

JOEL LESSON 30

WHAT ARE “THE GREAT AND MAGNIFICENT DAY” AND THE “SIGNS” AND “WONDERS” IN ACTS 2:19-20?

OPTION 1: The great and magnificent day of the Lord is the end of the world, and the wonders and signs are the events described in 2 Peter 3:12.

OPTION 2: The great and magnificent day of the Lord is the destruction of Jerusalem in AD 70, and the wonders and signs are the events described in Matthew 24:29.

OPTION 3: The great and magnificent day of the Lord is the day of Pentecost in Acts 2, and the wonders and signs are the events in the life of Christ described by Peter in Acts 2:22-24.

WHEN IS OR WAS “THE LAST DAYS” IN ACTS 2:17?

OPTION 1: The time period of the “last days” refers to the church age starting in Acts 2 and extending until the last day.

OPTION 2: The time period of the “last days” refers to the time leading up to the fall of Jerusalem in AD 70.

OPTION 3: The time period of the “last days” refers to the age of miracles, which ended at or around the death of the last apostle, likely John and likely around AD 80-90.

OPTION 4: The time period of the “last days” refers to what is today usually called the “end times.” That is, the “last days” is a time period close to and leading up to the end of the world.

WHAT GREAT THINGS HAPPENED IN ACTS 2?

- ▶ The great promise in Joel 2, Isaiah 32, Isaiah 44, Ezekiel 39, and Zechariah 12 of the outpouring of God’s Holy Spirit was fulfilled on that day.
- ▶ God’s promise in Daniel 2:44 to “set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed” was fulfilled on that day.
- ▶ God’s promise in Daniel 2:44 to “break in pieces all these kingdoms and bring them to an end” was fulfilled on that day while the church was still in its infancy. (See Daniel 2:35.)
- ▶ The great promise of Isaiah 2:3 that “out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem” was fulfilled on that day.
- ▶ The great prophecy in Daniel 7:13-14 of “dominion and glory and a kingdom” being given by the Ancient of Days to the Son of Man was fulfilled on that day.
- ▶ Jesus’ great promise in Matthew 16:18 to build his church was fulfilled on that day.
- ▶ Jesus’ great promise in Matthew 16:19 to give Peter “the keys of the kingdom of heaven” was fulfilled on that day when Peter preached the first gospel sermon.
- ▶ The great prophecy in Zechariah 13:1 that “on that day there shall be a fountain opened for the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, to cleanse them from sin and uncleanness” was fulfilled on that day.
- ▶ The restoration of the kingdom to Israel that the apostles asked Jesus about in Acts 1:6 after being taught by Jesus about the kingdom for 40 days happened on that great day when Jesus, a descendant of King David, occupied the throne of David. (See Acts 2:30.)