

Bereans Bible Institute
Module X – The Kingdom of God
Lesson 18 – The Kingdom in Acts (Part 1)

I. Acts 1:1-11

- A. Vs. 3 Jesus taught the disciples concerning the KINGDOM for the 40 days after His resurrection.
- B. Vs. 6 With Jesus' teaching, they asked Him whether He was at that time going to restore the Kingdom to Israel (not a kingdom in heaven)
- C. Vs. 7 Jesus reminded them of His former teaching in Matt. 24:14, that they must preach the Gospel of the Kingdom to all nations.
 - 1. They were not YET to know the "times and seasons" prior to embarking on their mission (Dan. 2:20; Dan. 12:8).
- D. Vss. 10-11 The same Jesus that ascended (bodily) into heaven will come back in exactly the same way – to the Mount of Olives (Zech. 14:1-5).

II. Acts 2

- A. Speaking in languages prophesied in Isaiah 28, a sign to unbelieving Israel in light of the impending destruction of Jerusalem in AD 70. The Message was the Gospel of the Kingdom
- B. Peter quoted Joel 2:28-31 which refers to the arrival of the Day of the Lord & the Kingdom.
 - a. *"This is that which was spoken"* does not refer to "tongues" or Pentecost. Rather, *"Here is what the prophet Joel said ..."* referring to the prophecy itself.
 - b. IN context, Joel actually said that the outpouring of the holy Breath would take place AFTERWARDS God has come to dwell among Israel in the Kingdom.
- C. Vss. 22-32 Peter announces that the Messiah (anointed King) has come, and has been confirmed by the resurrection, based on David's prophecy of His resurrection in Psalm 16
 - a. Christ speaking to the Father, refers to His inheritance of Ps. 2 (vss. 5-6), His instruction by the father as a child (vss. 7-8), resurrection prophecy, not left in the grave (vss. 9-10).
 - 1. Parallelism: You will not leave my SOUL in the GRAVE (Isa. 53:10,11,12)
Nor will you allow your holy one to see CORRUPTION
 - b. David knew that God promised Him that He would raise the Messiah from the dead to sit on David's Throne forever. David prophesied concerning the Messiah.
- D. Vss. 33-36 Peter references Psalm 110:1 Christ ascended to heaven until the Kingdom