

## Reasons For The Ascension Of Christ

Experiencing the honour of royal authority and exalted status

Enjoying the intimacy of personal fellowship with the Father

Obtaining the privilege of special access for priestly intercession

Receiving the responsibility of command over the angelic host

Assuming the position of the absent yet empathetic bridegroom

## Christ's Ascension To Priesthood

- **BASF Clause 13** - "That on the third day, God raised him from the dead, and exalted him to the heavens as the priestly mediator between God and man, in the process of gathering from among them a people who should be saved by the belief and obedience of the Truth". Acts 2:24-27, 10:40, 13:30-37, 1 Corinthians 15:4
- **BASF Clause 14** - "That he is a priest over his own house only, and does not intercede for the world, or for professors who are abandoned to disobedience. That he makes intercession for his erring brethren if they confess and forsake their sins". Proverbs 28:13, Luke 24:51, John 17:9, Acts 5:31, 13:39, 15:14, Eph. 1:20, 1 Timothy 2:5, Hebrews 4:14,15, 8:1, 10:26, 1 John 2:1

## Thy People Shall Be Willing

- "The Messiah has associates... a host, at once priests and warriors, in holy vestments... following so gladly that they are called 'willingnesses'... and the muster in battle array is seen... 'the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and pure'.

The psalm, then, describes a host of warriors, clad as priests, raised from the dead and made immortal. Well indeed might it be said of the central figure in such an assembly, 'Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek'.

The Letter To The Hebrews, Page 54-56  
John Carter

## From The Womb Of The Morning

- "The Son's dew, born from the womb of the dawn, are his brethren, the saints born of the spirit, from the invisible, at the dawn of Messiah's day, a day of a thousand years. The resurrection is styled 'thy birth' because he (the Deity) which raised up the Lord Jesus, will raise up us also by Jesus, and he that raised up the anointed one from among the dead, will make alive your mortal bodies through his spirit. Hence the birth given to the saints from the grave will be by Jesus through the spirit... the subjects of it are as dew from the womb of the morning".

Eureka, Vol 1  
John Thomas

## Thou Hast The Dew Of Thy Youth

■ “The **appearance of the dew** from the womb of the dawn as representative of the resurrection of saints is the most beautiful of scripture similitudes. Before the sun rises, all nature is concealed in the womb of the night, and although the herbage is wet with dew, yet it is invisible by reason of the darkness. The dew is as it were in Hades, waiting for the birth to be given it by the rising of the Sun.

As soon as the eastern portals of the sky begin to open to **the light which is the life of the dew**, its drops begin to sparkle with the prismatic glory of its refraction”.

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## He Shall Strike Through Kings

■ “He must **rule in the midst of his enemies**; he must **strike through kings** in the day of his wrath; he must **smite the head** over many countries. Why? Because unless there is righteousness, there never will be peace.

There is a hint that he will smite one head who has exalted himself to cover and to lead those who are anti-Christ. It foreshadows the extinction of that force in the world which has ever been in confederacy against the will and true purpose of God; and here is the assurance that **the final triumph of the Priest-King** will be **the final extinction of his enemies**”.

