

**THE KINGDOM IS
HERE**

**STUDIES IN THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES
ACTS 1.5**

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ACTS 2.1-21

When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance....

ACTS 2.1-21

And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language. Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, “Look, are not all these who speak Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each in our own language in which we were born?”

ACTS 2.1-21

Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God.” So they were all amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “Whatever could this mean?” Others mocking said, “They are full of new wine.”

ACTS 2.1-21

But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words. For these are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel....

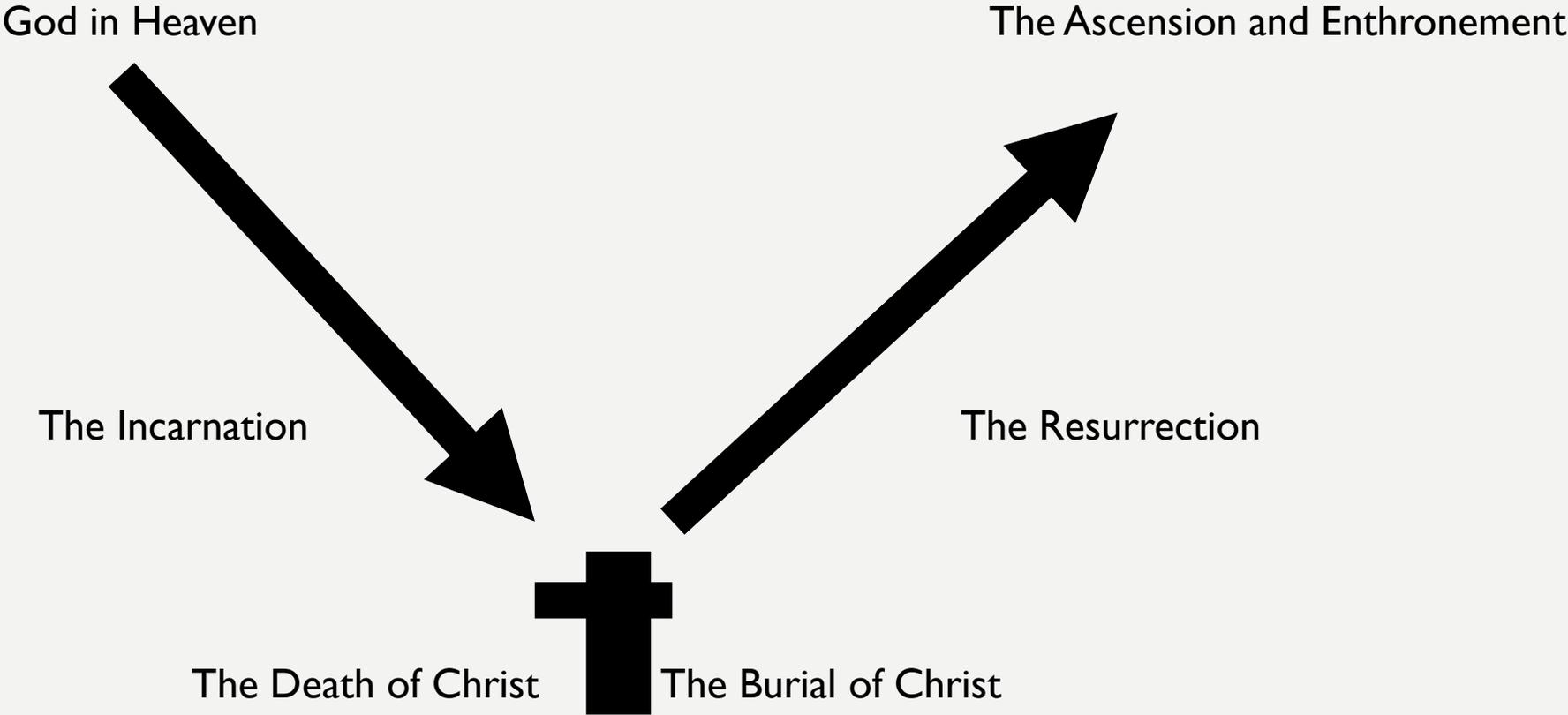
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And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, that I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your young men shall see visions, your old men shall dream dreams. And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; and they shall prophesy....

