

### Acts 5:11—16

#### The Results after the deaths of Ananias and Saphira

- There was great fear among those in the church.
  - This was probably more of a reverent fear than a frightened type of fear.
  - They saw the seriousness of committing themselves to the things of the coming Kingdom.
- Those on the outside were afraid of associating with the believers.
  - They feared but they also greatly respected the group.
- Miracles increased in number and intensity.
  - There were many miracles, sign and wonders performed by the Apostles.
  - There were many healings done to the point that people were bringing the sick from all around the area.
  - The power of God was evident. Even the shadow of Peter (seemingly) could heal someone.
- Many came to be believers, including many High Priests.
- Interestingly, even though many groups claim God is working miracles today, they are not able to do what was being done in early Acts.
  - Today, faith healers talk of the miracle of healing of being a process that can take many months to accomplish. People that are not healed are accused of not having enough faith that they can be healed.
  - Every healing in the Gospels and early Acts was instantaneous and did not require the person healed to have a certain amount of faith that they could be healed. The only faith they needed was in Jesus as Messiah.
  - I believe healings were being done as a preparatory step for the setting up of the Kingdom. Israel would be made whole spiritually and physically. **Isaiah 30:26**  
**Isaiah 53:5** But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; The chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, And by His scourging we are healed.  
**Hosea 6:1** "Come, let us return to the LORD For He has torn us, but He will heal us; He has wounded us, but He will bandage us.  
**Isaiah 35:4—6** <sup>4</sup>Say to those with anxious heart, "Take courage, fear not Behold, your God will come with vengeance; The recompense of God will come, But He will save you." <sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind will be opened And the ears of the deaf will be unstopped. <sup>6</sup>Then the lame will leap like a deer, And the tongue of the mute will shout for joy For waters will break forth in the wilderness And streams in the Arabah.  
**Ezekiel 36:33**'Thus says the Lord GOD, "On the day that I cleanse you from all your iniquities, I will cause the cities to be inhabited, and the waste places will be rebuilt.
  - Those healed would not later become sick and die but would be brought into the Kingdom where sickness and death would be abated.
  - In the eternal state, after the 1000 year Kingdom, there will no longer be any sickness and death.  
**Revelation 21:1—4** <sup>4</sup>and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away."

#### Solomon's Portico (John 10:23; Acts 3:11; 5:12)

- Solomon's portico was a covered area to the east at the entrance to Herod's Temple. It was accessible to Jews and Gentiles and women.
  - When Jesus was 12 He confounded the Temple teachers at the Royal Porch on the south side.
- The first Temple was built by Solomon and destroyed in 586 B.C. by the Babylonians. The second Temple was completed in 516 B.C. and built under Zerubbable, Haggai and Zechariah. Herod renovated the second Temple by tearing the old one down and building a new one, starting around 20 B.C. and completing it in 65 A.D.

- Prophecy concerning the destruction of the second Temple and the building of a third.

**Hosea 3:4—5** <sup>4</sup>For the sons of Israel will remain for many days without king or prince, without sacrifice or sacred pillar and without ephod or household idols. <sup>5</sup>Afterward the sons of Israel will return and seek the LORD their God and David their king; and they will come trembling to the LORD and to His goodness in the last days.

- The third Temple will be built. It could happen any time in the first part of the Tribulation. I'm guessing it will not be built until the peace treaty is signed with Israel at the beginning of the Tribulation. We know Temple three will be built because of prophetic passages. It will probably be destroyed in the last half of the Tribulation.

**Revelation 11:1—3** <sup>1</sup>Then there was given me a measuring rod like a staff; and someone said, "Get up and measure the temple of God and the altar, and those who worship in it. <sup>2</sup>"Leave out the court which is outside the temple and do not measure it, for it has been given to the nations; and they will tread under foot the holy city for forty-two months. <sup>3</sup>"And I will grant authority to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for twelve hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth."

**Daniel 9:27** "And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering;...

**Matthew 24:15—16** <sup>15</sup>"Therefore when you see the ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place...

**2 Thessalonians 2:1—4** ...for it will not come unless the apostasy comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, <sup>4</sup>who opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as being God.

- A fourth Temple is also prophesized, one that is not built with human hands.

**Zechariah 6:12—13** <sup>12</sup>"Then say to him, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, "Behold, a man whose name is Branch, for He will branch out from where He is; and He will build the temple of the LORD. <sup>13</sup>"Yes, it is He who will build the temple of the LORD, and He who will bear the honor and sit and rule on His throne Thus, He will be a priest on His throne, and the counsel of peace will be between the two offices."

- It seems that this Temple is described in detail in Ezekiel 40—44

- I believe this relates to John 14:2 because "Father's house" seems to be clearly referencing the place of worship (See John 2:16).

Acts 5:17—32

- It was only 2—3 months before that Israel demanded that Jesus die and now the leaders are denying that they put Him to death.

**Matthew 7:20, 25** <sup>20</sup>But the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to put Jesus to death. <sup>25</sup>And all the people said, "His blood shall be on us and on our children!"

- The only reason the Temple authorities were trying to stop Peter and John was because of jealousy.
  - They wanted to be in power of the people. They were the authorities.
- Peter and John were imprisoned by the Temple authorities but freed by an angel of the Lord with the instructions to speak the whole message of this life in the Temple.
- Without realizing they had escaped, the temple authorities convened to try Peter and John.
- When they found out they were preaching in the Temple again, they carefully brought them back to the council, avoiding violence from the people.
  - This is the second time God allowed them to testify in front of Israel's leadership. God is giving them yet another chance to repent and turn to Jesus as their Messiah.
- They were reminded that they were told not to teach any more about Jesus. This was the only thing they could convict them of since everything else they taught was correct, true and accurate.
  - Everyone in Jerusalem either saw the events happen or knew someone that could verify the events happened the way the Apostles said it did. There could be no argument against the truth of the Apostles teachings.
- Peter and John again testify as to the Deity of Jesus teaching He is Israel's Savior.

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