Transition Book (Acts)

- 1. <u>Heaven's King on Earth</u> (Acts 1:6-11 cf. Jeremiah 23:5-6)
- 2. <u>Kingdom offered to Israel</u> (Acts 3:19-21)
- 3. <u>Kingdom rejected</u> by Israel (Acts 7:51-60):
 - (A) Could no longer be offered after the Herod killed the Apostle James (Acts 12:1-4)
 - (B) It's presentation needed ALL the TWELVE APOSTLES (Acts 1:16-22) as the promised rulers over the TWELVE TRIBES of Israel in that kingdom (Matthew 19:28)
- 4. <u>Kingdom gradually withdrawn</u> from Israel (Acts 13:45-46; 18:5-6):
 - (A) During this time Paul preached his gospel where "Christ was NOT named" (Romans 15:20) - so NO mixing of of Peter's & Paul's gospels (Galatians 2:7-9)
 - (B) Paul admonished "each man to abide in the SAME calling wherein he was called" (I Corinthians 7:18,20-22)
 - (C) The Judaizers which plagued Paul's Gentile churches (Galatians 2:1-5 cf. Acts 15:1-2) were acting contrary to the leadership of the Jerusalem church (Acts 15:22-27)
- 5. <u>Israel's kingdom covenant promise</u> has been offically put on hold at the end of the Acts period (Acts 28:25-28 cf. Isaiah 6:9-10) until after the completion of the <u>Gentile</u> "<u>Dispensation of the</u> <u>Grace of God</u>" (Ephesians 3:1-2 cf. Romans 11:25):
 - (A) This Gentile dispensation reveals "the Mystery" that saved Jews & Gentiles are "FELLOW HEIRS and, of the SAME BODY" (Ephesians 3:3,6 cf. 2:14-16) and have a HEAVENLY HOPE (Ephesians 1:3; 2:6)