ACTS 2.1-21

I will show wonders in heaven above and signs in the earth beneath: Blood and fire and vapor of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD. And it shall come to pass that whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved””

THE V-SHAPED GOSPEL



THE SIGN OF KINGDOM'S INAUGURATION

“Assuredly, I say to you that there are some standing here who will not taste death till they see the kingdom of God present with power” (Mark 9.1)

PROOF OF CHRIST'S CORONATION?

“Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. **And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; men’s hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.** Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other - **from the farthest part of earth to the farthest part of heaven**” (Matthew 24.29-31; Mark 13.24-27; Luke 21.25-27)

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“For the stars of heaven and their constellations will not give their light; The sun will be darkened in its going forth, and the moon will not cause its light to shine” (Isaiah 13.10)

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“and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; men’s hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken...”

“I will shake heaven and earth, the sea and dry land; and I will shake all nations, and they shall come to the Desire of All Nations, and I will fill this temple with glory,’ says the LORD of hosts” (Haggai 2.6-7)

THE PROPHETS AND JESUS

“they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory...”

“I was watching in the night visions, and behold, one like the Son of Man, coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, and they brought Him near before Him. Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom”
(Daniel 7.13)

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“...that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom the one which shall not be destroyed” (Daniel 7.14)

THE PROPHETS AND JESUS

- **The Heavens Shaken – Authority Taken Away from the Government of Israel at the Destruction of Jerusalem**
- **The Son of Man Coming with the Clouds – The Ascension and Coronation of Jesus as King**
- **The Angels Gathering the Elect from the Farthest Ends of Earth and Heaven – The Globalization of the Kingdom Through Preaching**

“Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place” (Matthew 24.34)

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ACTS 1.8

“But you shall receive power [the Helper] when the Holy Spirit has come upon you [the Baptism in the Holy Spirit]...”

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MATTHEW 3.1-6

“In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, and saying, Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.... Then Jerusalem, all Judea, and all the region around the Jordan went out to him and were baptized by him in the Jordan, confessing their sins...”

MATTHEW 3.7-12

“But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, “Brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance, and do not think to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I say to you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones...””

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“And even now the ax is laid to the root of the trees. Therefore every tree which does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. I indeed baptize you in water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you in the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather His wheat into the barn; but He will burn up the chaff in unquenchable fire.”

BAPTISM IN THE SPIRIT AND FIRE

- **Who would baptize in the Spirit and Fire?**
- **Who would be baptized?**
- **How many baptisms would be administered?**
- **What is the contrast between John's baptism in water the "coming one's" baptism in the Holy Spirit and fire?**

WHO WOULD BAPTIZE IN THE SPIRIT AND FIRE?

“He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you in the Holy Spirit and fire” (Matthew 3.11)

“John bore witness of Him and cried out, saying, “This was He of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me is preferred before me, for He was before me’” (John 1.15).

WHO WOULD BE BAPTIZED?

“He will baptize you [the Jews (Israel) – a mixed crowd of believing and unbelieving]...”

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HOW MANY BAPTISMS WOULD BE ADMINISTERED?

Baptism in the Holy Spirit – a blessing to Believers

Baptism in Fire – a Curse to Unbelievers

“I did not know Him, but He who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘Upon whom you see the Spirit descending, and remaining on Him, this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit’” (John 1.33)

“I indeed baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit” (Mark 1.8)

BAPTISM IN FIRE

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WHAT IS THE CONTRAST?

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John’s Baptism in Water Prepared Israel for the Coming Kingdom

Christ’s Baptism in Spirit and Fire Signified that the Kingdom Had Come

WHAT IS THE CONTRAST?

**Baptism in the Spirit marked the Inauguration of Christ's
Reign from Heaven**

**Baptism in Fire (the Destruction of Jerusalem) marked the
End of Ethnic Israel as God's People on Earth**

THE BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

“And being assembled together with them [the apostles], He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, ‘which,’ He said, ‘you have heard from Me; for John truly baptized with water, but you [the apostles] shall be baptized in the Holy Spirit not many days from now” (Acts 1.4-5)