

WHAT WAS THE FIRST SERMON PREACHED AFTER PENTECOST - THE RESTORATION OF THE KINGDOM

I. THE RESTORATION OF ISRAEL

- A. This is the central, principle message of the Hebrew prophets
- B. They all look forward to the great day when the Lord will restore the kingdom (The Day of the Lord)
- C. No New Testament writer ever doubted this- Jesus will remain in heaven until He returns to restore all things ([Acts 3:21](#))
- D. The disciples want to know if that time has come now ([Acts 1:6](#))
- E. The disciples' question implies a strong belief in the future establishment of the Messianic kingdom on Earth
- F. Any theological system which denies a future Kingdom of God on Earth denies the kingship of Jesus, which connects to the spirit of antichrist ([1 John 2:22](#))
- G. Jesus (and Paul) don't deny the premise of the disciples' question, just the timing of when it will come to pass ([Romans 11:1, 25-27](#), [Acts 1:7](#), [Mark 13:32](#))
- H. That day has not yet come
 - 1. [Isaiah 11](#)
 - 2. [Isaiah 19:23-25](#)
 - 3. [Joel 2:24-29](#)

II. PETER'S OPENING MESSAGE

- A. The very first thing that Peter does is call attention to the prophet Joel ([Acts 2:14-21](#))
- B. Peter begins to connect the dots between king and kingdom ([Acts 2:22-28, 34-36](#))
- C. The people respond, "What do we do now?" ([Acts 2:37-41](#))
- D. Peter's first message is an eschatological message, pointing his countrymen to the hope that is in the Messiah
- E. This leads into the fellowship that rises up ([Acts 2:42-47](#))