

ACTS CHAPTER 2

Okay so we know that Chapter 2 of the book of Acts is all about the receiving of the Ruah Hakodesh... the Holy Spirit, but before we get into that I want us to understand something very important that most people miss.

The First Words of Acts Chapter 2 are extremely important to understand:

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*Act 2:1 The festival of **Shavu`ot** arrived, and the believers all gathered together in one place.*

Act 2:2 Suddenly there came a sound from the sky like the roar of a violent wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.

Now some Bible translations say the day of “Pentecost” and some more accurately say the day of “Shavuot”, but no matter... because they are the same day. You see as we explained in last weeks study on the book of Acts.. Shavuot and Pentecost are one in the same day.

It's important to remember that Shavuot had been kept for the last 1300 years prior to this event that we know as Pentecost. And Shavuot was celebrated by the Israelite's to commemorate the giving of the Law at Mount Sinai when Moses was the only mediator that the Israelite's had.

We have to remember that back then the mediator between Yahovah and his people was Moshay, also known as “Moses”. So here on this particular day they were already celebrating Shavuot, and this is why there were thousands of people gathered around.

It wasn't because they were expecting anything to happen.. Yahshua didn't tell them when or what was going to happen exactly all he told them is to “wait in Jerusalem” and that he would send them the Ruah HaKodesh, but they had no idea what that was or how or when it was going to come. All they knew was they were commanded to wait in Jerusalem.

So here it is... Shavuot, and of course the Jews are coming to Jerusalem to celebrate Shavuot from all around the land, because **all male Jews were required to gather at the Temple**, and they're coming from everywhere to celebrate Shavuot.

So it's important for us to know at this point they have no idea what “Pentecost” even is... their just there to celebrate Shavuot just like they had always done at this time of the year.

It's also important for us to understand that there were only Jews.. at this event. This was

a Jewish holiday for the Jews, and that's why all these people were there in the first place.

So here they are on Mount Zion in Jerusalem for the festival of Shavuot and out of nowhere comes this loud roar like that of a violent wind that they begin to hear, and pretty soon it enters the house and fills the room where they're sitting.

But before we move forward we need to make sure that we understand what "Shavuot" is and what it meant to the Jewish people in the first place. Because if we don't understand Shavuot in the Torah.. also known as the "Old Testament".. then we're going to miss the significance of what it has been pointing to for the last 1300 years.

What we need to understand is that everything that happened in the Torah in the beginning of the book, points to what happens in the Brit Hadasha.. or the back half of the book, the "New Testament". So what was Shavuot all about in the first place?

Now we talked about this a little bit last week but just to refresh ourselves... Shavuot once again was the celebration of Yahovah giving his commandments at Mount Sinai. And we can find this in the book of Exodus 20:18 through 22 in the Complete Jewish Bible.

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Exo 20:15 All the people experienced the thunder, the lightning, the sound of the shofar, and the mountain smoking. When the people saw it, they trembled. Standing at a distance,

Exo 20:16 they said to Moshe, "You, speak with us; and we will listen. But don't let God speak with us, or we will die."

Exo 20:17 Moshe answered the people, "Don't be afraid, because God has come only to test you and make you fear him, so that you won't commit sins."

Exo 20:18 So the people stood at a distance, but Moshe approached the thick darkness where God was.

Exo 20:19 Adonai said to Moshe, "Here is what you are to say to the people of Isra'el: 'You yourselves have seen that I spoke with you from heaven.'

So here we have the giving of the Law's of Yahovah at Mount Sinai, and we see that Moses is the mediator between Yahovah our Elohim and his people.

So what do we see happening at Pentecost? We see the exact same thing happening at Pentecost. Now many people will immediately say "what do you mean God didn't give his Law at Pentecost!?". But the truth of the matter is... yes he did.

Pentecost was the completion of what Yashua had come to do at the cross. He came to invoke the "New Covenant". What did he tell the Talmidim, (the Disciples) at the last

supper?

