

THE RESTORATION OF ISRAEL AS A NATION

ACTS 3:19-26

Introduction:

A. The temple has been stirred deeply by the healing of the lame man

- 1) "they were filled with wonder & amazement" Vs. 10
- 2) "they ran together unto them; greatly wondering" Vs. 11
- 3) They want to know, "by what power?"

B. Peter revealed the source of power and energy which had brought about the man's healing

- 1) ".....not by our own power or holiness" Vs. 12
- 2) "God hath glorified His son, Jesus" Vs. 13 Vs. 16

C. The Jews had rejected their Messiah

- 1) Vs. 13, 14, 15
- 2) They had done it in ignorance Vs. 17
- 3) God used it to fulfill His purpose Vs. 18

I. What These Jews Should Do At That Moment Vs. 19

A. "Repent ye therefore, and be converted"

- 1) "repent" = metanoesate = aor. imp of metavoew
- 2) "converted" = epistrepho = mid, intrans., "to turn to mind", "to be changed", "to become as it were another man", "Let your decision be so firm that it will change you into another person."

B. "that your sins may be blotted out"

- 1) "sins" = hamartia = "failure", "aberration from prescribed law or duty", "sin as an evil principle"
- 2) "blotted out" = exaleipho = "to plaster over, to wipe out", "to smear completely", "obliterate"

II. This Will Prepare Them for the Restoration

- A. "when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;"
- 1) "times" = kairos = "the right measure and relation, especially as regards time and place. The right time. The time when a thing should be done."
 - 2) "refreshing" = anapsuxis = "drawing breath again, a relieving and recovering from toils and evils."
 - 3) "presence" = prosopon = "the part towards the eye", "the front of anything", "the face"
 - 4) This reminds us of the valley of the "Dry Bones", The raising-up and restoration.
- B. "And he shall send Jesus Christ, which was before preached unto you:"
- 1) "shall send" = apostello = "to send forth, equip, and despatch upon a certain mission"
 - 2) "before preached" = procheirizomai = "to choose for one's self", "to select", "to appoint beforehand"

III. Where is the Lord Jesus Christ Now? Vs. 21

- A. "whom the heavens must receive until the times of restitution of all things"
- 1) "receive" = dechomai = "to take to one's self what is presented or brought by another", "to accept", "embrace", "receive hospitably"
 - 2) "times" = chronos = "the time in which anything occurs"
 - 3) "restitution" = apokatastasis = "complete restoration", "reestablishment"
- B. "which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his Holy prophets since the world began"
- 1) "of which God has spoken from the earliest ages through the lips of his Holy prophets"
 - 2) God has always had in His mind and in His plans the complete restoration of mankind to "paradise regained"

IV. The Restoration According to Prophecy Vs. 22-24

- A. The prophecy of Moses Vs. 22
- 1) Deut. 18:15 - "The Lord thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet, from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him shall ye hearken;

- 2) Deut. 34:10 - "And there arose not a prophet since in Israel like unto Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face."

B. The authority of Jesus in the Kingdom Vs. 23

- 1) "not hear" = akouo = "to learn by hearing"
- 2) "destroy" = exolothewo = "to destroy utterly" with "ex" = "out of" = "to destroy out of utterly"
- 3) The 12 Apostles will judge the 12 tribes
- 4) Matt. 19:27-29

C. The message of all prophets Vs. 24

- 1) "yea, and all the prophets from Samuel and those that follow after, as many as have spoken, have likewise foretold of these days."
- 2) "follow after" = kathexes = "to announce or declare, beforehand"

V. These Hearers are Children of Abraham Vs. 25

A. "Ye are the children of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers"

- 1) "children" = uios = "a son", "a male child", This word enhances the idea of being an heir to the promises of the prophets
- 2) "covenant" = diatheke = "a disposition of property by a will", "a will", "a testament"

B. "....saying unto Abraham, And in thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed"

- 1) "seed" = sperma = "the seed or germ of anything", "that which is sown"
 - a. Gen. 22:18 - "And in thy seed....."
 - b. Gal. 3:16-19
- 2) "kindred" = patria = "paternal descent", "lineage", "family"

VI. Jesus Came to the Jews First Vs. 26

A. "unto you first God, having raised up his son Jesus, sent him to bless you,"

- 1) "raised up" = anistemi = "to cause to stand"
- 2) "sent" = apostello = "to send forth", "equip"
- 3) "first" = proton = "used of place, order, time"

4) God sent Jesus to the Jews first, offering them the Kingdom, John 1:12,
He then sent Him first after His resurrection to the Jews.

B. ".....in turning away everyone of you from his iniquities."

- 1) "turning away" = apostrephein = "to turn away from"
- 2) "iniquities" = ponerion = "evil nature", "the mind delighting in evil"