**The Christadelphian, Vol 118, Page 56-58  
Denis Gillett**

## He Shall Wound The Head

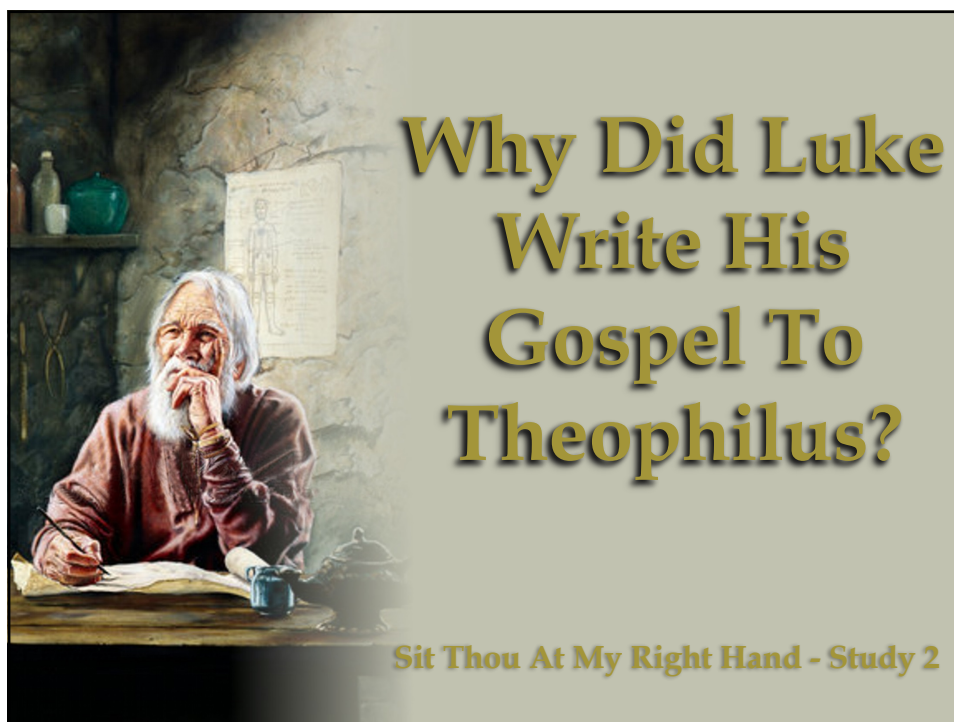
- **Judges 5:26** - " and with the hammer she smote Sisera, she smote off **his head**, when she had **pierced** (*machats*) and stricken through his temples."
- **Psalms 68:21** - "But God will **wound** (*machats*) **the head** of his enemies, and the hairy scalp of such an one as goeth on still in his trespasses".
- **Psalms 110:6** - "He shall judge among the heathen, he shall fill the places with dead bodies; he shall **wound** (*machats*) **the head** over many countries".
- **Habakkuk 3:13** - "Thou **woundedst** (*machats*) **the head** out of the house of the wicked, by discovering the foundation unto the neck".

## He Shall Drink Of The Brook

- "The man who is stooping at the brook is the man who is consecrated to bring the victory of God to suffering souls and broken hearts, to set the captives free and destroy the oppressors. He will not be diverted from his high purpose by unnecessary things, he is **devoted unreservedly to the holy enterprise of High Priesthood**".

"He will never excuse sin, but he will save to the uttermost. His love is set on men in the midst of their ruin. **By the mystery of his abiding priesthood the broken ones are remade**, the lost ones are reclaimed, the sorrowing ones are made to rejoice".

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## Theophilus: Symbolic or Specific?

- There has been debate on the significance of the name. Since Theophilus means “friend of God”, some take the word to indicate that **Theophilus was a symbolic person** who represents the disciples throughout the ages, and that the gospel is therefore written to all who might read with a believing heart.
- The term – “most excellent” is an honorific title. It is only used elsewhere in scripture of Roman appointed authorities. **Acts 23:26, 24:3** (Antonius Felix), and **Acts 26:25** (Porcius Festus). The title indicates that **Theophilus was a specific person**, and a man of official rank.

## The Harmony Of Luke And John

	Luke	John
Hostility at the Feast		<b>10:22-42</b>
Dining with a Chief Pharisee	<b>14:1-35</b>	
Parables of the Lost	<b>15:1-32</b>	
The Unjust Steward	<b>16:1-18</b>	
The Rich Man & Lazarus	<b>16:19-31</b>	
The Unprofitable Servant	<b>17:1-10</b>	
The Healing of the Lepers	<b>17:11-19</b>	
The Raising of Lazarus		<b>11:1-46</b>
The Reaction of Caiaphas		<b>11:47-57</b>
The Coming of the Son of Man	<b>17:20-37</b>	
The Unjust Judge	<b>18:1-8</b>	
The Pharisee & the Publican	<b>18:9-14</b>	

