

## Acts chapters 3 & 4

### The healing of the lame man, and the events following it

**3:1-10** - The healing of the lame man

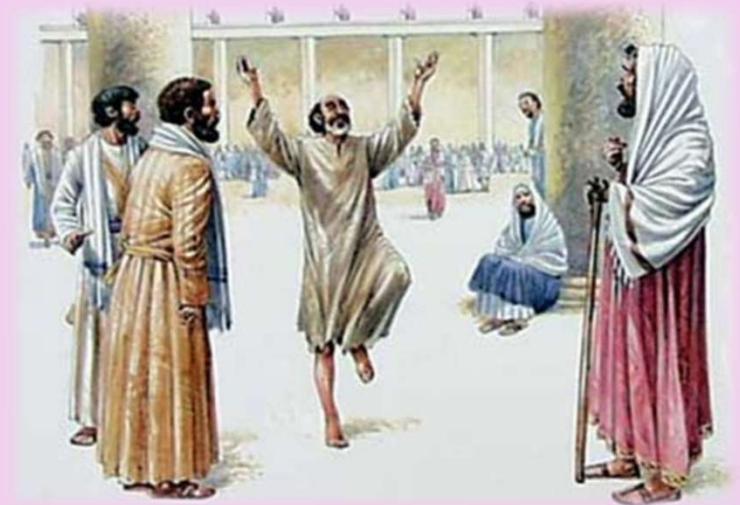
**3:10-26** – Peter’s speech

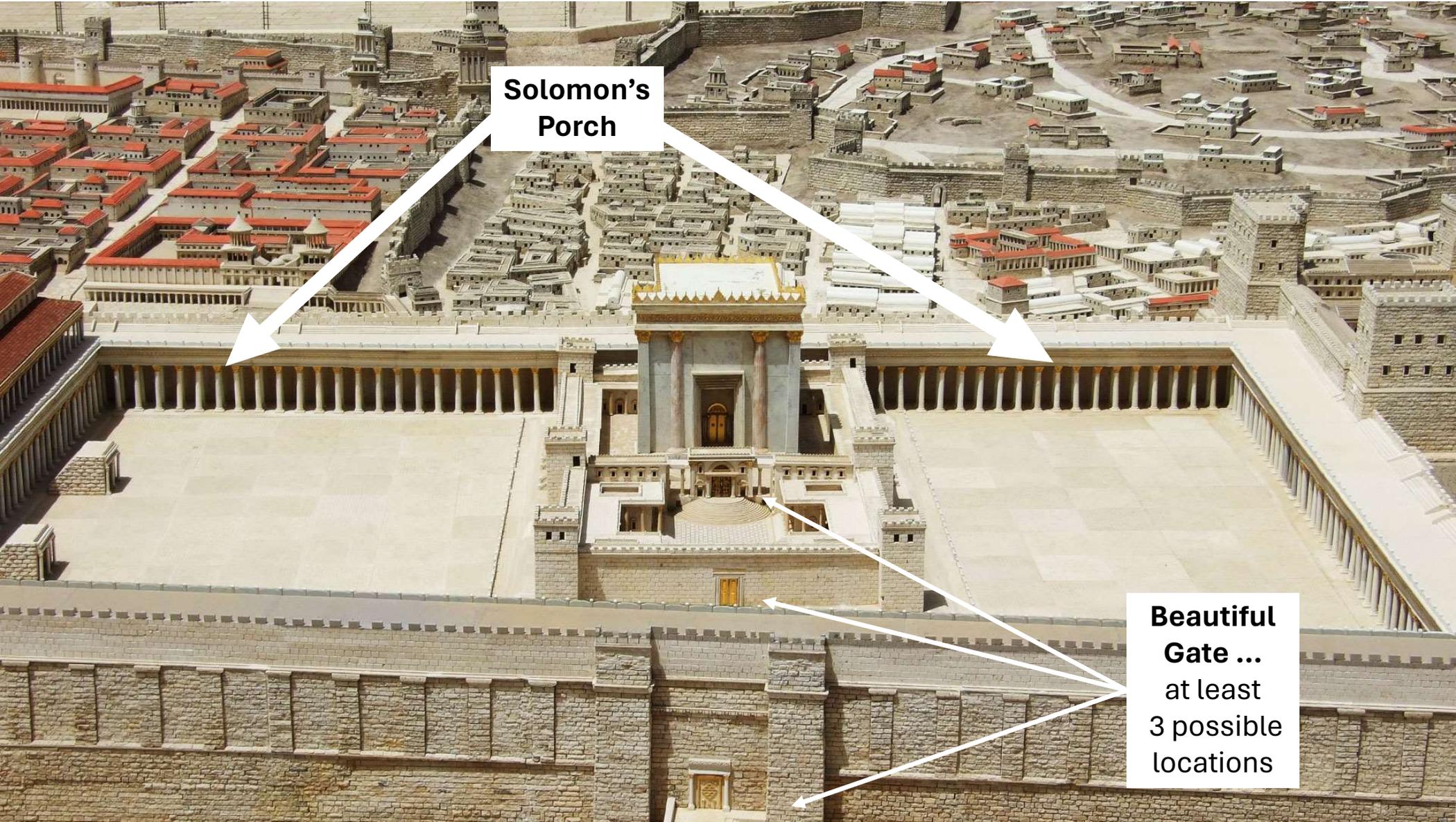
- explanation of the healing
- Christ’s death and resurrection,  
and the power He sent to perform  
miracles like this one

**4:1-4** – The apostles arrested for preaching  
about Jesus Christ’s resurrection

**4:5-22** – The Sanhedrin and its decision

**4:23-31** – The apostles’ release, and their report





**Solomon's  
Porch**

**Beautiful  
Gate ...  
at least  
3 possible  
locations**

A believer's expectation during the Acts period was that Christ would return "soon", and set up the earthly kingdom.

