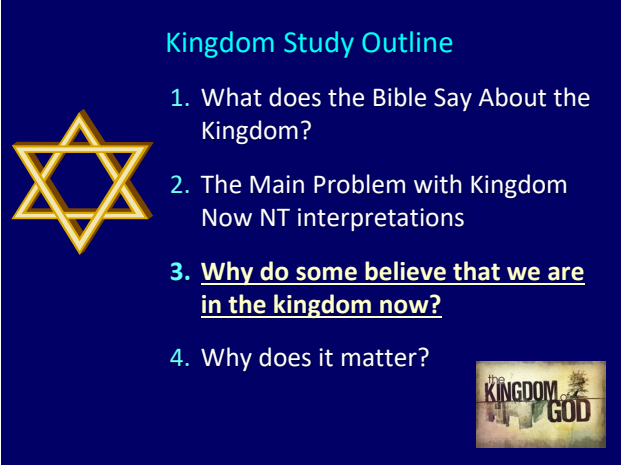


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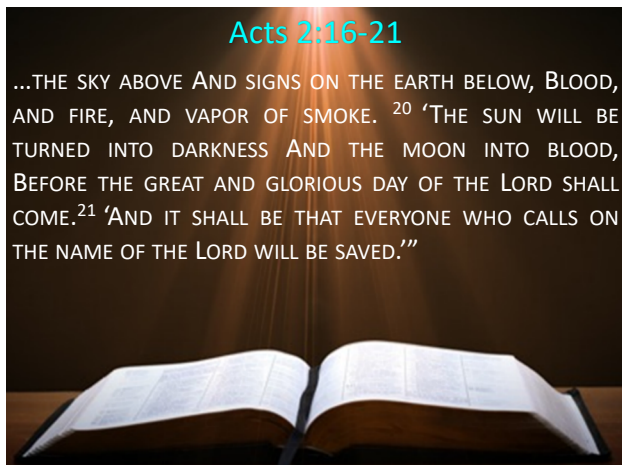
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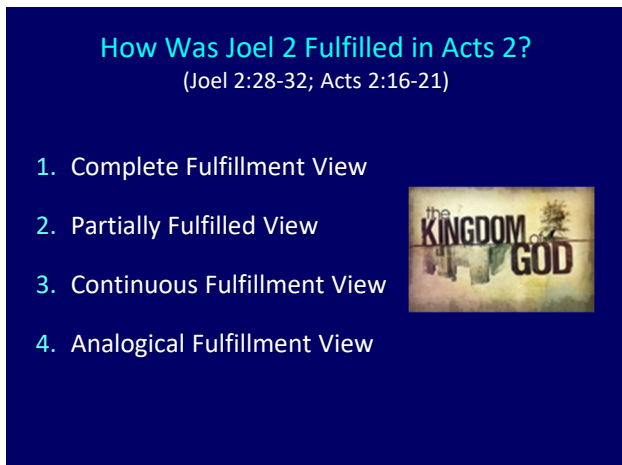
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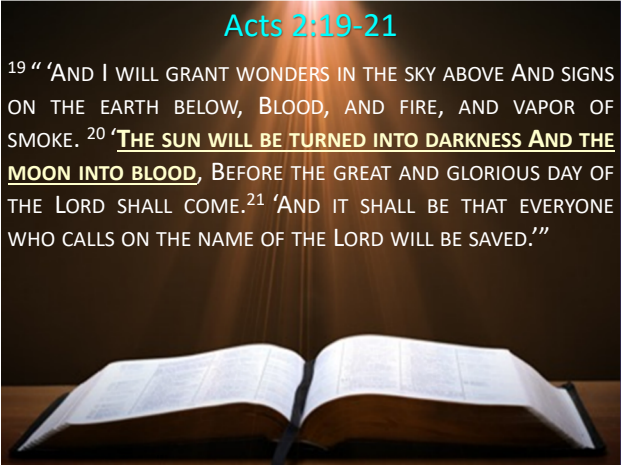
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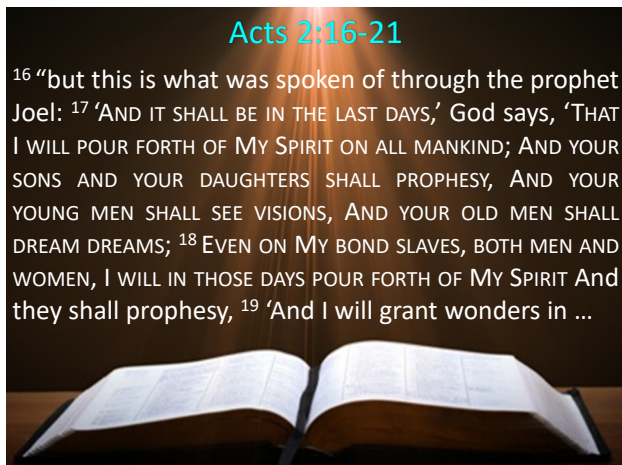
