

Acts of the Apostles 3:17-26 _ Lesson 11

Spoken Since the World Began

1. They Were Ignorant

- a. Peter's explanation is all about "who Jesus is", his name, his authority, his power
- b. This was the ministry of John (both of them) – John 1:31, 20:31; Matt 16:13+
- c. *"through ignorance"* – ignorance that he was the Christ (not the mystery)
 - i. This is a legal technicality that provides mercy – Num 15:22-28, 35:11-12
 - ii. God had heard the prayer of Lk 23:34, because of John 8:28
 - iii. Had they known they would not have killed him – 1 Cor 2:8, 1 Tim 1:13

2. The Restitution of All Things

- a. *"times of refreshing"* - A prophesied time – Isa 28:12, Exo 23:12, 31:17, Heb 3/4
- b. *"presence of the Lord"* – It requires Christ coming **again** - Lk 21:28, Heb 9:28
- c. The hope of Israel depends on the resurrection of Christ – 1 Pet 1:3, 5, 7, 13
- d. *"times of restitution of all things"* – restoration to what has been taken away
- e. *"in thy seed"* – the seed of Israel, shall all nations be blessed – Gen 12:3
- f. This is the first time the kingdom is being offered to Israel – 3:25, 3:26
- g. If the kingdom is being offered, the mystery church is not interrupting here.

3. A Kingdom Condition

- a. The kingdom has a condition – the prophecies have a condition.
- b. *"repent ye therefore"* – Israel had to repent! Lev 26:40
- c. *"and he shall send Jesus Christ"* – Christ would come if they repented – Mt 23:37-39
 - i. The message today is "believe, and you will be taken up" – Eph 2:6
- d. If they fail after the witness of the Spirit then... Matt 12:31-32, Heb 10:28-29
- e. Many prophecies God gives are conditional on Israel's response – Acts 1:6-7

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- a. Everything said here was nothing new, not a mystery, it was prophecy to Israel
- b. If you think our pattern is here, then you think the prophets spoke the mystery
- c. 3:18 – *"by the mouth of all his prophets"* – Isaiah 53, Ps 16, Ps 2, Ps 110
- d. *"which before was preached unto you"* – not Christ according to the mystery
- e. *"spoken by the mouth of all his prophets since the world began"* – vs. Rom 16:25
- f. *"For Moses truly said..."* – Have ears to hear or be destroyed - Deut 18:18-19
- g. *"Samuel... foretold of these days"* – Samuel pictured Pentecost – 1 Sam 12
- h. *"Ye are the children of the prophets, and of the covenants"* = Israel – Rom 9:4
- i. *"you first"* – Because of their spiritual position before Gentiles – Acts 11:19
 - i. This is different than Paul going to Gentiles anyway – Acts 13:46, Rom 1:16
- j. *"every one of you"* - This is the promise God made to Israel – Rom 11:26, Isa 59:20