

Study of Acts 2
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There is a lot said or implied in *verse 1 of Acts 2*.

First of all it says that they were all with one accord. That means that they were all of one mind, one consent and in total agreement. They were in total agreement with what the Living Torah, Messiah had taught them ten days prior and beyond. Messiah had spent the past three and a half years teaching them by His exemplary life and with the Words that our heavenly Father put in His mouth (*Deut 18:18*). Then Messiah was crucified, died and was buried and on the third day He rose again. Then He taught His disciples for forty days before being taken up to Heaven. What do you think He taught them in those forty days? Do you think that He said to them, *I have lived My life in total obedience to the Father, but now, because I did so, you don't have to live your life like I did. You can pick and choose what commandments to follow, what day to worship, which Feasts to follow. You can also pick and choose what you eat, for it doesn't matter what our Heavenly Father has said. Just do what you want?*

Or do you think He would have said, *I have shown you, by the way that I have lived My life, the way I have lived in total surrendered obedience to My Father in Heaven, obeying ALL of His teaching and instructions, His inerrant and everlasting Torah. I have given you an example of how you are to live. Now go and do the same.*

1John 2:6 He that says he abides in Messiah ought himself also to walk, even as He walked; in total obedience to the Father.

It says in *verse one* that the day of Pentecost had fully come. Why is this statement important and why is it here in the text? That statement is there to show *us* that the Apostles were keeping the Feasts of Yahweh the way that Messiah did when He was alive and the way that Messiah instructed them to do and that is why they were in Jerusalem at that time; ***BECAUSE they were keeping the Feast ordained by YHVH as an everlasting ordinance for the children of Israel.***

My friends, Messiah was Torah obedient during His whole life while He was here on earth, or else He could not have been our spotless sacrificial Passover Lamb. For sin is the transgression of the Torah (*1John 3:4*). Why and how in the world would someone believe that He, Messiah lived His whole life as an obedient Son to the Father's Torah and yet teach others to break the Torah. That reasoning is totally illogical.

Messiah lived in total obedience to the Torah because he *IS* the Living Torah, *John 1:1*. If He teaches, that the Torah in whole or in part, is done away with, it is the same as saying that He, Messiah, is done away with in whole or in part. It doesn't make sense! Messiah is the same yesterday, today and forever. *Hebrews 13:8*. Everything in Scripture points to the *fact* that our Heavenly Father's Word is ***eternal, inerrant and unchanging*** and as *John 1:1* says, Messiah is the Living Word, He is forever the same.

Now we come to *verses 2-4*. *There came a sound from Heaven AS of a rushing mighty wind and it filled all the house (temple) where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues*

like **AS** of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

These three verses have been so misunderstood and mistranslated, that it is hard to know where to begin to undo the harm that has been done.

Have you ever been in a place where there is a mighty, rushing wind, where you can actually hear it howling? If you have, then you know that the wind blows everything around all over the place. That is not the case here. Nothing was disturbed for it was only the sound that people heard. There was **NO** wind, just Yahweh demonstrating His power. Once He had everyone's attention, Yahweh made cloven tongues **AS** of fire appear upon each one of their heads *as of fire*. It was not fire, but like **AS** of fire. What could appear as fire and yet not be fire. Think of Messiah's transfiguration for example, or even the burning bush that Moses was exposed to, the bush that was **NOT** consumed by the fire. That will give you an idea what the presence of Yahweh's Spirit is like. This is a one time event that cannot be duplicated by man, no matter how hard he tries.

The power that they were filled with was not their own; they didn't all of a sudden become powerful men; they were filled or immersed in Yahweh's Spirit. While the Spirit remained in them at the level that He was given to them, they demonstrated many miracles including speaking in other *Known* tongues.

In *verses 5-13* it tells us how many different nationalities were there and heard the Apostles speak in their own tongue. They were amazed! *Verse 8 and now hear we every man in our own tongue wherein we were born.*

I believe that this is a demonstration of reversing what happened at the Tower of Babel. Yahweh is giving them and us, a taste of the fulfillment of the prophecy in *Zephaniah 3:9 For then I will return to the people a pure language, that they may all call upon the Name of Yahweh to serve Him with one accord*; Just as they were of one accord here in the Temple.

As always whenever Yahweh moves through His Spirit, there will be scoffers and unbelievers that try to laugh it all off. In *verse 13* we are told that the mockers are accusing the Apostles of being drunk! Since mockers have no discernment and cannot understand the ways of Yahweh, they simply mock what they don't understand; for otherwise they would have to admit that there possibly is an Elohim.

