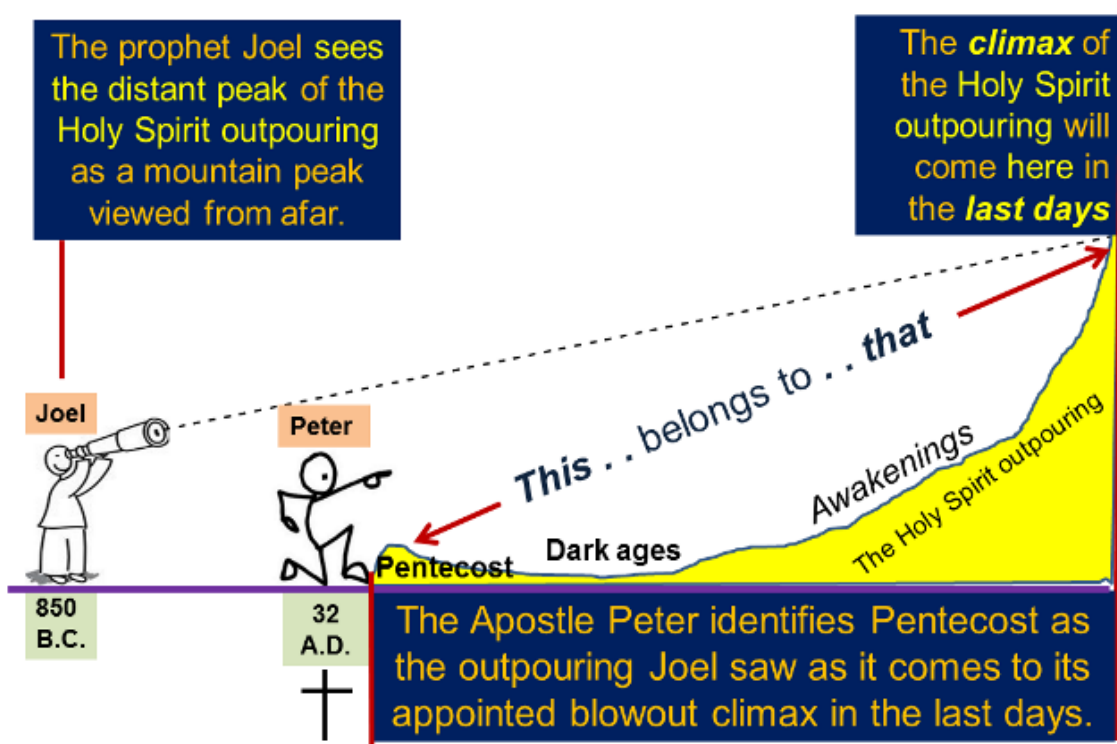


Joel 2:28



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“And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. **Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. Even on My menservants and maidservants, I will pour out My Spirit in those days.**”

Gavin Finley from <http://www.endtimepilgrim.org> has provided a visually enriched image illustrating the great work of Israel’s latter-day sons and daughters who will **prophecy** to the whole world, during a time when God is pouring out His Holy Spirit over the whole planet. What might they be saying, these **latter-day descendants: both sons and daughters** from **both houses** of Israel?

The full meaning of every scripture can be determined by how words are used in other scriptures; it is a matter of studying the whole Bible. Numbers 11:24-25 describes a situation where people were given God’s Holy Spirit and they prophesied.

“He [Moses] brought together 70 of their elders and had them stand around the tent. Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke with him, and he took of the Spirit that was on him

[Moses] and **put the Spirit on the 70 elders**. When the Spirit rested on them, **they prophesied**, but they did not do so again.”

In addition to these 70 elders who were at the tent, God gave two other people who were in the camp His Holy Spirit and they prophesied in the camp (Numbers 11:26). Moses referred to these 72 people as prophets when he responded to Joshua’s jealousy, “Are you jealous for my sake? I wish that all the LORD’s people were **prophets** and that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!” (Numbers 11:29).

On a side point, the number 70 and 72 depending on the translation of Acts 10:1 is like a mirror of Numbers 11:29. Interesting that Acts 10:1 was not translated consistently as 70 or 72, as if by some heavenly means to preserve the differentiation of the 70 at the tent and the 2 in the camp. Never-the-less, Jesus appointed 72 people to spread the gospel to the Gentiles telling them that “the kingdom of God is near” (Acts 10:1-12). They were helping the work of Jesus.