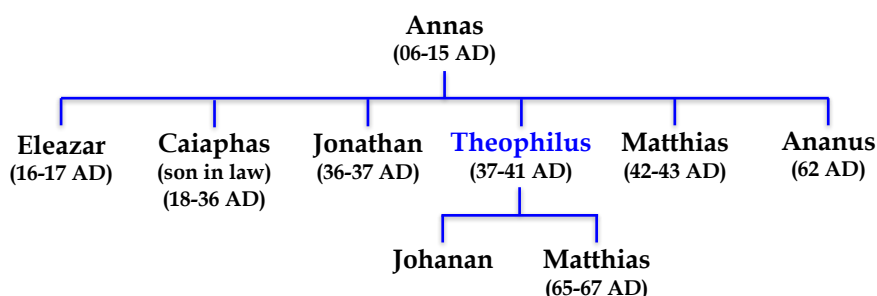
## The Five Sons Of Annas

■ “Now the report goes, that this elder Ananus (Annas) proved a most fortunate man; for he had five sons, who had all performed the office of the High Priest to God, and he had himself enjoyed that dignity a long time formerly, which had never happened to any other of our High Priests...

... but as for the High Priest Ananus (Annas), he increased in glory every day, and this to a great degree, and had obtained the favour and esteem of the citizens in a signal manner”.

**Antiquities Of The Jews, Book 20, Chapter 9.1,2  
Flavius Josephus**

## The House Of Annas



■ **Theophilus** appointed as High Priest by Lucius Vitellius (Roman Governor of Syria) in AD 37

■ **Theophilus** deposed as High Priest by Herod Agrippa 1 (King of Judea) in AD 41



## Psalm 110:1 In The Book Of Luke

- **Luke 20:39-44** - "Then certain of the scribes answering said, Master, thou hast said well. And after that they durst not ask him any questions at all. And he said unto them, How say they that Christ is David's son? And David himself saith in the book of Psalms, **The LORD said unto my Lord,** Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool. David therefore calleth him Lord, how is then his son?"
- **Matthew 22:41-46, Mark 12:35-37** - This episode, noted in all the synoptics, turns on the real significance of the first line of the psalm. The only possible answer was that the 'Lord' addressed must be God's son.

## Messiah - Whose Son Is He?

- "the gospel narratives... explain why in a man, the deportment of God is visible; why in sinful flesh, a sinless character was evolved... why a babe born in Bethlehem should speak as having come down from heaven... why a man should at once be David's son and David's Lord".

They show us... Christ's sayings (were) referable to the Father in him, whose Son, and medium, and power he was... Both Pharisees and Sadducees stood speechless in the presence of Christ incisive question. They could not get away from Psalm 110.

**Nazareth Revisited, Page 267**  
**Robert Roberts**

## Psalm 110:1 In The Book Of Luke

- **Matthew 26:64** - "I adjure thee... whether thou be the Christ, the Son of God. Jesus said unto him, Thou hast said: nevertheless I say unto you, Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven".
- **Mark 14:61-62** - "Art thou the Christ, the Son of the blessed? And Jesus said, I am: and ye shall see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven".
- **Luke 22:67-69** - "Art thou the Christ? tell us. And he said unto them, If I tell you, ye will not believe... Hereafter shall the Son of man sit on the right hand of the power of God".

## A Priest Ministering In The Present

- **Luke 22:69-70** - "Art thou the Christ? Tell us. And he said unto them, If I tell you, ye will not believe: And if I also ask you, ye will not answer me, nor let me go. Hereafter (*nun* = *now*) shall the Son of man sit on the right hand of the power of God. Then said they all, Art thou then the Son of God? And he said unto them, Ye say that I am".
- **Hebrews 9:23-24** - "the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are figures of the true; but into heaven itself *now* (*nun*) to appear in the presence of God for us".

## A Priest Consecrated To His Office

- **Leviticus 16:32** - "And the priest... whom he shall **consecrate** (LXX - *teleioo*) to minister in the priest's office... shall make the atonement."
- **Hebrews 2:10,17** - "make the captain of their salvation **perfect** (*teleioo*) through sufferings... that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest".
- **Hebrews 5:9** - "And being made **perfect** (*teleioo*) he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him. Called of God an high priest".
- **Hebrews 7:28** - "For the law maketh men high priests which have infirmity, but the word of the oath, which was since the law, the Son, who is **consecrated** (*teleioo*) for evermore".

