

**A PESHER!**  
**INTERPRETATION OF OLD TESTAMENT FULFILMENT!**  
**ACTS CH2:14-21**

**ILLUSTRATION**

Can you name the film? Characters like "Marty Mcfly, Biff and Dr Emmett!" "You see this book?" Old Biff tells his younger self. This books tells the future. It tells the result of every major sports event till the end of the century." Can you name the Book? Grays Sports Almanac 1950 - 2000 from "Back to the Future II" That was fake, but this is real!

**THE CAUSE IS NOT WINE! V14-15**

What does this mean v12?

The outpouring of God the Holy Spirit enables the disciples (either the apostles or both the apostles and all the disciples) to speak to God v6 in praise and prayer v11, which the crowds (part of the diaspora) hear v6! The different tongues, different languages, are in the languages of the 15 different countries mentioned v9 - v11, which caused some to be amazed and perplexed v12! Some people in the crowds think the ones speaking to God, are drunk v13! And a question is raised by the crowd "What does this mean?" (v12)

What has caused this miraculous sign?

**THE CAUSE HAD BEEN FORETOLD! V16**

You will find the Book of Joel in the Old Testament, Book number 29! It is only 3 chapters long and when it was actually written, nobody knows! Joel was written when the Temple was still operational, and at a time when a calamity of Locusts had brought the people to their knees!

God uses Joel to speak into this situation, both then and to some point in the future! A prophecy can be fulfilled by God stepping in on any given day and a set day in the future! This was that "some point" in the future – peshet!

***The cause will continue to be told! 19 Christian Speeches in Acts:***

8 by Peter - Ch1:15-22; 2:14-41; 3:6-26; 4:8-22; 5:29-42; 10:34-48; 11:4-18; + 15:7-11.

1 by Stephen Ch7:2-53

1 by James Ch15:13-21

9 by Paul, **5 in sermons** Ch13:16-41; 14; 17; 20 + 28 + **4 in defence speeches** Ch22:1-21; 23:1-8; 24:10-21; 26:2-27

**THE CAUSE INVOLVES GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT! 17-21**

The disciples are "filled with the Holy Spirit" (Ch2:4; 4:8; 4:31; 9:17; + 13:9), it is through Him, that they are able to speak in the different languages!

The outpouring of God the Holy Spirit is further evidence, along with Jesus' birth, life, death, resurrection and ascension, the inauguration (beginning of) of the Last Days!

V17 – V18 Pour out – A continuous heavy tropical rainstorm from the day of Pentecost to when Jesus returns – Acts Ch9:10, 12; 10:3, 17, 19; 11:5; 12:9; 16:9, 10; 18:9!

David Peterson states "As promised in Acts Ch1:4-5, 8, the Holy Spirit is poured out on the disciples, to begin his work of renewal in Jerusalem and make it possible for his salvation to reach 'to the ends of the earth` (cf. Is Ch49:10)" (Cited in David Peterson, The Acts of the Apostles, pg 129).

**Last Days** – From the 1<sup>st</sup> coming of Jesus Christ (Birth) to His 2<sup>nd</sup> coming (Return) are the Last Days!

**Universality** – 17a – all people; 17b – regardless of gender; 17c – regardless of age; 18 – all people, not all people regardless of their inward receptivity to Christ, but all people regardless of their outward status. Regardless of ethnicity, gender, age, or status!

**V18 – INDICATING THAT THE PEOPLE IN QUESTION ARE SPECIFICALLY SERVANTS OF GOD. SO THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IS FOR ALL WHO ARE TRULY GOD'S.**

**Prophecy** – is God speaking, God making Himself known by His Word! As people speak God's Word, they become in essence, prophets! All God's people are prophets when speaking God's Word! Luther "the knowledge of God through Christ which the Holy Spirit kindles and makes to burn through the word of the gospel" Lenski pg 75

**Believe it or not, Moses in his time also wished that the Lord would put His Spirit on all His people so that they could all prophesy (Numbers Ch11:29). His wish has come true!!!!**

**V20** – Joel does not indicate the time, from the pouring out of God's Spirit to the Day of Judgement (Rev Ch6:12-14), **but the former is a clear sign that the latter will happen!**

**V21** - The Longest Day of opportunity from the birth of Jesus to His second coming!

### **APPLICATION**

The Bible talks about us being baptised in the Holy Spirit. **That happens once at conversion when you become a Christian (1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians Ch12:13).** Ephesians Ch1 talks about being sealed with the Holy Spirit. This is a one-time event when you become a Christian. Then you're going to read it, like me, in Acts Ch2 and you're going to read it repeatedly in the remainder of Acts and other places, like Ephesians Ch5, where the Bible talks about believers being **"filled with the Holy Spirit."** **There is one baptism and there are multiple fillings, and this is empowering by The Holy Spirit for God-Centred ministry.**

So, the Mission of Jesus, has started through the outpouring of His Holy Spirit to **sustain the completion of World evangelism.** Let's get praying and asking for Jesus to pour our His Holy Spirit in our lives, in our area, and see people become Christians! **This same Holy Spirit empowered filling for world evangelism for any believer within the Gospel Community, is available, always!**

When it comes to current "signs and wonders", things like, floods, earthquakes, famines, droughts, wars, rumours of wars, we as Christians can offer an explanation! We live in the "Last Days", inaugurated through the 1<sup>st</sup> coming of Jesus. It remains the longest day (time) of opportunity, for **"everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."**

**BECAUSE WE KNOW HIM WE MUST MAKE HIM KNOWN!**