Returning to the original point, God’s purpose of giving the 72 Israelites God’s Holy Spirit was two-fold:

1. **To help Moses deal with rebellious Israel** who had just rejected the manna from heaven and wanted meat from earth. God correctly understood the rejection of the ancient Israelites.

“Now the people complained about **their hardships in the hearing of the LORD**, and when he [God] heard them his anger was aroused... But now we [the Israelites] have lost our appetite; **we never see anything but this manna...**”

Moses relayed God’s message, “Now the LORD will give you meat, and you will eat it. You will not eat it for just one day or two days, or five, ten or twenty days, but for a whole month—until it comes out of your nostrils and you loathe it—because **you have rejected the LORD, who is among you**, and have wailed before him, saying ‘Why did we ever leave Egypt?’”

God provided helpers for Moses during this most difficult time. “I will take of the Spirit that is on you and put the Spirit on them. **They will help you carry the burden of the people so that you will not have to carry it alone**” (Numbers 11:1, 18b-20, 17).

2. **To fulfill the prophecy of the outpouring of God’s Holy Spirit.** The Acts 10 account was only the beginning of God’s outpouring of His Holy Spirit, but that the numbers would increase and fulfill Moses’ desire, “I wish that **all the LORD’s people were prophets** and that the LORD **would put his Spirit on them!**” (Numbers 11:29). Joel, a prophet fore-saw the outpouring of God’s Holy Spirit over the whole earth recorded in Joel 2:28-29.

Moses recognized the God-given ability to prophecy is the work of a prophet, “I wish that **all the LORD’s people were prophets**” (Numbers 11:29). What might the 72 elders in Numbers 11 and

the sons and daughters of ancient Israel of Joel 2:28 have said and be saying today and in the future?

God is very clear in Numbers 11 that Moses needed help in managing a rebellious and difficult people. The 72 elders upon receiving of God's Holy Spirit, understood the voluminous significance of God's purpose for Israel and prophesied a message of loyalty to God, acknowledgement that God is the supreme God and Creator of all and support for the work of Moses, along with a stern warning to ancient Israel to stop their rebellious actions and remember their covenant of obedience with God.

We can assume that the descendants: sons and daughters of this rebellious house of Israel into the 21st century, will speak the same message as the 72 elders of the book of Numbers. They will be filled with God's Holy Spirit and they will urge their people and all peoples from all nations to repent of their wayward ways and worship the Creator—the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and serve Him only.

It will be fully realized during very dark times. 21st century Israel: the house of Judah and the house of Israel will be in trouble.

“At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a **time of trouble**, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time” (Daniel 12:1).

God told Moses, “Behold, you will rest with your fathers; and this people will rise and play the harlot with the gods of the foreigners of the land, where they go to be among them, and **they will forsake Me and break My covenant**, which I have made with them. Then My anger shall be aroused against them **in that day**, and **I will forsake them**, and **I will hide My face from them**, and **they shall be devoured**. And **many evils and troubles shall befall them**, so that they will say **in that day**, ‘Have not these evils come upon us because our God is not among us?’ And I will surely hide My face **in that day** because of all the evil which they have done, in that **they have turned to other gods**” (Deuteronomy 31:16-18).

Both houses of Israel: Judah and Israel (10-tribed Israel) will depart from God.

“**They have provoked My jealousy by that which is not God; they have enraged Me with their worthless idols**. So, I will make them jealous by those who are not a people; I will make them angry by a nation without understanding” (Deuteronomy 32:21).

God will bring 21st century houses of Israel to their knees. “The LORD will judge his people and have compassion on his servants **when he sees their strength is gone and no one is left, slave or free. He will say: ‘Now where are their gods, the rock they took refuge in, the gods who ate the fat of their sacrifices and drank the wine of their drink offerings? Let them rise up to help you! Let them give you shelter! See now that I myself am He! There is no god besides me...** Rejoice O nations, with his people, for he will avenge the blood of his servants; he will take vengeance on his enemies and make atonement for his land and people” (Deuteronomy 32:36-43).

21st century Israel: Judah and 10-tribed Israel no longer rely on God. The house of Joseph is a family of allies who hold superpower status and Judah has allied closely with them. They are not in any hurry to call on God and trust in Him. They love their self-reliance and self-determination. They have a full range of powerful weapons and the self-glory of having superpower status and wielding power is addictive and their churches are slumbering. The national leaders will not call on their God, until all is taken from them and they go into captivity, yet AGAIN. It will be the wise churches during that time of great distress who will be ready to stand against wickedness.

