

Acts 2:16

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;

Analysis

Peter's declaration 'this is that' marks a pivotal hermeneutical moment - Old Testament prophecy finding New Testament fulfillment. The Greek 'touto estin' (this is) asserts direct correspondence between Joel's vision and Pentecost's reality. This interpretive method, authorized by the Spirit Himself, becomes normative for understanding how Christ fulfills all prophetic promises. The apostles didn't invent new meaning but revealed God's intended meaning all along.

Historical Context

Joel prophesied circa 835-796 BC during Judah's locust plague, using temporal judgment to point toward eschatological blessing. Peter, under Spirit inspiration, declares Pentecost inaugurates Joel's 'last days' - the period between Christ's advents when the Spirit dwells among believers.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. How does 'this is that' hermeneutics shape your Bible reading - seeing Christ in all Scripture?

2. What does Pentecost's fulfillment of Joel teach about God's faithfulness to ancient promises?

Interlinear Text

ἀλλὰ τοῦτό ἔστιν τὸ εἰρημένον διὰ τοῦ προφήτου
But this is that which was spoken by the prophet
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