

Acts 2:16-21

3/2/22

- * Tonight -- Opportunity to give a Bible study
 - * Recent topics -- "Visions & Dreams in the Old Testament" and "Visions & Dreams in the New Testament"
 - * Topic tonight -- Acts 2:16-21
 - * Acts 2:16 -- referring back to Joel 2:28-32
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- * At the end of last week's study, I ended with the following questions
 - * What details of Joel 2:28-32 were fulfilled in Old Testament?
 - * What details of Joel 2:28-32 & Acts 2:16-21 were fulfilled on the Day of Pentecost?
 - * What details of Joel 2:28-32 and Acts 2:16-21 were fulfilled in the New Testament?
 - * What is the primary time-frame of Joel 2:28-32 & Acts 2:16-21 when they talked about prophesying, visions and dreams?
 - * Consider 4 options about the time-frame
 1. Proceeding forward from Joel 2:28-32?
 2. Proceeding forward from Acts 2:16-21?
 3. Primarily, preceding the return of Christ?
 4. Primarily, in the millennium?
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- * Compare Joel 2:28-29 and Acts 2:17-18
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| Joel 2:28
28-29 | it shall come to pass "afterward"
consider the message |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">* I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh* your sons and your daughters shall prophesy* your old men shall dream dreams* your young men shall see visions* I will pour out My Spirit on My menservants and
and on My maidservants |
| Acts 2:17-18 | discusses time when the following shall occur |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">* I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh* your sons and your daughters shall prophesy* your young men shall see visions* your old men shall dream dreams* I will pour out My Spirit in those days on My
menservants and on My maidservants -- and |

they shall prophesy

* Compare Joel 2:30-32 and Acts 2:19-21

Joel 2:30	I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth -- blood, fire and pillars of smoke
Acts 2:19	I will show wonders in heaven above and signs in the earth beneath -- blood, fire and vapor of smoke
Joel 2:31	the sun shall be turned into darkness and the moon into blood -- before the coming of the great and awesome day of the Lord
Acts 2:20	the sun shall be turned into darkness and the moon into blood -- before the coming of the great and awesome day of the Lord
Joel 2:32	and it shall come to pass that whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved--for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance (as the Lord has said) among the remnant whom the Lord calls
Acts 2:21	and it shall come to pass, that whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved

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*What details of Joel 2:28-32 were fulfilled in the Old Testament?

* None of the details of Joel 2:28-32 were completely fulfilled in the Old Testament -- the Apostle Peter referred to those verses in his sermon on the Day of Pentecost

John 5:45	do not think that I shall accuse you to the Father
-- there is one who accuses you -- that is Moses, whom you trust	
46	for if you believed Moses, you would believe Me
	-- for he wrote about Me
47	but if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?
Luke 24:44	these are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms [the Writings] concerning Me
45	He opened their understanding that they might comprehend the Scriptures
Rom. 15:4	for whatever things were written before, were written for our learning -- that we through patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope
1 Cor. 10:11	now all these things happened to them as examples

-- and they were written for our admonition -- upon whom the ends of the ages have come

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*Since all the details of Joel 2:28-32 were not fulfilled on the Day of Pentecost, what can we learn?

- * Peter used a prophecy from the Old Testament (Joel 2:28-32) in a sermon to explain events that he saw in his life (Acts 2) -- even though some of the details did not exactly apply at that moment
 - * Although you should not claim to speak for God when He has not spoken to you, it is not wrong for you to recognize truth from the past to help you appreciate miracles in present
 - * Please be careful not to attempt to squeeze or to force the interpretation of a general prophecy of events -- into a specific event
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*What details of Joel 2:28-29 and Acts 2:16-21 were fulfilled on the Day of Pentecost?

- * Did this prophecy come "after" Joel 2:28?
 - * Yes
- * Did this prophecy come "after" Acts 2:16-21?
 - * Acts 2 -- Jewish converts
 - * Acts 10:44-48 -- Gentile converts
- *Did God pour out His Spirit upon "all flesh" either time?
 - * Not literally
 - * Was the phrase "all flesh" a literary device?
- *Was there a dramatic increase in prophesying, visions and dreams after the Day of Pentecost?
 - * Examples of prophesying, visions and dreams
 - * But hard to determine if there was dramatic increase
- *Were there wonders in the heavens and in the earth? * Not as specifically described in Joel 2, but yes.
 - * Mighty wind
 - * Divided tongues of fire
 - * One sat upon each of them
 - * Began to speak with other tongues
- *Did the sun turn into darkness and the moon turn into blood?
 - * The book of Acts makes no reference to such
 - * Either this occurred without being reported
 - * Or the phrases were a literary device
- *Were the events of Joel 2:28-32 and Acts 2:16-21 part of the great and awesome day of the Lord?
 - * This was not necessarily a specific time-frame as many religious people define it
 - * The phrase "Day of the Lord" has been used in the Bible

- to describe when God got more involved
- *Did whoever called on the name of the Lord on the Day of Pentecost become saved at that time?
- * Well, 3,000 people were baptized
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- *What details of Joel 2:28-32 and Acts 2:16:21 were fulfilled in the New Testament?
- * Some events of Acts 2:16-21 occurred during the rest of the New Testament
 - * Some events of Acts 2:16-21 are expected during the time of the book of Revelation
 - * Some events of Acts 2:16-21 are expected during the time preceding the return of Christ
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- *What is the primary time-frame of Joel 2:28-32 and Acts 2:16-21 describing the prophesying, visions and dreams?
1. Proceeding forward from Joel 2:28-32
 - * Prophesying, visions & dreams in the Old Testament
 2. Proceeding forward from Acts 2:16-21
 - * Prophesying, visions & dreams in the New Testament
 - * Miracles of the apostolic age
 - * Continued today
 3. Primarily, preceding the return of Christ
 - * Viewing many prophecies as End-Time events
 - * Viewing book of Revelation as End-Time book
 - * Miracles will increase near the return of Christ
 4. Primarily, in the millennium
 - * Expecting miracles to increase in millennium