

AREAS OF CONFUSION BECAUSE OF THE TRANSITION
PERIOD FROM THE AGE OF LAW TO THE AGE OF GRACE

ACTS
(Historical Transition Book)

EPISTLES
(Doctrinal Books)

I. Baptism of the Holy Spirit

In Acts = Sometimes receiving the Holy Spirit was subsequent to or after believing

Acts 2, 8, 10, 19

In the Epistles = Receiving the Holy Spirit was simultaneous with believing.

I Cor. 12:12-13

Eph. 1:13-14

Romans 8:9

II. Speaking in Tongues

In Acts = normative?
Is this a spiritual experience available to all?

Acts 2, 8, 10, 19

In the Epistles = specialized
Is this a spiritual gift given only to some?

I Cor. 12:28-30

III. Ministry of Signs, Wonders & Miracles

In Acts = normative??
Is this normative ministry for today?

Act 2:43

Acts 5:12-16

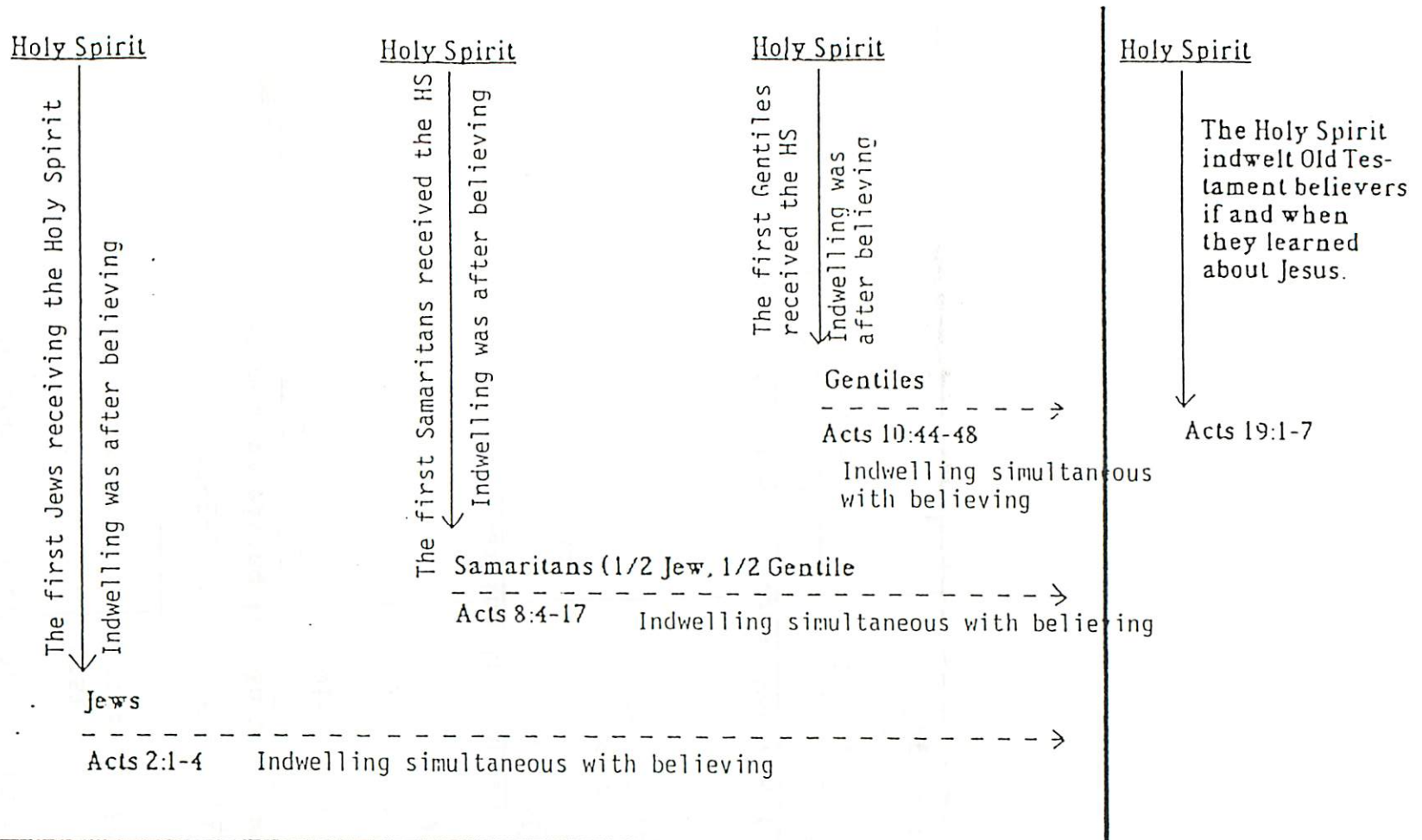
Acts 19:11

In the Epistles = specialized
Is this a specialized ministry for the apostles?