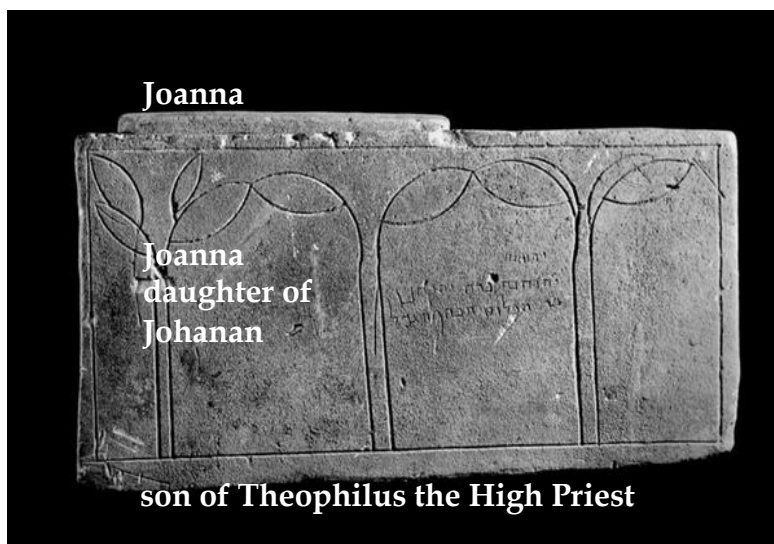
## Priestly Ascension In Luke's Gospel

- **Luke 9:31** - "Who appeared in glory and spake of **his decease** which he should accomplish at Jerusalem".
- **Luke 9:51** - "And it came to pass when the time was come that he should **be received up**".
- **Luke 13:32** - "today and tomorrow and the third day I shall **be perfected** (*teleioo*)".
- **Luke 24:26** - "Ought not Christ to have suffered these things , and **to enter into his glory**?".
- **Luke 24:51** - "And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and **carried up into heaven**".

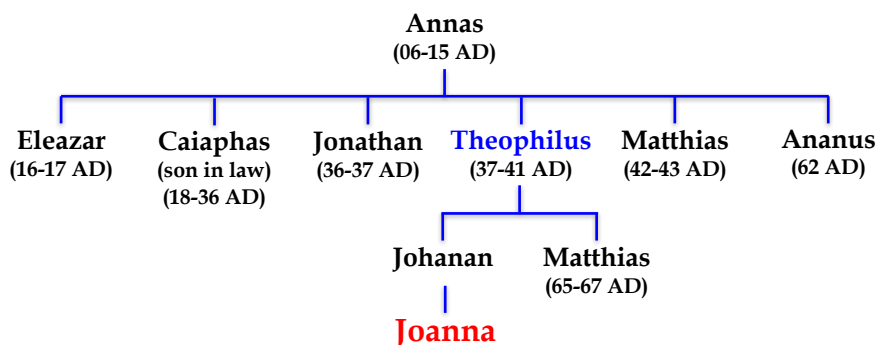
## The Joanna Chiasmus Of Luke 24

<b>A</b>	and they remembered his words	( <i>rhema</i> )
<b>B</b>	and told all these things unto the eleven	( <i>tauta</i> )
<b>C</b>	and to all the others	( <i>loipoy</i> )
<b>D</b>	Mary Magdalene	( <i>Mariam</i> )
<b>X</b>	and <b>Joanna</b>	
<b>D</b>	Mary of James	( <i>Mariam</i> )
<b>C</b>	and the others with them	( <i>loipoy</i> )
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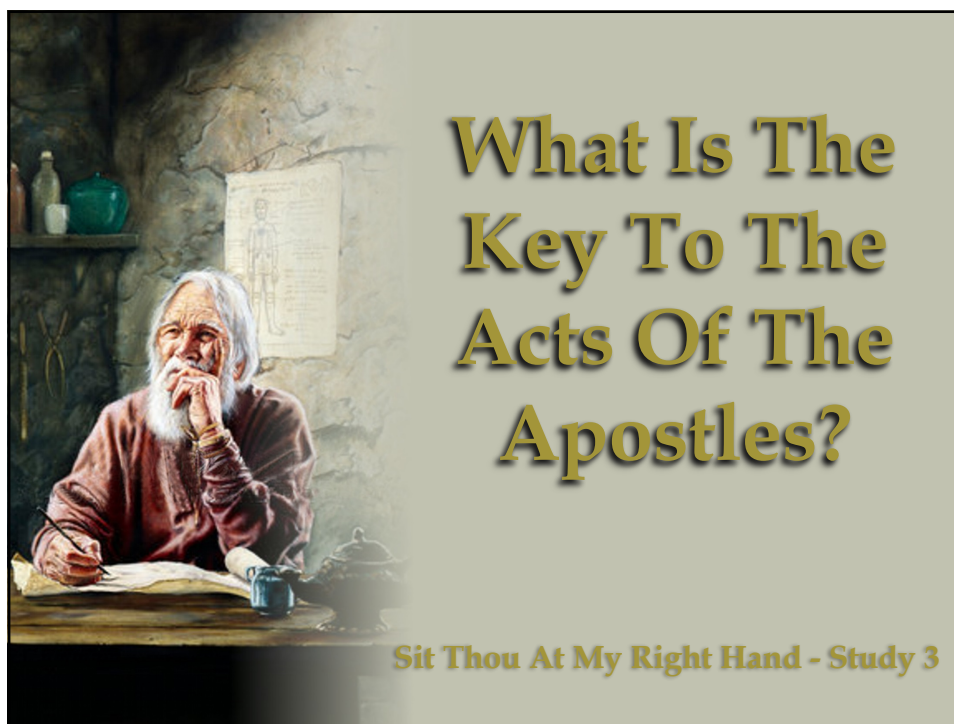
## The Stone Ossuary Of Hizma