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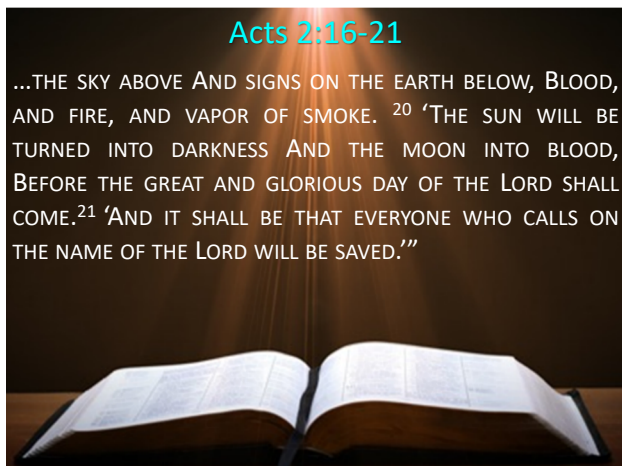
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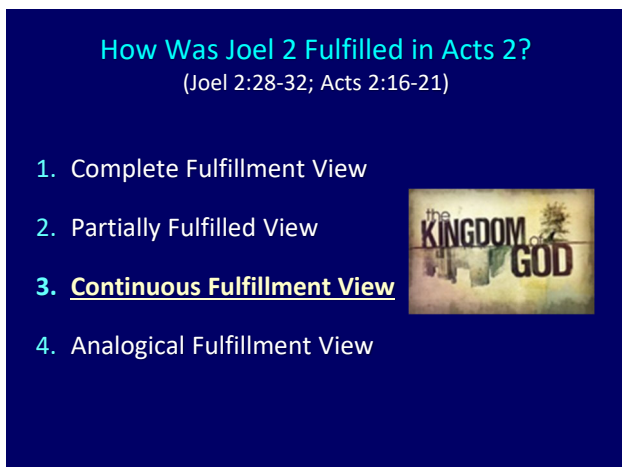
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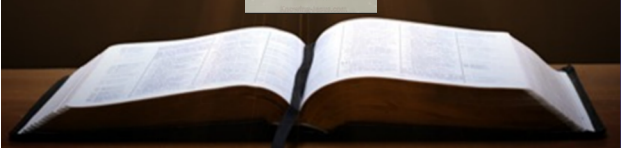


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Romans 8:9

"However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him."


