

“CHURCH PENTECOST KINGDOM”

When an inspired man of the Old Testament prophecies concerning the future and an inspired man of the New Testament declares the fulfillment of such a prophecy, we need to look carefully concerning what is prophesied and what is said to be fulfilled.

Isa. 2:2-4, “*And it shall come to pass in the **latter days**, that the mountain of Jehovah’s house shall be established on the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and **all nations** shall flow unto it. 3 And many peoples shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of Jehovah, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of Jehovah from **Jerusalem**. 4 And he will judge between the nations, and will decide concerning many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they **learn war any more**.*” I have highlighted the points I want to make from this prophecy.

1. Isaiah said the “**latter days**.” Peter said in Acts 2:16, “*This is that which hath been spoken through the prophet Joel.*” – “*It shall be in **the last days**.*” Peter said this is the “**last days**.” So, here stands Peter and the other apostles on the day of Pentecost, the first Pentecost after the resurrection and ascension of Jesus to the right hand of the Father and it is said, “*Peter standing up with the eleven,*” Acts 2:14. Here are men preaching in the “**last days**,” on the day of Pentecost, Acts 2:1. The “**latter days**,” of Isa. 2:2 is the “**last days**,” of Joel in Acts 2:17.

2. In this same sermon, in Acts 2, Peter said, “**all flesh**” would be involved, Acts 2:17. The “**all flesh**” and “**all nations**” would be the **people**, Jew and Gentile, Acts 2, Acts 10; and Eph. 2:15, of Jew and Gentile he made “one new man.” So, “**all nations were flowing unto it.**” This was to be a message for all people beginning at Jerusalem – “*The gospel is the power of God unto salvation, to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, also to the Greek,*” Rom. 1:16.

3. From our text we observe “*For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of Jehovah from Jerusalem.*” **And it is a fact that the first sermon was preached in Jerusalem, on the day of Pentecost.** The apostles “were speaking in other tongues as the spirit gave them utterance,” Acts 2:4. The word of the Lord **went forth from Jerusalem.** The apostles were told to “*not depart from Jerusalem,*” Acts 1:4. This is where the “Word of God was to go forth from,” so they needed to stay in that city. The Word did go forth from Jerusalem, Acts 2:42.

4. It is also stated in our text, **They will learn war no more!** In Eph. 2:17, “*He came and preached peace to you that were afar off, and peace to them that were nigh.*” The “**you**” in this text and the “**them**” in this same text refer to the Gentile and the Jew – there was no longer war between the two; but, peace.

When considering this passage, Isa. 2:2-4, there are related passages from which there can be the same argument made: **Dan. 2; Joel 2; Isa. 2:2-4 are all fulfilled in Acts 2.** I shall leave Dan. 2, Joel 2, and Isa. 2:2-4 for your study and your noticing these prophecies are fulfilled in Acts 2, where we have the beginning of the Kingdom, which is the Church.

Now, we are back to the thought: before the day of Pentecost, the kingdom and the church are spoken of as coming into existence. After the day of Pentecost the church and the kingdom are spoken of as being in existence. **The reason for this is the kingdom and the church had its, beginning on the day of Pentecost.**

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