## The House Of Annas



- Joanna was the granddaughter of Theophilus the High Priest, and is introduced by Luke as his key witness to the angelic pronouncement that Christ was resurrected to life.



## The Prologue Of Acts

■ **Acts 1:1-3** - "The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus of all that Jesus began to do and teach, Until the day in which, after that he through the Holy Spirit had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen, was taken up: To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God".

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## Psalm 110:1 In The Book Of Acts

- **Acts 2:33-35** - "Therefore being ('to' GLT) **the right hand of God exalted**... For David is not ascended into **the heavens**: but he saith himself, The LORD said unto my Lord, **Sit thou on my right hand**".
- **Acts 3:20-21** - "And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: Whom **the heavens must receive** until the times of restitution".
- **Acts 5:31** - "Him hath God **exalted** with ('to' NKJV) **his right hand** to be a Prince and a Saviour".
- **Acts 7:56** - "And said, Behold, I see **the heavens opened**, and the Son of man standing on **the right hand of God**".

## The Willing Warriors Of The Priest

Peter		Paul
<b>3:1-11</b>	Both heal a man who is lame from his mother's womb <b>Peter at Jerusalem   Paul at Lystra</b>	<b>14:8-18</b>
<b>5:15-16</b>	Both possessed special powers of miraculous healing <b>Peter's shadow   Paul's skin</b>	<b>19:11-12</b>
<b>8:14-17</b>	Both could impart the Holy Spirit by the laying on of hands <b>Peter in Samaria   Paul in Ephesus</b>	<b>19:5-7</b>
<b>8:18-23</b>	Both denounce a sorcerer under prophetic guidance <b>Peter to Simon   Paul to Elymas</b>	<b>13:8-12</b>
<b>9:39-42</b>	Both raise one from the dead and present them alive <b>Peter with Dorcas   Paul with Eutychus</b>	<b>20:8-12</b>

## The Willing Warriors Of The Priest

Peter		Paul
12:3-4	Both are captured and taken by the authorities of the realm <u>The Arrest Of Christ</u>	16:20-23
12:6	Both were imprisoned and bound with chains and bands <u>The Crucifixion Of Christ</u>	16:24
12:9-10	Both were released from their bonds by divine intervention <u>The Resurrection Of Christ</u>	16:26-28
12:12	Both made special visitation after release to see their brethren <u>The Appearances Of Christ</u>	16:40
12:17	Both finally departed to another place to continue their work <u>The Ascension Of Christ</u>	16:40

## A Priest Who Ministers Forgiveness

- **Acts 2:38** - "Repent, and be baptised... in the name of Jesus Christ for the **forgiveness of sins**".
- **Acts 5:31** - "Him hath God exalted with ('to' NKJV) his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel and **forgiveness of sins**".
- **Acts 10:43** - "that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive **forgiveness of sins**".
- **Acts 13:38** - "through this man is preached unto you the **forgiveness of sins**, and by him all that believe are justified from all things".
- **Acts 26:18** - "that they may receive **forgiveness of sins**, ... sanctified by faith (belief) that is in me".



