

Acts 2:14-36

**God's Purpose for "Signs/Wonders" Miracles
is to Validate the Beginning of Major New Phases of His Program**

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Introduction/Explanation v14-21

The Manifestation of Languages (in 2:1-4) Was Not Due to Drunkenness But Was the Result of the Descent of the Holy Spirit as a Sign of the Beginning of the NT Church (in a Way Consistent With the End-Times Prophecy of the Joel 2:28-32)

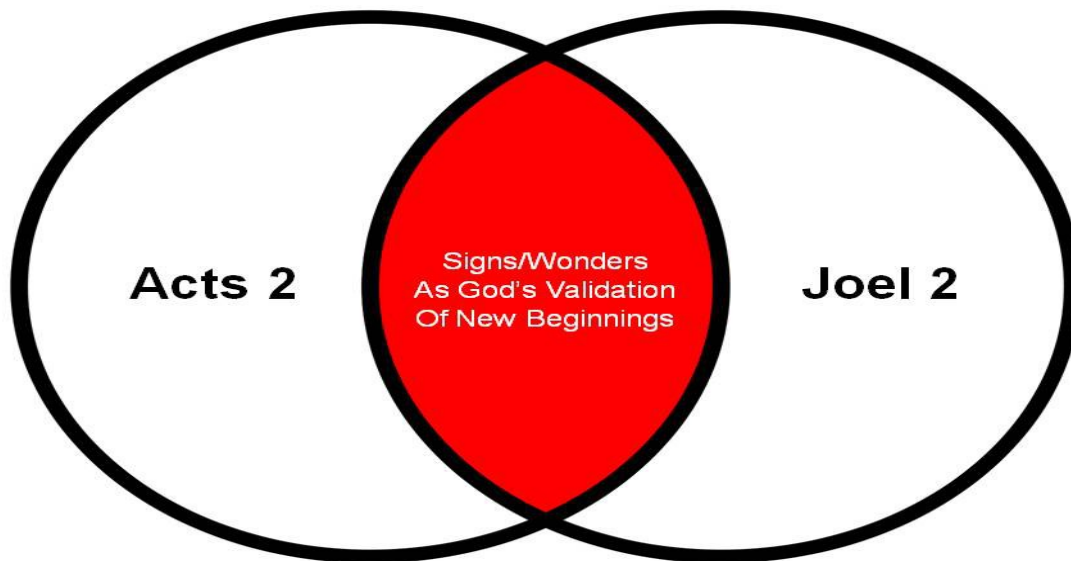
Peter's Purpose/Meaning for Citing Joel 2:28-32

Option 1: The events of Acts 2:1-4 were the direct/final fulfillment of Joel 2:28-32 BUT: This would demand the NT Church replaces OT Israel in a way Joel did not and could not know...and it demands most of Joel's prophecy was not literally fulfilled (the sun being darkened/the moon turning red/like blood...)

Option 2: A percentage of the events of Acts 2:1-4 were the direct/final fulfillment of Joel 2:28-32, in a way that distinguishes between OT Israel and the NT Church. BUT: This would demand Joel was directly describing the beginning of the NT Church which Paul insists is a "mystery" (something NOT dealt with in the OT).

Option 3: The events of Acts 2:1-4 in May 33AD were analogous to ("the same kind of thing" as the End-Times events described in Joel 2:28-32. The similarity being the use of unique miracles to mark a new phase of God's program.

Analogical Fulfillment
NOT Exact Equivalence.....BUT Significant Overlap



IOWs: the supernatural manifestation of languages which the city of Jerusalem had just seen/heard was used by God to mark the end of the OT era/the beginning of the NT Church in the same kind of way that the end-time miracles predicted in Joel 2:28-32 will be used by God to mark the end of the age (the Tribulation)/the beginning of the age to come (the Kingdom of Messiah on Earth)

Body/Exposition v22-36

Jesus of Nazareth is the Jewish Messiah and the Savior of All Who Believe in Him-God the Father Validated This by Unique Miracles during His Life and by the Ultimate Miracle of His Resurrection after His (SAS) Death...Followed by His Ascension/Return to Heaven in Anticipation of His End-Time Return

The Life/Death and Resurrection of Jesus v22-32

Is the basis for salvation for human beings (Jesus is the Lamb of God)

The Ascension of Jesus v33-35

Is the prelude to his 2nd Advent/the basis for the establishment of His millennial kingdom on Earth (Jesus in the Lion of the Tribe of Judah)

Take This To Heart

The Real Meaning of “The Day of Pentecost” in Acts 2 Was to Mark and Validate in a Unique and Undeniable Way the End of the OT Era and the Beginning of the NT Church Age

The General Principle: God’s Purpose for (Special “Signs/Wonders”) Miracles is to Mark/Validate the Beginning of Major New Phases of His Program for History

God can/does do miracles in His will/His way in His time...to bless His people and to further His program at any time. We can/should pray (seeking/submitting to His will) for miracles to meet our legitimate needs/desires. However we should realize that “sign/wonders” are unique types of miracles used to validate major new phases of God’s program...not for our personal convenience.

We are to trust/obey our Savior God, but we cannot manipulate Him/His power independently of His will/character/purposes. God will provide our needs (as HE defines them) but until the climax of His plan (Revelation 21:1-22:5) He will not isolate us from all of the fallout of sin around us and in us.