



Gaining A Strategic Grasp of Scripture

The *Outbreak* Against Stephen & *Outgoing* To The Gentiles

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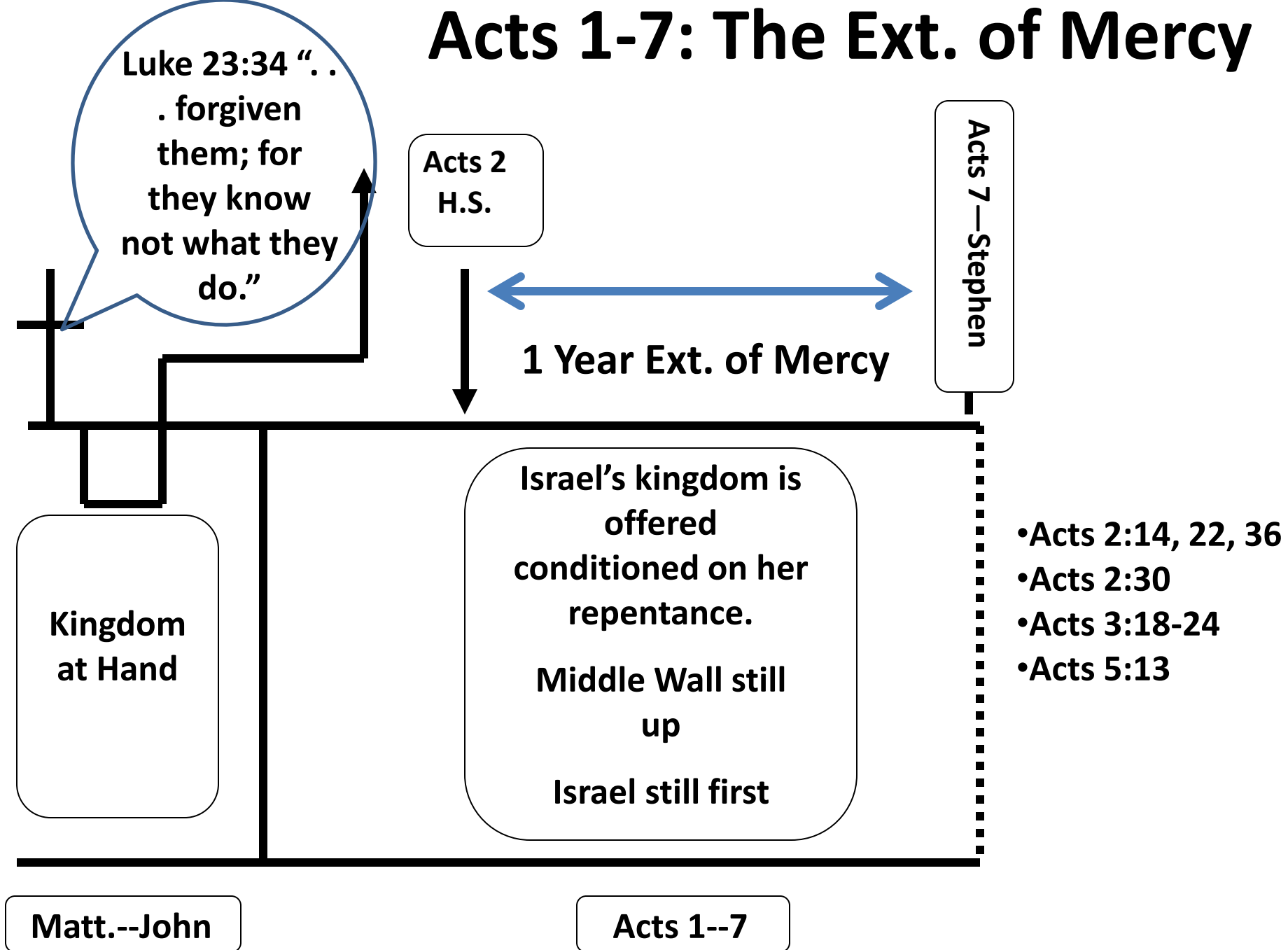
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Three Pivotal Points

- The *Outpouring* of the Spirit.
- The *Outbreak* against Stephen.
- The *Outgoing* to the Gentiles.
- The vast majority of professing Christians believe that the body of Christ began in Acts 2 on the day of Pentecost.

Acts 1-7: The Ext. of Mercy

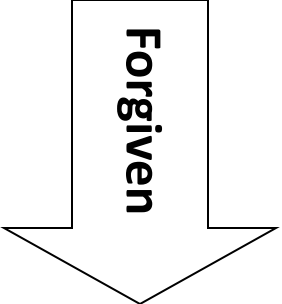


The *Outcry* Against Stephan

- Acts 5:21—as the extension of mercy in early Acts unfolds Israel’s leadership demonstrates their unwillingness to repent.
- Acts 6:15—Stephan was fixing to give Israel a special message to Israel’s leadership. Recall the Moses face shined in a similar fashion when he gave Israel the law.
 - Exodus 34:29-35
- Acts 7:51-53—Israel commits the unpardonable sin.
 - Matthew 12:31-32
- Note the progression of Israel’s guilt in response to God’s threefold call to repentance:
 - She *permitted* the murder of John the Baptist.
 - She *demand*ed the murder of Jesus Christ.
 - She *committed* the murder of Stephan.