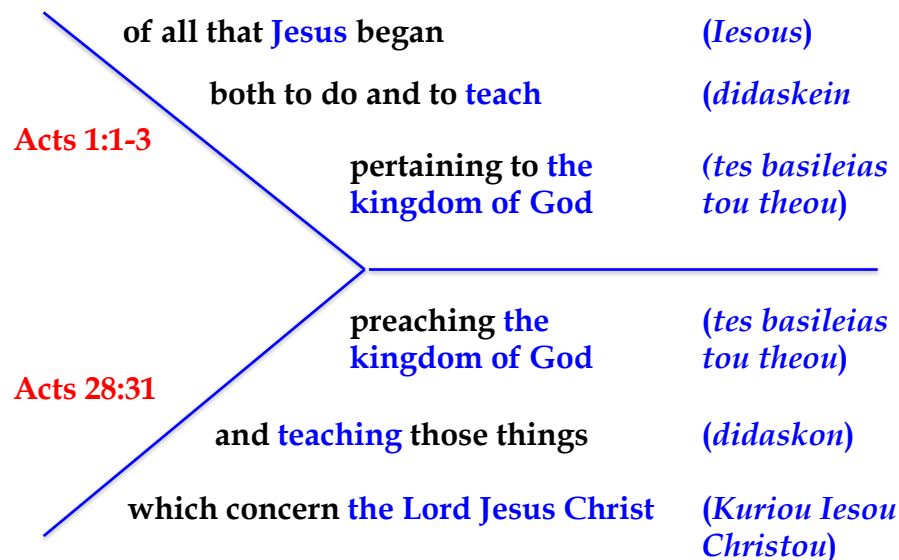
## The Acts Of The Ascended Lord

- **Acts 1:22-26** - "Thou, Lord, which knowest the hearts of all men, shew whether of these two thou hast chosen... and the lot fell on Matthias".
- **Acts 2:33-36** - "Therefore being... exalted... he hath shed (RSV - poured out) this, which ye now see and hear... God hath made (him) both Lord and Christ".
- **Acts 9:10-16** - "and to him said the Lord in a vision, Ananias, And he said, Behold, I am here Lord. And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go".
- **Acts 11:20-21** - "come to Antioch... preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them: and a great number believed, and turned unto the Lord".

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- **Acts 16:6-10** - "forbidden of the Holy Spirit... the Spirit (RSV of Jesus) suffered them not... assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us for to preach".
- **Acts 18:9-11** - "Then spake the Lord to Paul in the night by a vision, Be not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy peace: For I am with thee".
- **Acts 22:19-21** - "And I said Lord ... I imprisoned them that believed on thee... and he said unto me, Depart: for I will send thee far hence unto the Gentiles".
- **Acts 23:11** - "the Lord stood by him, and said, Be of good cheer, Paul: for as thou hast testified of me in Jerusalem, so must thou bear witness also at Rome".

## The Chiasmus Of The Book Of Acts



## Who Was The Epistle To The Hebrews Written For?

Sit Thou At My Right Hand - Study 4

## The Prologue Of Hebrews

■ **Hebrews 1:1-4** - "God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed the heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high; Being made so much better the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they".

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## The Writer To The Hebrews

■ **Hebrews 2:3** - "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at **the beginning** (*arche*) began to be spoken by the Lord and was **confirmed unto us** by **them that heard him**".

■ The writer to the Hebrews was not **one of the first** of those disciples who companied with the Lord, but was **a subsequent follower**.

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## Hebrews Is Written For Priests

- **Hebrews 4:12-13** - "the word of God... is sharper than any two edged sword (*machaira*).. dividing asunder... all things are naked and open (*trachelizo*) unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do".
- **Hebrews 9:3-4** - "And after the second veil the tabernacle which is called the holiest of all: which had the golden censer (*thumiasterion*) - the golden altar of incense (RSV)".
- **Hebrews 13:10-11** - "We have an altar (*thusiasterion*), whereof they have no right to eat which serve the tabernacle. For the bodies of those beasts, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin are burned without the camp".

