



# The Prologue to Luke

Luke 1:1-4

# Prologue

**the preface or introduction to a literary work**



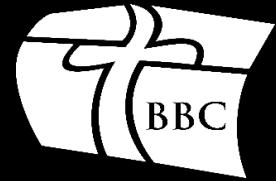
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Luke the Author

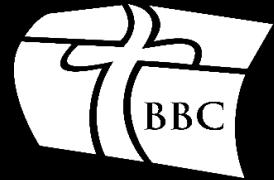
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# Colossians 4:14



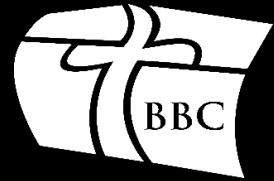
- Luke the beloved physician greets you, as does Demas.

# 2 Timothy 4:11



- Luke alone is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is very useful to me for ministry.

# Philemon 24



•and so do Mark, Aristarchus,  
Demas, and Luke, my fellow  
workers.



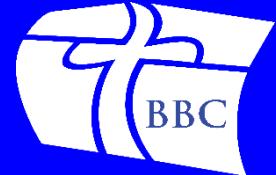
# Author of Both Luke & Acts



# Turn over to

# Acts 1

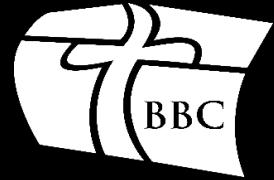
In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach,<sup>2</sup> until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen.<sup>3</sup> He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.<sup>4</sup> And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me;<sup>5</sup> for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”



# So Acts 1:1

## Tells Us About the 1<sup>st</sup> Book

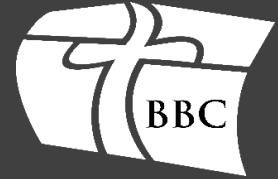
# Acts 1:1-2a



•In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with **all that Jesus began to do and teach**, until the day when he was taken up,



# Turn Back to Nehemiah 8:8



# Nehemiah 8:8 (NASB95)

- They read from the book, from the law of God,
- translating to give the sense
- so that they understood the reading.

# Tanakh Targum Septuagint Vulgate Tyndale

עַלְפָסָא עַרְבָּטוֹר הַשְׁמָה אֲשֶׁר  
בְּבֵית הַחֶטֶט וּבְבֵטָר בְּחַמָּה  
וְתֹהַה בְּפְלִשְׁתָּלִילִיא וּיְקַטֵּל  
בְּלִפְנֵרָא בְּאַרְעָן דְּמָעָן מִפְּנֵרָא  
רְפְּרִעָרְעָתוֹ לְמִתְּבָעֵלְבָוָסָר  
מְלֹתָוָה עַרְבָּרָא דְּשִׁבְנָא  
רְבָבִיתָ אַסְּרָיו וּבְלִבְוָרָא  
רְבָעֵירָא יְיָקָס פְּרָעָה לִילָה  
חַוְאָבָל עַבְרִיו וּבְלַמְבָבִים  
וְתֹהַי צַעֲקָה נְרִיחָה בְּנָעָלִים  
בְּאַזְנֵבְנָתָא שָׂר אַוְשָׁסָמִת  
וּקָס פְּרָעָה בְּלִילִיא הַזָּוָבָל  
עַבְדוּהָי וּבְלַמְזָרָא וְהַזָּעָתָא  
רְבָנָתָא בְּמִגְןָ אַרְיִילִתְבִּיתָ  
תְּפִזְרָלָה הָוָה בַּיַּד קְיִתָּא וּקְרָא  
לְמַשָּׁה וּלְאַמְלָחָ לִילָה וּמַאֲמָר  
קָוָנוּ צְאוּמָתָךְ אַמְּלָחָ פְּסָאָתָם

