

5. The (9) \_\_\_\_\_ in the earth and heavens Joel cites are connected elsewhere in Scripture with the events surrounding the Second Coming of Christ.

Revelation 8:7, “The first angel sounded: And hail and **fire** followed mingled with **blood**, and they were thrown to the earth. And a third of the trees were burned up. 8) Then the second angel sounded: And something like a great mountain burning with **fire** was thrown into the sea, and a third of the sea became **blood**.”

Revelation 9:15, “So the four angels, who had been prepared for the hour and day and month and year, were released to kill a third of mankind.”

Revelation 14:20, “And the winepress was trampled outside the city, and **blood** came out of the winepress, up to the horses’ bridles, for one thousand six hundred furlongs.”

Revelation 9:2, “And he opened the bottomless pit, and **smoke** arose out of the pit like the smoke of a great furnace. So the sun and the air were darkened because of the **smoke** of the pit. 3) Then out of the **smoke** locusts came upon the earth. And to them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power.”

Matthew 24:29, “Immediately after the tribulation of those days the **sun will be darkened**, and the **moon** will not give its light; the **stars will fall from heaven**, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. 30) Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the heaven, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.”

6. (10) \_\_\_\_\_ quotes Joel 2:32 in Romans 10:13.

Romans 10:12, “For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. 13) For whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Joel 2:32, “And it shall come to pass that whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be deliverance, as the Lord has said, among the remnant whom the Lord calls.”

**REMEMBER ...** The Day of the Lord begins with the seventieth week of Daniel (Dan. 9:24-27) – the Great Tribulation period of Israel’s affliction (Dt. 4:30; Isa. 24-27; Dan. 12:1; Mt. 24:15-28; Rev. 12) and of earth’s judgment (Isa. 13:9, 13; 26:20-21; Rev. 6; 8-11; 14:14-16:21) – and closes with the Second Coming of Christ (Rev. 19:11-16) and the Battle of Armageddon (Rev. 16:16; 19:17-21; Ezekiel 38 & 39). That day continues through the Millennium (Isa. 2:1-4; 11:1-12:6; Mic. 4:1-5; Rev. 20) and culminates in the eternal state (2 Pet. 3:10-13; Rev. 21-22).

<sup>1</sup>Unger, M. F. (2005). *The new Unger’s Bible handbook* (Rev. and updated ed.) (326). Chicago: Moody Publishers.

<sup>2</sup>*The Pulpit Commentary: Joel*. 2004 (H. D. M. Spence-Jones, Ed.) (27). Bellingham, WA: Logos Research Systems, Inc.



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**Pastor Jerry Johnston’s Sermonar  
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“I Will Pour Out My Spirit”  
Message #3 in the series, JOEL  
Bible Text: Joel 2:28-32**

**Bible Text: Joel 2:28-32, p. 1470 in the Nelson Study Bible**

**Joel 2:28-32 – Fulfillment?**

**Historical View**

Joel’s prophecy was fulfilled during the writing of the book.

**Fulfillment View**

Joel’s prophecy was fulfilled on the day of Pentecost.

**Perpetual View**

Joel’s prophecy was fulfilled in type on the day of Pentecost, but awaits greater fulfillment during the Millennium.

**Eschatological View**

Joel’s prophecy was not fulfilled on the day of Pentecost, nor in the Church Age, but awaits fulfillment at the Second Coming of Christ.

**The Promise of God for the Holy Spirit to be Poured Out on the Jews**

Isaiah 32:15, “Until the Spirit is poured upon us from on high, and the wilderness becomes a fruitful field counted as a forest.”

Ezekiel 36:26, “I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. 27) I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them. 28) Then you shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; you shall be My people, and I will be your God.”

Ezekiel 39:29, “And I will not hide My face from them anymore; for I shall have poured out My Spirit on the house of Israel, says the Lord God.”


Zechariah 12:10, “And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn.”

**Peter’s Quotation of Joel 2:28-32 on Pentecost (Acts 2:14-21)**

Acts 2:14-21: 14 “But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words: 15For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day. 16But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; 17And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my

*Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: 18And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy: 19And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke: 20The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and notable day of the Lord come: 21And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”*

- Peter informed Jews at Pentecost that the apostles were not drunk – it was (1) \_\_\_\_\_
- The filling of the Holy Spirit on the apostles (2) \_\_\_\_\_ the fulfillment of Joel’s prophecy, yet to come! Here we see a sample of the power the Spirit will release in the kingdom to come!
- Believers in the present (3) \_\_\_\_\_ age have a foretaste of the millennial kingdom of Christ.
- “wonders in heaven ... blood and fire and vapor of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood” (Acts 2:19-20; Joel 2:30-31) – obviously distinguishes Joel’s prophecy to the (4) \_\_\_\_\_ at the coming of Christ!