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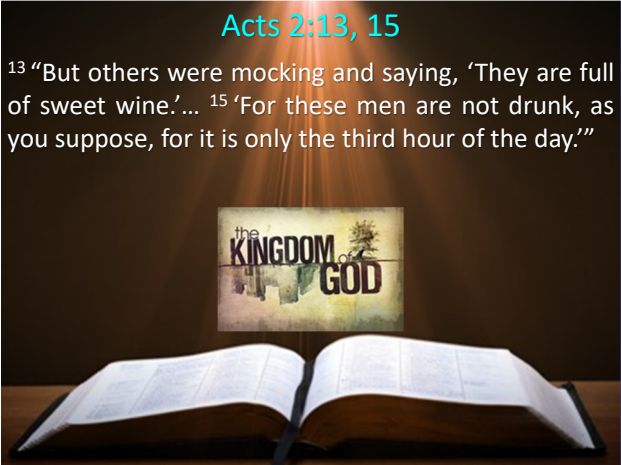


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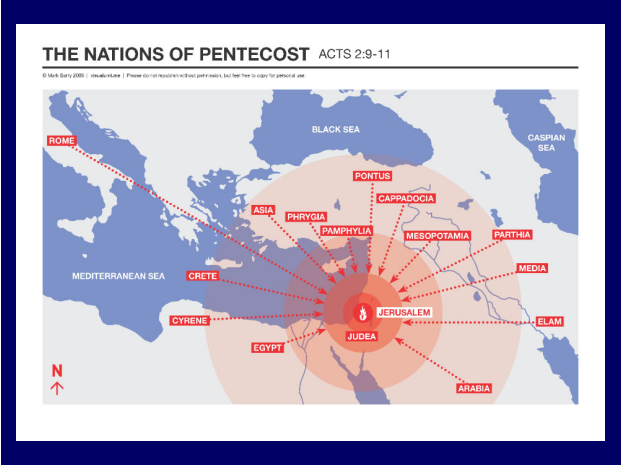
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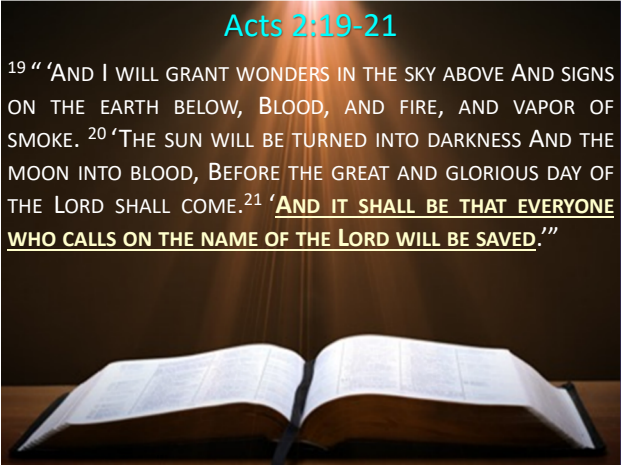
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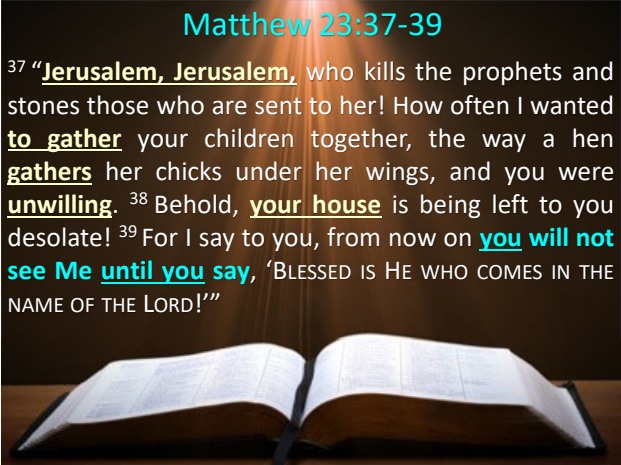
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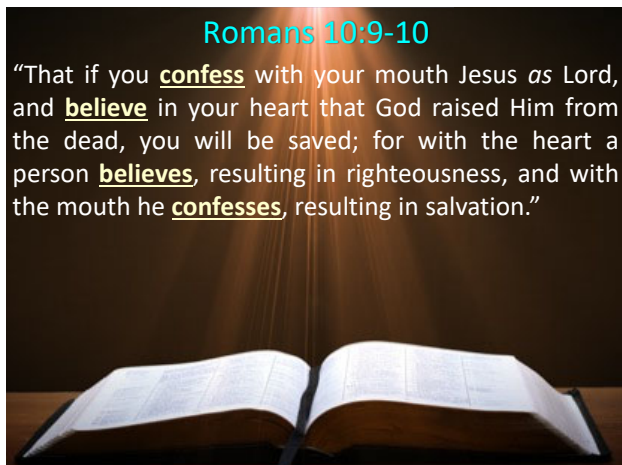
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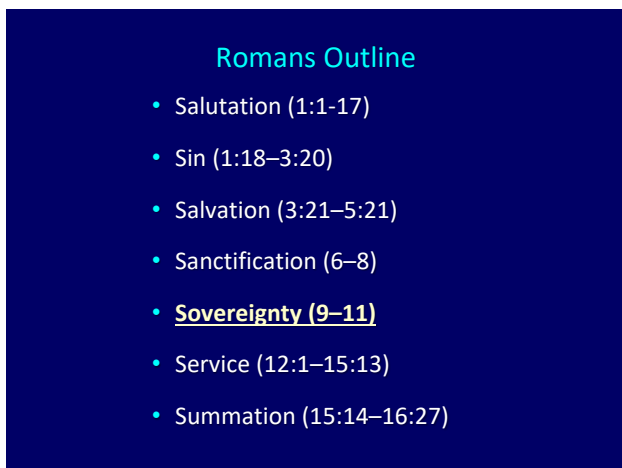
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John 12:42



