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The Acts of the Apostles “To the end of the earth” Acts 1:8

Inerrancy and Acts 7: Summary of Acts 1–7 Acts 6:11–7:60



Inspiration and Inerrancy of the Bible

Inspiration [Greek, θεὸπνευστος (*theopneustos*) literally “God-breathed”] God the Holy Spirit so supernaturally directed the human writers of Scripture, that without waiving their human intelligence, vocabulary, individuality, literary style, personality, personal feelings, or any other human factor, His complete and coherent message to mankind was recorded with perfect accuracy in the original languages of Scripture, the very words bearing the authority of Divine authorship. (John 10:35; Matthew 5:18; 2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:21; 1 Corinthians 2:14–16)

Inerrancy means that in the original autographs, which no longer exist, but whose wording we can recover through the comparison of extant manuscripts, is inerrant, being free from all falsehood, fraud, or deceit.

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Gen. 15:13, “Then He said to Abram: ‘Know certainly that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, and will serve them, and they will afflict them four hundred years.’ ”

Ex. 12:40, “Now the sojourn of the children of Israel who lived in Egypt was four hundred and thirty years.

Gal. 3:17, “And this I say, that the law, which was four hundred and thirty years later, cannot annul the covenant that was confirmed before by God in Christ, that it should make the promise of no effect.”

Date of the Exodus 1446 B.C.

Plus 400/430 years 1886 B.C. 1916 B.C.
approx. the time of the death of Joseph.

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1. The MT of Ex. 1:5 states 70.
2. Stephen seems to quote the LXX number (Gen. 46:27; Ex. 1:5).
This included 5 extra persons—the son and grandson of Manasseh, and 2 sons and a grandson of Ephraim.

Acts 7:16, “And they were carried back to Shechem and laid in the tomb that Abraham bought for a sum of money from the sons of Hamor, the father of Shechem.”

Acts 7:37, “This is that Moses who said to the children of Israel, ‘The LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your brethren. Him you shall hear.’ ”

Deut. 18:15, “The LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your midst, from your brethren. Him you shall hear,

Deut. 18:16, “according to all you desired of the LORD your God in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God, nor let me see this great fire anymore, lest I die.’

Deut. 18:17, “And the LORD said to me: ‘What they have spoken is good.

Deut. 18:18, “ ‘I will raise up for them a Prophet like you from among their brethren, and will put My words in His mouth, and He shall speak to them all that I command Him.

Deut. 18:19, “ ‘And it shall be that whoever will not hear My words, which He speaks in My name, I will require it of him.’ ”

- 1. Non-Messianic view, innovated by some medieval Jewish interpreters, sees this as referring to a specific future prophet, but not the Messiah; Abarbanel said Jeremiah, Ibn Ezra said Joshua.**
- 2. *A collective non-Messianic view, i.e., the office of the prophet.***
- 3. *The collective Messianic view.***
- 4. The specific, individual Messianic view.**

Deut. 34:10, “But since then there has not arisen in Israel a prophet like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face,

Deut. 34:11, “in all the signs and wonders which the LORD sent him to do in the land of Egypt, before Pharaoh, before all his servants, and in all his land,

Deut. 34:12, “and by all that mighty power and all the great terror which Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.”

Acts 7:42, “Then God turned and gave them up to worship the host of heaven, as it is written in the book of the Prophets: ‘Did you offer Me slaughtered animals and sacrifices during forty years in the wilderness, O house of Israel?

Acts 7:43, “ ‘You also took up the tabernacle of Moloch, and the star of your god Remphan, images which you made to worship; and I will carry you away beyond Babylon.’ ”

Amos 5:25, “ ‘Did you offer Me sacrifices and offerings in the wilderness forty years, O house of Israel?

Amos 5:26, “ ‘You also carried Sikkuth your king and Chiun, your idols, the star of your gods, which you made for yourselves.

Amos 5:27, “ ‘Therefore I will send you into captivity beyond Damascus,’ says the LORD, whose name is the God of hosts.”

Jer. 32:35, “And they built the high places of Baal which are in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, to cause their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire to Molech, which I did not command them, nor did it come into My mind that they should do this abomination, to cause Judah to sin.”

2 Kings 23:10, “And he defiled Topheth, which is in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, that no man might make his son or his daughter pass through the fire to Molech.”