

## ACTS 2 – THE HUB OF THE BIBLE

### Introduction

- 1) The second chapter of Acts has been referred to as the “Hub of the Bible” because of the central position it occupies to the Bible story and the fulfillment of biblical prophecy
- 2) It is interesting to note that three major prophecies associated with the events surrounding Acts chapter two are found in the second chapters of three Old Testament prophetic books
- 3) We can only stand in awe of God’s eternal purpose as we see prophecy fulfilled in the events leading up to **Acts 2**, that day, and the days that followed in the first century (cf. Eph. 3:10-11)

### I) **ACTS 1 – The Preparations for ACTS 2**

- A) In Acts 1:1-12, Luke, the author, expands on what he wrote at the end of Luke 24:44-53
  - 1) **Luke 24:44-48** → **Acts 1:3** (Jesus teaching disciples about prophecy and the kingdom)
  - 2) **Luke 24:49** → **Acts 1:4-8** (Wait in Jerusalem for the Holy Spirit and power)
  - 3) **Luke 24:50-53** → **Acts 1:9-12** (Ascension of Jesus and return to Jerusalem)
- B) The twelve apostles are waiting in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost as Acts 2 begins (v. 1)

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### II) **ISAIAH 2 (vv. 1-4)**

- A) “In the last/latter days” – *a future time when the Messiah comes*
- B) “Mountain of the Lord’s house” – *messianic kingdom/church of Christ*
- C) “All nations shall flow to it” – *open to Jews and Gentiles*
- D) “The law/word of the Lord go forth from Zion/Jerusalem” – *gospel preached in Jerusalem*
- E) “Beat swords into plowshares” – *gospel of peace and reconciliation*
- F) The fulfillment of this prophecy began in Acts 2
  - 1) Luke 24:47; Acts 2:5, 16-17a, 22-36, 38-39 (Eph. 2:14-18)

### III) **DANIEL 2 (vv. 31-44)**

- A) Nebuchadnezzar’s image = four kingdoms: *Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greek, Rome*
- B) “In the days of these kings” – *in the days of the Roman empire*
- C) “The God of heaven will set up a kingdom” – *messianic kingdom/church of Christ*
- D) “Which shall never be destroyed” – *not overcome by man (cf. Dan. 7:13-14)*
- E) This prophecy is completed and fulfilled in Acts 2 (cf. Mk. 1:14-15; Lk. 3:1; Acts 2:33-35)

### IV) **JOEL 2 (vv. 28-32)**

- A) “It shall come to pass afterward/in the last days” – *future time of the Messiah*
- B) “Pour out My Spirit on all flesh” – *baptism of Holy Spirit/miraculous gifts*
- C) “Whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved” – *salvation to all who obey*
- D) Prophecy is quoted by Peter (Acts 2:17-22) and began to be fulfilled that day (2:1-16, 33)

### Conclusion

**Acts 2** and day of Pentecost is called the “hub of the Bible” because important Bible prophecies pointed to that time and day when the kingdom/church of Christ was established. But the true “hub of the Bible” is Jesus who was preached that day and through whose name salvation is offered to all. The entrance to His kingdom remains open today for all who would desire to be translated into it to have salvation and reconciliation with God (Col. 1:13). Have you entered in? Is Jesus the “hub” of your life?