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Luk 22:20 He did the same with the cup after the meal, saying, "This cup is the New Covenant, ratified by my blood, which is being poured out for you.

But if we read what the “New Covenant” was and what Yahovah said it was all about, we know that his crucifixion was only part of what the “New Covenant” ushered in. Lets take a look at Jeremiah 31:31 again:

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Jer 31:30 "Here, the days are coming," says Adonai, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Isra'el and with the house of Y'hudah.

Jer 31:31 It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers on the day I took them by their hand and brought them out of the land of Egypt; because they, for their part, violated my covenant, even though I, for my part, was a husband to them," says Adonai.

Jer 31:32 "For this is the covenant I will make with the house of Isra'el after those days," says Adonai: "I will put my Torah within them and write it on their hearts; I will be their God, and they will be my people.

And if we turn to the book of Hebrews in the New Testament it verifies this very same principle:

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Heb 10:16 " 'This is the covenant which I will make with them after those days,' says Adonai: 'I will put my Torah on their hearts, and write it on their minds' . . . , "

This is what was taking place at Pentecost. Shavuot was all about Yahovah bringing his Law down from Mount Sinai, Pentecost is all about Yahovah delivering his Ruach Hakodesh, his Holy Spirit and infilling his people with his Law written in their hearts and on their minds.

Once again we see a direct reflection between the old and the new Covenants, and once again we can see why it's so important to know and understand the first half of the book, because with out it... you can't understand the back half, and this is why Christian Academia has horribly missed the mark.

Pentecost was essentially a replay of Shavuot.. to them it was the second coming of the Torah, but this time it wasn't given in stone, but rather it was written in the hearts and the minds of his people.

And this is why we keep the Laws Commandments, Precepts, and Appointments of Yahovah our Elohim. We keep them not to be saved... we keep them because we are saved. His Laws, Commandments, Precepts, and Appointments mean something to us

because we love him.

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1Jn 5:3 For loving God means obeying his commands. Moreover, his commands are not burdensome,

1Jn 2:4 Anyone who says, "I know him," but isn't obeying his commands is a liar—the truth is not in him.

Now with that being said.. I want to go back to Jeremiah 31:31 and I want us to notice something else that most of Christian Academia misses. Notice who Yahovah says that he's making this “New Covenant” with:

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Does he say that he's going to make this “New Covenant” with the Gentiles anywhere in this scripture? No he does not.. he's very explicit about who he's making this “New Covenant” with isn't he?

So if you're not part of the “House of Israel” this covenant is not for you. It has nothing to do with you.

So if you're part of a dispensational “New Covenant Gentile Church” separate and apart from the House of Israel, then I don't know what “New Covenant” your talking about but your not talking about Yahovah's “New Covenant”.

So what does this mean? Is there no hope for the rest of the world? Of course not. All we have to do is to understand who we are as Christians.

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Rom 11:13 However, to those of you who are Gentiles I say this: since I myself am an emissary sent to the Gentiles, I make known the importance of my work

Rom 11:14 in the hope that somehow I may provoke some of my own people to jealousy and save some of them!

Rom 11:15 For if their casting Yeshua aside means reconciliation for the world, what will their accepting him mean? It will be life from the dead!

Rom 11:16 Now if the hallah offered as firstfruits is holy, so is the whole loaf. And if the root is holy, so are the branches.

Rom 11:17 But if some of the branches were broken off, and you—a wild olive—were grafted in among them and have become equal sharers in the rich root of the olive tree,

Rom 11:18 then don't boast as if you were better than the branches! However, if you do boast, remember that you are not supporting the root, the root is supporting you.

Rom 11:19 So you will say, "Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in."

Rom 11:20 True, but so what? They were broken off because of their lack of trust.

However, you keep your place only because of your trust. So don't be arrogant; on the contrary, be terrified!

Rom 11:21 For if God did not spare the natural branches, he certainly won't spare you!

So we have to ask ourselves Christians.. are we grafted into the Olive Tree which represents the House of Israel.. or are we still part of some doctrine of demons that says that we're part of some separate Gentile Church living in a dispensational state of grace apart from the Laws of Yahovah because his laws have all been nailed to a tree somewhere so we don't have to be bothered with them?