## The Office Of The Priesthood

<b>Priest</b> ( <i>hiereus</i> )		<b>High Priest</b> ( <i>archiereus</i> )	
<b>Matthew</b> -	3	<b>Matthew</b> -	25
<b>Mark</b> -	2	<b>Mark</b> -	22
<b>Luke</b> -	5	<b>Luke</b> -	16
<b>John</b> -	1	<b>John</b> -	21
<b>Acts</b> -	4	<b>Acts</b> -	22
<b>Hebrews</b> -	14	<b>Hebrews</b> -	<u>17</u>
<b>Revelation</b> -	<u>3</u>	<b>Total</b> -	123
<b>Total</b> -	32		

- The **Priesthood** of Christ is the key theme of Luke's writings, and he consistently uses both these words.
- However the word **Priest** (*hiereus*) or **High Priest** (*archiereus*) never occur in Paul's writings.

## Language In Luke And Hebrews

-  **to propitiate** - 2433 *hilaskomai*
  - **Luke 18:13**
  - **Hebrews 2:17**
-  **priesthood** - 2405 *hierateia*
  - **Luke 1:9**
  - **Hebrews 7:5**
-  **complete** - 3838 *panteles*
  - **Luke 13:11**
  - **Hebrews 7:25**
-  **redemption** - 3085 *lutrosis*
  - **Luke 1:68, 2:38**
  - **Hebrews 9:12**
-  **to enroll** - 583 *apographo*
  - **Luke 2:1,3,5**
  - **Hebrews 12:23**
-  **perfection** - 5050 *teleiosis*
  - **Luke 1:45**
  - **Hebrews 7:11**

## Language In Acts And Hebrews

-  **author** - 747 *archegos*
  - **Acts 3:15, 5:31**
  - **Hebrews 2:10, 12:2**
-  **rest** - 2663 *katapausis*
  - **Acts 7:49**
  - **Hebrews 3:11,18, 4:1,3,5,10,11**
-  **to receive** - 324 *anadechomai*
  - **Acts 28:7**
  - **Hebrews 11:17**
-  **upright** - 3717 *orthos*
  - **Acts 14:10**
  - **Hebrews 12:13**
-  **to consider** - 333 *anatheoreo*
  - **Acts 17:23**
  - **Hebrews 13:7**
-  **to write** - 1989 *epistello*
  - **Acts 15:20, 21:25**
  - **Hebrews 13:22**

## Language In Luke, Acts And Hebrews

-  **to release** - 525 *apallasso*  
 ➤ Luke 12:58 ➤ Acts 19:12 ➤ Hebrews 2:15
-  **to meet** - 4876 *sunantao*  
 ➤ Luke 9:37, 22:10 ➤ Acts 10:25, 20:22 ➤ Hebrews 7:1,10
-  **to restore** - 461 *arnathoo*  
 ➤ Luke 13:13 ➤ Acts 15:16 ➤ Hebrews 12:12
-  **to covenant** - 1303 *diatithemai*  
 ➤ Luke 22:29 ➤ Acts 3:25 ➤ Hebrews 8:10, 9:16-17, 10:16
-  **to cause** - 158,159 *aitios*  
 ➤ Luke 23:4,14,22 ➤ Acts 19:40 ➤ Hebrews 5:9
-  **to pass through** - 1224 *diabaino*  
 ➤ Luke 16:26 ➤ Acts 16:9 ➤ Hebrews 11:29

## Language In Luke, Acts And Hebrews

-  **Aaron** - 2 *Aaron*  
 ➤ Luke 1:5 ➤ Acts 7:40 ➤ Hebrews 5:4, 7:11, 9:4
-  **devout** - 2124,5,6 *eulabeia, eulabeomai, eulabes*  
 ➤ Luke 2:25 ➤ Acts 2:5, 8:2 ➤ Hebrews 5:7, 11:7, 12:28
-  **star** - 798 *astron*  
 ➤ Luke 21:25 ➤ Acts 7:43, 27:20 ➤ Hebrews 11:12
-  **to be disabled** - 3886 *paraluo*  
 ➤ Luke 5:18, 24 ➤ Acts 8:7, 9:33 ➤ Hebrews 12:12
-  **report, sound** - 2279 *echos*  
 ➤ Luke 4:37, 21:25 ➤ Acts 2:2 ➤ Hebrews 12:19
-  **citizen** - 4177 *polites*  
 ➤ Luke 15:15, 19:14 ➤ Acts 21:39 ➤ Hebrews 8:11

