

Will You at This Time Restore the Kingdom to Israel?

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Introduction

Just before Jesus ascended, His disciples asked, “Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” (Acts 1:6)

He answered, “It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority.” (Acts 1:7)

Three Interpretations offered for Acts 1:7

1. God has no further plans for Israel (non-Dispensationalists’ views)
2. Someday, God will restore Israel, but this is of no concern to the disciples (the common Dispensational view)
3. Another Dispensational Answer: _____

The importance of the words “Times” and “Seasons” in Acts 1:7

The Disciples would receive power when the Spirit comes and they would be witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the end of the earth (1:8)

Jesus then ascended and angels promised that He would return in like manner (1:9-12)

A description of Luke-Acts: Why is it in two volumes? Why does Acts 1 overlap with Luke 24?

Jesus opened His disciples' understanding of everything in the Old Testament that had to be fulfilled concerning Him, particularly His crucifixion and resurrection (Luke 24:44-46)

The Old Testament has three parts. Jews call it the *Tanakh*

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| 1. The Law | (<u>T</u> orah) |
| 2. The Prophets | (<u>N</u> 'bi'im) |
| 3. The Writings (sometimes called the Psalms) | (<u>Kh</u> 'thubim) |

Jesus spoke of the importance of them as witnesses to Him, proclaiming repentance and remission of sins (24:47-48)

Relating Peter's Acts 3:19-26 Sermon to Luke 24 and Acts 1

Note the use of times and seasons

Note the issue of the restoration of all things

This is a different message than the one Peter preached in Acts 2

Note Peter's bottom line. Compare that with John 20:30-31 (John's purpose statement)

Note the response

Note the message to believers

Conclusion