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Gal 3:26 For in union with the Messiah, you are all children of God through this trusting faithfulness;

Gal 3:27 because as many of you as were immersed into the Messiah have clothed yourselves with the Messiah, in whom

Gal 3:28 there is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor freeman, neither male nor female; for in union with the Messiah Yeshua, you are all one.

Gal 3:29 Also, if you belong to the Messiah, you are seed of Avraham and heirs according to the promise.

If we're going to understand this book of Acts.. we need to know these fundamental truths my friends, because if we don't know them.. our very Salvation and the Salvation of our children could very well hang in the balance.

So what have we learned so far... that the New Covenant is made with the House of Israel and no one outside of the House of Israel is included, and that the Laws of Yahovah are written in the hearts and the minds of those who indeed are grafted into the Olive Tree that is the House of Israel. Those of us who are Abraham's offspring and heirs to the promise.

So lets get back to chapter two, lets read it in small sections and we'll break it down as we go.

Act 2:1 The festival of Shavu`ot arrived, and the believers all gathered together in one place.

Act 2:2 Suddenly there came a sound from the sky like the roar of a violent wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.

Act 2:3 Then they saw what looked like tongues of fire, which separated and came to rest on each one of them.

Act 2:4 They were all filled with the Ruach HaKodesh and began to talk in different languages, as the Spirit enabled them to speak.

Now the Greek word that has translated as “Tongues” or “Languages” depending on your version of the Bible.. is “Glossa”. So it says that they were filled with Ruach Hakodash and began to talk in different “glossa” as the Spirit enabled them to speak in different “glossa”.

“Glossa” means languages, but it can also mean “your human tongue”. So we can see why as they were speaking in different languages it could also be interpreted as they were speaking in different “Tongues”. Their human “Tongues” were speaking different Languages which were not only audible so that you could hear them, but they were also understandable.

Act 2:6 When they heard this sound, a crowd gathered; they were confused, because each one heard the believers speaking in his own language.

Act 2:7 Totally amazed, they asked, "How is this possible? Aren't all these people who are speaking from the Galil?"

Act 2:8 How is it that we hear them speaking in our native languages?

Act 2:9 We are Parthians, Medes, Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Y'udah, Cappadocia, Pontus, Asia,

Act 2:10 Phrygia, Pamphylia, Egypt, the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome;

Act 2:11 Jews by birth and proselytes; Jews from Crete and from Arabia. . . ! How is it that we hear them speaking in our own languages about the great things God has done?"

Act 2:12 Amazed and confused, they all went on asking each other, "What can this mean?"

So here we have all of these Jewish people who had the Law... the Torah.. and who were supposed to know and understand the Torah... which is the Law of Yahovah, and they were “Amazed and Confused”.

Now I want us to understand that these people were doing and keeping the Torah (the Law) to the best of their ability. They knew the Torah, it was read every 7th day Sabbath

in the synagogues, and some of them like the Apostle Paul.. even had the Torah committed to memorie, and they were “Amazed and Confused” on the day of Pentecost.

They had read Jeremiah 31:31.. were we find the new covenant that Yahovah their Elohim had promised them, and they were well aware of this promised “New Covenant”. And yet... they were “Amazed and Confused” when it was being delivered to them.

Here's my question.. does this sound much different than the religious leaders of our time? They read the scriptures, they go to school to learn the scriptures, they memorize the scriptures and yet are completely oblivious to the scriptures.

Why did Paul say that the Israelite's and the Jewish people could not attain righteousness through the law?

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Rom 9:30 What shall we say, then? That Gentiles who did not pursue righteousness have attained it, that is, a righteousness that is by faith;

*Rom 9:31 but that Israel **who pursued a law that would lead to righteousness** did not succeed in reaching that law.*

*Rom 9:32 Why? **Because they did not pursue it by faith, but as if it were based on works.** They have stumbled over the stumbling stone,*

Rom 9:33 as it is written, "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

So we can clearly see here that these Jewish people could have attained righteousness if they had kept the law by faith like they were supposed to in the first place.. but they did not. And even to this day they were keeping the Law as if it were all about works.