## Psalm 110:1 In The Book Of Hebrews

- **Hebrews 1:3,13** - "when he had by himself purged (made purification - RSV) for our sins, **sat down on the right hand** of the Majesty on high... to which of the angels said he... **Sit thou on my right hand**".
- **Hebrews 8:1** - "this is the sum: We have such an high priest, who is **set on the right hand** of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens".
- **Hebrews 10:12** - "But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, **sat down on the right hand** of God".
- **Hebrews 12:2** - "Looking unto Jesus... who... is **set down at the right hand** of the throne of God".

## A Priest Who Is Also The Offering

- **Hebrews 1:3** - "Who... when **he had by himself purged** (made purification - RSV) for our sins, **sat down on the right hand** of the Majesty on high".
- **Hebrews 7:27** - "Who needeth not daily as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice... for this he did **when he offered up himself**".
- **Hebrews 9:14** - "How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit **offered himself without spot** to God".
- **Hebrews 9:26** - "but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin **by the sacrifice of himself**".

## Psalm 110:4 In The Book Of Hebrews

- **Hebrews 7:21** - "For those priests were made without an oath, but this with an oath by him that said unto him, **The Lord sware and will not repent**, Thou *art* a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek".
- **Hebrews 5:6** - "As he saith also in another place, **Thou art a priest** for ever after the order of Melchizedek".
- **Hebrews 7:16-17** - "After the power of an endless life, For he testifieth, Thou *art* a priest **for ever** after the order of Melchizedek".
- **Hebrews 6:20** - "Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an high priest for ever **after the order of Melchizedek**".

## A Priest Who Is Alive For Evermore

- **Luke 24:5-6** - "And as they were afraid... they said unto them, Why seek ye him that is alive (zao) among the dead? He is not here, but is risen".
- **Luke 24:23** - "And when they found not the body, they came saying, that they had also seen a vision of angels, which said that he was alive (zao)".
- **Acts 1:3** - "To whom also he shewed himself alive (zao) after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days".
- **Hebrews 7:25** - "Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost... seeing he is ever alive (zao) to make intercession for them".



## A Priest Who Intercedes In Heaven

- **Luke 24:51** – “while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up **into heaven**”.
- **Acts 1:9-11** – “while they beheld he was taken up... ye have seen him go **into heaven**”.
- **Hebrews 4:14** – “Seeing then we have a great high priest, that is passed **into the heavens**”.
- **Hebrews 8:1** – “We have such an high priest... set on the right hand of... the Majesty **in the heavens**”.
- **Hebrews 9:24** – “For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands... but **into heaven** itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us”.

## Christ's Ascension To Priesthood

- **BASF Clause 13** – “That on the third day, God raised him from the dead, and exalted him to the heavens **as the priestly mediator** between God and man, in the process of gathering from among them a people who should be saved by the belief and obedience of the Truth”. **Acts 2:24-27, 10:40, 13:30-37, 1 Corinthians 15:4**
- **BASF Clause 14** – “That **he is a priest over his own house** only, and does not intercede for the world, or for professors who are abandoned to disobedience. That **he makes intercession for his erring brethren** if they confess and forsake their sins”. **Proverbs 28:13, Luke 24:51, John 17:9, Acts 5:31, 13:39, 15:14, Eph. 1:20, 1 Timothy 2:5, Hebrews 4:14,15, 8:1, 10:26, 1 John 2:1**

## Luke's Witness To Psalm 110

- **Volume One - Luke** - Written to outline the amazing promise of Christ's priesthood, and to confirm the reality of his exaltation as an ascended priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.
- **Volume Two - Acts** - Written to assert the dynamic power of Christ's priesthood, through the mighty acts and influence of the ascended Lord, as a ministering priest after the order of Melchizedek.
- **Volume Three - Hebrews** - Written to explain the surpassing excellence of Christ's priesthood, and the wonder of his intercession as an ascended priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.