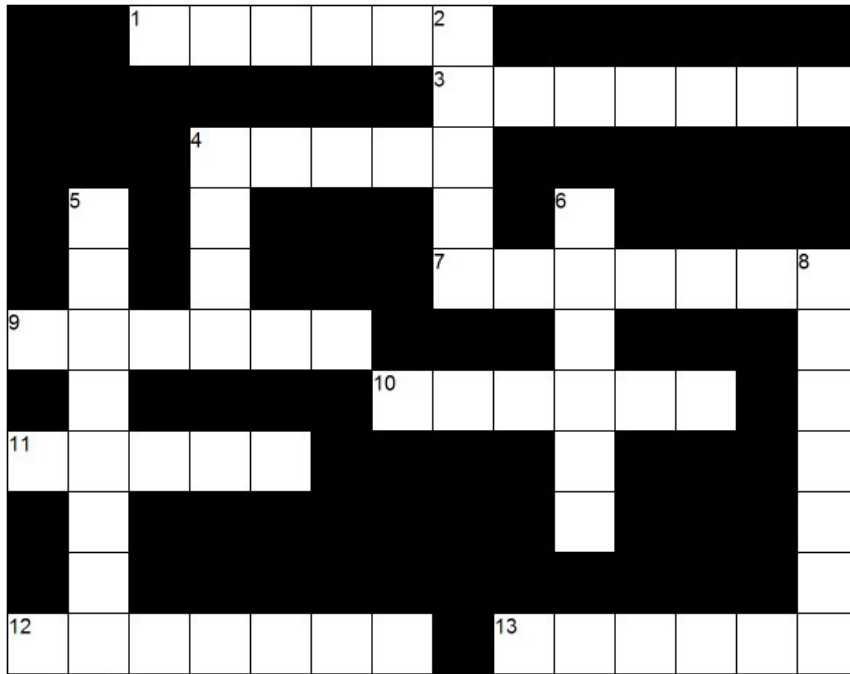


### A Bible Crossword: The Book Of Acts, Part 4

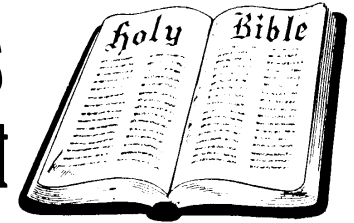


Across: 1. The prophet from which the eunuch was reading. 3. God told him to leave Mesopotamia. 4. The sorcerer. 7. Moses removed his at the burning bush. 9. The evangelist. 10. His envious brothers sold him into Egypt. 11. The age of Moses when he visited his brethren. 12. The non-Jewish city where Peter & John imparted gifts of the Holy Spirit. 13. The land where Moses sojourned for forty years.

Down: 2. God doesn't dwell in temples made by these. 4. He watched the coats, consenting to Stephen's death. 5. Where the eunuch was from. 6. Israel received the law through their direction. 8. He build God a house.

—All answers can be found in Acts 7-8, NKJV.

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## Ne Plus Ultra

Modern dictionaries define the Latin phrase *Ne Plus Ultra* as the highest point of excellence or achievement. *Ne Plus Ultra* has become a slogan, a name for various awards, and even the name of a rock group.

Once, a very long time ago, *Ne Plus Ultra* meant something quite different. Literally translated, *Ne Plus Ultra* means “No more beyond.” When the Spanish conquered Gibraltar, extending their control to both sides of the Mediterranean, they printed coins with the Pillars of Hercules on one side and the phrase *Ne Plus Ultra* on the other. The Spanish believed that there was nothing more beyond the Straights of the Gibraltar. Open ocean flowed endlessly to the end of the world.

Christopher Columbus proved the common belief to be wrong. His discovery of the New World changed everything, including the phrase minted on Spanish coins. Indeed, there was more beyond.

Columbus may have been a great explorer, but his exploits pale in comparison with those of the Son of God.

In Acts 3:15, Peter told the Jews that they “killed the Prince of life, whom God raised from the dead, of which we are witnesses.” The word translated Prince is *archegos*. The

King James version translated this word prince (Acts 3:15, 5:31), captain (Hebrews 2:10), and author (Hebrews 12:2). An archegos is one who begins something so that others may enter into it. He is a trail-blazer, a pioneer.

Jesus pioneered life. Peter wrote, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you" (1 Peter 1:3-4).

As the men of Columbus' day lived under the false assumption that there was nothing beyond Gibraltar, many have lived under the false assumption that there is nothing being death. In Jesus' day, the Sadducees said there was no resurrection of the dead (Matthew 22:23). Jesus proved them wrong and changed everything.

Christians have an inheritance that is incorruptible, undefiled, and that does not fade away. It is the resurrection Jesus from the dead that gives us this living hope.

Hebrews 2:9-10 says, "But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone. For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings."

He tasted death for everyone, and in so doing, He became the captain (archegos) of our salvation.

We live in hope, knowing that because Jesus was raised, we will be raised. "But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the

dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you" (Romans 8:11).

Pioneers live hard lives as do those who follow them. Paul acknowledges that being a follower of Christ may require us to suffer as He suffered. "The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs; heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together" (Romans 8:16-18).

We will face suffering in this life, but this world's suffering is nothing compared with the glory of what lies beyond. "For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us" (Romans 8:17).

There is more beyond, and for the Christian, it will be glorious. Thus, the Hebrew writer exhorts, "Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author (archegos) and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God" (Hebrews 12:1-2). Run, looking unto Jesus. He has proven that there is more beyond. —RAB

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