Well I go to church every Sabbath, well I put the money in the offering plate, well I help out at the church, and I sacrifice an animal when I sin, and on and so fourth. But the problem was these Laws that Yahovah had put down to protect them... from the very nature of sin... were only obeyed because they felt that they were forced to do them by Gods Law. Rather than doing them because they loved Yahovah their Elohim and wanted to do them because he gave those laws to them.

You see when they sacrificed and animal because of their sin... they felt as though they had done something to earth their way into Heaven. Instead of having any remorse in their heart for the sin that they committed against Yahovah, they felt redeemed because of their work in sacrificing the animal.

So the Laws of Yahovah were not written in their hearts, they were not following the law because they loved God... they were simply following the Law so they could get out of

their sin. There's a big difference between keeping the laws of Yahovah because you know that their right and just and because you love him, and keeping the Laws of Yahovah in order to earn your way into Heaven.

You see the man who loves God is ashamed that he has to sacrifice an animal to atone for his sins, but the other man could care less as long as he sacrifices his animal he thinks he's good to go.

And this is why they fell away at every new doctrine or new god that came along that seemed to free them from the bondage of the Law. Because to them... that's all the law was.. it was “bondage”.

Little did they know that it was the “Law” that saved them from becoming wicked and it was the law that prolonged their lives, and was the law that was a gift from Yahovah that would bless them and make them more like him, and keep them safe, and help them to feel remorse for the wickedness of sin when they fell.

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*Rom 7:12 So **the Torah is holy; that is, the commandment is holy, just and good.***

You see the new covenant is all about writing the laws of Yahovah on our hearts and in our minds, and because we were such a stiff necked people he had to send his only begotten son, Yahshua HaMashiach to be whipped in front of us.. to be mocked in front of us.. to be scourged in front of us... to be humiliated in front of us.. to smell his dead body, and touch his wounds, to watch his blood dripping down off of that cross so that we would finally understand what sin leads to.. and why he gave us those laws in the first place.

We got to see sin close up and personal.. all of us now are forced to live with the fact that we are so wretched, low, naked, and poor that he had to send his only begotten son to die as a propitiation for our sins because we simply couldn't understand why he gave us his laws in the first place.

And this is why we who love him keep the laws that he has written on our hearts and in our minds. His laws are not nailed to some tree some where... they're written on our hearts and on our minds, and we know full well and understand what our Messiah said in Matthew 5:17:

*Mat 5:17 "Do not think that **I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets;** I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.*

*Mat 5:18 For truly, I say to you, **until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished.***

And for those who still read the scriptures and memorize them and have studied them through today's modern day Christian Vladimir and believe that the Apostle Paul taught that Gods laws are a curse and bondage... they too have missed the mark just like the Jews on Pentecost. What did Paul say in Romans 3:31:

Rom 3:31 Do we then overthrow the law by this faith? By no means! On the contrary, we uphold the law.

Our own Messiah spoke with his own breath his own words, and his own tongue and said that he did not come to abolish the law or the prophets and that not the crossing of a “T” or the dotting of an “I” would pass from the law until “Heaven and Earth pass away and all things are accomplished”!

And Paul clearly proclaimed even after the death of our Messiah that we “DO NOT OVERTHROW THE LAW BY OUR FAITH! BY NO MEANS! ON THE CONTRARY! WE UPHOLD THE LAW!”.

But what does modern day Christian Academia say?: That Gods laws are all nailed to a tree somewhere so you don't have to be bothered with them.

A “Do As Thou Wilt” religion that has been birthed from the doctrines of demons, that teaches that you are “Once Saved Always Saved” and that profaning the Commandments, Sabbaths, Precepts, and Appointments of Yahovah is what we need to do.

These are two entirely different doctrines. One is found in scripture... and one is not.

