

Acts 28

The great dispensational divide

Paul's Ministries

Acts 28:25-28 Israel nationally was put to one side for a time. The salvation of God was then sent to the Nations independent of Israel. Post Acts 28 a new dispensation was given to Paul alone. Eph.3:1-10. Col.1:23-29 and 2Tim.1:8-12.

← Acts 28-Israel set aside for a time We live on this side of Acts 28 →

During and up to Acts 28 the dispensational purposes of God relate to the earth and the NJ. At Acts 28 these purposes were put to one side with Israel until a future date. During Acts time Christ is Saviour, King and Bridegroom, the believers are a prophetic remnant, chaste virgins to judge the world.

Paul's Acts period statement about his ministry and the letters which harmonize with it. Acts 26:6-7, 22.

“witnessing ..saying no other things than those which the prophets and Moses said was going to happen”

test dispensational things

- Galatians
- 1&2 Thessalonians
- 1&2 Corinthians
- Hebrews
- Romans

Approx. 190 OT quotes
Jewish themes and hope

Paul's post Acts period statement about his ministry and the letters which harmonize with it. Eph.3:7-9.

.. the unsearchable riches of Christ... the dispensation of the mystery which .. has been hidden in God.....

differing in these two groups of letters

- Ephesians
- Philippians
- Colossians
- Titus, Philemon
- 1&2 Timothy

Approx. 8 OT quotes
Non Jewish themes and new hope

After Acts 28 the dispensational purposes of God changed and relate to the heavenly places where Christ sits at God's right hand. This dispensation of Grace is parenthetical. Christ is Saviour, Head, the believers are His Body, seated in the above heavens, some might reign with Him there.

The Gospels, the letters of James, Peter, John, Jude and Revelation fit here

The great dispensational boundary is made clear by rightly dividing the Word of Truth; by testing things that differ; Phils.1:9-10, 2Tim.2:15. Most Christians are dispensationalists and draw a line between the purposes of God for the earth through Israel and the present age of grace involving us Gentiles. Some draw it between Malachi and Matthew, in the Gospels, at the cross or at Acts 2, 9 or 13. We believe it must be drawn at Acts 28. Please enjoy the dispensational differences in Paul's two groups of letters which fall either side of Acts 28. Some eternal truths, like redemption through His blood, remain on both sides; they are common.