed?

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WEEK ONE TIMELINE