Just exactly like these Jewish people that we see at Pentecost. They went through great lengths to read and memorize the scripture, but they really had no understanding of it because they were reading it as a law book instead of what it truly was.

It was a love letter from their Father in Heaven that explained in great detail how to keep themselves away from the cancer of sin, that would send them and their children to the pit never to be heard of again.

I think it's safe to say that sin is growing by leaps and bounds all around the world is it not? And why? Because we have forgotten our first love.. our Father.. and we are destroyed for lack of knowledge because we have rejected knowledge.

If the Jews at Pentecost had remembered correctly, they would have known that this was the fulfillment of the “New Covenant” and they would have seen this in the scriptures long ago:

Num 11:24 Moshe went out and told the people what Adonai had said. Then he collected seventy of the leaders of the people and placed them all around the tent.

Num 11:25 Adonai came down in the cloud, spoke to him, took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy leaders. When the Spirit came to rest on them, they prophesied—then but not afterwards.

Num 11:26 There were two men who stayed in the camp, one named Eldad and the other Medad, and the Spirit came to rest on them. They were among those listed to go out to the tent, but they hadn't done so, and they prophesied in the camp.

Num 11:27 A young man ran and told Moshe, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp!"

Num 11:28 Y'hoshua, the son of Nun, who from his youth up had been Moshe's assistant, answered, "My lord, Moshe, stop them!"

Num 11:29 But Moshe replied, "Are you so zealous to protect me? I wish all of Adonai's people were prophets! I wish Adonai would put his Spirit on all of them!"

You see from the very beginning Moses had wished for this day of Pentecost to come, and that Yahovah's Ruach Hakodesh, his Holy Spirit would rest on all of them, and yet these Jews had no idea what was happening to them that day. And this says a lot about how well they understood the very scriptures that they were reading and committing to memory.

As we've said so many times my friends. No matter how many scriptures you commit to memory, no matter how many years of Seminary you have under your belt, no matter how many degrees of Theology, and Philosophy, and Eschatology, and Herminutics, you may have...understanding and discernment comes from one place and it is not man. It can only come from him:

Mat 23:8 "But you are not to let yourselves be called 'Rabbi'; because you have one Rabbi, and you are all each other's brothers.

Mat 23:9 And do not call anyone on earth 'Father.' because you have one Father, and he is in heaven.

Mat 23:10 Nor are you to let yourselves be called 'leaders,' because you have one Leader, and he is the Messiah!

Mat 23:11 The greatest among you must be your servant,

Mat 23:12 for whoever promotes himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be promoted.

In other words none of us should trust any man with out testing to see is his fruits are good or bad. If he is not of the Ruach the Holy Spirit, then he is not of Yahovah God our Father or the Son. And we can't possibly know that unless we know the Scriptures for ourselves so that we can know whether the fruit of that man be of good fruit or rotten.

And if we don't know and understand the first half of the book my friends, our chances of understanding the back half of the book are zero. The context of what is written in the Brit Hadasha (the New Testament) can only be known and understood if one has read the "Torah" also known as.. the first half of the book.

Now I want us to notice who it was that received the Holy Spirit at Pentecost? What are we told in chapter 2?

Act 2:5 Now there were staying in Yerushalayim **religious Jews from every nation under heaven.**

Act 2:9 We are Parthians, Medes, Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Y'hudah, Cappadocia, Pontus, Asia,

Act 2:10 Phrygia, Pamphylia, Egypt, the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome;

Act 2:11 **Jews by birth and proselytes; Jews** from Crete and from Arabia. . . ! How is it that we hear them speaking in our own languages about the great things God has done?"

Act 2:12 Amazed and confused, they all went on asking each other, "What can this mean?"

Act 2:13 But others made fun of them and said, "They've just had too much wine!"

So these were religious Jews from every nation along with a few proselytes or followers that were here at Jerusalem when this happened. Notice... "religious" Jews emphasis on "religious". How many "religious" gentile's are there out there today full of religion forever hearing but never understanding, forever seeing but never perceiving.

