

Element 4A & B: Historical Narrative of Israel: Main Gospel Scriptures

The Scriptures That Contain the Eight Sample Gospel Pattern Proclamations in: “The Continuing Acts of Jesus Christ by the Holy Spirit through the Apostles & the Earliest Church Communities of the Christ” / How Is the History of Israel Bad News & Good News and How Did the Apostles Use That History?

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I. Eight Essential Elements: Outline & Overview (Discuss Bad News & Good News)

0. Intro: Proclamation / Pre-Evangelism / Disciples / Pole Fishing / Diagnostic Tools / 7 Missing Elements
1. God: Essential Biblical Attributes: (Non-Communicable & Communicable)
2. Man: Essential Biblical Attributes: (3 Issues / Culpability / Empowerment)
3. The 10 Commandments: (Exodus 20:1-17) & (Deuteronomy 5:1-21)
4. Historical Narrative of Israel & Warning(s) of Eternal Judgment Day: The Gospel Presentations in Acts
5. Jesus Christ: Only Mediator: Intro to Christology: Bridge / Solution / Ministry / Atonement / Reign
6. Receiving Jesus Christ: (John 1:12-13) Responding: Key Components & Exchanges of Soteriology
7. The First 5 Steps Into the Kingdom of Christ: Acts 2:37-47 (See Pt. I, E, 3 Above)
8. Maturing in Jesus Christ: 3 Tools of Grace - Vital Growth Ingredients / Necessity of Discipleship

II. The Good News & the Bad News: The Gap / Judgment & Mercy

- A. Magnify to Clarify the Gap: (Note the Substance of Magnification: Adjusting / Fixing Our Perspective)

(Isaiah 59:2) Behold, the LORD's hand is not so short That it cannot save; Nor is His ear so dull That it cannot hear. ² But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, And your sins have hidden His face from you so that He does not hear. ³ For your hands are defiled with blood And your fingers with iniquity; Your lips have spoken falsehood, Your tongue mutters wickedness. (And More ...) (Also Colossians 2:13-14) (Ephesians 2:1-22 Summary) Dead / 3 Insurmountable Enemies / Made Alive / Workmanship / Promised Israel

B. Mercy Triumphs Over Judgment: Flee from the Wrath (Matt. 3:7; Luke 2:7; Rom. 5:9; 1 Thess 1:10; Etc.) (2 Corinthians 2: 14-17) But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere. ¹⁵ For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing, ¹⁶ to one a fragrance from death to death, to the other a fragrance from life to life. Who is sufficient for these things?¹⁷ For we are not, like so many, peddlers of God's word, but as men of sincerity, as commissioned by God, in the sight of God we speak in Christ. (ESV) (1 Corinthians 1:18-24) For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who ¹are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written, “I WILL DESTROY THE WISDOM OF THE WISE, AND THE CLEVERNESS OF THE CLEVER I WILL SET ASIDE.”²⁰ Where is the wise man? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not *come to* know God, God was well-pleased through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. ²² For indeed Jews ask for signs and Greeks search for wisdom; ²³ but we preach Christ crucified, to Jews a stumbling block and to Gentiles foolishness, ²⁴ but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. (NASB) (See also reminder in verses 1:25-31)

III. Main Gospel Scriptures In Acts: Using Hebrew Scriptures & Starting to Form Christian Scriptures

(1 Corinthians 15:3-4) ³ For I delivered to you ^[a]as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, (**Note**: Paul is recounting what he proclaimed in Acts 18) (**Explain**: “... according to the Scriptures) **(Acts 1:4-5)** ⁴ And while staying with them He ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, He said, “you heard from me; ⁵ for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” (ESV) (**Explain**: “ ... the Promise of the Father)

(Acts 2:14-36) ³⁶ Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ—this Jesus whom you crucified.” (NASB)

Peter **Quotes:** (Joel 2:28-32 - **Explain**) (Psalm 16:8-11) (Psalm 110:1 – **Explain**) **Summarized:** in Acts 2:36.