Now Peter stands up and addresses the crowd, and says, these men are not drunk as you suppose, but this is the fulfillment of the prophecy given by the prophet Joel (*Joel 2:23-32*)

From *verse 16-21* Peter repeats or quotes the prophecy of Joel. However the translators have shown their bias in *verse 21* where they have translated that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be *saved*. In Joel it says that whosoever shall call on the Name of Yahweh shall be *delivered*. Salvation comes to those who persevere and walk in obedience as we are told in *Ezekiel 18:20-22*.

Now we come to *verse 22*. For those of you that have difficulty believing that Messiah was fully man and that He did not do any miracles on His own, but that it was Elohim that did the miracles through Him, because of His surrendered obedient heart, this verse should help you understand.

*Yeshua of Nazareth, a man **approved of Elohim** among you by miracles and wonders and signs, **which Elohim did** by Him in the midst of you, as you yourselves also know.*

Verse 23 Peter says that Yeshua was delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God. So although the devil and his followers thought it was their plan to kill Yeshua, they were actually fulfilling the plan of Yahweh for the salvation of the world.

Verse 25-28 is a quote from *Psalms 16*, a psalm of David. It makes a comparison between David, a man anointed of Elohim and Yeshua, **THE** man anointed of Elohim. David loved and cherished the Word of Elohim and he knew, although he had made many errors, that if he focused on making the Word of Yahweh, the Torah, his delight, and obeyed it as best he could, that Yahweh would not suffer him to see corruption. But he would be raised up again.

Verse 28 is for all of us to take heed. *You has made known to me the ways of 'life'*.
What does that mean?

Messiah said in *John 14:6 I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life*

If Messiah **IS** the Living Torah, which the Scriptures teach us that He is, then that means that the Torah, YHVH's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, YHVH's very own Words, **ARE** **the WAYS of life!**

So verse 28 is telling us that what Yahweh has made known to David, to Messiah, to the Apostles and to us, **IS** His inerrant and everlasting Torah, and then Luke finishes his sentence by saying, *you shall make me full of joy with your countenance (presence)*. This tells us that the Torah, *Yahweh's Ways of Life ARE filled with His countenance, His presence*.

Nathan prophesied that Messiah would be born of the line of David as was told to him by Yahweh and that Messiah would die and be raised from the dead.

Now Peter says that this *Yeshua that you have seen and that Nathan prophesied of, Yahweh has raised from the dead, as we are all witnesses of. We spent forty days with Him, we saw Him being taken up to Heaven and we know that He is at the right hand of the Father. And having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He, Messiah, has shed forth the Holy Spirit of Yahweh upon us which is what you see and hear today.*

*David did not ascend to Heaven for He had sinned. But Messiah was called to sit at the right hand of the Father, until the Father makes His foes His foot stool. Now I want you to know that this Yeshua who was here among us, and whom **YOU** crucified has been made both Yahweh and Messiah.*

Now we see again the grace of Elohim at work for those who repent.

Verse 38 Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Yeshua the Messiah for the remission of sins and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is unto you and your children and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Yahweh Our Elohim shall call.

If you recall I told you in the study of *Acts 1* that there is no such thing as a double baptism, in that you have to be baptized a second time to receive the Holy Spirit. For when you are baptized in the name of Yeshua, you receive all that God has to offer including His Holy Spirit as is evidenced here in verse 38.

God has not and will not create a group of elitists whereby some have the Holy Spirit and some don't. It flies against all that the Torah teaches. ***To be great in the kingdom of Elohim one must become a SERVANT and NOT an elitist*** that believes he has something special that only a few have.

Elohim is our loving Father and He *does not* play favorites. When you come to Him with a contrite heart, He pours all His Spirit into you and then it is up to you to decide what to do with it. Yahweh will continue to encourage you to grow in His Word, but He will never force you. As you can see in *verse 39*, the baptism wherein you receive the Holy Spirit mentioned in *verse 38* is for all people, all those that Yahweh calls. There is no favoritism there at all.

I want you to try and imagine what that day was like. The people started the day feeling accused and confused about what to do and the day ends with three thousand people being baptized. Just imagine three thousand people being baptized and receiving the Holy Spirit at the same time. What a blessed event that must have been!

Now we come to a very important verse. The Apostles have been immersed in the Holy Spirit, they have begun to speak in known languages to be able to reach all peoples with the gospel and now three thousand people have been baptized and received the Holy Spirit.