But once these Jews actually heard the Gospel message given by Peter and accepted it as truth.. they received the Ruach Hakodesh, the Holy Spirit and were baptized.

And we have to remember that it was only Jews that would have been in Jerusalem for the celebration of the Shavuot festival in the first place. And you can imagine the confusion when they heard these Apostles speaking each in a different language so that everyone in the crowd could understand them.

Many of these Jews spoke many different languages, as we read in chapter two. After being dispersed through out the nations, many of them had lost their original Hebrew language over the years since the Norther Kingdom had existed.

And the most profound thing for these religious Jews to understand is who these Apostles were. They were not known as learned men or scholars, or high priests. These Apostles were working class citizens, fisher men and carpenters, blue collar workers if

you will. So here we have these country hicks as we might call them today... unlearned and with out even a single degree from the religious world of academia of that time.

And here they are teaching and preaching the Gospel to each man in his own language, so you can imagine at least in part... why they were so confused and dumbfounded at who was even bringing them this Gospel message to them.

So some of them were left scratching their heads thinking that they were drunk... so lets continue on to see what Peter has to say. Lets continue with verse 14:

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Act 2:13 But others made fun of them and said, "They've just had too much wine!"

Act 2:14 Then Kefa stood up with the Eleven and raised his voice to address them: "You Judeans, and all of you staying here in Yerushalayim! Let me tell you what this means! Listen carefully to me!

Act 2:15 "These people aren't drunk, as you suppose—it's only nine in the morning.

Act 2:16 No, this is what was spoken about through the prophet Yo'el:

Act 2:17 'Adonai says: "In the Last Days, I will pour out from my Spirit upon everyone. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.

Act 2:18 Even on my slaves, both men and women, will I pour out from my Spirit in those days; and they will prophesy.

Act 2:19 I will perform miracles in the sky above and signs on the earth below—blood, fire and thick smoke.

Act 2:20 The sun will become dark and the moon blood before the great and fearful Day of Adonai comes.

Act 2:21 And then, whoever calls on the name of Adonai will be saved." '

Act 2:22 "Men of Isra'el! Listen to this! Yeshua from Natzeret was a man demonstrated to you to have been from God by the powerful works, miracles and signs that God performed through him in your presence. You yourselves know this.

Act 2:23 This man was arrested in accordance with God's predetermined plan and foreknowledge; and, through the agency of persons not bound by the Torah, you nailed him up on a stake and killed him!

And so Peter takes the stage once again, and he tells them that this is what was prophesied in Joel Chapter 2, and this is massively important for us to understand what Peter is trying to convey here.

Joel is prophesying about the “Last Days” and this is what Peter is equating this event too at Pentecost.. by quoting this scripture from the Prophet Joel. Peter is signaling that these are the last days, and that the end of the human era is upon us, and just like Joel

told us these things were coming to fruition that day at Pentecost.

So we can know and understand that the “Last Days” begin with the death of our Messiah, and the “New Covenant” being delivered to his people. Not to be confused with “THE Last Day” that is synonymous with “The Day Of The Lord” that no man knows the day or the hour.

Peter is clearly telling them that these are the last days of Mankind's history as we know it. We are entering into the last days as of Pentecost, just like Joel prophesied. So it's clear to see that Joel was prophesying from Peters time on.

Notice that both Peter and Joel both talk about the days that the sun will become dark and the moon turns into blood before the great and fearful Day that Yahovah comes. Peter is clear that he views all that has happened at Pentecost....as the beginning of the end.

And we can tie this into why the Apostles were constantly trying to prepare people for what was coming in these end days to prepare them in there writings to the many churches.

We need to also notice what Peter is saying in verse 21:

Act 2:21 And then, **whoever calls on the name of Adonai will be saved.**" ' "

Now notice.. the word “Adonai” in the Complete Jewish Bible, and it's the word “Lord” in the King James Version. And the word Lord in the King James Version is another miss-translation of the name of God which is spelled in the Hebrew Yude Hey Vov Hey.