(Acts 3:22-26) ²² Moses said, ‘THE LORD GOD WILL RAISE UP FOR YOU A PROPHET LIKE ME FROM YOUR BRETHREN; TO HIM YOU SHALL GIVE HEED to everything He says to you. ²³ And it will be that every soul that does not heed that prophet shall be utterly destroyed from among the people.’ ²⁴ And likewise, all the prophets who have spoken, from Samuel and *his* successors onward, also announced these days. ²⁵ It is you who are the sons of the prophets and of the covenant which God made with your fathers, saying to Abraham, ‘AND IN YOUR SEED ALL THE FAMILIES OF THE EARTH SHALL BE BLESSED.’²⁶ For you first, God raised up His Servant and sent Him to bless you by turning you from ... (NASB)

Peter **Quotes:** (Deuteronomy 18:15, 18-19) (Genesis 18:1-3; 22:18; 26:4)

(Acts 7:2-60) ⁵¹ “You men who are stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears are always resisting the Holy Spirit; you are doing just as your fathers did. ⁵² Which one of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? They killed those who had previously announced the coming of the Righteous One, whose betrayers and murderers you have now become; ⁵³ you who received the law as ordained by angels, and *yet* did not keep it.” (NASB) (Allusions)

Stephen **Quotes:** (Gen. 12:1; 15:14) (Ex. 1:5; 2:14; 3:6-14; 32:1, 23) (Deut. 18:15) (Amos 5:25-27) (Isaiah 60:1-2)

(Acts 8:26-40) ³⁰ Philip ran up and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet, and said, “Do you understand what you are reading?” ³¹ And he said, “Well, how could I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. ³² Now the passage of Scripture which he was reading was this: “HE WAS LED AS A SHEEP TO SLAUGHTER; AND AS A LAMB BEFORE ITS SHEARER IS SILENT, SO HE DOES NOT OPEN HIS MOUTH. ³³ “IN HUMILIATION HIS JUDGMENT WAS TAKEN AWAY; WHO WILL RELATE HIS GENERATION? FOR HIS LIFE IS REMOVED FROM THE EARTH.” ³⁴ The eunuch answered Philip and said, “Please *tell me*, of whom does the prophet say this? Of himself or of someone else?” ³⁵ Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning from this Scripture he preached Jesus to him. (NASB)

Philip **Explains:** (Isaiah 53:7-8) (Later Paul Quotes Isaiah 53 in 2 Corinthians 5:21; Peter in 1 Peter 2:21-25)

(Acts 10:34-48) ³⁶ The word which He sent to the sons of Israel, preaching (the Gospel of) peace through Jesus Christ (He is Lord of all) ⁴³ Of Him all the prophets bear witness that through His name everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins.” (NASB) (Refer again to John 16:7-13 & Ephesians 2:1-22)

Peter **Rethinks Everything** in the Hebrew Scriptures in Route from Joppa to Caesarea:

(Acts 13:14-52) ¹⁴ But going on from Perga, they arrived at Pisidian Antioch, and on the Sabbath day they went into the synagogue and sat down. ¹⁵ After the reading of the Law and the Prophets the synagogue officials sent to them, saying, “Brethren, if you have any word of exhortation for the people, say it.” ¹⁶ Paul stood up, and motioning with his hand said, “Men of Israel, and you who fear God, listen: ¹⁷ The God of this people Israel chose our fathers and made the people great during their stay in the land of Egypt, and with an uplifted arm He led them out from it. ¹⁸ For a period of about forty years He put up with them in the wilderness. (NASB)

Paul **Recounts** History of Israel & **Quotes:** (1 Sam. 13:14) (Ps. 2:7; 16:10; 89:20) (Is. 49:6; 55:3) (Habakkuk 1:5)

(Acts 17) Paul in Thessalonica, Berea & Athens” **Recounts** History of Israel & **Quotes:**

(Acts 28:17-31) ²² ... we desire to hear from you what your views are; for concerning this sect, it is known to us that it is spoken against everywhere.” ²³ When they had set a day for Paul, they came to him ... in large numbers; and he was explaining to them by solemnly testifying about the kingdom of God and trying to persuade them concerning Jesus, from both the Law of Moses and from the Prophets, from morning until evening. ²⁴ Some were being persuaded by the things spoken, but others would not believe. ... ³¹... welcoming all who came to him ³¹ preaching the kingdom of God and teaching concerning the Lord Jesus Christ with all openness, unhindered.

Paul **Recounts** History of Israel, Law & Prophets & **Quotes:** (Isaiah 6:9-10)

IV. Next: Historical Narrative of Israel: The Above Gospel Presentations in Acts Analyzed & Systematized