“Nevertheless many even of the rulers **believed** in Him, but because of the Pharisees they were **not confessing Him**, for fear that they would be put out of the synagogue.”

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John 20:30-31


³⁰ “Therefore many other **signs** Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹ but these have been written so that you may **believe** that **Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God**; and that **believing** you may have **life** in His name.”

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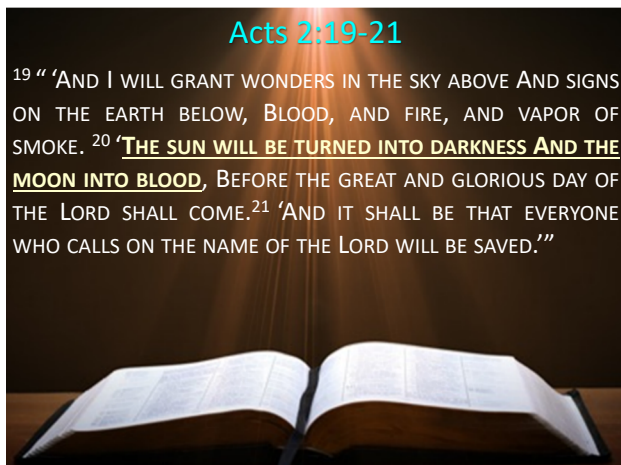


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Joel 2:32

"And it will come about that whoever calls on the name of the Lord Will be **delivered**; For **on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem** There will be those who **escape**, As the LORD has said, Even among the **survivors** whom the LORD calls."

