

Peter's Sermon at Pentecost

Act 2:14 But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words:

.v14 with the eleven.

There are twelve Apostles of the Kingdom; Peter is the one who carries the "keys to the kingdom" and is the spokesmen.

...men of Judea. They were foreigners (**Acts 2:5**), out of every nation under heaven - but still men of Judea. **Acts 1:5, 9,10, 11.**

Acts 2:15-16 For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day. 16 But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;

.v15 third hour.

Peter then rejects the notion that the twelve were drunken and used common sense to debunk this theory - the 3rd hour is nine o'clock in the morning and it's the hour of prayer, not time for drunkenness.

1Th 5:7 For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night.

Mar 15:25 And it was the third hour, and they crucified him.

...This is that. Now Peter is going to quote from the Old Testament to give evidence that they are witnesses of the Works of God. **Acts 1:11.**

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Acts 2:17-21 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: 18 And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy: 19 And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke: 20 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come: 21 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

.v17 is shall come to pass.

This is the fulfillment of that, or this was predicted. This was the second part of Peter's argument, to show that this was in accordance with the predictions in their own Scriptures.

..afterward, In the Last Days: To get the timing right, we need to look at the context of Joel. The prophet Joel uses the phrase AFTERWARD, Here in Acts - under the inspiration of the Holy Ghost - Peter identifies these days as the "Last Days". After the national restoration mentioned in **Joel 2:21-27**, in the Last Days, "Afterward", would come the days of the Spirit; and "this is that" which "the day of Pentecost" looked forward to, and on which **Joe 2:28**, **Joe 2:29** began to be fulfilled.

Had the nation repented at the summons of Peter in **Act 2:17-36 & 3:18-26**, "all things which God had spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets" would have been fulfilled, including **Joe 2:30**, **Joe 2:31-32**, **Mal 4:5** also would have been taken of John the Baptist if they had received it. **Mat 11:14**.

...I will pour out My spirit. Note the *Figure of speech* used to emphasize the statement included within this sentence, and the repetition of it at the end of **Joe 2:29**. This promise was to ALL FLESH. Jews and Gentiles alike. But the gifts given were specifically for the Jews. Hence the phrase "your sons", "your daughters", and "your old men", etc...

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...and your daughters. Even though none are numbers in the opening verses of Acts, women are not excluded from the gift of the Spirit or the spiritual gifts that follow.

...**prophecy**. Not necessarily foretelling, but forthtelling, by speaking for God. Only such as were called and gifted could be His spokesmen. Compare **Num_11:16, Num_11:17, Num_11:29**.

Joel 2:28-32

And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: 29 And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit. 30 And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke. 31 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come. 32 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in the remnant whom the LORD shall call.

Peter and the Eleven are standing upon Joel 2:12 & 13; God is calling for repentance from the nation of Israel.

Joel Chapter 1 opens describing a literal locust plague, chapter 2 opens describing an invasion of a literal ARMY. The army of the LORD (not an army of locusts as some suppose) coming to usher in the promised kingdom of DAVID (as per the question in Acts 1:6). Joel Chapter 2 God promises destruction, devastation, calls for repentance, and promises restoration.

- **2:1-11** Total Devastation: the prophet is speaking to the people proclaiming the coming devastation. Not by a literal locust plague or army - but supernatural forces. The armies of LIGHT and DARKNESS,
Also see **Rev 19:11-21** for a tale of two armies...
- **2:12-17** A call to REPENT

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- **2:18-32** Total Restoration: the LORD begins to speak, of the coming restoration because He has pity on HIS PEOPLE (in answer to their repentance - .v12-17)

.v1-17 Total Devastation

.v1-11 The Day of the LORD cometh...

.v1 the day is NEAR at hand.

Zech 14:1-3 all the prophets speak of this coming day with the hope of restoration. There are 75 references to the 'Day or the LORD' in the Bible.

BLOW the trumpet... sound an ALARM...

God never told the Israelites to blow a trumpet when LOCUSTS showed up.

Num 10:1-10

In the wilderness they were instructed to craft two silver trumpets used for gathering (**Joel 1:14**) the people and sounding an alarm (**Joel 2:2**). 7 specific alarms/sounds are mentioned...

Rev 1:10-11 the voice of the LORD sounds like a trumpet

As with most prophets, they prophesy of a LOCAL problem, a current issue, and use those events to explain future ones...