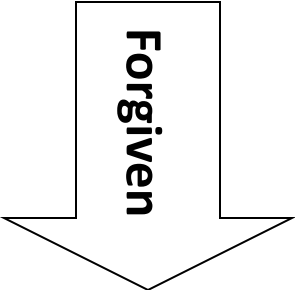
Israel's Three-Fold Rejection of the God Head

Old Testament
Israel rejects the witness of God the Father through the prophets.



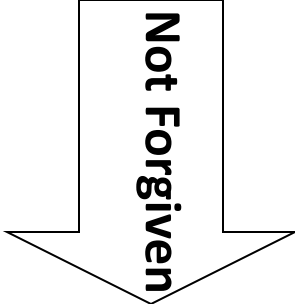
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The Gospels
Israel rejects the witness of God the Son during Jesus earthly ministry.



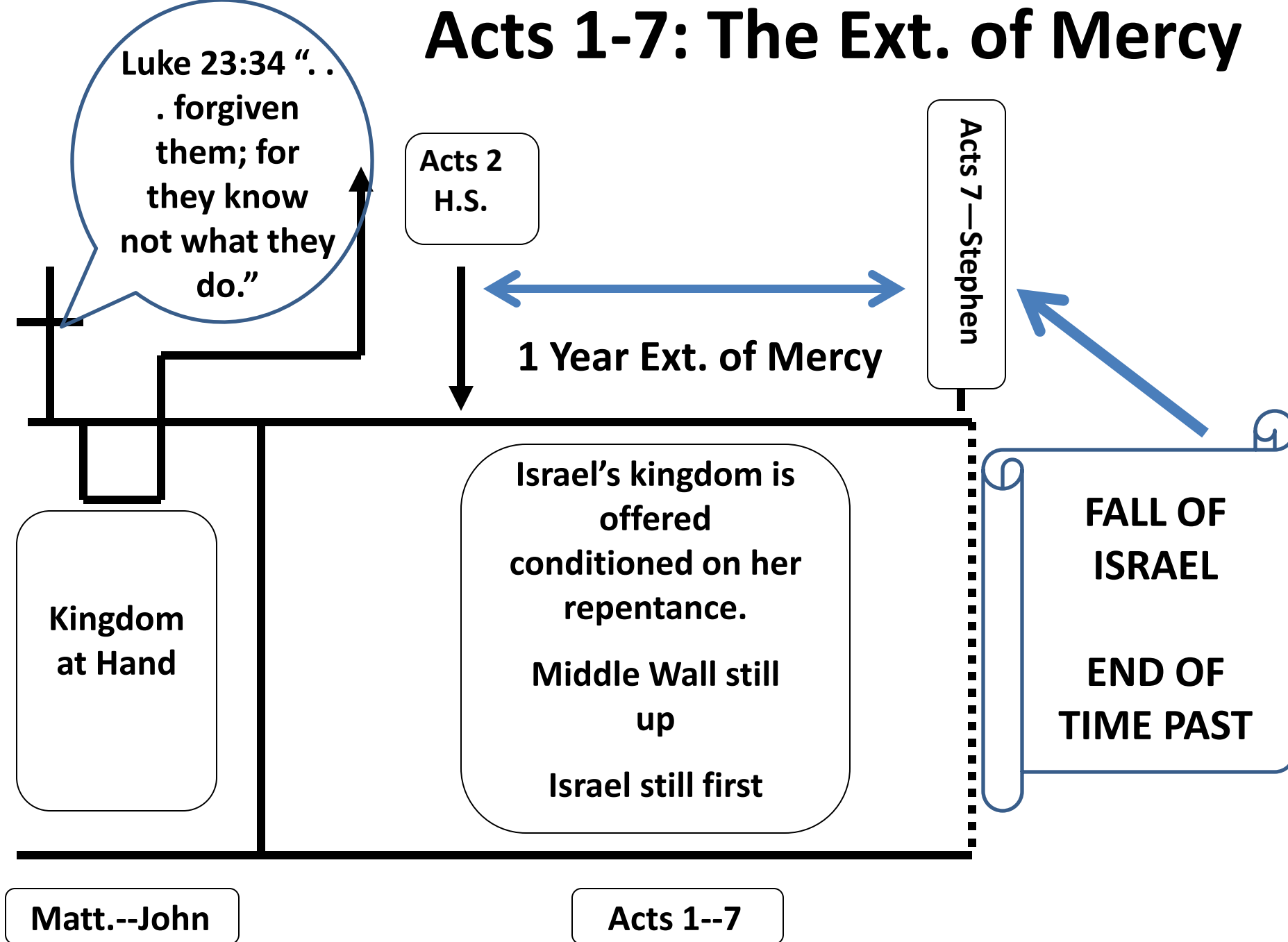
Nation is forgiven
God the Holy Spirit is sent in Acts 2

Acts 1-7
Israel rejects the witness of God the Holy Spirit during the early Acts period.



Nation is rendered in unbelief along with the Gentiles.
Israel Falls.

Acts 1-7: The Ext. of Mercy



The *Outgoing* to the Gentiles

- Acts 7:58, 8:1-3—Saul was consenting unto the death of Stephan and spearheaded a campaign of terror against the Jewish Kingdom church.
- Acts 9:1-8
- Acts 26:16-18—gives more details about what Paul is told at this point:
 - Saul was to a minister of the things which he had seen (Christ on the road) and things that would appear unto him (v. 16).
 - Sent to the gentiles to open the eyes of their understanding, turn them from darkness and from the power of Satan that they might receive the forgiveness of sins(v. 17-18).
 - Acts 9:15
- This is when the Apostleship of the Gentiles begins (Rom. 11:13).
- Things have changed the “but now” has arrived.

Works Cited

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