

Acts 7-8

Issue# I: the founding of Israel

Note one founder, like Muhamad or Buddha, but a series

Abraham, (Covenant) Moses (Law) David (Kingdom+Temple) (Scribal world (Ezra)

vv. 1-8 The Abrahamic Covenant: From Iraq to Canaan

the promise of land and sons tied to Covenant

linked to circumcision: the Karit Brit: the cut deal

9- 16: the ministry of Joseph, the righteous man

God in in charge the whole time

17-28: Moses and the liberation

29-38: The giving of the law (Torah)

38-50 the apostasy of Israel

Note the addition of the building of the Temple

Note the references to the monarchy

51: the accusation: you who defend Israel this is what you are

54: the martyrdom of Stephen

The Twelve take no stand here: why?

8: 1 Note the presence of Saul (Paul)

vv. 2-8 The spread of persecution and the spread of the faith
martyrdom is the seed of the Church

vv 4-8 it is on the spiritual frontier not just temporal

9-13 Simon Magus: from magic to Faith

Magic by whatever name is the direct opposite of faith

One of the hallmarks of a religionless age is superstition

New age/curandismo/white magic/spells and curses/tarot

Today Russia stands as one of the most superstitious
nations on earth: after the Communists attempted to get religion

14-17: Confirmation! (apt+Confirmation+Euch+full initiation)

18-25 the sin of "simony"

Note the two stories here focus on incomplete faith

26-40 Philip and the Ethiopian

Note link to Stephen: martyrs and preachers: both deacons

Moving to a new continent and a new culture

Ethiopia: the alleged first Christian nation

Why delay baptism? A good question really