

The church's beginning was prophesied

- Isaiah 2:2-3
- Micah 4:1-2
- Joel 2:28-32
- Note these key words:
 - In the latter days
 - The Lord's house
 - All nations, many nations
 - The word of the Lord from Jerusalem

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- House of God
 - A description of the church of God
 - 1 Timothy 3:15
 - 1 Peter 2:5
 - Ephesians 2:19
 - Fulfilled
 - Acts 2:47
- Latter days
 - Joel 2:28-29....Acts 2:16-17
 - Fulfilled: "this is that"
 - Days, not day. An age.
 - Last days included the "beginning"
 - Acts 11:15
 - Hebrews 1:1-2

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- From Jerusalem
 - Luke 24:47-49
 - Fulfilled:
 - Acts 1:4, 8, 12; 2:1
 - Acts 2:37-42 (law went forth from Jerusalem)
- All nations
 - Jew & Gentile
 - Luke 24:47
 - Ephesians 2:6, 11-13, 16
 - Fulfilled:
 - Acts 2:5; 10:34ff
 - Taught:
 - Acts 2:39

The Pentecost of Acts 2 Was the Beginning

- Acts 11:15
- Beginning of the church
 - Acts 2:47; 5:11; 8:1; etc.
- Beginning of the preaching of the gospel that includes remission of sins
 - Acts 2:36-39
 - Could only begin after the Lamb of God was slain
 - Revelation 5:9, 10
 - Acts 20:28
- Beginning in Acts 2 (verse 47), the church – the kingdom of God – is spoken of as in existence
 - Acts 2:47
 - Colossians 1:13-14

Review Questions

- What were the four earthly kingdoms of the prophecy of Daniel 2?
- During which earthly kingdom was the indestructible kingdom to be set up?
- Give four characteristics of the indestructible kingdom as described in Daniel 2.
- Was the kingdom set up during the days of John the Baptist or during Jesus' ministry?
- When was the prophecy of Daniel 7:13-14 fulfilled?
 - What is the result of its fulfilment?
- Explain how Mark 1:14, 15; 9:1, Acts 1:8, and Acts 2:1-4 help us see the time of the establishment of the kingdom of God.
- Give four key characteristics of the establishment of the church, which is the kingdom, as found in Isaiah 2, Micah 4, and Joel 2.
 - Show how these are each fulfilled beginning in Acts 2.
- In Acts 11:15, how did Peter refer to the events of Acts 2?
- What all began in Acts 2?
- From Acts 2:47 onward, how is the church and the kingdom spoken of – as in the future, or as in existence?

- All men are following some authority
- The church belonging to Christ is the saved, the redeemed who are in Christ
 - What is the rule by which each of the saved are to walk?
 - What is the rule by which the local church functions?

Each description of the church shows authority and rule involved

- The church is “the called out,” people called out of darkness and into the service of the one who called them
 - Ephesians 5:24; Colossians 3:24; 1 Peter 2:9
- The church is the kingdom of God and includes a king and subjects and law
 - 1 Corinthians 9:21; Acts 2:36
- The church is the body of Christ, and a body has members subject to the Head
 - Colossians 2:19; Ephesians 5:24
- The church is the household of God, having a Father and children in subjection to their Father
 - Hebrews 12:9