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SERMON NOTES:

Peter's Sermonic Explanation

The NT interprets the OT.

Acts 2:14-21

‘Study to show thyself approved unto God...’ – 2 Timothy 2:15
The importance of reading and learning God’s word is a vital part of both growing and also experiencing the blessing of belonging to God the Father through His Son, Jesus Christ.

This truth is one of the purposes why we wish to offer you these sermon notes which are to be used while listening to the sermon.

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INTRODUCTION

Today we will begin to review Peter's inspired sermon in vv.14-36 and how it Explains, Expounds and Applies the Pentecost events in vv.1-13.

HOW ARE WE GOING TO APPROACH vv.14-36 PETER'S SERMONIC EXPLANATION of PENTECOST?

I suggest that we allow Peter's sermon to outline itself. If considered carefully, one will recognize that Peter operates under 3 main headings.

1. vv.14-21 This is That – utilizing Joel 2:28-31.
2. vv. 22-28 Jesus Not Abandon to Sheol – utilizing Ps.16:8-11
3. vv.29-36 The Exalted Christ – utilizing Ps.110:1

I. vv.14-21 THIS IS THAT (Joel 2:28-31 understood and applied).

v.14 (a) The Person – Peter (b) The People – Gathered Israel.
(c) The Power Source – The Spirit.

v.15 The beginning of a rebuke.

v.16 This is That (Joel 2:28-31) being fulfilled.

> TURN TO JOEL 1

(Joel is the 2nd of 12 minor prophets God sent to Israel.)

> Theme of Joel's message was centered upon the phrase "*The Day of the LORD*" that is, a severe judgement upon Israel for unspecified and unrepentant sin.

> Chp.1 makes clear that the judgement would come in the form of an insect plague and the consequences would be terrible for "*the day of the LORD is at hand*" 1:15 & 2:25.

BRIEF OUTLINE OF THE JOEL:

Chp.1:2-20 - Invasion of Locusts: Disaster Explained.

Chp.2:1-17 Call to Repent

2:18-27 Promise of 'Near-Term' deliverance.

2:28-3:21 Promise of 'Future-Term' restoration and deliverance.

TWO THINGS THAT WILL HELP US RIGHTLY UNDERSTAND
HOW & WHY PETER WAS INSPIRED TO
'PARTIALLY' USE THIS PASSAGE:

FIRST – DAY OF THE LORD. Important to remember that the *Day of the Lord* was a common OT phrase often accompanied with Apocalyptic descriptions which are vividly using metaphors to describe the sever Judgement of God.

A FEW EXAMPLES: Isa.34:8; Zep.2:2-3; Joel 2:1; Malachi 4:5 (cf. Mth.11:11-14).

Mth.11:11-14 (NASB '95 “*Truly I say to you, among those born of women there has not arisen anyone greater than John the Baptist! Yet the one who is [a]least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. 12 From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven [b]suffers violence, and violent men [c]take it by force. 13 For all the prophets and the Law.*

SECOND – APOCALYPTIC METAPHORS. Important to remember that prophets also used poetry in the conveyance of their messages and this entailed at many time; especially in warning passages, utilizing ‘apocalyptic metaphors’.

A FEW EXAMPLES: Isa.13:10; Amos 8:8-10.

V.17 “...*in the last days...*” Joel does not say this, why does Peter ? God the Spirit reveals to Peter that the near approaching D.O.T.L. will end the OC Temple era and begin/inaugurate the beginning of the New Covenant Era – the latter days.

HAVING LAID THIS OT FOUNDATION,
NOW LET’S CONSIDER VV.17-21.

CONCLUSION:

Peter is basically preaching the same message of warning to Israel that Jesus did:

Matt.21:42-44 *“42 Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes? 43Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof. 44And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder.*

BUT WE AREN'T JEWS!

No, but what we have seen today in Peter's sermonic explanation is that God is rich in Grace and has in the New Covenant Era done in us something that the OC could never do...grant to us His Spirit!