

will....~~xxxxxxx~~ Only it is translated, for some reason, not elders but old men. Your old men will.....Well, now, the Greek word is exactly the same as the word ;used for elders. Does it mean that a man gets so old that ~~x~~ he is in his dotage and he begins to dream. Or does it meant the leaders of the church are given special insight by God, so that they are able to receive messages from Him, even as the prophets did of old.

(question) You mean ~~in~~ Job, whether the prediction there is about the leaders, the elders, or ~~if~~ whether it is about the old men. That is a very good question, but I don't know how to answer it. For this reason, that while the word elder was the common designation for the leaders of the synagogue, the word is not used in that sense, as far as I recall, in the O.T. That is, the O.T. does not discuss the organization of the synagogue. And therefore, whether when Joel was written it was commonly used to mean an officer, or whether it was then simply an old man, I don't know. That would be an interesting study under Joel. At this point ~~x~~ I will say that Mr. Beck has put ina very reasonable caution about the suggestion I just made. ~~xxxxxxx~~ It is the word in the Greek used by Peter which was used for officials at that time of the Jews, and certainly after of the Christians, but did he mean it in that sense, or simply of old men. Well, the translator has made it of old men, and Mr. Beck has given a good arguement in favor of it here.

(question) Well, now, this word elder, then, is used in ~~At~~ Acts 2:17 and ~~xxxxxxx~~ translated in a general sense there. Then we find it continues in Acts and is used a great many times in Acts, though sometimes they are ~~xxxxxxx~~ of the Jewish elders. The high priests ascended with the elders, the chief priests and elders of the Jews. It is used in the last two chapters of Acts. But, in Acts 15 it is regularly used for the ~~xxxxxxx~~ officials of the church. The apostles and elders is used several times. In that there, in Acts 14:23 Paul and Barnabas ordained elders in every church. In 11:30 they sent it to the elders. The word elders is used in Acts a number of times where it clearly ~~xxxxxxx~~ means the officials in the church. And then it is used in the epistles ~~xxxxxxx~~ commonly than the word deacon. It is quite clear that.....(6½)