.v2 This day beginning with DARKNESS per the Hebrew day, evening comes before morning.

Joel 1:2... There has never been, nor ever will be, any day like this DAY

As the MORNING spread upon the mountains... Morning overtakes the night - gradually at first....

Changing the sky to BLOOD.

A GREAT people; certainly not locusts (but people), there has been 'the like' in Egypt... **Exodus 10:13**

.v3 we use FIRE to get rid of Locusts.

The LAND... re: the land of Israel

Amos 1-3... I will send a FIRE

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Joel 1:18-20... complete destruction

These beasts in Joel destroy 'plants' (**Joel 2:3**), In Revelation 9 do not, they only touch people (**Rev 9:4-5**). So this event precedes the prophesy of Revelation. We need to find a place for this prior to the 'Day of the LORD' (**Joel 2:1**)

As the Garden of EDEN, gives a picture of the coming millennial kingdom.

.v4 this army looks like horses - not locusts

Maybe a Centaur? We know SATRYS exist in the bible.... **Is 34:14**

And there are supernatural horses in the heavens

Rev 19:11-17... The GOOD

Rev 9:16-21... The BAD

And they RUN as horses... on all fours. with horse power!

See **2 Kings 2:11**... chariots of FIRE...

Hab 3:8... the LORD has horses...

.v5 chariots on the tops of mountains

Apparently, these horses fly, and leap tall buildings in a single bound. **2 Kings 2:17, 2 Kings 2:11, 2 Sam 5:24, Ezek 1:6, Zech 5:1-2**

...as a strong people set in BATTLE array

The day of the LORD and the LORD of HOSTS are references to destruction via an ARMY.

This is not the army of the anti-Christ, but the LORD's army. **Zech 14:1-3** & **Isaiah 31**...

They do battle on horses, their noise is as a 'flame of fire' because they ride chariots and horses of FIRE.

.v6 gather blackness as SOOT. **Zech 14:12**... or possibly a nuclear blast.

.v7 they run & march like 'mighty men'; that is like 'men of war', without breaking rank.

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.v8 these armies fall upon the SWORD; Locusts do not

Here we see the literal army of the Lord of HOSTS whose soldiers NEVER kill a fellow comrade, who ALWAYS march in their proper place, and who will not be wounded.

.v9 They enter in LIKE A THIEF

*This host will destroy ALL. **Mat 24:43, Rev 16:15 & 1 Thes 5:2...***

.v10...events preceding the 'Day of the Lord' as also described in: **Joel 2:30-31, Isaiah 13:9-10, Is 9:20, Mark, 13:24, Acts 2, Rev 8:12, 9:2**

.v11 the Lord returns FIRST, proving that the previous references were to the armies of GOD.

.v12-17 A call to REPENT

.v12 what can the sinner do? TURN to God. Christ obviously taught Peter the need to repentance and the restoration that would follow. **Acts 3:19.**

Turn here means to repent, to STOP doing what you are doing and TURN to God. Twice the nation of Israel is told to TURN back to God (.v12 & .v13)

The byproduct of *real* repentance is FASTING, WEEPING and MOURNING

.v13 true repentance is a HEART experience.

To rend means to tear, the tearing is to be in your heart, not just your garments.

Lev 13:45... At times a garment was torn as an outward expression, one of deep grief, as when the leper was commanded to rent his clothes

Lev 21:10... The holy garments of the priests were on no occasion to be rent

Mat 26:65, Mark 14:63... so the act of Caiaphas was as unbiblical as the Lord "rebuilding the Temple".

Repentance is to come from the HEART, it is not an outward show. God wants us to plow the INSIDE: **Hos 10:12**. Not from the outside as do some. **Zech 7:5-6**, or **Romans 14:1-10**. *setting up a regulation on eating and drinking produces NOTHING*

Col 2:23. Neither does forcible controlling your flesh with 'will power'. we are to fast because we are sorry for our sins...

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So it might be, at some point in our Christian lives, we fall from grace in the same manner as the Jews had fallen into idolatry, refusing to heed to Gods leading, added WORKS to their salvation or have chosen to 'walk after the flesh (**Rom 8:1**)... we need to 'fess up' and 'return to the Lord', we need to **turn** to God with WORDS (**Hos 14:2**) of sorrow

2 Corinthians 7:10 For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.

We need to express sorrow with **thankfulness** to God for allowing us to return from our '**backsliding ways**'.

