

JOEL 2 AND ACTS 2 COMPARED

JOEL 2:28-32

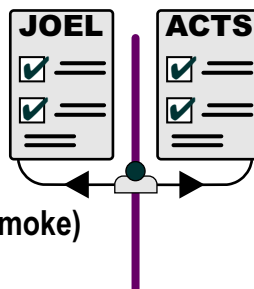
²⁸"And it shall come to pass afterward That I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your old men shall dream dreams, Your young men shall see visions. ²⁹And also on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days. ³⁰"And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth: Blood and fire and pillars of smoke. ³¹The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD. ³²And it shall come to pass that whoever calls on the name of the LORD Shall be saved.

ACTS 2:16-21

¹⁶But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: ¹⁷"And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, that I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your young men shall see visions, your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸And on my menservants and on my maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹I will show wonders in heaven above and signs in the earth beneath: blood and fire and vapor of smoke. ²⁰The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the coming of the great and awesome Day of the LORD. ²¹And it shall come to pass that whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved."

PROPHESIED

- Pour out My Spirit on all flesh
- Sons & daughters prophesy
- Old men dream dreams
- Young men see visions
- Menservants & Maidservants pour out Spirit
- Wonders in the Heavens & Earth (blood, fire, smoke)
- Sun turned dark; Moon turned to blood
- Whoever calls on the LORD are saved



- Pour out My Spirit on the 12 or 120

(Tongues)

- Whoever calls on the LORD are saved

ACTUALLY OCCURRED

- Virtually nothing that happened in Acts 2 is predicted in Joel 2.
- What actually happened in Acts two (the speaking in tongues) was not mentioned by Joel.
- What Joel did mention (dreams, visions, sun darkened, moon turned into blood) did not happen in Acts 2.
- Joel was speaking of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the whole of the nation of Israel in the last days. In Acts 2 it speaks of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the 12 Apostles or, at most, on the 120 in the Upper Room. This is a far cry from Joel's ALL FLESH.
- There was one point of similarity, an outpouring of the Holy Spirit, resulting in unusual manifestations.
- Acts 2 does not change or reinterpret Joel 2. Nor does Acts 2 deny that Joel 2 will have a literal fulfillment when the Holy Spirit is poured out on the whole nation of Israel.
- By repeating, "And they will prophesy" (Ac.2:18), which is not in Joel's text, Peter stressed prophecy as an important similarity between what Joel predicted and what his hearers were witnessing. God was revealing something new through the apostles.
- The omission of "fulfilled" here may be deliberate to help his hearers avoid concluding that what was happening was the complete fulfillment of what Joel predicted.
- Peter quoted Joel's prediction as an ILLUSTRATION of what was taking place in his day, and as a guarantee that God would yet completely fulfill all that Joel had prophesied.