“Then it will happen on that day that **the Lord will again recover the SECOND TIME** with His hand, the remnant of His people, who will remain, from Assyria, Egypt, Pathros, Cush, Elam, Shinar, Hamath, and from the islands of the sea” (Isaiah 11:11).

Their cry that will acknowledge the existence of God—their God, will come from the arrival of gods from the heavens. One of these gods will claim to be the supreme God. This arrival will come with a full display of miracles and superhuman abilities that will rekindle the concept of the reality of God and the gods of old. It will lift the amnesia that covers 21st century Israel from their deep darkness and finally, they will remember their roots and spiritual calling.

“The king will do as he pleases. **He will exalt and magnify himself above every god and will unheard-of things against the God of gods**” (Daniel 11:36).

“He [the beast out of the earth] **performed great and miraculous signs, even causing fire to come down from heaven to earth in full view of men**” (Revelation 13:13).

All 12 tribes of Israel will return into captivity. They will suffer and endure merciless mockery. Their captors will say, “Where is their God?” (Joel 2:17b). After they repent, God will take pity on His people (Joel 2:18) and He will say, “Never again will I make you an object of scorn to the nations” (Joel 2:19b) and “never again will my people be shamed” (Joel 2:27b).

During this time with eternal sincerity, the people remaining in all 12 tribes of Israel, will ask for forgiveness. Both houses—**at the same time**, never before in their history, will come weeping back to God—the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

God Almighty will come to their rescue, AGAIN.

“Since you are precious and honored in my sight, and because I love you, I will give men in exchange for you, and people in exchange for your life... **I will say to the north, ‘GIVE THEM UP!’ and to the south, ‘DO NOT HOLD THEM BACK’**” (Isaiah 43:4-6).

“**The people of Israel are oppressed, and the people of Judah as well. ALL THEIR CAPTORS HOLD THEM FAST, REFUSING TO LET THEM GO.** Yet **the Redeemer is strong**; Yahuah Almighty is his name. He will vigorously defend their cause so that he may bring rest to their land, but unrest to those who live in Babylon” (Jeremiah 50:33-34).

“In those days, at that time, **the people of Israel and the people of Judah TOGETHER** will go in tears to seek Yahuah, their God. **They will ask the way of Zion and turn their faces toward it.** They will come and **bind themselves to the Lord in an everlasting covenant that will not be forgotten**” (Jeremiah 50:4-5).

As we close out the final years of this evil age, the descendants—the sons and daughters of ancient Israel will not lose hope. Their prophecies will be heard, like the prophets of old: Abraham—the great and faithful prophet, Moses—the humble and enduring prophet, Aaron and Miriam—Moses’ supporters, Deborah—a judge and prophet, King David—a king and prophet, Huldah—the prophetess who spoke the words of God, warning the house of Judah of their unfaithfulness and gave comfort to the king of Judah, and all of the major and minor prophets of the Old Testament.

God’s proclamation will not be stopped, His servants: male and female will not be silenced. The New Testament is a witness of a growing body of prophets. Jesus Christ heads this growing body of people. **He is their one and only teacher.** The church is silent before him, receiving all their instruction directly from him as Paul explained in I Timothy 2:12-14, “I do not permit a; woman to teach or to have authority over a man; she must be silent. For **Adam was formed first, then Eve.** And **Adam was not the one deceived and became a sinner.**”

The imagery Paul uses in I Timothy 2:12-14 was in common use in his time, but it is often misunderstood in the 21st century. All of mankind, men and women alike have sinned. They are often deceived. However, one man—**the final Adam** was not the one deceived and he did not sin. From creation, God provided the story of mankind’s redemption through Christ. **He was created before the church** and she owes her eternal life to his great love for her and willingness to sacrifice his life for her. **He is the only teacher and his church is silent before him.** This is important, so that churches do not teach that they have authority on earth over Jesus Christ or stand on earth in God’s stead.

Ancient pagan teachings have tried to usurp the authority of God as head, by establishing temples lead by both male gods and female goddesses. This is all part of the great rebellion in heaven. The Apostle Paul warned mankind that our enemies are not flesh and blood, but rogue rulers and powers in heaven (Ephesian 6:12). They perpetually lead mankind astray, appealing to mankind’s desire for self-direction, self-reliance and self-glory. During the time of Apostle Paul, goddess worship in Ephesus was a powerful religion headed by Artemis—goddess of fertility. She had her own following who met at the Temple of Artemis.

