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Exod. 23:14-17-¹⁴“Three times a year you shall celebrate a feast to Me. ¹⁵ You shall observe the **Feast of Unleavened Bread**; for seven days you are to eat unleavened bread, as I commanded you, at the appointed time in the month Abib, for in it you came out of Egypt. And none shall appear before Me empty-handed. ¹⁶ Also *you shall observe* the **Feast of the Harvest of the first fruits of your labors** *from* what you sow in the field; also the **Feast of the Ingathering** at the end of the year when you gather in *the fruit of* your labors from the field. ¹⁷ **Three times a year all your males shall appear before the Lord GOD.**

Deut. 16:16-**Three times in a year all your males shall appear before the LORD your God** in the place which He chooses, at the **Feast of Unleavened Bread and at the Feast of Weeks and at the Feast of Booths**, and they shall not appear before the LORD empty-handed.

Luke 2:25-And there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; and **this man was righteous and devout**, looking for the consolation of Israel; and the Holy Spirit was upon him.

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Matt. 26:73-A little later the bystanders came up and said to Peter, “Surely you too are *one* of them; for even **the way you talk gives you away.**”

Mark 14:70-But again he denied it. And after a little while the bystanders were again saying to Peter, “Surely you are *one* of them, for you are a **Galilean** too.”

Luke 22:59-After about an hour had passed, another man *began* to insist, saying, “Certainly this man also was with Him, for he is a **Galilean** too.”

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Rom. 1:11-For I long to see you so that **I may impart some spiritual gift to you,** that you may be **established.**

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Acts 17:31-34-³¹ because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead.” ³² Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some *began* to **sneer**, but others said, “**We shall hear you again concerning this.**” ³³ So Paul went out of their midst. ³⁴ But some men joined him and **believed**, among whom also were Dionysius the Areopagite and a woman named Damaris and others with them.

John 1:11-He came to His own, and those who were **His own did not receive Him.**

John 6:41-Therefore **the Jews were grumbling about Him,** because He said, “I am the bread that came down out of heaven.”

Matt. 28:11-15-¹¹ Now while they were on their way, some of the guard came into the city and reported to the chief priests all that had happened. ¹² And when they had assembled with the elders and consulted together, they gave a large sum of money to the soldiers, ¹³ and said, “**You are to say, ‘His disciples came by night and stole Him away while we were asleep.’**” ¹⁴ And if this

should come to the governor's ears, we will win him over and keep you out of trouble." ¹⁵ And they took the money and did as they had been instructed; and this story was widely spread among the Jews, *and is* to this day.

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Jonah 3:1-Now the word of the Lord came to Jonah **the second time**, saying,

Matt. 16:19-**I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven;** and whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven.

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It seems best to argue that Peter was using Joel's prophecy illustratively or analogically. This analogy view is based upon several pieces of textual evidence.

1. The context of the book of Joel indicates that Joel was speaking of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the entire nation of Israel in the last days. This is what Joel meant by "**all flesh**." In Acts 2, the Holy Spirit was poured out only on the twelve apostles and the 120. This was not the "all flesh" that Joel predicted.
2. Also, a literal interpretation of the prophecies in Joel 2 indicate that Joel was speaking of the Holy Spirit's work with Israel during the future Tribulation (Joel 2:30-31) and millennium (Joel 2:28-29). These events were not fulfilled in Acts 2.

