



# The Prologue to Luke

Luke 1:1-4

# Prologue

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

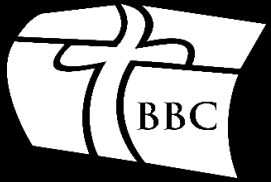


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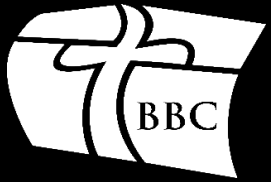
# Named after Luke the Author Mentioned 3x by Name

# Colossians 4:14



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

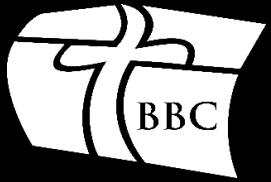
# 2 Timothy 4:11



- 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

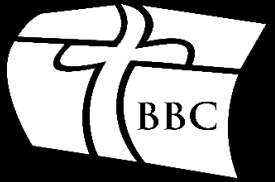
**In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, <sup>2</sup> until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup> He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many 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

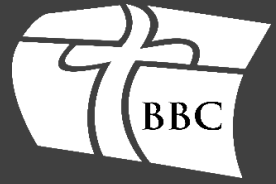


- In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with **all that Jesus began to do and teach**, until the day when he was taken up,



# 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





σκαλός. οὐδεὶς γὰρ ταῦτα τὰ σημεῖα δύναται  
 ποιῆσαι, εἰ σὺ ποιῇς, εἰ μὴ ὁ θεὸς μετ' αὐτόν,  
 ἀπεκρίθη ὁ ἸΗΣΟΥΣ καὶ ἔειπεν αὐτῷ. ἀμὲν  
 λέγω σοι. εἰ μὴ τις γεννηθῇ ἄνωθεν,  
 οὐ δύναται εἰσελθεῖν εἰς τὸ βασιλεῖον τοῦ  
 υἱοῦ. λέγει πρὸς αὐτόν ὁ νικόδημος. πῶς δύ-  
 νηται ἄνθρωπος γεννηθῆναι γέροντος; μὴ  
 δύναται εἰς τὸν κοιλίαν πατρὸς αὐτοῦ  
 εἰσελθεῖν καὶ γεννηθῆναι; ἀπεκρί-  
 θη ὁ ἸΗΣΟΥΣ. ἀμὲν ἀμὲν λέγω σοι. εἰ μὴ  
 τις γεννηθῇ ὁ ὕδατος καὶ πνεύματος, οὐ  
 δύναται εἰσελθεῖν εἰς τὸ βασιλεῖον τοῦ  
 υἱοῦ. τὸ γεγεννημένον ἐκ τῆς σαρκὸς, σάρξ ἐστιν. ὁ  
 γεγεννημένον ἐκ τοῦ πνεύματος, πνεῦμα

gister. Nemo enim potest hæc signa fa-  
 cere quæ tu facis, nisi fuerit deus cū co.  
 Respōdit Iesus, & dixit ei. Amen amē  
 dico tibi, nisi quis renatus fuerit denuo  
 non potest uidere regnū dei. Dicit ad  
 eū Nicodemus. Quomodo potest ho-  
 mo nasci cum sit senex? Nū potest ho-  
 mo in uentrē matris suæ iterato introi-  
 re & renasci? Respondit Iesus. Amen  
 amen dico tibi, nisi quis renatus fuerit  
 ex aqua & spiritu, non potest introi-  
 re in regnum dei. Quod natum est  
 ex carne, caro est, & quod natum est ex  
 spiritu, spiritus est. Nō mireris, quod di



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

For it is a nacion that hath an unhappye forecast, and hath no understonge in them. I wolde they ware wyse and understode this and wolde confide: their late: ende.

Howe it cometh that one shall chace a thousande, and two putt ten thousande off them to flyght? excepte their rocke had sold them, and because the Lorde had delyuered them.

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

Buz their vynes are of the vynes of Sodom, and of the felde of Gomorra. Their grapes are grapes of gall, and their clusters be bitter.

Their wyne is the poyson of dragons, and the cruell gall of aspes.

Are not such thinges layed in store with me, and seeled vpon amonge my treasures?

people, and haue compassion on his seruauntes. For it shalbe sene that their power shall fayle, and at the last they shalbe presoned and forsaken.

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

The fatt of whose sacrifices they ate and dranke the wyne of their dryne offerynges, let them ryse vpp 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, and what I haue smyten that I can heale: nether yet there that can delyuer any man oute off my honde.

For I will lifte vpp myne hande to heauē, and will saye: I lyue euer.

Yf I whett the lyghtenyng of my swerde, and myne hande take in hande to doo iustyce, I wyll shewe vengeance on myne enemyes and will rewarde them that hate me.

