

## **“Isaiah 2, Joel 2, and Daniel 2 all came true in Acts 2”**

### **ISAIAH 2:2-5: “The Coming of the Mountain of the Lord”**

“<sup>2</sup>And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord’s house shall be established in the top of the hills;”

-This refers to the church (established in Acts 2)

-Other references to the “mountain” include the passages below.

-Isaiah: 11:9; 24:23; 25:6, 10; 27:13; **56:7**; 57:13; 65:25; 66:20.

-Also: Jeremiah 31:23; Daniel 11:45; Joel 3:17, and Micah 4:7.

“...and all nations shall flow unto it. <sup>3</sup>And many people shall go and say, ‘Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths:”

-Acts 2:9-11: “<sup>9</sup>Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.”

“...for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.”

-Acts 1:4: “<sup>4</sup>And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, ‘Which,’ saith He, ‘ye have heard of me.’”

-Acts 2:5, 14: “<sup>5</sup>And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven.” “<sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, ‘Ye men of Judea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken unto my words.’”

-Matt. 16:17, 18: “Upon this rock I will build my church.” Greek, Pevtro~, meaning “detached stone”; Greek, pevtra/, “Bedrock stone.”

## **JOEL 2:28, 32:**

## **“The Outpouring of the Holy Spirit”**

“<sup>28</sup>And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:”

-Acts 2:16: “But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;”

-When the Holy Spirit fell upon the first-century Christians, they did just as Joel prophesied, both Jew and Gentile: (Acts 10:44, 46)

-“<sup>44</sup>While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word. <sup>45</sup>And those of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. <sup>46</sup>For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God.”

-Acts 19:1, 6: “<sup>1</sup>And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus;” “<sup>6</sup>And When Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues and prophesied.”

## **DANIEL 2:37-45:**

## **“The Dream of a King”**

This passage gives the timing of the coming of the church, along with some events that paved the way for the church to come, which likely affected the later spread of Christianity throughout the world:

“<sup>37</sup>Thou, O king, art a king of kings: for the God of heaven hath given thee a kingdom, power, and strength, and glory. <sup>38</sup>And wheresoever the children of men dwell, the beasts of the field and the fowls of the heaven hath he given into thine hand, and hath made thee ruler over them all. Thou art this head of gold [Babylon]. <sup>39</sup>And after thee shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee [Persia], and another third kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth [Greece]. <sup>40</sup>And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron; forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all things: and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise [Rome]. <sup>41</sup>And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potter’s clay, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay. <sup>42</sup>And as the toes of the feet were part of iron, and part of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken. <sup>43</sup>And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay. <sup>44</sup>And in the days of these kings shall

the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms and it shall stand forever. <sup>45</sup>Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain, and the interpretation sure.”

-Following history, one can deduce that the kingdoms mentioned in this passage are Babylon (of course), Medo-Persia, Greece, and Rome.

-We know that the stone struck the image at the feet (v. 34), implying that the coming of the “New Kingdom” would take place during Roman rule. This, of course happened as Daniel prophesied.

-WE DO HAVE MORE THAN LOGIC TO PROVE THAT DANIEL KNEW (THROUGH GOD’S HELP) ABOUT THE COMING KINGDOMS

-Daniel 5:25-28, 31: “25And this is the writing that was written, MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN. 26This is the interpretation of the thing: MENE; God hath numbered thy kingdom, and finished it. 27TEKEL; Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting. 28PERES; Thy kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and Persians. 31And Darius the Median took the kingdom, being about threescore and two years old.”

-The Medo-Persian Empire is SPECIFICALLY mentioned.

-Daniel 8:3-15: “The Ram and the Goat”

-Daniel 8:16-25: The Interpretation of the Vision

-Ram: Medo-Persian Empire

-Horns: Two Persian Kings

-Goat: Greek Empire

-Horn: Alexander the Great

-Four Horns: Four divisions of kingdom: Greece, Asia Minor, Syria, and Egypt.

-Magnified Little Horn: Antiochus IV Epiphanes

-ruled Syrian province (179-164 B.C.)

-gained his position through deceit and intrigue (Ptolemy IV-nephew, son of Cleopatra

-befriended Ptolemy IV, then attacked him.

-attacked Egypt again, but a Roman fleet turned him back.

- being angry, he attacked Jerusalem, killing 80,000, capturing 40,000, and selling 40,000 Jews.
- desecrated the temple
- died as a result of illness or accident (not destroyed by man).

#### Contingency concerning the church:

##### -From the prophecy:

##### -Came after the Greek Empire, thus:

- Much of the known world spoke Greek (original language of the New Testament)
- Cities were built for learning, research, and copy of ancient texts (Old Testament).
- Old Testament was translated into Greek (the Septuagint), which was used by Jews living outside of the Holy Lands who no longer spoke Hebrew. These scriptures were also used as reference by the early church and in the New Testament text.
- The Jews had been dispersed during and following the Persian Empirical reign, so there were Jews in the cities where Paul visited in Acts. They could then “search the scriptures” (Acts 17:11) they carried, and their Greek counterparts could also read with them.

##### -From history:

##### Came during the reign of Augustus Caesar, thus:

- Rome was in a period of peace (pax romana), which made rulers paranoid about political unrest. Therefore, the Roman governments were easier convinced that Jesus threatened that peace, possibly leading to his execution (Luke 23:2)
- Roads now linked all parts of the Roman Empire.
- Peace for safety, and roads for travel, it became easier for the Gospel to be spread by the apostles after the church was scattered in Acts 8.

Evidence, historical and Biblical, shows that the Lord’s church was not an accident nor a coincidence. God knew what he was doing. He had used prophecy to tell His people to be ready, ever since Genesis 3:15 (“...shall bruise thy head...”). He knew that his creation would sin. He knew we would need a savior, so He devised a plan to save his creation from condemnation:

- We are saved by HIS grace through OUR faith (Eph. 2:8)
- We must hear his word and believe in Him (Romans 10:17)
- Once we believe, we must repent of our sins and be baptized into the name of Jesus for the remission of our sins (Acts 2:38).
- Then we must continue in faith and “war the good warfare” (I Timothy 1:18)
- This includes the duty we have to teach others (II Timothy 2:2).

Now you must examine yourself. Are you following the ways of the Lord? (Romans 8:28) If so, then all things will work for good for you, if not in this life, then in the life to come. But I urge you to BE SURE concerning your salvation, for “if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?” (I Peter 4:18). So if need be, come and be justified in the sight of God. If you are not baptized, then be baptized, because in doing so, you will become better than even John the Baptist, because “among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater man than John the Baptist: notwithstanding he that is the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he” (Matthew 11:11). If you have drifted from the commandments of God, then I urge you to renew your faith and do not harden your heart, because he is “not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance” (2 Peter 3:9).