

HOW THE GOSPEL HAS SPREAD.

1. BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

- a. Pentecost one of the three dates when all Israel gathered in Jerus. Deut.16:16.
- b. Three continents gathered in Jerus. Acts 2
14 countries. One tongue that day.

Asia. Africa. Europe.

The rapid spread of the Gospel at the beginning of the era, is an illus. of the coming day. God's judgment had scattered His people. He used this circumstance to spread the Gospel, for each convert was a potential missionary, as he knew the language of the country into which he had been scattered.

2. BY PRAYER IN THE HOLY SPIRIT. There are 20 refs in the Acts to prayer, in 15 chapters.

- a. It was of first importance. 6:4.
- b. No officers chosen without. 6:6; 14:23.
- c. They fasted to pray. 13:2-3; 14:23.
- d. It was a continual resort. 4:12; 16:25.

3. BY PERSECUTION ALLOWED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT.

See some of the words in Acts.

- a. Made havoc.2 times.
- b. Beaten.3 times.
- c. Stripes.one time.
- d. Prison.....15 times.
- e. Kill.....9 times.
- f. Threatening.....3 times.
- g.g. Prisoner.....6 times.

4. TROUBLE BEGAN IN CH.# AND CARRIES ON:-

Ch.4:3;5:27;40; 6;7; 8; 9; 12; 13:50;

14:19; 16; 17:5; 18:6,12; 19; 21:31; 22-28.

Note the word **DIASPEIRO**. 8:4. The devil's purpose was to destroy. God's plan was to scatter and sow the seed.

After the persecution of 4:32, note 5:14
"The multitude that believed".