



The Earthly Beginning Of Heaven's Kingdom Acts 2

Introduction

God has been acting on behalf of man's redemption with "preciseness." Let us forget, this "plan" was conceived in His mind from the dawn of eternity (**Rom. 16:25; Eph. 1:3-4; 2 Tim. 1:9; Titus 1:2**). The very sending of His Son was also according to plan (**Gal. 4:4**). Now, it is time for the kingdom "in prospect" to be brought into existence. No chapter in the N.T. is more central to God's redemptive plan than **Acts 2**.

The Baptism Of The Holy Spirit (2:1-4)

- 1) Who is the "they" in v. 1? (cp. 1:26) Is there any way to tell just how many received this "baptism?" (cp. v. 14) Thought question: why is this important?
- 2) What events are described in vv. 2-4a? (cp. 1:4-5, 8; Jn. 14:26; 15:26; 16:12-13)
- 3) As a result of what happened, what did the apostles do? (v. 4b) Thought question: what are "tongues?" (cp. vv. 6, 8, 11)

Reaction Of The People (2:5-13)

- 4) How is Jerusalem described in vv. 5-11? Why so many people? (cp. v. 1)
- 5) What were the apostles doing? What did the crowd recognize? (vv. 7-8)
- 6) What was the "mixed reaction" from the crowd? (vv. 12-13)

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The First Gospel Sermon (2:14-36)

- 7) Who is the “preacher?” (v. 14a) What must he address first? (vv. 14b-15) What is his explanation? (vv. 16-21) From where does he quote?

- 8) What are the major topics of Joel’s prophecy to which Peter alludes? What is the desired effect God intended to bring about? (v. 21)

- 9) As Peter actually begins preaching, what does he mention first? (v. 22) What else does Peter emphasize about Jesus? (v. 23) *Thought question*: how important is v. 23 in refuting the errors of premillennialism?

- 10) Despite what Peter’s audience had done, what did God do? (v. 24) Once again, how does Peter “prophetically prove” his point? (vv. 25-28) *Thought question*: what do we learn about Jesus from v. 27? (cp. Lk. 23:43)

- 11) How does Peter continue to prove the resurrection of Jesus? (vv. 29-32)

- 12) How does he connect all his remarks back to how he began his sermon? (v. 33) What else does he say about Jesus in vv. 34-35? What is his “exhortation” in v. 36?

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Response To Peter's Sermon (2:37-42)

- 13) What was the initial reaction of the audience? (v. 37) What did Peter tell lost people to do to be saved? (v. 38; cp. Lk. 24:47) *Thought questions*: why didn't Peter tell them to "believe?" Does Mt. 26:28 offer any help as to the correct interpretation of "...for the remission of sins?"
- 14) What "promise" is mentioned? (v. 39a) To whom is it for? (v. 39b)
- 15) What did Peter keep doing? (v. 40; cp. Phil. 2:12b) What response did he get from this sermon? (v. 41) What "spiritual activities" did the first converts involve themselves in? (v. 42)

Early Actions Of The Believers (2:43-47)

- 16) How are they first converts described? (v. 43) How did they view each other? (vv. 44-45)
- 17) How did they spend their time...both spiritual & social? (v. 46) *Thought question*: what can the church today learn from this?
- 18) How was the church viewed by outsiders? (v. 47a) What did the Lord continue to do? (v. 47b)