Over six thousand eight hundred times God wrote his name in the scriptures and King Jimmy decided to use the description of a 16th century land barren to cover up Gods name, using “Lord” as a replacement for the name of God.

The Jewish leaders covered up Gods name by using the word “Adoni” because they were afraid that someone might miss-spell his name or not capitalize it or use it incorrectly thereby profaning the name of God. So they continuously replaced his name with Adoni, HaSham, ElShadi, and so on.

So both Jew and Gentile because the Gentile did not understand the original Hebraic mind set covered up the very name of Yahovah God. And you can do your own research on this it's very simple to do, just look for the word “Lord” in your bible and do a cross reference to the original Hebrew language and you'll fine the Tetragramaton which is the Hebrew yud-heh-vavheh and you'll know the truth.

So my point is this.. Peter knows that it is the name of Yahovah, God the Father that we are calling on in verse 22, not the name of Yahshua, or Jesus. In order to understand this we need to go back and look at what the Prophet Joel said that Peter was quoting from, and when we do this we find that Joel does not say Yahshua, he says Yahovah just as Peter does.

*Joe 3:1 "After this, I will pour out my Spirit on all humanity. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions;
Joe 3:2 and also on male and female slaves in those days I will pour out my Spirit.
Joe 3:3 I will show wonders in the sky and on earth—blood, fire and columns of smoke.
Joe 3:4 The sun will be turned into darkness and the moon into blood before the coming of the great and terrible Day of Adonai."
Joe 3:5 At that time, **whoever calls on the name of Adonai will be saved.** For in Mount Tziyon and Yerushalayim there will be those who escape, as Adonai has promised; among the survivors will be those whom Adonai has called.*

In the Greek the word “Adonai” is “kurios” which means the same things as “Lord”, and of course as we've just said “Lord” is the cover up of the original Hebrew yud-heh-vav-heh which is the name of God, some pronounce it Yahweh, some Yahwhoah, I most of the time pronounce it Yahovah because of the studying I've done on the pronunciation however it is not the pronunciation of his name that profanes his name.

Let me repeat that again... it is not the pronunciation of his name.. that profanes his name. It is profaning his commandments, his precepts, his Sabbaths and his Appointments that profane his Holy name according to scripture. And this is what we need to remember.

So Peter says (quoting Joel) whoever calls on the name of Yehoveh will be saved. Yeshua (Jesus) is the sole **agent of Salvation**; but Yehoveh the Father is the **sole source of Salvation**. And this is just another scriptural truth that modern day Christendom has long ago swept under the rug, and wrongly misinterpreted.

The Roman Catholic church, has all but predisposed with the truth of who Yahovah the Father is with it's “Trinity” doctrine not understanding that Yahshua was given power and authority FROM his FATHER Yahovah, but Yahshua Jesus did not in any way REPLACE his Father. In fact we know that when he ascended he went to sit at the right hand of his Father. Yahshua is the way to the Father not a replacement of his Father. And we can not come unto the Father except through the son.

And with out the Ruach Hakodesh, his Holy Spirit the un-believer has no concept of these scriptural truths. They can't understand because as the scripture says they are

forever learning but never understanding.

Isa 43:11 I, yes I, am Adonai; besides me there is no deliverer.

Now with that being said there's something else that is imperative that we see that Peter says in Acts verse 23:

Act 2:23 This man was arrested in accordance with God's predetermined plan and foreknowledge; and, through the agency of persons not bound by the Torah, you nailed him up on a stake and killed him!

What the phrase in vs. 23 says is: "you crucified by the hands of lawless men". Let's focus on the word "lawless". In Greek the word is anomos. Nomos means law, a-nomos is the opposite and it means without law.

Now the King Jimmy's translation says:

Act 2:23 Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain:

However once again my friends if you cross reference the word "Wicked" used in the King James Version it is translated from the word Anomos strong's G459. Once again Nomos means "Law" and A-nomos means "Law-less". So don't let them fool you my friends.