וְשִׁמְרָתָם אֶתְמַעֲבָנָה הַאֲשֶׁר  
וְיְהִי אֶתְמַעֲלוֹ לְאֶרְעָא רִיְיָתָן  
יְיָ לְמַזְוְבָמָא רְמָלִיל וְהַנְּטוֹרָוּ  
יְתַפְּלִמְנָא הַרְזָוָה כִּיאָמָר  
אַלְיכָס בְּגָנְכָס מִה הַעֲבָרוֹה  
הָאֲשָׁת לְכָס יוֹהִי אַרְיִימָרוֹן  
לְפָזָן בְּעָנָנוֹ מִאֲפִילָה נָא הָדִין  
לְפָזָן וְאַמְרָתָם וּבְחַפְשָׁחָהוֹנָא  
לְיִיחָזָה אֲשֶׁר פָּסָח עַלְפִּתְבִּין  
יְשָׁרָאֵל בְּמַעַזְיָס בְּגָנָפָו אַתָּנָא  
מִצְרָיִם וְאַתְּבִּתְעַנְוּ הַצְּלָוִיְּדָר  
חָסָם וְיִשְׁתַּחַוו יוֹתְמָזָרִיבָה  
חִסְחָזָא קָנוּמִיְרָחָס עַלְבָרָנָא  
בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּמַעַזְרָבְמַחְאָיוֹת  
מִצְרָא וְיִתְבְּתָנָא שִׁיזְבָּוּכְרָעָ  
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σκαλός. οὐδὲν δὲ ταῦτα τὰ σκμέτα διώματα ποιεῖ μ, ἐτί σὺ ποιεῖς, ἐπεὶ μάλιστὸς θιός μετάντη, ἀπειρίθικὸς ΙΗΣΟΥΣ καὶ περὶ δυνάμεις. ἀμέλις δὲ μὲν λέγω σοι. οὐδὲ μάλιστας γεννηθεῖς ἀπωθείης δυνάμεται οὐδὲ πώλης οὐδὲ βασιλείας τῷ θεοῦ. λέγε πρόδης ἀντόρ δικόδημός. οὐδὲ δέντας ανθρώπων γεννηθεῖναι γένεται δέρμα; μάλιστας δὲ πώλης κοιλίας φθι μακρόδης ἀντωνίατεροις οὐσιαθεῖρης γεννηθεῖναι; ἀπειρίθικὸς ΙΗΣΟΥΣ. ἀμέλις ἀμέλις λέγω σοι. οὐδὲ μάλιστας γεννηθεῖς οὐδὲ πτενύματος, δυνάματας οὐσιαθεῖρης οὐδὲ πώλης βασιλείας τῷ θεοῦ. τὸ γεγεννημένορ οὐκ τὸ σαρκός, σάρξ οὐδὲ ισιρ. τὸ γεγεννημένορ οὐκ τὸ πτενύματος, πτενύματος.

gister. Nemo enim potest hanc signa facere quæ tu facis, nisi fuerit deus cum eo. Respondit Iesus, & dixit ei. Amen amen dico tibi, nisi quis renatus fuerit denuo non potest uidere regnum dei. Dicit ad eum Nicodemus. Quomodo potest homo nasci cum sit senex? Num potest homo in uentre matris suæ iterato introire & renasci? Respondit Iesus. Amen amen dico tibi, nisi quis renatus fuerit ex aqua & spiritu, non potest introire in regnum dei. Quod natum est ex carne, caro est, & quod natum est ex spiritu, spiritus est. Non mireris, quod di-

### XXXII. Chaptre.

their enemyes, lest theire aduersaries wolde be  
prowde and saye: oure hye hande hath done al  
theſe workes and not the Lorde.

For it is a nacion that hath an vnhappye  
forcast, and hath no vnderſtonge in them. I  
wolde they were wylle and vnderſtode this ad  
wolde conſide: their late: ende.

Howe ic cometh that one ſhall chace a  
thouſande, and two putt ten thouſande off  
theim to flighte: excepte theire rocke had ſolde  
theim, and because the Lorde had delyuered  
theim.

For oure rocke is not as their rocke, no thiſ  
ugh oure enemyes be iudge.

But their vynes are of the vynes of Sodom,  
and of the feldes of Gomorra. Their grapes  
are grapes of gall, and theire clusters be lye  
etc.

Their wyne is the poſon of dragons, ad the  
cruell gall of aspes.

Are not ſoþ thinges layed in ſtore with me,  
ad ſealed vpon amon: my treaſuries?

### XXXII. Chaptre. Fo. LX,

people, and haue compassion on his ſervau-  
tes. For it ſhalbe ſene that theire power shall  
fayle, and at the laſt they ſhalbe preſoned and  
forſaken.

And it ſhalbe ſayed: where are their goddes  
ad their rocke wherein they truſted?

The fatt of whose ſacrifices they ate and  
dranke the wyne of their drynckofferynges,  
let them ryſe upp and helpe you and be youre  
protection.

Senow howe that I, I am he, and that there  
is no God but I. I can kyll and make alyue, ad  
what I haue ſmyten that I can heale: nether  
there that can delyuer any man oute off my  
honde.

