Joel 2:28-32 *"Then after I have poured out my rains again, I will pour out my Spirit upon all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your old men will dream dreams. Your young men will see visions. [29] In those days, I will pour out my Spirit even on servants, men and women alike. [30] "I will cause wonders in the heavens and on the earth—blood and fire and pillars of smoke. [31] The sun will be turned into darkness, and the moon will turn blood red before that great and terrible day of the Lord arrives. [32] And anyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. There will be people on Mount Zion in Jerusalem who escape, just as the Lord has said. These will be among the survivors whom the Lord has called. (NLT)*

****Peter quoted this passage in Acts 2 when the people of Jerusalem wondered about being able to understand what was being said by the Apostles in their own languages Peter was referring to the fact that the Holy Spirit had been poured out like Joel had prophesied. For those who had believed in Jesus as the Messiah the Holy Spirit was poured out on them in a new way. Although the Holy Spirit was poured out on them the rest of the prophecy was still future. Peter stopped quoting in the middle of the verse which probably indicates that he understood that the prophecy had only been partially fulfilled and that the day of the Lord had not yet arrived. But until that time he wanted everyone to know that salvation was offered freely to all who would call on the name of the Lord. Salvation is still freely given to anyone and everyone who will call on the name of the Lord.

PRAYER: O God, help me to one of the voices You use to remind people the Salvation is found ONLY in YOU. O Lord, help me to remember that I can't do anything without Your strength and Power working through me.

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