

Acts Series

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The Acts of the Apostles “To the end of the earth” Acts 1:8

God’s Choice Men: Peter: Faith in Christ Makes Pebbles Rocks Acts & Selected References





John 1:42, “And he brought him to Jesus. Now when Jesus looked at him, He said, ‘You are Simon the son of Jonah. You shall be called Cephas’ (which is translated, A Stone).”

Matt. 16:13, “When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, ‘Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?’

Matt. 16:14, “So they said, ‘Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.’ ”

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Matt. 16:15, “He said to them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’

Matt. 16:16, “Simon Peter answered and said, ‘You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.’

Matt. 16:17, “Jesus answered and said to him, ‘Blessed are you, Simon Bar-jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven.’”

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מערת מלוא

This cave is the nucleus beside which the sacred sanctuary was built. In this "abode of the shepherd god," pagan cult began as early as the 3rd century BCE. The ritual sacrifices were cast into a natural abyss reaching the underground waters at the back of the cave. If the victims disappeared in the water, this was a sign that the god had accepted the offering. If, however, signs of blood appeared in the nearby springs, the sacrifice had been rejected.

מערה זו, הנקראת "משכן אל הרועים", היא הגרעין שלצדו נבנה המתחם המקודש כולו. החל מהמאה ה־3 לפסה"נ נערכו כאן פולחנות פגאניים. סבורים כי בעת הפולחן הושלכו הקרבנות אל בקיע טבעי ברצפה בקצה המערה, שהוליך אל מי תהום. אם נבלעו הקרבנות בבקיע, אות הוא שהקרבתן היה לרצון לאל. אם הופיעו סימני דם במעיינות הסמוכים – סימן הוא שהקרבתן נדחה.





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nom masc sing
(proper)
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piece of rock**

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**1 Pet. 2:4, “Coming to Him as to a living stone,
rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and
precious,**

**1 Pet. 2:5, “you also, as living stones, are being built
up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up
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1 Pet. 2:6, “Therefore it is also contained in the Scripture, ‘Behold, I lay in Zion a chief cornerstone, elect, precious, and he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame.’

1 Pet. 2:7, “Therefore, to you who believe, He is precious; but to those who are disobedient, ‘The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone,’ ”

CAPHARNAUM
THE TOWN OF
JESUS



Custodia Terrae Sanctae
Ordo Fratrum Minorum - Franciscan Friars

CAPHARNAUM

Capharnaum the town of Jesus

He left Nazareth and went to live in Capharnaum by the sea (Gospel of Matthew 4:13).

He entered a boat, made a crossing, and came into his own town (Gospel of Matthew 9:1).

The House of Simon Peter

On leaving the synagogue he entered the house of Peter and Andrew with James and John (Gospel of Marc 1:29).

In Capharnaum the house of the Prince of the Apostles was changed into a church; the original walls, however, are still standing (Etheria, late fourth century AD).

We came to Capharnaum in the house of Saint Peter, which at present is a basilica (Anonimus Placentinus, 587).

The Synagogue

I am the bread of life (Gospel of John 6:48)... These things he said while teaching in the synagogue of Capharnaum (Gospel of John 6:59).

ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXCAVATIONS: Father Gaudentius Orfali, 1921-1926; Fathers Virgilio C. Corbo and Stanislao Loffreda (1968-1986).

















Matt. 4:18, “And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen.



Matt. 4:19, “Then He said to them, ‘Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.’ ”

Gal. 2:9, “and when James, Cephas, and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that had been given to me, they gave me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship, that we should go to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised.”

Gal. 2:11, “Now when Peter had come to Antioch, I withstood him to his face, because he was to be blamed;

Gal. 2:12, “for before certain men came from James, he would eat with the Gentiles; but when they came, he withdrew and separated himself, fearing those who were of the circumcision.

Gal. 2:13, “And the rest of the Jews also played the hypocrite with him, so that even Barnabas was carried away with their hypocrisy.”



Lost to Rome in A.D. 9

Germania

Sarmatia

Rha (Volga)

Caspian Sea

BELGICA

Danube

CARPATHIANS

BOSPORUS
KDM

CAUCASUS

Black Sea

RAETIA
NORICUM
PANNONIA

RAETIA
NORICUM
PANNONIA

Dacia

Ister (Danube)

Colchis
Iberia
Albania

CORSICA
SARDINIA

ILLYRICUM
Salonae

MOESIA

THRACE

Sinope

Trapezus

ARMENIA

Rome

Tarentum

MACEDONIA

Byzantium

BITHYNIA & PONTUS

CAPPADOCIA

Artaxata

MARE INTERNUM

Carthage

SICILIA
Syracuse

ACHAIA

Corinth

Athens

PERGAMUM
ASIA

Ephesus

Pergamum

Ephesus

Ancyra

COMMAGENE

PARTHIAN EMPIRE

Antioch

SYRIA

Ctesiphon

MARE INTERNUM
(Mediterranean Sea)

CRETA

Cyrene

Alexandria

KDM. OF
HEROD
Jerusalem

AFRICA

Leptis Magna

CYRENAICA

Memphis

EGYPT

Nile

Thebes

JUDAEA

Arabia

Red Sea

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THIRD MISSIONARY JOURNEY
of the "Seven Churches" (Rev. 2-3)
route