“Was that fulfilled on the Day of Pentecost? Of course not. There were no earthquakes, no changes in the sun and moon. These will occur on ‘that great and notable day of the Lord.’ Joel calls it ‘the great and terrible day of the Lord.’ The Day of Pentecost was a great day, but it was not a terrible day. It was a wonderful day.”  
-J. Vernon McGee, *Thru the Bible with J. Vernon McGee, Volume III Proverbs – Malachi* (Nashville: Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1982), 675.

“Keil takes the outpouring of the Spirit as a second and later result of the gift of ‘a teacher for righteousness’ (cf. 23). ‘And afterward,’ 28 (Acts 2:16), refers to the days of Israel’s exaltation and blessing in the opening era of the kingdom (Isa 2:2–4; Mic 4:17). The term ‘pour out’ signifies a rich abundance of divine communication (cf. Isa 32:15; Ezk 39:29). Peter’s use of this prophecy at Pentecost (Acts 2:15, 21) was illustrative of what the Spirit of God can do. Its final fulfillment awaits the introduction of the Kingdom Age. The kingdom outpouring is to be universal, 28–29, and is to be connected with the climactic phase of the ‘Day of the Lord,’ 30–31, with preceding signs announcing the dispossession of wicked men at the setting up of Christ’s kingdom on the earth, 32.”<sup>1</sup>

### What Does Joel 2:28-32 Promise?

1. In the Hebrew Bible these five verses comprise chapter (5) \_\_\_\_\_.

Joel 2:28, “And it shall come to pass **afterward**...”

Joel 2:29, “in those days,” 2:31, “the great and awesome day of the LORD,” 3:1, “in those days,” 3:18, “in that day.”

2. “afterward” – this indicates the (6) \_\_\_\_\_ when the promised outpouring of the Holy Spirit would come. Far beyond the locust plague, after the deliverance of the northern invader God promised to pour out His Spirit as Israel is revived and restored.

Joel 2:28b, “...that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh ...”

3. At the end of the (7) \_\_\_\_\_ God promises to pour out His Spirit inaugurating the Millennial Kingdom of Jesus Christ.

The word *shaphak*, employed by the prophet to express the outpouring of the Spirit, implies the bestowal of the gift in great abundance, as Calvin clearly pointed out: “For *shaphak*,” he says, “does not mean merely to give in drops, but to pour out in great abundance.”<sup>2</sup>

“The greatest spiritual revival of all time has not yet taken place. We learn about it in Revelation 7, which says that enormous multitudes will be saved as a result of the witness of the 144,000 Hebrew evangelists. These converts will not be in the church of course, but they will be in the kingdom. A fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit will energize the revival and there will probably be a fresh bestowal of the sign gifts.”  
-John Phillips, *Exploring the Minor Prophets* (Grand Rapids: Kregel Publications, 1998), 79.

“The Holy Spirit will be manifested in all His fullness during the Millennial Kingdom, much greater than during any period in history. It will be the Spirit’s ministry to restrain sin. There will be no spiritual conflict since demonic activity is nonexistent, for Satan is bound in the bottomless pit (Rev. 20:1-3), and Christ is suppressing evil by ruling with a rod of iron (Rev. 19:15). True there will be people born during the Kingdom Age with a sinful nature, who will try to manifest their wickedness (Is. 65:20), but the Holy Spirit will restrain them. It will be the Spirit’s ministry to convict people of their need for salvation ... Those born during the Kingdom Age will be led to Christ by the Holy Spirit like their parents before them (Ezek. 36:25-31; Jer. 31:31-34; Zech. 14:16; Isa. 60:3-12).  
-David M. Levy, *Joel: The Day of the Lord* (Bellmawr, NJ: The Friends of Israel Gospel Ministry, Inc., 1987), 54.

Joel 2:28c, “Your sons and your daughters shall prophecy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions. 29) And also on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days.”

4. (8) \_\_\_\_\_ God’s promises an unequalled outpouring of His Spirit at a specific time.

Joel 2:30, “And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth: Blood and fire and pillars of smoke. 31) The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the coming of the great and awesome day of the Lord.”