II Cor. 12:11-12

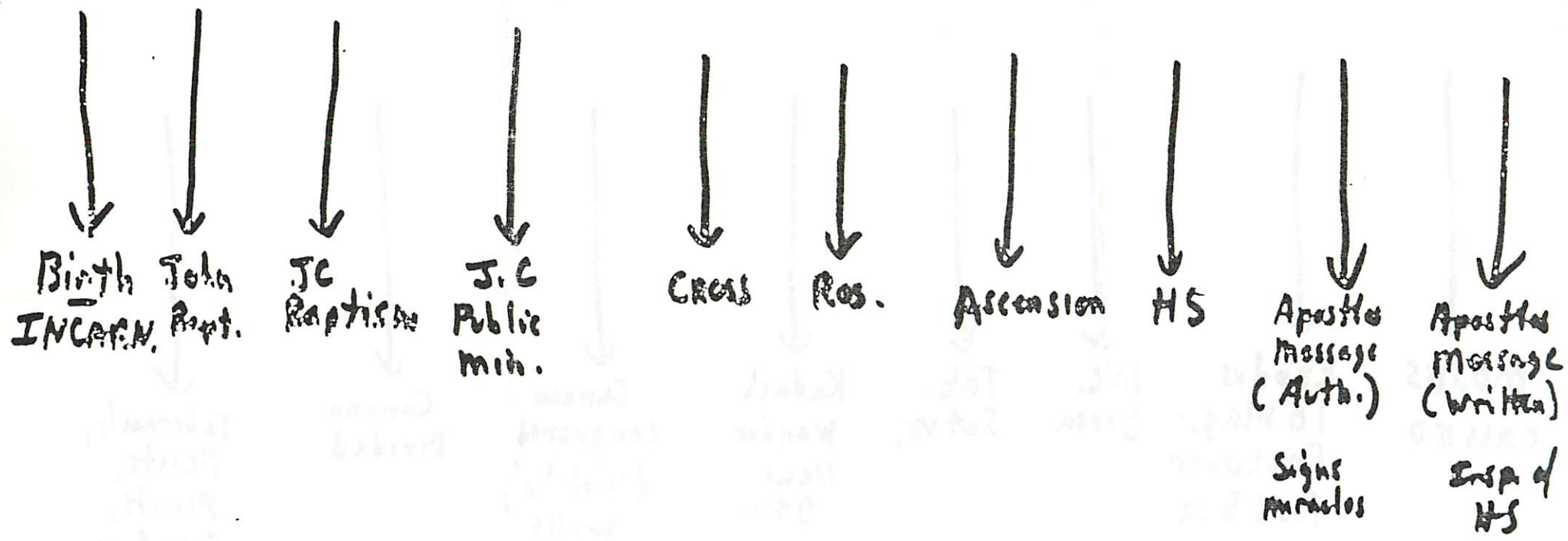
Eph. 2:20

TRANSITIONS IN THE BOOK OF ACTS
(The Baptism or Indwelling of the Holy Spirit)



