

Background Work, Thoughts, Observations, & Considerations

Two Suggested Outlines

1:4-8 Option 1: Structured according to their dwelling, coming, and scattering & other contrasts

- A. and dwelling together with them,
- B. He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem,
- C. but to wait for the Promise of the Father, “which you heard from Me” (*He said*);
- D. “for John indeed baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”
- A’ Therefore, when they had come together,
- B’ they began to ask Him, saying,
- C’ “Lord, is it at this time that You will restore the kingdom to Israel?”
- D’ But He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put to His own authority, but you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be My witnesses in Jerusalem, A” and in Judea, and in Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

- A. They **dwelt** together
- B. Christ commands
- C. Father’s Promise to come
- D. Christ teaching / HS/ “days”
- A’ They **come** together
- B’ Apostles question
- C’ Israel’s restoration time?
- D’ Christ teaching / HS/ “times”
- A” They will be **scattered**

For a better observation of the Option 1 outline of verse 4 – 8:

A. They dwell together	v.4a →	A’ They come together	v.6a	A” They will be scattered	v.8c
B. Christ commands	v.4b →	B’ Apostles question	v.6b		
C. Father’s Promise to come	v.4c →	C’ Question of Israel’s restoration	v.6c		
D. Christ teaching /HS/ “days”	v.5 →	D’ Christ teaching /HS/ “times”	v.7-8b		

Observations according to this Option 1 Outline:

1. They come together twice in this passage with the Lord Jesus. The third occasion is a contrast; they are scattered.
2. Christ telling them to “wait” for the Father’s promise corresponds with their question of “time”. This indicates that they did not fully understand the Promise that they were waiting for. Notice the contrast in this structure. B-Sections: Christ commands them to stay in Jerusalem, they begin to question the command. C-Sections: Christ tells them to wait for the Promise, they wonder if this is “the time”. D-Sections: “Not many days from now” they were to be baptized, versus “it is not for you to know times or seasons”. Finally the last A-Section is a contrast to all the preceding A-Sections.

1:4-8 Option 2: According to the 7 Days of Creation

- 1. And dwelling together with them
 - 2. He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem,
 - 3.i. but to wait for the Promise of the Father, which you heard from Me: (he said)
 - ii. for John indeed baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.
 - 4. Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him saying, Lord, is it at this time You will restore the kingdom to Israel?"
 - 5.i. And He said to them, "It is not for you to know the times or seasons which the Father has put to His own authority.
 - ii. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you,
 - 6. and you shall be My witnesses in Jerusalem
 - 7. and in Judea and in Samaria and to the end of the earth.
 - 1. They dwell with the Light of the World, Jesus
 - 2. They are to stay in Jerusalem. This is where the firmament barrier between the Old and New Jerusalem will be formed through persecution.
 - 3. They will be filled with the Holy Spirit, just as the land was initially filled with plants on Day 3.
 - 4. They assume that the “ruling light” of Israel will be restored to the Jewish people. They are wrong. God is making a better Israel for His Kingdom.
 - 5. They will be filled with the **power** of Holy Spirit. Initial baptism was mentioned in the Day 3 section, enduring power (life) mentioned here. (Day 5: fish/fowl)
 - 6. Corresponding to the Day 2 section when they stayed in Jerusalem, here they will be witnesses in Jerusalem.
 - 7. In contrast to being isolated and comfortable with Jesus, they will spread the Light of Christ to the ends of the earth.
- 1. They dwell together
 - 2. Do not depart Jerusalem
 - 3. i. “Wait” for Father’s Promise
 - ii. HS baptism - not many days
 - 4. They come together/ question
 - 5. i. “Times” of the Father
 - ii. HS power - will come
 - 6. Witness in Jerusalem
 - 7. They will be scattered