

Peter's Pentecost and Joel's Day of the Lord

Acts 2:14-21 and Joel 1-3

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INTRODUCTION:

1. Peter's critical moment at Pentecost, Acts 2:14-21.
2. Peter's clarity of mind for Pentecost, Acts 1-2.
3. Joel's crucial message concerning the Day of the Lord, Joel 1-3.

What is the Day of the LORD?

- It is the day of YHWH.
- It is a future day when YHWH directly interrupts all human affairs in order to reign on earth from Jerusalem.
- It is a devastating day related to a historical day of devastation in Israel (locust plague).
- It is a day of YHWH's judgment on Israel BUT ALSO YHWH's restoration of kingdom promises to Israel.
- It is a day of YHWH's judgment on the nations.
- It is a future day of severity that demands repentance now.

Key question: Is the Pentecost event in Acts 2 the same event that Joel is pointing to?

4. Why is Peter quoting Joel when two different events are in view?
 - *This Holy Spirit at Pentecost is the same Holy Spirit of Joel's future day of the Lord.*
 - *Peter, like Joel, is using a historical situation contemporary to him, to lead his audience to consider the great Day of the LORD yet to come.*
 - *Peter, like Joel, is urging his audience to repent now in light of the greater Day of the LORD that is coming when Messiah returns.*