Verse 42 and they continued in the Apostle's doctrine. Since the Apostles continued in the Apostle's doctrine it seems to me that it would be important for us to **KNOW** what the doctrine of the apostles **IS**. I believe that everyone would agree that the doctrine of the Apostles of Messiah, **IS** the doctrine that Messiah taught them, and I am sure that would you agree with that statement.

Well, then what is Messiah's doctrine? *John 7:16 My doctrine is not my own, but His that sent Me.* The next question we have to ask is **WHO** sent Messiah? It is our Heavenly Father that sent Messiah. Therefore the doctrine that the disciples taught, is the doctrine of the Father. What then is the doctrine of the Father? The doctrine of the Father is His Torah which is His wisdom, given to us for our salvation. That Torah became flesh and dwelt among us to teach us what the Father wanted us to learn for our own protection and benefit.

Deuteronomy 4:6-8: Keep therefore and do them, for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of all the nations, which shall hear all these statutes and say, surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.
For what nation is there so great who has God so near unto them as Yahweh our Elohim is in all things, that we call upon Him for. And what nation is there so great that has statutes and judgements so righteous as all this law which I set before you.

It is quite plain to see for anyone that cares to look at the text with a discerning eye, that the doctrine of the Father, the doctrine of wisdom, **IS** His Torah, and that that doctrine **IS** the Doctrine of Messiah, the Doctrine that He taught to His disciples..

Deuteronomy 28 It shall come to pass that if you diligently listen (Shemah) unto the voice of Yahweh, your Elohim, to observe and do all His commandments which I command you this day, that Yahweh, your Elohim, will set you high above all nations of the earth and all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you. There certainly is no mistaking which doctrine, which commandments the Father is teaching here. *Leviticus 26* is the same.

There are so many verses that confirm that the doctrine of the Father is His Torah, that it would take all day to go through them.

Now *Malachi 3:6* says *I am Elohim, I change not.*

If Yahweh says **HE DOES NOT CHANGE**, then, that means that **His Word does not change either**, and that means that the doctrine that Messiah taught His Apostles, who in turn taught the people at the day of Pentecost, **IS** the Torah. There is no logical way that you can deny or change this fact.

Now I want you to see the effect that the doctrine of Yahweh combined with the power of the Holy Spirit had on all these People on the day of Pentecost and beyond. Many signs and wonders were done by the Apostles and all that believed were together and had all things in common. They sold their possessions and goods and parted them to all men, as every man had need.

How do you feel about that? How many of us in this room think that they could do that today? I know that I would struggle with that. Well, if you are like me, that means, that Yahweh has more work to do on my heart so that I will trust him and not my possessions. We are all a work in progress and we are about to celebrate one of Yahweh's Feasts together, please keep these verses in mind when we are gathered together for the weekend and see if your heart is ready to share all that you have for Elohim's Kingdom. It says that they continued daily with one accord. In our group, which I believe IS a tightly knit group, we are a family, but can we say that we are of one accord? I will leave that up to everyone to decide for themselves?

It is also important to know where all of this happened and where they met everyday. It was in the Temple of Yahweh in Jerusalem. If they were breaking bread and did eat meat with gladness in the *Temple* do you think that they were eating pork or shrimp or do you think that they adhered to the doctrine of Yahweh and ate what Yahweh had prescribed as food?

The conclusion of this chapter is that when they were baptized, filled with the Holy Spirit, taught the doctrine of the Father, that they became one big cohesive family who willingly and lovingly shared all that they had.

Other people saw this picture of love and sharing and wanted to share in that love and joy. *Yahweh added to the assembly, the qahal, daily such as should be saved.* Together they praised Yahweh daily.

This is showing us that we are to come together in the presence of our Heavenly Father daily, to praise Him. That should be our primary motivation and not just bringing our list of wants and needs. The Scriptures tell us that the Father already knows what we need and what we want, therefore we must learn to trust Him and believe what He says and that He indeed knows what we need and want and as the Loving Father that He is, He will only give us what is good for us.

This time in the Temple where all believers shared of what they had, is a precursor of what it will be like in the seventh millennium. We will be praising Elohim daily and sharing all that we have with each other, for all we have comes from the Father. Amein

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Have a great Elohim blessed week and may Yahweh bless your every thought, and your every deed. Until we meet again, שְׁלוֹם עֲלֵיכֶם, Shalom Aleykem. Amein