.v14 the Lord will BLESS you in the field and vineyard.

The meat/drink offerings were taken away because of the crop failure (**1:13**).

So the food/drink MAY be restored IF they TURN to God.

The key in **.v14** is *IF HE WILL RETURN*, speaking of God. There is always some action on the part of man FIRST. **Acts 2:38, Acts 3:19-20 & 26.**

.v15-16 BLOW the Trumpet

2:1, the previous Trumpet was to sound an ALARM.

Here we see FIVE types of a CHURCH.

1. GATHER the people
2. sanctify the CONGREGARION
3. Assemble the ELDERS. **I Tim 5:17, Acts 20:17, I Peter 5:1**
4. Gather the CHILDREN **Rom 8:16, Eph 5:1**... as the children of God. **Luke 18:16**... Even the 'little children'
5. and the BRIDE

The trumpet is being used to call an ASSEMBLY. **Ps 19:5, Jer 33:11, Mat 9:5**. The word Bridegroom (**2:16**) is referring to the Lord Jesus Christ returning for His Bride. At which time He will gather the dispersed of Israel and place them back into their land.

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.v17 when a Godly Nation falls into SIN, Heathen Nations will rule over them.

Let the PRIESTS weep

Because the priests offer sacrifices and are responsible for the spiritual health of the nation. **I Peter 2:5,9**

The Priests are the MINISTERS of the LORD

I Cor 3:5 & 4:1: In the Body of Christ, every child of God is a Minister.

Their land is left desolate - they have OIL but what they need is WATER.

Maybe they are being RULED by other nations because of their OIL.

2 Pet 3:4... So those that rule mock saying, "Where is there God?". The athiests even say this about the CHURCH today.

As someone said; it may be a good thing to pray "*Spare not they people, O Lord, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the United Nations, Russia, China should rule over us!*"

"*the HEATHEN*" ruling **over Judah** settles the matters of who the army is in verses 2:4-11. The heathen are the nations which RULE over Israel in the coming verses and the coming Army of God is the key to freedom.

.v18-32 Total Restoration.

.v18... THEN, the time period WHEN something happens, not necessarily WHY.

THEN, as in WHEN the heathen mock and say 'where is their God?' or WHEN the Nation of Israel finally "*rends their hearts*" to God.

this is the literal restoration of the Promised LAND as mentioned so many times. **Isa 60:18 -21, Jer 24:6-8, Mal 3:12, Ezek 39:16...**

.v19... God will FEED His people during this time. **Mat 6:9-13, Lk 11:2-4...** Hence the need for the Lord's prayer.

.v20... the Northern Army comes from Assyria. **Ex 38 & 39...** this happens in the Last Days

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Ez 38:1-2, 9, 15-23; 39:1-10, 23.. Why? To answer the question of **Joel 2:17**. When the ruling heathen nations MOCK God and turn on the believing remnant of Israel, God will show them where He is; He will be in their MIDST.

Armageddon... is to the east of the Mediterranean sea (Utmost sea) and the west of the sea of Galilee (East sea). the fate of this army is that their rotting corpses will spread out so far that it will take seven months to cleanse the land. **Ezek 39:4, 11-16**

Jer 1:14-16... was just a foreshadowing of the judgement on the Northern Army.

.v21... the Tribulation period leads to the coming of the Son of Man.

great and terrible things happen BEFORE the Day of the Lord.

Compare v25-27 with v28 (the events in Joel 2:28-32 will be fulfilled AFTER God is in the Midst of His People)

.v22... we are not given the spirit of FEAR

Ez 38:20...the beasts are afraid & God comforts them.

Rev 6:15... but the wicked will find no comfort

.v23-24... the children of ZION.

.v23 That is the children of the southern Kingdom whom Joel is writing to.

This is literal RAIN, H₂O, AQUA... **Leviticus 26:3, 4; Deuteronomy 11:14-17; 1 Kings 8:35-36 & 45; Jeremiah 3:3; Hosea 6:3**

The former rain came in October and the latter rain in April. This has nothing to do with a 'spiritual awakening' but with the land of Palestine getting WET after a drought to that the crops can GROW.

and it's going to be a LOT of water, the former & later rain both fall, in the FIRST month, all at once, and the following verses explain why.