Watchtower provides the history.

“MOTHER-GODDESS worship was still practiced during the days of the early Christians. The apostle Paul met up with it in Ephesus in Asia Minor. As in Athens, another goddess-worshiping city, he had borne witness to ‘the God that made the world,’ the living Creator, who is not ‘like gold or silver or stone, like something sculptured by the art and contrivance of man.’ This was too much for the

Ephesians, most of whom worshiped the mother-goddess Artemis. Those who made a living by fashioning silver shrines of the goddess incited a riot. For about two hours, the crowd shouted: 'Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!'—Acts 17:24, 29; 19:26, 34.

The Greeks also worshiped an Artemis, but the Artemis worshiped in Ephesus can only be loosely identified with her. The Greek Artemis was a virgin goddess of hunting and childbirth. The Ephesian Artemis was a fertility goddess. Her huge temple at Ephesus was considered one of the seven wonders of the world. Her statue, thought to have fallen from heaven, represented her as a personification of fertility, her chest being covered with rows of egg-shaped breasts. The peculiar shape of these breasts has given rise to various explanations, such as that they represent garlands of eggs or even bulls' testicles. Whatever the explanation, the symbol of fertility is clear." <https://wol.jw.org/en/wol/d/r1/lp-e/1991481>

The spiritual intent of god and goddess worship was to usurp God Almighty as supreme teacher of His word and the producer of spiritual children into His family and move the glory to mankind who is imaged as the woman. **It is the arrogance of mankind to believe that they can produce spiritual children of God through their own teachings.** The female gender was created to image mankind—the church (both the faithful and false churches), while the male gender was created to image the God-kind in heaven.

“A man ought not to cover his head, since **he is the image and glory of God**; but **woman is the glory of man**” (I Corinthians 11:7).

God's purpose of creating mankind, male and female was not to create disparity on earth between the genders or to elevate one over the other, but rather, to teach mankind on earth about the differences between the God-kind in heaven and mankind on earth. The God-kind in heaven was created before mankind, that is why God created the earthly man before the earthly woman. The God-kind in heaven already rule; they have positions of great power and authority in heaven, and they existed long before time was created. There is a lot to know about the God-kind in heaven especially the levels of authority. Mankind, that is, both earthly male and female mankind will not have authority over the God-kind in eternity.

“But I would have you know, that **the head of every man** [the existing god-kind in heaven] is **Christ**; and **the head of the woman** [mankind] is **the man** [Christ]; and **the head of Christ is God**” (I Corinthians 11:3).

The order of authority is clear from I Corinthians 11:3:

1. God Almighty is head of all.
- 2a. **Christ rules second in-charge** ruling over the existing heavenly rulers.
- 2b. Christ's Bride will co-rule with Christ as a unified body; he is the head and she is his body. **CHRIST'S BRIDE WILL NOT USURP THE EXISTING HEAVENLY RULERS.**

- 2c. **Other heavenly rulers** continue to rule and hold their original positions in their domain, but now **they are under Christ's rule.**
3. The remaining resurrected mankind will be subject to those above them.

After Jesus died and was resurrected by God Almighty, he was coronated King of kings and Lord of lords—ruler over all existing rulers in heaven and on earth.

God's faithful body of people have ONE teacher—that is, one teacher who can interpret and give the accurate and true meaning of the word of God, Jesus Christ—the head of the body. The body of the church have the same status—all brothers and sisters. “Don't let anyone call you 'Rabbi,' for **YOU HAVE ONLY ONE TEACHER, and ALL OF YOU ARE EQUAL AS BROTHERS AND SISTERS.** And **do not call anyone on earth your father, for you have one Father, who is in heaven.** Neither be called instructors, for **you have one instructor, that is, Christ**” (Matthew 23:8, 10).

Christ's growing body of people, sons and daughters—descendants of ancient Israel are preparing for the greatest witness of all time. They will prophecy the words of their head, Jesus Christ. They are prepared and ready to participate in the sufferings of Christ during the upcoming reign of the wicked one. God cannot be stopped. He will pour out His Holy Spirit even on the nations outside of Israel—the whole world will come to see and understand the marvellous work of God. Then, they will know that God—our Creator is in 21st century Israel and that God is the Almighty Creator God and there is no other (Joel 2:27).

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