

“I will pour out My Spirit” – Pt. 3

Acts 2:1-21





God's pouring out of His Spirit and the Miraculous

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Context

- There is some question as to the date of Joel's writing (i.e., 830 or 500-400 B.C.); but the message is the same
- The recipients were in the midst of unimaginable suffering caused by God to bring about their repentance – 1:2-4; 1:15-20; 2:12-17
- Those who repent would have blessings restored – 2:18-20, 25-27
- “Afterward” God would “pour out His Spirit on all flesh,” accompanied by miracles – 2:28-32
- At that time God would restore the fortunes of His people, while punishing those who stood against them – 3:1-3ff.

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Meaning?

- This pouring would come to pass “afterward” – 2:28; Acts 2:16-17
- God would then pour out His Spirit on all flesh – 2:28-29
 - All who answer God’s call would have a part in this – 2:32
 - Its fulfillment/reality would be manifested by miracles—though miracles are not the focus.

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- There will be judgment upon those who reject this pouring out – 2:30-31; Is. 13:9-10; Mt. 23:37-39
- There will be salvation and blessings upon those who accept God’s call – 2:32; 3:1-3ff.; 2 Thess. 2:13-14

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- Joel’s prophecy of God pouring out His Spirit is the same as that prophesied by others.
- Like the others, Joel presents...
 - God’s judgment on the disobedient
 - The promise of restoration and blessings on the penitent described as God pouring out His Spirit
 - God’s promise to punish those who oppose His people
- This pouring out of the Spirit is not about miracles, but instead the fullness of God’s plan being realized and the blessings that flow from it.

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