

Bereans Bible Institute
Module VII – The Apostolic Mission
Lesson 4 – Pentecost (Part 2)

I. Acts 2:5-15 The miracle of ‘languages’

- A. The miracle was in the speaking with foreign languages, not in hearing
- B. The speakers (disciples) were all Galileans – normally speaking Greek
 - 1. Greek was the language of trade – the disciples were tradesmen, uneducated (Acts 4:13), thus not multi-lingual
 - 2. Some were surprised that these ‘Galileans’ spoke in the language of Judea – Aramaic
 - 3. The miracle was that disciples spoke in many different languages, the dialects of many remote parts of the Roman Empire.
 - a. The miracle was verifiable objectively
- C. Two groups of hearers:
 - 1. Those genuinely inquisitive (“What could this mean?” vs. 12)
 - 2. Mockers who scoff (“They are full of new wine.” vs. 13)
- D. Peter denies that they were drunk

II. Acts 2:16-21 The prophecy of Joel was not fulfilled on Pentecost because:

- A. Joel did not mention anything about speaking in foreign languages
- B. Joel’s prophecy of the pouring out of the Breath was to be AFTER the Kingdom arrives
- C. The pronoun ‘this’ (vs. 16) must have an antecedent or postcedent which agrees in gender (masculine, feminine, neuter) and number (singular or plural).
 - 1. ‘this’ is in the neuter gender and singular number
- D. Joel’s prophecy is about the coming of the Day of the Lord (ch. 2:1)
 - 1. God’s angelic army which purges the land of Israel by fire (Joel 2:1-11)
 - 2. God commands Israel’s collective repentance (vss. 12-17, cf. Dan. 9:27, Rev. 11:1-13)
 - 3. After Israel repents collectively, God will restore Israel and Jerusalem, and personally dwell in their midst (vss. 18-27)
 - 4. AFTERWARDS God will pour out His breath on all of Israel (vs. 28-29)
 - 5. This will all be announced by the cosmic signs (vss. 30-32).
- E. God’s Breath will be poured out upon ALL of Israel (no exceptions)
 - 1. Jeremiah’s prophecy of the New Covenant is similar (Jer. 31:31-34)
 - a. All of Israel will know God, from the least to the greatest.
 - 2. Israel’s sons and daughters will prophesy (vs. 17)
 - 3. The cosmic signs occur just before Christ returns to restore Israel (Matt. 24:29-31)