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Miracles in the Book of Acts

Acts is a historical narrative, in contrast to the epistles, which teach doctrine. **Acts** is a chronicle of the infant experiences of the Messianic Community; the epistles contain instructions for believers throughout the Church Age. Historically, believers committed to a biblical perspective have recognized the difference. They have understood **Acts** as an inspired historical record of the apostolic period, not necessarily viewing every remarkable event recorded there as normative for the entire Church Age.

The book of **Acts** was never intended to be a primary basis for Church doctrine. It records only the earliest days of the Church Age and shows the Church in transition from the TaNaKh to the B'rit Chadashah. The **apostolic** healings, miracles, signs and wonders seen in **Acts** were not common, even in those days. They were exceptional events, each with a specific purpose, always associated with the ministry of **the apostles,** and their frequency can be seen decreasing dramatically from the beginning of **Acts** to the end, as seen below (also see **Ap – Peter Heals a Lame Beggar: A Closer Look at Miracles in Acts**)**.** Therefore, miracles in the book of **Acts** were for the purpose of authenticating the ministry of **the apostles**.[5]

1. **The Holy Spirit** comes at **Shavu'ot**, the birth of the Church **(2:1-4)**.

2. **Tongues of fire came to rest upon** the disciples **(2:3)**.

3. **One hundred and twenty** people were given the gift of **languages** at one time **(2:4)**.

4. **Peter** heals **a beggar, crippled from birth**, who **jumped to his feet and began to walk (3:1-10)**.

5. The disciples prayed for the power to heal, signs and wonders, earthquake response **(4:31)**.

6. **Peter** confronted Ananias and Sapphira with their sin and they died **(5:1-11)**.

7. The apostles healed many, with the implication that they could heal at will **(5:12)**.

8. **Peter's shadow fell on people** and the implication is that they were healed **(5:15)**.

9. An angel of **the Lord** opened the doors of the jail allowing both apostles out **(5:18-19)**.

10. **Stephen** did **great wonders and miraculous signs among the people (6:8)**.

11. **Stephen** saw **Jesus (the Son of Man) standing at the right hand of God (7:56)**.

12. **Philip** did many miraculous signs, **with shrieks, evil spirits came out of many, and many paralytics and cripples were healed. So, there was great joy in that city (8:6-8).**

13. **Simon** said that **anyone** that **Peter and John laid** their **hands on received the Holy Spirit (8:19)**.

14. After baptizing **the Ethiopian eunuch**, **the Ruach ADONAI snatched Philip away (8:39)**.

15. **Sha'ul** had a conversation with Yeshua **(9:4-6)**.

16. **The Lord** blinded **Sha'ul** with **something like scales for three days (9:8-9, 18-19)**.

17. **Peter** healed Aeneas in Lydda, a paralytic, bedridden for eight years **(9:32-35)**.

18. **Peter** raised **Dorcas (Tabitha) from the dead (9:36-42)**.

19. **Cornelius clearly saw** and heard **an angel from God,** and talked to him **(10:3-8, 30-33)**.

20. **Peter** had a vision about the inclusion of the Gentiles into the Messianic Community, and he had a conversation with the Lord **(10:9-16** and **11:5-10)**.

21. **The Gentiles received the Ruach ha-Kodesh** just as the Jews did **(10:44-47** and **11:15-17)**.

22. An **angel of the Lord** spoke to Peter before breaking him out of prison **(12:6-11)**.

23. Because Herod did not give praise to **God**, an **angel of ADONAI** struck him down, and he was **eaten by worms and died (12:23)**.

24. **Paul** cursed **blindness** on **Elymas the magician (13:11)**.

25. **Paul** and Barnabas performed many **signs and wonders** in Iconium **(14:3).**

26. **Paul** healed a man in Lystra who was **lame from birth, who had never walked (14:8-10)**.

27. **Paul** was **stoned**, but was miraculously healed **(14:19-20)**.

28. **Paul** exorcised **a demon** from **a slave girl (16:18)**.

29. **The Lord spoke** to Paul **through a vision (18:9)**.

30. **God was doing extraordinary miracles by Paul's hands, so that even handkerchiefs and aprons that touched his skin were brought to the sick, and the diseases left them and the evil spirits went out of them (19:11-12).**

31. **The seven sons of a Jewish ruling Cohen named Sceva tried to invoke the name of Yeshua, but the man with the evil spirit sprang at them, subduing and overpowering all of them, so that they fled out of the house naked and wounded (19:13-16).**

32. **Paul** raised **Eutychus** from **the dead** at Troas, the miracle of resurrection **(20:7-12)**.

33. **Paul** had a vision from **an angel of God (Acts 27:23-36)**.

34. **Paul** did not die after being bitten from **a snake (28:3-6)**.

35. **Paul healed the father of Publius (28:8-9)**.