For I will lifte vp myne hande to heauē, ad  
will ſaye: I lyue euē.

Yf I whet the lyghtenyng of my ſwer-  
de, and myne hande take in hande to doo iu-  
ſtice, I wyll ſhewe vengeance on myne ene-  
myes and will rewarde them that hate me.

I will make myne arowes dronke with blou-

The enemy, lest their adversaries should behave themselves strangely, *and* lest they should say, Our hand *is* high, and the LORD hath not done all this.

<sup>28</sup> For they *are* a nation void of counsel, neither *is there any* understanding in them. <sup>29</sup> O that they were wise, *that* they understood this, *that* they would consider their latter end!

<sup>30</sup> How should one chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight, except their Rock had sold them, and the LORD had shut them up?

<sup>31</sup> For their rock *is not* as our Rock, even our enemies themselves *being* judges.

<sup>32</sup> For their vine *is of* the vine of Sodom, and of the fields of Gomorrah: their grapes *are* grapes of gall, their clusters *are* bitter:

<sup>33</sup> Their wine *is the* poison of dragons, and the cruel venom of asps.

<sup>34</sup> Is not this laid up in store with me, *and* sealed up among my treasures?

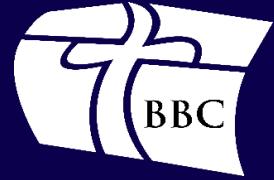
**What is our goal when we  
read the Bible?**

**How do we achieve that  
goal?**



# Luke's Goal is to be Comprehensive

Look @ v. 1



# Luke 1:1

- Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the things that have been accomplished among us,

# Here's My Perspective

A book that's full of lies,  
misinformation, and myths does not  
get preserved for 2000 years.

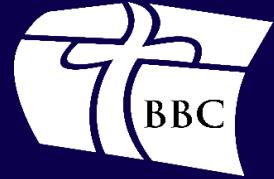


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•Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the things that **an account**

**The word ‘an account’ covers more of  
what Luke communicates in Acts 1:1**

**What Jesus did and taught**



# Luke 1:1

•Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the things that **have been accomplished among us,**

**AV Forasmuch as many have taken in hand to set forth in order a declaration of those things **which are most surely believed among us,****

**NASB95 Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile an account of the **things accomplished among us,****

**NET Now many have undertaken to compile an account of the things **that have been fulfilled among us****

# πληροφορέω

**Transliteration**

*plērophoreō* (Key)

**Pronunciation**

play-rof-or-eh'-o

**Part of Speech**

verb

**Root Word (Etymology)**

From πλήρης (G4134) and φορέω (G5409)

**Greek Inflections of πληροφορέω [?]**

mGNT

6x in 6 unique form(s)

TR

5x in 5 unique form(s)

LXX

1x in 1 unique form(s)

πεπληροφορημένων — 1x

πληροφορηθῆ — 1x

πληροφορείσθω — 1x

πληροφόρησον — 1x

πληροφορηθεὶς — 1x



BLUE LETTER BIBLE

□ Luk 1:1

Forasmuch as many have taken in hand to set forth in order a declaration of those things which are most surely believed **G4135** among us,

□ Rom 4:21

And being fully persuaded **G4135** that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.

□ Rom 14:5

One man esteemeth one day above another: another esteemeth every day *alike*. Let **G4135** → every man be fully persuaded **G4135** in his own mind.

□ 2Ti 4:5

But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof **G4135** of thy ministry.

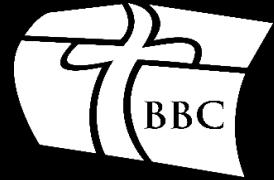
□ 2Ti 4:17

Notwithstanding the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me; that by me the preaching might be fully known, **G4135** and *that* all the Gentiles might hear: and I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion.



BLUE LETTER BIBLE

# Luke 24:44



•Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms **must be fulfilled.**”

# πληρόω

**Transliteration***plēroō* (Key)**Pronunciation**

play-ro'-o

**Part of Speech**

verb

**Root Word (Etymology)**

From πλήρης (G4134)

**Greek Inflections of πληρόω [?]**

mGNT

86x in 38 unique form(s)

TR

90x in 41 unique form(s)

LXX

84x in 34 unique form(s)

**SHOW ALL**

ἐπλήρου — 1x

πληροῦσθε — 1x

ἐπληροῦντο 2x

πληροῦνται 1x

**Dictionary Aids****Vine's Expository Dictionary:** [View Entry](#)**TDNT Reference:** 6:286,867**KJV Translation Count — Total: 90x**

**The KJV translates Strong's G4137 in the following manner:** fulfil (51x), fill (19x), be full (7x), complete (2x), end (2x), *miscellaneous* (9x).