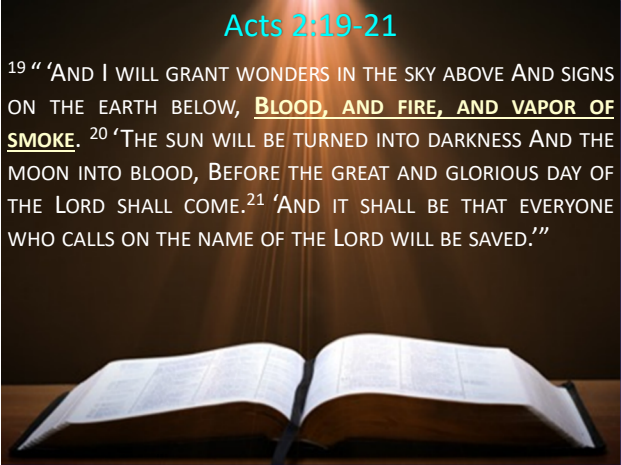
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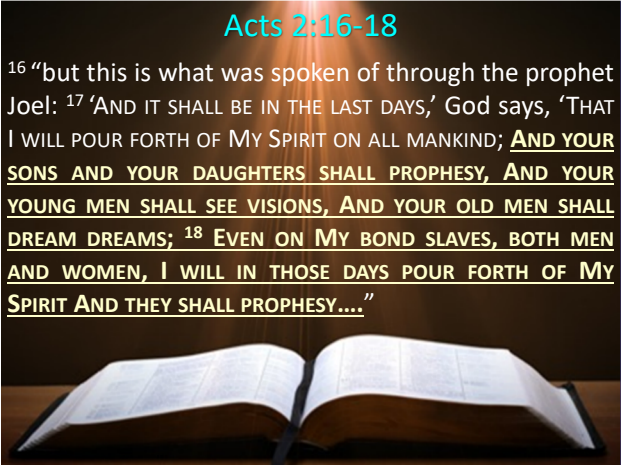
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Acts 1:16


“Brethren, **the Scripture had to be fulfilled (*plēroō*)**, which the Holy Spirit foretold by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus.”



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Ephesians 2:14-16


¹⁴ "For He Himself is our peace, who made both groups into one and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall, ¹⁵ by abolishing in His flesh the enmity, which is the Law of commandments contained in ordinances, so that in Himself He might make the two into one new man, thus establishing peace, ¹⁶ and might reconcile them both in one body to God through the cross, by it having put to death the enmity."



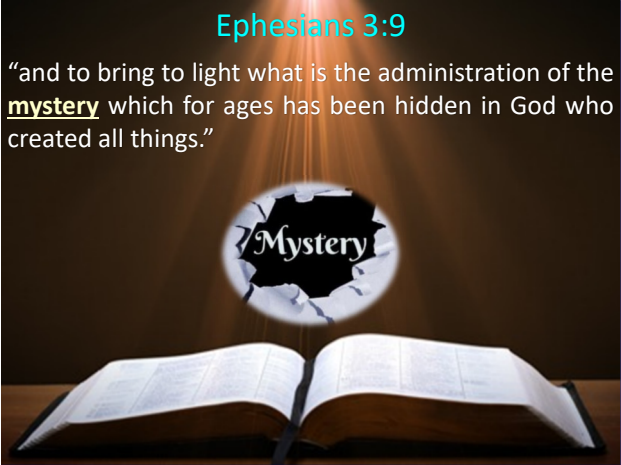
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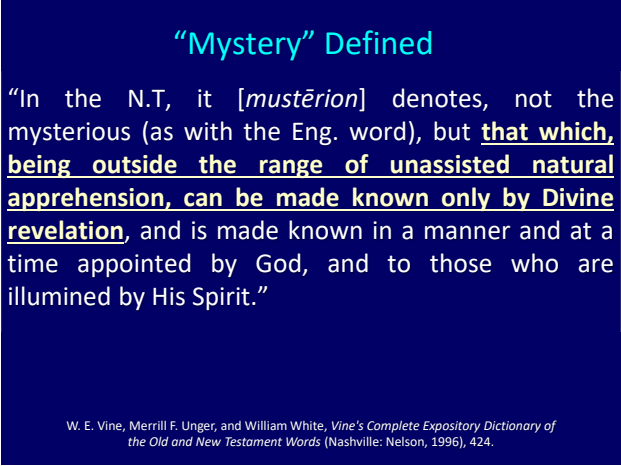
³ "that by revelation there was made known to me the **mystery**, as I wrote before in brief. ⁴ By referring to this, when you read you can understand my insight into the **mystery** of Christ, ⁵ which in other generations was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed to His holy **apostles** and prophets in the Spirit; ⁶ **to be specific, that the Gentiles are fellow heirs and fellow members of the body, and fellow partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus** through the gospel".



