

The Prophets in Acts

TEXT: Acts 26:27

INTRODUCTION:

- A. MUCH SPECULATION AS TO THE MEANING OF OT PROPHECY.
 - 1. **1 Peter 1:10-12.** Among the prophets themselves.
 - 2. Today.
- B. THE KEY TO INTERPRETING IS FOUND IN THE BOOK OF ACTS.

I. "THIS IS THAT."(Acts 2:16ff.).

- A. A QUESTION OF WHO TO BELIEVE, THE APOSTLES OR PREMILLENIALISTS.
- B. OTHER EXAMPLES:
 - 1. **Isa. 2:2-4 - Luke 24.**
 - 2. **Psa. 2 - Acts 4:22-28; 13:33.**
 - 3. **2 Sam 7:12-16 - Acts 2:29-31.**
 - 4. **Isa. 11:1-10 - Rom. 15:12.**

II. "ALL THE PROPHETS"(Acts 3:11-26).

- A. PETER USES THE MIRACLE...OCCASION FOR THE SPEECH(**vs. 11-17**).
- B. HIS USE OF THE PROPHETS.
 - 1. "All the prophets, he thus fulfilled(**vs. 18**).
 - 2. "Seasons of refreshing"(**vs. 19-21**).
 - a. Involved coming of Christ and complete restoration.
 - b. All that had to be done? Their repentance(**vs. 19**).
 - c. All else had been done(**Matt. 17:9-13**).
 - d. Subject of the prophets(**vs. 21**).
 - 3. Jesus of Nazareth prefigured by Moses(**vs. 22-23**).
 - 4. "Told of these days"(**vs. 24**). What days?
 - a. The last days(**Joel 2:28; Isa. 2:2**, etc.).
 - b. **Acts 2:16; Heb. 1:1-2; 1 Pet. 1:20.**
 - 5. God's promise to Abraham and the prophets(**vs.25; Gen.12**).
 - a. These people the sons of the prophets.
 - b. Therefore heirs of the promise(**vs. 26**).
- C. PETER'S AFFIRMATION OF FIRST CENTURY FULFILLMENT.

III. "THE HOPE OF ISRAEL "(Acts 28:20).

- A. PREMILLENIAL EXPECTATIONS...CONVERSION AND RESTORATION.
- B. WHY WAS PAUL IN THIS CHAIN? WHAT DID HE PREACH?
 - 1. **Acts 26:6-8.** Hope of the promise? (**vs. 8**).
 - 2. **26:22-23.** "Nothing but what the prophets and Moses did say should come.
 - a. The suffering of Jesus.
 - b. The proclamation of light by the resurrection.
 - c. Nothing about physical restoration of Israel.
 - d. Did Paul preach competition to Caesar?(**vs. 30-32**).
 - 3. **Acts 24:14-15.** The hope of Israel wasn't what Israel hoped for.

CONCLUSION: THIS WORLD IS NOT MY HOME.