**BLUE LETTER BIBLE**

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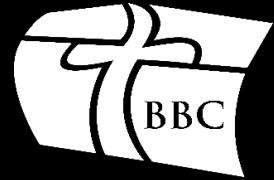
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# Consider all three:

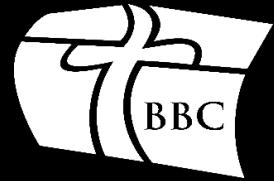
- **What was believed?**
- **What was accomplished?**
- **What was fulfilled?**

# Luke 4:21



•And he began to say to them,  
**“Today this Scripture has been  
fulfilled in your hearing.”**

# Luke 9:31



•who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.

**The eyewitnesses and servants of the Word are fully convinced (they believe) that all that the man Jesus accomplished completely fulfilled the promises and prophecies in the Tanakh.**



# Luke 1:2

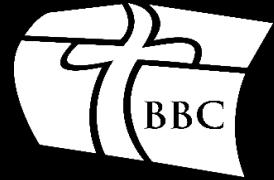
•just as those who from the  
beginning **were eyewitnesses**  
and ministers of the word have delivered  
them to us,



# This is Peter's Language

2 Peter 1:16

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•For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty.



# Luke 1:2

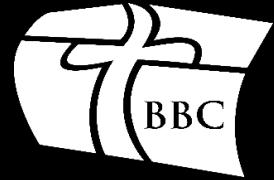
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# Jesus Promised This

## John 14:26

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•But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

## Look @ v. 2

**Notice the ‘the word’ existed orally before it existed in written form. This is often the argument of the KJV-only proponents seeming to suggest it must be nailed down as one specific thing.**



**The eyewitnesses  
were ministers of the  
word before the word  
was written down.**



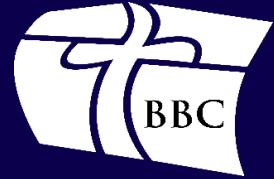
# Luke 1:3

•it seemed good to me also,  
having followed all things closely for  
some time past, to write an  
orderly account for you, most excellent  
Theophilus,



# What does your Bible say?

‘very first’ or ‘beginning’



# Luke 1:3 (NASB95)

•it seemed fitting for me as well, **having investigated everything carefully from the beginning**, to write *it* out for you in consecutive order, most excellent Theophilus;



# Luke 1:3 (NET)

•So it seemed good to me as well,  
because I have followed all things  
carefully from the beginning, to write an  
orderly account for you, most excellent  
Theophilus,

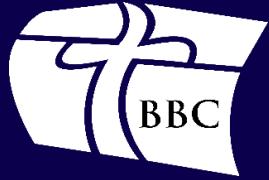


Luke 1:3

•to write an **orderly**  
account for you, most excellent  
Theophilus,



# Orderly But Not Chronological



# Luke 1:3

•most excellent Theophilus,



# Θεόφιλος

## Transliteration

*theophilos* (Key)

## Pronunciation

theh-of'-il-os



## Part of Speech

proper masculine noun

## Root Word (Ety)

From Θεός (G2316) and  
φίλος (G5384)

God

friend

## Greek Inflections of Θεόφιλος [?]

mGNT

2x in 1 unique form(s)

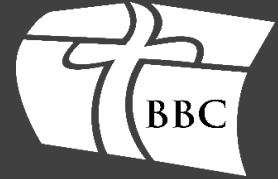
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LXX

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# Isaiah 41:8

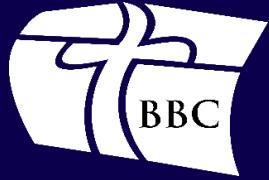


•But you, Israel, my servant, Jacob, whom I have chosen, the offspring of Abraham, my friend;



# Luke's Thesis

## Luke's Reason for Writing Another Gospel



Luke 1:4

•that you may have certainty  
concerning the things you have  
been taught.



What is the central  
truth that Luke want's  
Theophilus to be  
certain about?

**Jesus, the earthly Son of Mary, is the  
long awaited Messiah of Daniel 9:25ff,**

**Who is both the  
Son of Man and Son of God**

**And the Savior, Christ the Lord.**