

## Joel's Prophecy

*Joel 2:28*

Joel 2:28 — Peter meant *in the last days*, Acts 2:17-21. Joel did not know the times he was prophesying when he said *after this*. He was thinking old Israel would be restored to be as he prophesied in 2:28-32 until the end of the age. He did not know about Mt 21:43 and the parable of Mt 21:33-45. He was probably thinking that Dan 2:44 was going to be old Israel, when He would pour out His Spirit on all flesh *in those days* (Joel 2:29).

Peter thought Mt 19:28 and Mt 21:43 were events in the same time scale. The prophets were not thinking about a new age Messiah returning to earth (Zech 12:10; 13:1). Joel 2:32 is speaking about Israel in the *land*, not in the world (Mal 1:5), but the physical city of Jerusalem. Peter had no idea either (Acts 1:6) when he spoke of Joel's prophecy (Acts 2:14-16). Verse 17 — but this is emphatic, the *last days*, not as Joel 2:28, *after this*, but *in the last days*, leading up to Acts 2:20-21, when in Zech 12:10; 13:1. Peter thought that the Kingdom was then going to be restored to Israel if they repented (Acts 3:19-21). He thought that Yahshua would immediately come back if they repented (verse 19) — *the presence of the Lord ... sending Yahshua the Messiah appointed for them, whom heaven must receive until the very time when all things would be restored to Israel*, including the land, as Gen 15:18 promised, free from all oppressors. The psalmist wrote in Ps 132:5,11,12 as Peter spoke in Acts 2:30, not seeing too that He would have many brothers then, and His Father would have many sons to reign with Him.

But first (Ps 132:5) the twelve tribes would or must be raised up for His dwelling place for ever and ever (Isa 49:6). Ps 132:12 says their sons shall sit upon your throne forever and ever, if your sons will keep my covenant and my witness — the witness of Me.

The Holy Spirit spoke through Peter concerning the times of refreshing in Acts 3:19 — the millennial Kingdom. Peter did not have his doctrine down perfectly, but just thought that Yahshua would return as He promised (verses 20-21). The times of refreshing was the Kingdom age in Acts 1:6. Dan 2:44 was 2000 years off in the future. Peter didn't know that Daniel was a

sealed book, and still is (except what the Holy Spirit reveals). Peter wanted (verse 21) to begin now the period of restoration, the millennial Kingdom age (Acts 1:6).