.v24... food and wine will be restored (from the YEARS that the 'locusts' ate their food. You need WATER for that!

.v25... the restoration of the LAND from the 'years that the locust hath eaten'

But one day ALL things will be as new. **Acts 2:19-21, Rev 21:5, 2 Cor 5:17...**

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.v26 & 27... the Day of the LORD/CHRIST

.v26... MY PEOPLE...

The nation of Israel, the believing remnant, not the church. **Ps 14:4, 28:9, 78:52, 78:62, Jer 12:14, 30:12, Isa 65:19, 63:8, Amos 8:2, Micah 6:5..**

But not ONLY Israelites... **Rom 9:25 & Hos 1:9**

Israel will then praise the name of the LORD &

.v27... the LORD will be in the MIDST of Israel

...BEFORE the events of verse 28 (Which is where Peter begins quoting in Acts 2:14)

See context in **Eze 39:28.**

Ezekiel 39:27-29 When I have brought them again from the people, and gathered them out of their enemies' lands, and am sanctified in them in the sight of many nations; 28 Then shall they know that I am the LORD their God, which caused them to be led into captivity among the heathen: but I have gathered them unto their own land, and have left none of them any more there. 29 Neither will I hide my face any more from them: for I have poured out my spirit upon the house of Israel, saith the Lord GOD.

.v28-32... And so Peter begins his Acts 2 Sermon here. Stating that in the "last days", these events would come to pass. What is the LORD going to do, once He is in the Midst of THEM?

1. He will Pour out HIS Spirit upon ALL FLESH
2. YOUR sons and
3. YOUR daughters shall prophesy
4. YOUR old men shall dream dreams
5. YOUR young men shall see visions
6. Upon the servants and
7. the handmaids will God pour out HIS Spirit.
8. Wonders in the heavens
9. And in the earth
10. Blood

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11. Fire
12. Pillars of SMOKE
13. Sun turned to darkness
14. Moon into blood

...all BEFORE the terrible day of the LORD

Here in Joel you see seven blessings & seven judgments, this was not fulfilled in Acts 2, the Spirit was NOT poured out upon all flesh.

Joel says nothing of 'speaking in tongues'

The 'judgments & wonders' never took place

The deliverance/salvation on Joel 2 and Acts 2 have nothing to do with Calvary, but is from the coming judgment '*at the place of the breaking forth of children*' (**Hos 13:13**) in Jerusalem on Mt Zion.

.v28... afterward, I will pour out my spirit...

Same afterward as In **Hebrews 8:10**, Which happens '*in the last days*'. **Acts 2:17**

The phrase ALL FLESH is followed by a colon. Thus the events following the pouring out of the spirit directly tied to that event.

Zec 13:1-9... From Zechariah, we know there will be no prophets in the millennial kingdom. So these events take place before that is set up.

.v29 ...in THOSE days will I pour out my spirit.

Same 'days' as in **3:1**. The context is the judgment of the nations that RULED over his People.

The events of Joel are in the immediate future from the events of **Acts 2**. Peter says, 'this IS that' not 'this is the fulfilment OF that'.

.v30... see **Rev 6:12, 16:8**

Something effects the gravitational pull as prophesied in **Isaiah 24:4-7 & 19-20**.

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.v 32... whosoever shall call upon the name of the LORD shall be delivered.

Gen 4:26, Ps 91:14, Is 56:6-8, Rom 10:13, Rom 11:25-26 & 11:11-13....

The REMNANT delivered = 10%. See **Is 6:13**.

Delivered from what? See **Is 4:1-6**...the Spirit has NOT been poured out upon all flesh, yet.

Isaiah 4:2-6 In that day shall the branch of the LORD be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the earth shall be excellent and comely for them that are escaped of Israel. 3 And it shall come to pass, that he that is left in Zion, and he that remaineth in Jerusalem, shall be called holy, even every one that is written among the living in Jerusalem: 4 When the Lord shall have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and shall have purged the blood of Jerusalem from the midst thereof by the spirit of judgment, and by the spirit of burning. 5 And the LORD will create upon every dwelling place of mount Zion, and upon her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day, and the shining of a flaming fire by night: for upon all the glory shall be a defence. 6 And there shall be a tabernacle for a shadow in the daytime from the heat, and for a place of refuge, and for a covert from storm and from rain.