

Acts Series

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The Acts of the Apostles

“To the end of the earth”

Acts 1:8



Rabbinic Exegesis and OT Use in the NT

Later Judaism discovered that there is a fourfold meaning of Scriptures, which is indicated by the word *pardes* (Paradise), viz. 1. *pshat*, the simple or literal meaning; 2. *remez* (suggestion), the meaning arbitrarily imported into it; 3. *drash* (investigation), the meaning deduced by investigation; and 4. *sod* (mystery), the theosophic meaning.

~Emil Shürer, *A History of the Jewish People in the Time of Christ*, 1:348–9

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In saying this however it must be remarked, that the exegetic method practiced in the New Testament, when compared with the usual Jewish method, is distinguished from it by its great enlightenment. The apostles and the Christian authors in general were preserved from the extravagances of Jewish exegesis by the regulative norm of the gospel.

~Emil Shürer, *A History of the Jewish People in the Time of Christ*, 1:348–9

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Jewish exegesis however, from which such a regulatory was absent, degenerated into the most capricious puerilities. From its standpoint, e.g., the transposition of words into numbers, or of numbers into words, for the purpose of obtaining the most astonishing disclosures, was by no means strange, and quite in accordance with its spirit.

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Literal Prophecy–Literal Fulfillment

Matt. 2:5, “So they said to him, ‘In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet:

Matt. 2:6, “ ‘But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are not the least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you shall come a Ruler who will shepherd My people Israel.’ ”

Mic. 5:2, “But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of you shall come forth to Me the One to be Ruler in Israel, whose goings forth are from of old [*qedem*], from everlasting [*‘olam*].”

Literal Prophecy–Literal Fulfillment

Psalms 22 (describing the death of the Messiah);

Psalms 110:1 (the Messiah will be seated on the right hand of God);

Isaiah 7:14 (the virgin birth);

9:1–2

40:3 (the forerunner of the Messiah);

42:1–4

52:13–53:12 (the rejection, atoning death, burial, and resurrection of the Messiah);

61:1–2a (the prophetic ministry of the Messiah);

Zechariah 9:9 (the ride into Jerusalem on a donkey);

Zechariah 11:4–14 (Messiah will be sold out for 30 pieces of silver);

Malachi 3:1 (the forerunner of the Messiah); et. al.

Literal Historical Event–Typological Fulfillment

Matt. 2:15, “and was there until the death of Herod, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, ‘Out of Egypt I called My Son.’ ”

Hos. 11:1, “When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called My son.”

Literal Historical Event–Typological Fulfillment

Num. 23:21, “He has not observed iniquity in **Jacob**,
nor has He seen wickedness in **Israel**.
The LORD his God is with **him**,
and the shout of a King is ~~among them~~ with **him**.”

Most English translations have “among them.”

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Num. 23:22, “God brings **them [m. pl.]** out of Egypt; He has strength like a wild ox.”

Literal Historical Event–Typological Fulfillment

Num. 24:7, “He shall pour water from his buckets, and his seed shall be in many waters. ‘His king shall be higher than Gog [not Agag], and his kingdom shall be exalted.’

Num. 24:8, “God brings him out of Egypt; He has strength like a wild ox; He shall consume the nations, His enemies; He shall break their bones and pierce them with his arrows.”

Literal Historical Event–Typological Fulfillment

Num. 24:9, “ ‘He bows down, he lies down as a lion; and as a lion, who shall rouse him?’

‘Blessed is he who blesses you, and cursed is he who curses you.’ ”

Gen. 12:2; Gen. 49:10

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