3. It is obvious that **Joel 2:28-32** as quoted in Acts 2:16-21, was **not fulfilled on Pentecost**. The sun did not turn into darkness and the moon did not turn into blood on Pentecost. In addition, Peter stopped quoting halfway through Joel 2:32. The rest of Joel 2:32 says, “For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be deliverance, as the Lord has said, among the remnant that the Lord calls.” Thus, the rest of verse 32 deals specifically with Israel’s deliverance in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem. These events were not fulfilled on Pentecost. Also, Acts 2 contains no references to blood, fire, billows of smoke, young men seeing visions, old men seeing dreams, and slaves and daughters prophesying. Yet these things are all mentioned in the Joel 2 passage.
4. Many of the things that happened in Acts 2, such as believers speaking in tongues (Acts 2:4), were **not predicted in Joel 2**.
5. When quoting Joel 2 in Acts 2, Peter **changed** certain features of Joel’s text. For example, Peter changed “After this” in Joel 2:28 to “last days” in Acts 2:17. Joel 2:29 does not contain the words “and they will prophesy.” Peter, however, added these words in Acts 2:18. Such editing seems to indicate that Peter himself, did not believe that the prophecies of Joel 2 were being fulfilled in Acts 2.
6. If Peter wanted to indicate that the prophecies in Joel 2 were being fulfilled in Acts 2, he could have easily indicated this by using the word “**fulfilled**.” Peter used this word in a previous speech in Acts 1:16. By Peter’s use of the word “fulfilled” in this passage, he was showing that certain Old Testament prophecies were being fulfilled in Acts 1.

However, Peter's omission of the word "fulfilled" in Acts 2 makes it difficult to conclude that he believed that the prophecies of Joel 2 were being fulfilled in Acts 2.

7. The main objection to this analogical view is that the text says, "**this is what is spoken of by Joel**" (Acts 2:16). However, the New Testament sometimes uses *touto estin to* to communicate an analogy (1 Cor 11:24).

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Ps. 22:16-For dogs have surrounded me; A band of evildoers has encompassed me; They **pierced** my hands and my feet.

Isa. 53:5-But He was **pierced** for our offenses, He was crushed for our wrongdoings; The punishment for our well-being *was laid* upon Him, And by His wounds we are healed.

Dan. 9:26-Then after the sixty-two weeks, the Messiah will be **cut off** and have nothing, and the people of the prince who is to come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. And its end *will come* with a flood; even to the end there will be war; desolations are determined.

Zech. 12:10- "And I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and of pleading, so that they will look at Me whom they **pierced**; and they will mourn for Him, like one mourning for an only son, and they will weep bitterly over Him like the bitter weeping over a firstborn.

Luke 18:31-32-³¹ Now He took the twelve aside and said to them, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and all the things that have been written through the prophets about the Son of Man

will be accomplished.³² For He will be handed over to the **Gentiles**, and will be ridiculed, and abused, and spit upon

John 10:17-18-¹⁷ For this reason the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life so that I may take it back. ¹⁸ **No one has taken it away from Me**, but I lay it down on My own. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it back. This commandment I received from My Father.”

John 3:16-For God so loved the **world**, that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish, but have eternal life.

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1 Cor. 15:14-and if Christ has **not been raised**, then our preaching is in **vain**, your faith also is in **vain**.

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Rom. 9:3-For I could wish that I myself were accursed from Christ for my **brethren**, my countrymen according to the flesh (NKJV).

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1 Cor. 15:14-and if Christ has **not been raised**, then our preaching is in **vain**, your faith also is in **vain**.

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Ps. 110:4-The Lord has sworn and will not change His mind, “You are a priest forever According to the order of **Melchizedek**.”

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Heb. 10:23-Let us hold fast the **confession** of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.

Acts 15:7-8-⁷ After there had been much debate, Peter stood up and said to them, “Brethren, you know that in the early days God made a choice among you, that by my mouth **the Gentiles would hear the word of the gospel and believe.** ⁸ And God, who knows the heart, testified to them giving them the Holy Spirit, **just as He also did to us.**

Rom. 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.**

Matt. 16:19-**I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven;** and whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven.

John 14:12-Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do, he will do also; and **greater works than these he will do;** because I go to the Father.

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John 13:17-If you **know** these things, you are **blessed if you do** them.

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2 Cor. 12:12- The **signs of a true apostle** were performed among you with all perseverance, by signs and wonders and miracles.

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Acts 5:4-**While it remained *unsold*, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not under your control?**

Why is it that you have conceived this deed in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God.”