

In addition, Israel, by the out pouring of God's Spirit, will repent of her iniquities, will recognize her true Messiah as the one whom she has pierced, and will be cleansed from her sins.

Joel 2:28

The context of this reference reads: (2:28-32)

And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions.

And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my Spirit.

And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke.

The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the Lord come.

And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the Lord hath said, and in the remnant whom the Lord shall call.

This passage predicts the outpouring of God's Spirit upon all flesh.

A number of questions have been raised concerning this text. Since it says "your sons and your daughters," does it refer to the nation of Israel only? Or, since it says "all flesh," does it refer to all nations, with special reference to the people of Israel? Or is it entirely indiscriminate, referring to all nations?

In any case Peter, on the Day of Pentecost, states that this prediction has come or is coming to pass. However, verses 30-32 appear to shift the time of the fulfillment of part of the prediction to the period immediately preceding the Lord's return; and speak of wonders in the heavens and in the earth, of the terrible Day of the Lord, and of the deliverance which is afforded the remnant in mount Zion and in Jerusalem.

Summary of these predictions

At this point we must synthesize and summarize these observations by