Note the following references, all written during the time covered by the book of Acts:

The end of all things is at hand. (1 Peter 4:7)

The coming of the Lord is at hand. (James 5:8)

It is the last hour ... you have heard that antichrist shall come, even now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour. (1 John 2: 18)

He who is coming, will come, and will not tarry. (Hebrews 10:37)

The day is at hand. (Romans 13:12)

The time is short. (1 Corinthians 7:29)

## The "Near" Return of the Lord

<u>Acts Period</u>	<u>Today</u>	<u>Future</u>
Israel prominent in God's dealings	Israel set aside - nationality not relevant now	Israel prominent in God's dealings again
29AD	60AD	??AD (future) .....
Acts period writings speak of near return:	Post-Acts period writings <u>do not</u> speak of near return:	Conditions similar to Acts period in force:
"The coming of the Lord is near!"	Coming of the Lord presently <u>not</u> near".	"The coming of the Lord is near!"  Many prophecies have yet to be fulfilled before Christ returns to the earth



Peter's speech in Acts 3 –  
**"Repent ... that He may send Jesus Christ"**  
 (Acts 3:19,20)

# The New Testament

## Events:

### Christ's earthly ministry

Matthew  
Mark  
Luke  
John

### The Apostles' ministry

Acts

*Israelite priority  
over Gentiles*

*Israel  
set aside*

### Paul's Post-Acts ministry

*Nationality  
now irrelevant*

4BC

29AD

60AD

68AD

## Letters:

### Acts Period Epistles

#### Letters to Jewish Christians

Hebrews  
James  
1 Peter  
2 Peter  
1 John  
2 John  
3 John  
Jude  
Revelation

#### Letters to Jewish and Gentile Christians

Romans  
1 Corinthians  
2 Corinthians  
Galatians  
1 Thessalonians  
2 Thessalonians

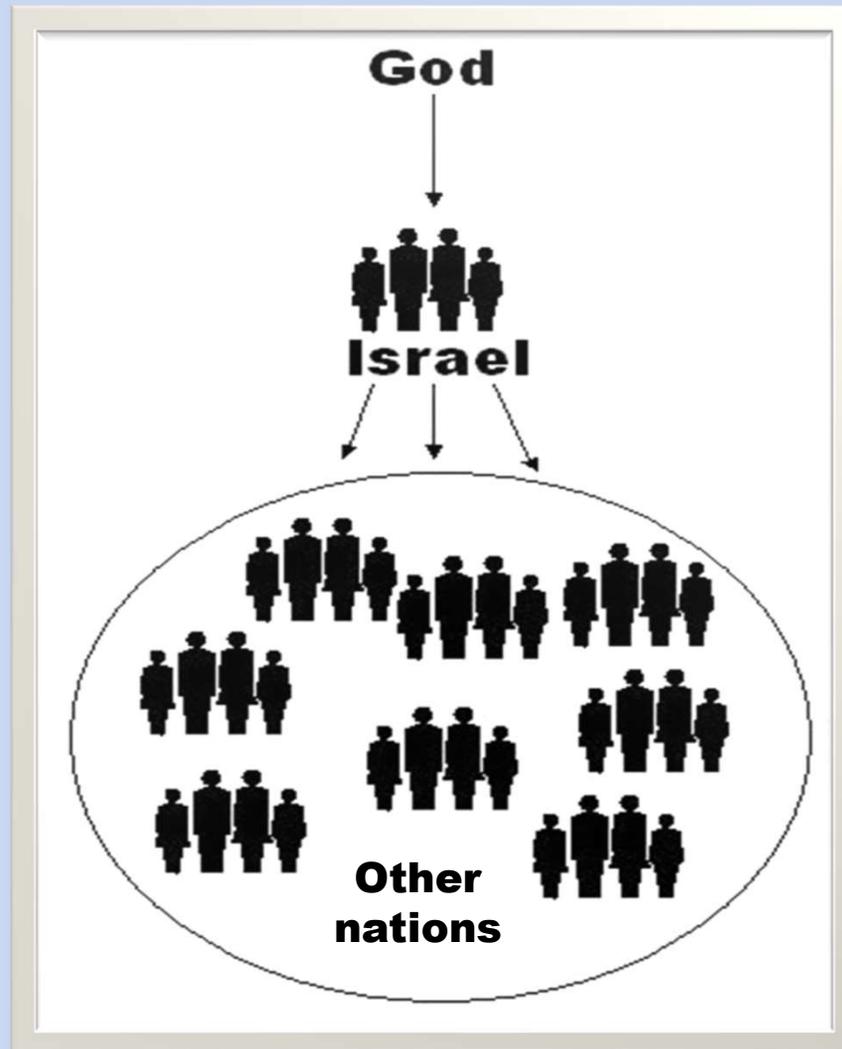
### Post-Acts Epistles

#### Letters to all Christians

Ephesians  
Philippians  
Colossians  
1 Timothy  
2 Timothy  
Titus  
Philemon

## Israel a Kingdom of Priests

“If you obey Me fully  
and keep My covenant,  
then out of all nations  
you will be My  
treasured possession.  
Although the whole  
earth is mine, you will  
be for Me:  
**a kingdom of priests,  
and a holy nation.”**  
*(Exodus 19:5,6)*



## Peter's speech in Acts 3 "To Israel first..."

To you (i.e. Israel – v.12) first,  
God, having raised up His  
Servant Jesus, sent Him to  
bless you, in turning away  
every one of you from your  
iniquities. *Acts 3:26*