

The Flourishing Gospel –  
in JERUSALEM...  
*Acts 6:7*

I. Context and Structure of Acts

*Acts 1:8*

A. Propagating as Planned

*Acts 12:24, 19:20*

*Hebrews/Jews* - any one of the Jewish or Israelitish nations; in a narrower sense, those who live in Palestine and use the language of the country often from Judea (Chief Priests, Sanhedrin)

*Galilean* – one from Galilee, often Jewish descent (Apostles)

*Hellenist*- Jewish descent, one who imitates the manners and customs or the worship of the Greeks, and use the Greek tongue; used in the NT of Jews born in foreign lands and speaking Greek (likely 6 of 7 men in Acts 6 – Greek names)

*Samaritan* – inhabitant of Samaria, Syncretism of pagan and Jewish religion, mixture of Lost tribes of Israel and Gentiles after Assyrian exile (Good Samaritan)

*Proselyte*- one who has come over from a Gentile religion to Judaism - The Rabbis distinguished two classes of proselytes, **proselytes of righteousness**, who received circumcision and bound themselves to keep the whole of the Mosaic law and to comply with all the requirements of Judaism, and **proselytes of the gate**, who dwelt among the Jews, and although uncircumcised observed certain specific laws, i.e. against the seven chief sins, idolatry, blasphemy against God, homicide, unchastity, theft or plundering, rebellion against rulers, and the use of "flesh with the blood thereof". (Nicolas – circumcised proselyte vs. Cornelius – uncircumcised proselyte “feared God”)

*Greek or Gentiles* – Those who were influenced by Greek/pagan religion, language, culture. (Everyone else)

*Acts 9:31*

*Acts 13:49*

B. Providence of Persecution

*Acts 8:1-5*

*Acts 11:18-20*

### C. Permeance of the Pneuma

*Acts 8:14-17*

*Acts 10:44-45*

*Acts 19:1-6*

*Romans 2:28-29*

*Galatians 2:11-14*

*Colossians 3:11*

### D. Prevailing Power of the Word of God

## II. Word of God Increased

*auxanō - to grow, increase; of plants; of infants; of a multitude of people; of inward Christian growth*

*2 Peter 3:18*

*Colossians 1:3-6*

### A. Primacy of the Word

### B. Pervasiveness of the Word

## III. Priestly Professions of Faith

### A. Prostration of Faith

*Hebrews 9:6-10, 18-26*

*Hebrews 10:1-4, 11-18*

### B. Provocation of Persecution