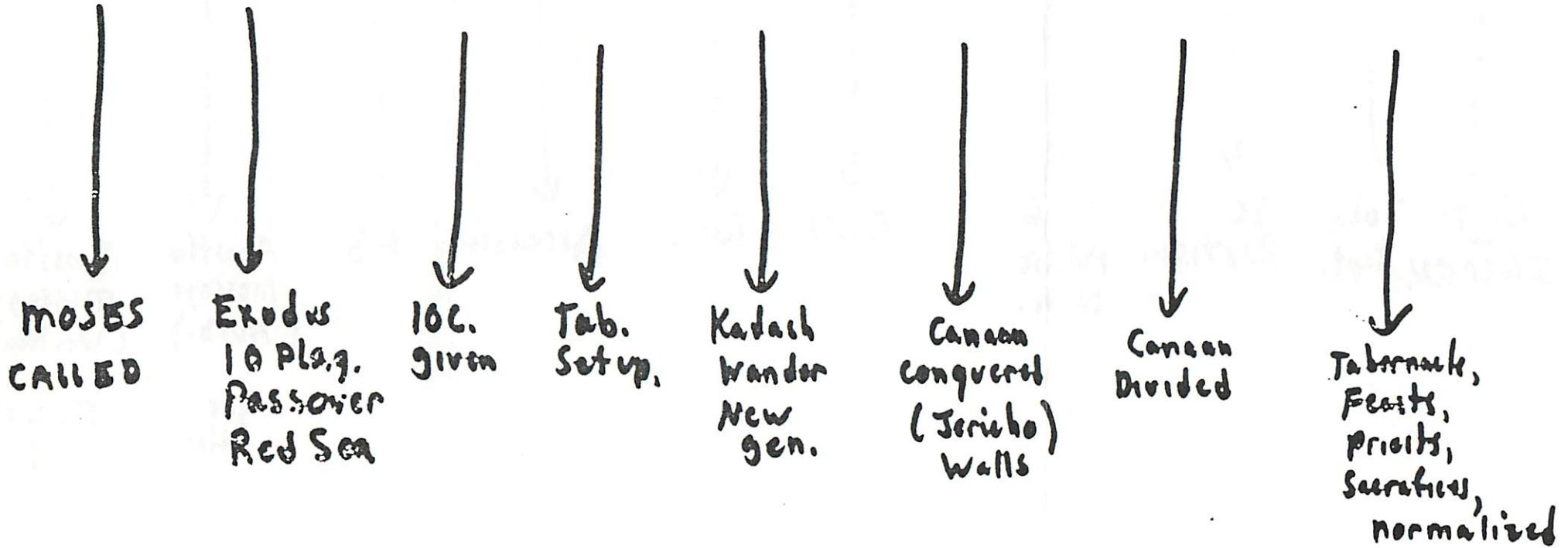
1. Acts 1:8 - Describes the sequential transitions (Jews, Samaritans, Gentiles) that took place in the book of Acts.
2. Matthew 16:19 - Jesus gave Peter the keys of the kingdom, the authority to open the doors of Christendom (to the Jews, Samaritans, Gentiles).

IIb When did the AGE of GRACE begin?

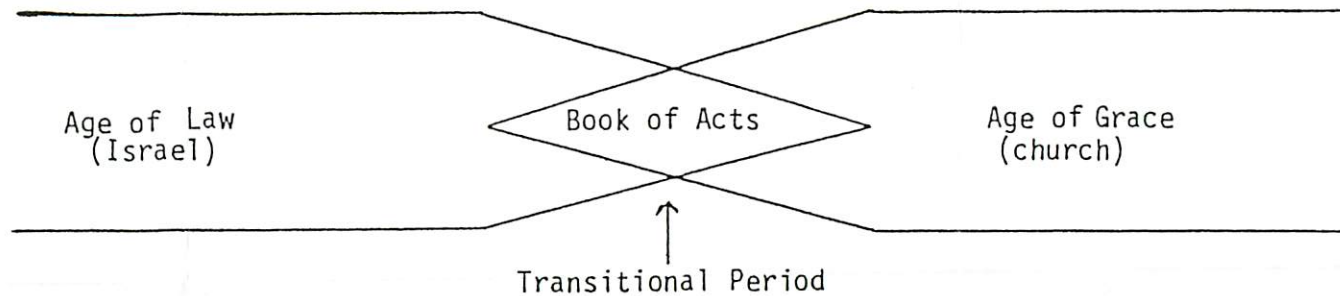


When did the Age of LAW begin?

IIa



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OBSERVATIONS

1. It took a while to get things normalized. In moving from one age to the next, there was a transition period in each case.
2. During the transitions, many unique things took place that were not designed to be normative for the age.
3. There are specific historical books that record the transition to explain how we got to where we are.

1. The Gospels and book of Acts (the historical books) record some of the unique things things that took place during the transition period from the age of law to the age of grace (in order to set up the church age).
2. The Epistles (doctrinal books) record those things which are to be normative for the whole church age.

AGES OR DISPENSATIONS REVEALED IN BIBLICAL HISTORY