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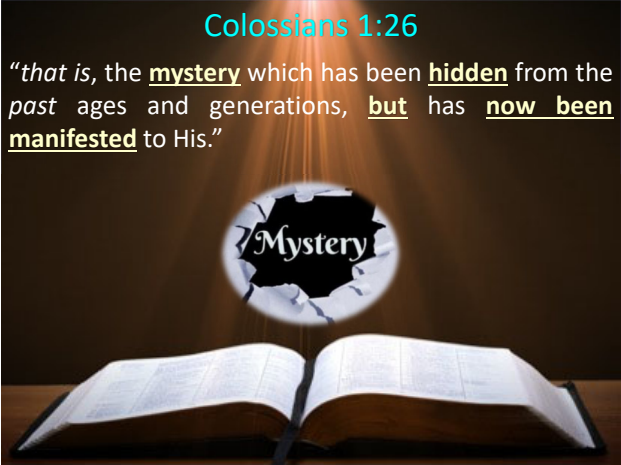
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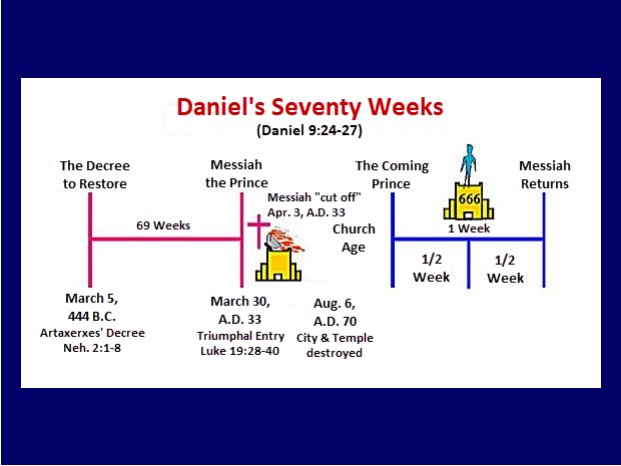
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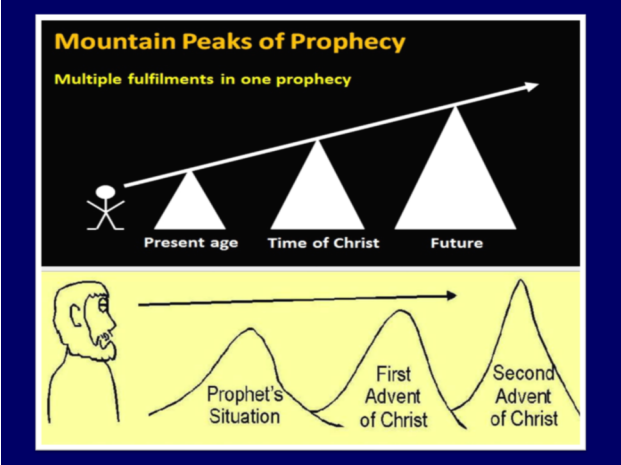
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1 Corinthians 11:24-26

²⁴ “and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, “**This is (*touto estin to*)** My body, which is for you; do this in **remembrance** of Me.” ²⁵ In the same way He took the cup also after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.” ²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.”



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Darrell Bock

Darrell Bock, “The Reign of the Lord Christ,” in *Dispensationalism, Israel and the Church*, ed. Craig A. Blaising and Darrell L. Bock (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1992), 49.

“In other words, Jesus’ resurrection-ascension to God’s right hand is put forward by Peter as a fulfillment of the Davidic covenant, **just as the allusion to Joel fulfills the new covenant.**”


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