Bereans Bible Institute

Module VII - The Apostolic Mission

Lesson 5 – Pentecost (Part 3)

- I. Joel's prophecy, order of events:
 - A. National Repentance of Israel (Joel 2:12-17)
 - B. The cosmic signs announcing the 'Day of the Lord' (Joel 2:30-31; Joel 3:15)
 - C. The 'Day of the Lord' judgment on God's enemies (Joel 2:1-11; Joel 3:1-16)
 - D. God Restores Israel to the Land (Joel 2:18-27; Joel 3:17-21)
 - E. "Afterward" in vs. 28 means after vss. 26-27 are fulfilled (described further in Joel 3:16-21).
 - 1. Hebrew אָחֵרִי־כֹּן "after this"
 - 2. LXX μετὰ ταῦτα "after this"
- II. Peter's switching "After this" to "in the last days"
 - A. Audience familiar with the passage, not a misapplication of their hope.
 - B. If Peter applied that prophecy to Pentecost, the Kingdom is here now.
 - C. "in the last days" refers to the Kingdom.
 - D. "After this" needs an antecedent, which would require Peter to quote more.
- III. Pouring out of 'My Breath' was on the whole house of Israel (not just a remnant)
 - A. on all flesh
 - B. Your sons, your daughters, your young men, your old men ('your' = Israel)
- IV. Consistent with other prophecies: holy Breath poured upon Israel when restored to the Land:
 - A. Isaiah 44:1-6
 - B. Isaiah 59:20-21 (quoted in Rom. 11:26)
 - C. Ezek. 36:23-38
 - D. Ezek. 37:1-14
 - E. Ezek. 39:25-29 "I have poured out My Breath on the house of Israel"
- V. No justification for the false dreams, false visions, & false prophesying of Charismatics & Pentecostals.
- VI. Peter's point was to turn their attention from the miracle of 'languages' to the 'hope of Israel' full restoration to the Land under the rule of the Messiah.
 - A. This was the hope of the Apostles themselves (Acts 1:6)