

## **Peter and the Prophet Joel**

**Acts 2:13-32**

**February 13, 2022**

Review of last few weeks!

### **We are in the last days. (v. 17)**

It was the last days in Paul's epistles so we know it's much closer even now.

The only thing needed for God to come back is for people from every tribe and nation to know Him. (Revelation 7:9)

### **Any “signs and wonders” are for God’s glory, ultimately. (vs. 17-20)**

As we mentioned last week, as the people spoke in tongues, it was primarily for the unbelievers, so they would believe, for God's glory.

Any so-called “signs and wonders” that are not for the glory of God are then for self and from another “spirit” all together.

### **The Great and awesome day of our Lord is coming! (v. 20)**

The Old Testament passages dealing with the day of the Lord often convey a sense of imminence, nearness, and expectation: “Wail, for the day of the Lord is near!” (Isaiah 13:6); “For the day is near, even the day of the Lord is near” (Ezekiel 30:3); “Let all who live in the land tremble, for the day of the Lord is coming. It is close at hand” (Joel 2:1); “Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision” (Joel 3:14); “Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is near” (Zephaniah 1:7). This is because the Old Testament passages referring to the day of the Lord often speak of both a near and a far fulfillment, as does much of Old Testament prophecy. Some Old Testament passages that refer to the day of the Lord describe historical judgments that have already been fulfilled in some sense (Isaiah 13:6-22; Ezekiel 30:2-19; Joel 1:15, 3:14; Amos 5:18-20; Zephaniah 1:14-18), while others refers to divine judgments that will take place toward the end of the age (Joel 2:30-32; Zechariah 14:1; Malachi 4:1, 5).

The New Testament calls it a day of “wrath,” a day of “visitation,” and the “great day of God Almighty” (Revelation 16:14) and refers to a still future fulfillment when God's wrath is poured out on unbelieving Israel (Isaiah 22; Jeremiah 30:1-17; Joel 1-2; Amos 5; Zephaniah 1) and on the unbelieving world (Ezekiel 38-39; Zechariah 14). The Scriptures indicate that “the day of the Lord” will come quickly, like a thief in the night (Zephaniah 1:14-15; 2 Thessalonians 2:2), and therefore Christians must be watchful and ready for the coming of Christ at any moment.

Besides being a time of judgment, it will also be a time of salvation as God will deliver the remnant of Israel, fulfilling His promise that “all of Israel will be saved” (Romans 11:26), forgiving their sins and restoring His chosen people to the land He promised to

Abraham (Isaiah 10:27; Jeremiah 30:19-31, 40; Micah 4; Zechariah 13). The final outcome of the day of the Lord will be that “the arrogance of man will be brought low and the pride of men humbled; the Lord alone will be exalted in that day” (Isaiah 2:17). The ultimate or final fulfillment of the prophecies concerning the day of the Lord will come at the end of history when God, with wondrous power, will punish evil and fulfill all His promises.<sup>1</sup>

### **All who call on the name of the Lord will be saved. (v. 21)**

*<sup>13</sup> For “whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.” <sup>14</sup> How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? <sup>15</sup> And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, who bring glad tidings of good things!” <sup>16</sup> But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “LORD, who has believed our report?” <sup>17</sup> So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.* **Romans 10:13-17**

Word literally means “anyone.”

It’s my job and your job to declare the Lord and the Good News, God has commanded us to go and make disciples and to love our neighbor. God uses us to declare His name and goodness.

### **Jesus is the joy of life. (v.28)**

Salvation includes:

Going to heaven, escaping hell, having peace, trusting Jesus and more, but ultimately salvation is KNOWING GOD. John Piper has said, “God is the Gospel.”

*And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.* **John 17:3**

### **Prayer Focus:**

**The Lord is coming back, am I ready?**

**The Lord is coming back, is my family, friends and neighbors ready?**

**The Lord is to be the joy and hope of my life, is He?**

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.gotquestions.org/day-of-the-Lord.html>