

Sermon Handout

Jesus and the Last Days

Acts 2:14-24

- I. Peter says, “This is that” v. 16**
- a. “I will pour out my Spirit” Joel 2:28-29; Acts 2:17-18
 - i. “on all flesh” = Israel Jer 12:12; Ps 65:2 *cf.* Eze 39:29
 - ii. “**your** sons, daughters, young & old men, **my** servants” *et al.*
 - iii. Through Peter in Acts 2 and 10:45-46
 - b. Prophecy, dreams, visions Joel 2:28; Acts 2:17
 - i. Moses stated this desire for Israel Num 11:29
 - ii. Jeremiah predicted this Jer 31:33-34 *cf.* Isa 54:13
 - iii. Breaking down sex, age, status barriers Joel 2:28*f*; Acts 2:17*f*
See Gal 3:5-6, 26-29; 4:1-7; Rom 10:11-13 (Joel 2:32)
 - c. Signs and wonders: indicate judgment on unbelief vv. 19-20
 - i. Connected with the Exodus story
Ex 4:21; Ps 105:5, 27*ff*; Ps 78:32, 43*ff*; Neh 9:10
 - ii. On the earth
 - 1. Fire & smoke – God’s presence *cf.* Ex 19:18; 13:21
 - 2. But (with blood) judgment: Ps 18:5-9; Num 21:28; Ps 78:63;
Josh 8:19-21; Judg 20:38-40
 - iii. In the heavens (oblique reference to darkness at crucifixion?)
 - 1. Sun & moon connected with judgment
Is 13:9-11, 13; Eze 32:3-10; Amos 8:7-10
 - 2. Jesus uses this in predicting the fall of Jerusalem
Mt 24:29; Lk 21:25; Mk 13:24-25
- II. Jesus is the End of and Savior from the Judgment**
- a. Call on the Lord to be saved Joel 2:32; Acts 2:21
 - i. Invitation in Joel 2:12-13
 - ii. Picked up by Peter Acts 2:37-40
 - b. The remnant is promised salvation
 - i. Anticipated in Joel 2:32
 - ii. Fulfilled in Acts 2:41
 - c. Paul sees a new form of Israel (the old being rejected)
 - i. Rom 10:11-13 (citing Joel 2:32)
 - ii. The olive tree motif – Rom 11:2-5, 11-24