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## Two great themes in Joel's preaching:

### 1. God's judgment on sin.

- Joel 2:11, The Lord utters His voice before His army, for his camp is exceedingly great; he who executes his word is powerful. For the day of the Lord is great and very awesome; who can endure it?

### 2. God's grace for His people.

- Joel 2:12-13, "Yet even now," declares the Lord, "return to me with all your heart...and rend your hearts and not your garments." Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster.

## Joel 2:28-29

And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on the male and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit.

- Mesopotamian people thought their gods had poured out melammu ("glory") on their kings.
- In contrast, God promises to pour out His Spirit upon all flesh.



A more accurate title for “The Acts of the Apostles” is “The Acts of the Holy Spirit.”

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## Acts 1:1-8

In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

- In his Gospel, Luke recorded all Jesus began doing and teaching.
- The ministry of Jesus continues through the Holy Spirit.



## Acts 1:1-8

And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

## Acts 1:1-8

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."



## Acts 2:1-4

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

"Speaking in tongues" in Acts 2:5-8 is the ability to speak foreign languages which is a reversal of the Tower of Babel.

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## Acts 2:38-41

And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.



The association of the gift of the Spirit with baptism in Acts 2 hearkens back to the Spirit hovering over the face of the waters in Genesis 1.

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## What does Jesus do when He becomes King?

- He fulfills the promise to pour out the Spirit.
- If something is "poured out" it is distributed generously.
- God repeatedly promises to pour out the Spirit:
  1. Isaiah 44:3
  2. Ezekiel 39:29
  3. Acts 10:44-45
  4. Titus 3:4-6

Both the Hebrew and Greek words for "poured out" also mean "shed" - as in the shedding of blood.

