

# The Gospel Refined

Acts 15:1-35

PART THREE

## Introduction

The Jerusalem Council

**The five stages to this event:**

**I. The Dissension** (vv1-5); **II. The Debate** (vv6-12); **III. The Decision** (vv13-21); **IV. The Delegation** (vv22-29); **V. The Delivery** (vv30-35)

## III. The Decision – vv13-21

### v12

*“signs and wonders God had done”*

Hebrews 2:3-4

### v13

### v14

*“James”* the leader of the Jerusalem church and half-brother to Jesus.

*“God first visited the Gentiles”* God initiates the work of salvation for His glory and the good of the nations.

*“take from them a people for his name”* God’s sovereign choice among the Gentiles for salvation.

**God sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to save *a people for his name*.**

***“a people”*** Gk *laos*; ‘a number of people joined together’

Zechariah 2:11

*“daughter of Zion”* or, ‘the Church of the Lord’

John 1:14

2 Corinthians 6:16

Isaiah 56:3

**Abraham: *The father of the faith of many nations***

Genesis 17:3-7

Genesis 17:11

**Not all Israelites will be saved, but only those saved by God's *grace* through *faith* alone in Jesus Messiah.**

Romans 4:9-12; 16-17 Romans 9:3-8; 27, 30-32; 11:5-7

Galatians 3:7-9

**Jesus Messiah, the fulfillment of the Law of Moses, OT prophecy, and Mediator of the New Covenant:**

Jeremiah 31:31-34

"And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise." Galatians 3:29

Galatians 6:14-16

1 Peter 2:9-10

**v15**

*"just as it is written"*

**v16**

**v17**

**v18**

James supports Peter's assertions by citing Amos 9:11-12.

*"tent/hut"*

*"rebuild"* (Amos 9:11)

*"as in the days of old"* point back to the promise in 2 Samuel 7:11, 12, 16.

2 Samuel 7:11-14a

2 Samuel 7:16-17

Psalms 2:6-8

The resurrection and exaltation/coronation of Jesus Christ as the fulfillment of God's promises to King David have already been established in Acts (Peter, 2:25-36; Paul, 13:23, 32-37).

Acts 13:32-34

Luke 1:31-33

Luke 1:67-70

Luke 2:29-32

Isaiah 56:6-8

**The prophecy of Zechariah 2:11 finishes when King Jesus returns in glory:**

Revelation 21:3-4