We have to remember that the King James version of the Bible was written during the Reformation era when there was a great rift between true Christian believers that held strictly to the scriptures, and the Roman Catholic Church who says they have the authority to change the times and laws of Yahovah God.

It's not too hard to understand, how it may have been very possible for more than one of these men that came out of these four colleges that King James appointed to translate his new bible... that one or more of these translators... may have been of Catholic persuasion, thus using the word "wicked" instead of using the correct word "lawless".

You see the Catholic church is all about having the authority to change the law as they see fit, and they have done so time after time through out history, so they wouldn't want to give credence to Yahovah perfect, holy, and inherent "Law" any more than they have to, because this takes away from their self given authority to change it.

Was this why this word "Wicked" used instead of the proper word "Lawless", we may never know, but we can certainly know the truth, and that is that the word properly

translated was “Anomos” which means “Lawless”.

And so getting back to the word “Law” or “Lawless” its important for us to understand that what “Law” or “Lawlessness” is referring to is the Law of Moses. That's the definition of the word “Law” or “Lawlessness” that the scripture is referring to.

2Th 2:1 Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we ask you, brothers,

2Th 2:2 not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by a spirit or a spoken word, or a letter seeming to be from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come.

*2Th 2:3 Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of **lawlessness** is revealed, the son of destruction,*

2Th 2:4 who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God.

So once again we see this word “Lawlessness”. So we have to ask ourselves what Law? It's not talking about a Country or State Law, or a governmental Law.. it's talking about THE “LAW” of Moses! The only “Law” that God is concerned about. He is the Anti-Christ, the man of “Lawlessness” also known as the man of “Sin” what is the biblical definition of sin?

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1Jn 3:4 Everyone who keeps sinning is violating Torah—indeed, sin is violation of Torah.

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1Jn 3:4 Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.

So with this in mind... who was it that Peter says nailed Yahshua to the cross? It was “Lawless” men. Gentiles who were of course “Lawless”.

So I want us to know and understand the wrong teaching of antisemitism that we often hear from certain so called Christian denominations who preach that it was those nasty Jews who hung Jesus on the cross, and that's why they proclaim themselves to be a Gentile Church separate and apart from those wicked nasty old Jews.

The truth is, that it was clearly lawless gentiles that drove those nails through his hands and feet. The Jewish leaders of that time were the agents of Yahshuas death, but we need to remember that **it was at the hands of gentiles that he was physically crucified.** So you see... no one... is with out blame.. both are guilty as charged when it comes to the death of our Messiah.

And this is why we have hope in being grafted into our Messiah who is the root of the House of Israel no longer having the title Jew or Gentile as Paul tells us in the book of Galatians:

Gal 3:26 For in union with the Messiah, you are all children of God through this trusting faithfulness;

Gal 3:27 because as many of you as were immersed into the Messiah have clothed yourselves with the Messiah, in whom

Gal 3:28 there is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor freeman, neither male nor female; for in union with the Messiah Yeshua, you are all one.

Gal 3:29 Also, if you belong to the Messiah, you are seed of Avraham and heirs according to the promise.

Thank Yahovah our Elohim that we are no longer Jew nor Gentile, and that we are now one in the Messiah and the offspring of Abraham, and heirs to the promise. And that even that anusus act of hanging our own Messiah on that cross has been forgiven those who believe and have faith in him.

We who have been grafted into the house of Israel through the work that our Messiah did at the cross that dreadful day.. now have his Law written on our hearts and in our minds:

Jer 31:30 "Here, the days are coming," says Adonai, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Isra'el and with the house of Y'hudah.

Jer 31:31 It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers on the day I took them by their hand and brought them out of the land of Egypt; because they, for their part, violated my covenant, even though I, for my part, was a husband to them," says Adonai.

Jer 31:32 "For this is the covenant I will make with the house of Isra'el after those days," says Adonai: "I will put my Torah within them and write it on their hearts; I will be their God, and they will be my people.

And with that, we'll pick up where we left off next Wednesday evening... at 7pm here on Holy Impact Ministries Bible Study Night.