

Background Work, Observations, and Considerations (Acts 2:14-28)

1st Part of Peter's Sermon

14) But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and spoke to them,
"Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words.
15) For these are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day.

But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

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| a. 17) <i>'<u>And</u> it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh,</i> | a. Last <u>days</u> , God's Spirit poured |
| b. <i><u>and</u> your sons <u>and</u> your daughters shall prophesy,</i> | b. prophesy |
| c. <i><u>and</u> your young men shall see visions, <u>and</u> your old men shall dream dreams,</i> | c. see visions & dreams |
| a' 18) <i><u>and</u> on My menservants <u>and</u> on My maidservants, in those days, I will pour out my Spirit,</i> | a' Those <u>days</u> , God's Spirit poured |
| b' <i><u>and</u> they shall prophesy</i> | b' prophesy |
| c' 19) <i><u>and</u> I will show wonders in heaven above <u>and</u> signs in the earth beneath
<u>and</u> blood <u>and</u> fire, vapor of smoke.</i> | c' see wonders & signs |
| a'' 20) <i>The sun shall be turned into darkness <u>and</u> the moon into blood before the coming of the great
<u>and</u> awesome day of the Lord.</i> | a'' <u>Day</u> of the Lord comes |
| b'' 21) <i><u>And</u> it shall come to pass that whoever calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.</i> | b'' call on God, (their hear prophesy) |

2nd Part of Peter's Sermon: 2:22-28 (Peter prophesies, or forth-tells, the truth of God)

22) Men of Israel, hear these words:

Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested by God to you by miracles, and signs, and wonders,
which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know -

Life of Christ

23) Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God
you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death,

Death of Christ

24) whom God raised up, have loosed the pains of death,
because it was not possible that He should be held by it.

Resurrection of Christ

25) For David says concerning Him:

*I foresaw the Lord before my face always,
for He is at my right hand that I may not be shaken.*

Life of David / Christ

26) *Therefore my heart rejoiced, and my tongue was glad,
Moreover my flesh will rest in hope;*

Death of David / Christ

27) *for You will not leave my soul in Hades,
nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption.*

Resurrection of David / Christ

28) *You have made known to me the ways of life,
You will make me full of joy in your presence.*

Verses 9-11, in giving locations from around the world, it lists a total of 15 places. Verses 17-21, in quoting Joel 2:28-32, the word for "and" (kai) is used 15 times. Acts 1-12 was a span of 15 years, marking the time between Jesus' and James' deaths, before Paul's first mission journey.

Since 120 is the triangular multiple of 15, these facts lead me to consider why there were 120 in the upper room. In addition to there being 15 years between Jesus' and James' death; the fullness of the world's 15 regions were there (9-11), and the fullness of Joel's prophecy (15 "and" words) was fulfilled through them (16-21).