I will make myne arrowes 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?**

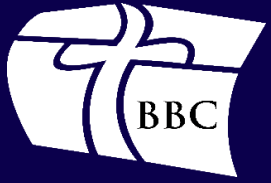
**How do we achieve that  
goal?**



# Luke's Goal is to be Comprehensive

## Look @ v. 1

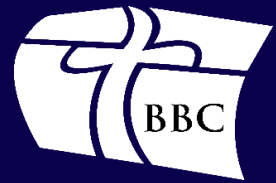
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- Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the things that have been accomplished among us,

# Here's My Perspective

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



**Luke 1:1**

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

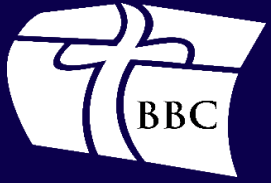


**The word 'an account' covers more of  
what Luke communicates in Acts 1:1**

**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

πληροφορεῖσθω — 1x

πληροφορήσον — 1x

πληροφορηθεῖς — 1x



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 **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.

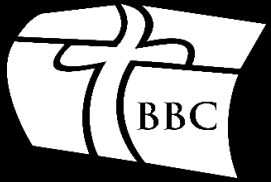
 **2Ti 4:17**

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.



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# 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)

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ἐπλήρου — 1x

πληροῦσθε — 1x

ἐπληροῦντο — 2x

πληροῦται — 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).



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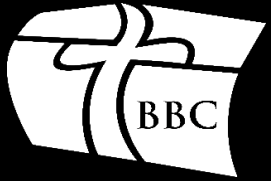


## Consider all three:

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

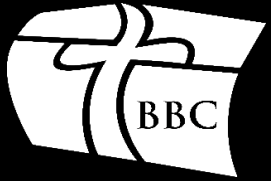


# Luke 4:21



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

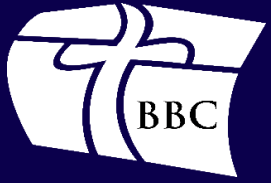
# Luke 9:31



- 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



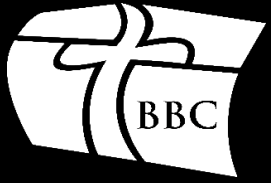
- just as those who from the beginning **were eyewitnesses** and ministers of the word have delivered them to us,



# This is Peter's Language

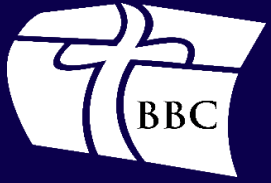
## 2 Peter 1:16

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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



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

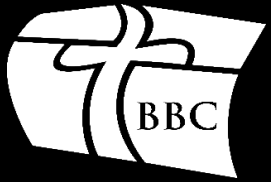


# Jesus Promised This

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.

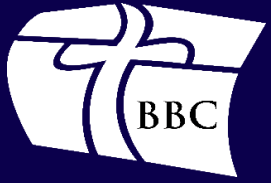
## **Look @ v. 2**

**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

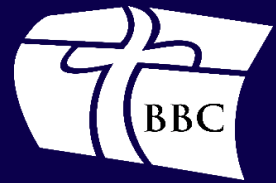


• it seemed good to me also,  
having followed all things closely **for**  
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orderly account for you, most excellent  
Theophilus,



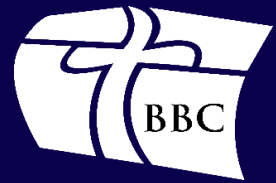
What does your Bible  
say?

‘very first’ or ‘beginning’



# Luke 1:3 (NASB95)

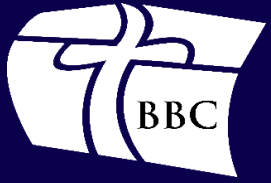
- it seemed fitting for me as well, **having investigated everything carefully from the beginning**, to write *it* out for you in consecutive order, most excellent Theophilus;



# 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

teh-of'-il-os



## Part of Speech

proper masculine noun

## Root Word (Etyymology)

From θεός (G2316) and  
φίλος (G5384).

## Greek Inflections of Θεόφιλος [?]

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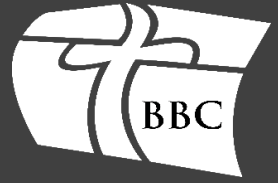


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God

friend

# Isaiah 41:8



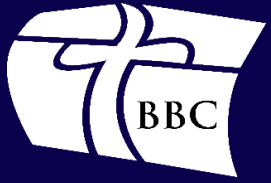
- But you, Israel, my servant, Jacob, whom I have chosen, the offspring of Abraham, my friend;



# 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.**