

# The Spirit Comes

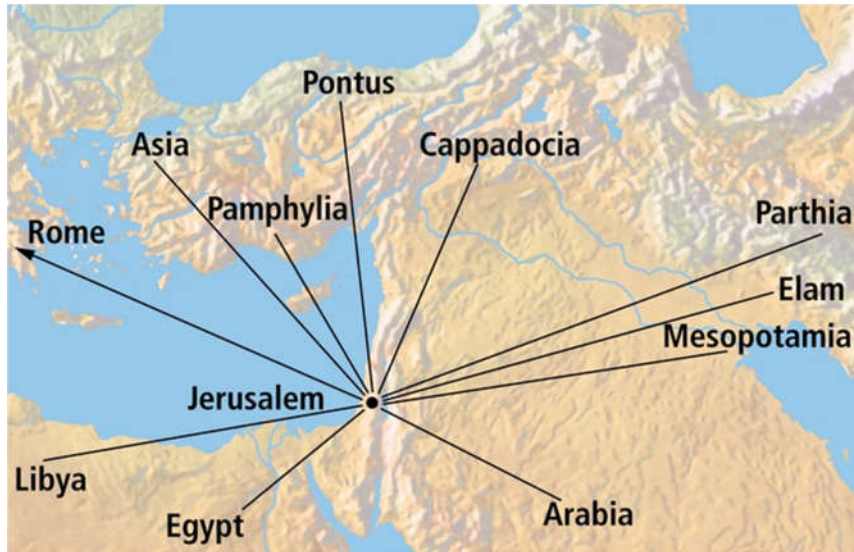
Acts 2:1-47

It was Pentecost, 30AD. Jerusalem was overflowing with devout Jews and proselytes from Israel and abroad gathered to celebrate the Feast of Weeks (Pentecost).<sup>1</sup> The Apostles of Jesus were in Jerusalem as well. Before returning to heaven, Jesus commanded them to wait in Jerusalem for the promised Holy Spirit.

About 9AM, Sunday morning, May 28<sup>th</sup>, 30AD, the Holy Spirit came with a bang.

## THE HOLY SPIRIT COMES (ACTS 2:1-13)

Although the Holy Spirit indwelt prophets and kings in the Old Testament era, indwelling all believers was a major transition in God's program. God chose the gift of tongues as the initial sign verifying the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. The gift of tongues is the supernatural ability given by the Holy Spirit to speak in a known human language that one has not studied.



Tongues were the sign verifying the promised Holy Spirit had come from Jesus to empower the fulfillment of the Great Commission.

When these folks arrived at the Apostles' house, they were startled to hear individuals speaking to them in their native languages! Some accused the Apostles of being drunk. Energized by the Holy Spirit, Peter stood and delivered the sermon recorded in Acts 2:14-36.

## PETER'S SERMON (ACTS 2:14-36)

**Point #1** Tongues are a Sign the *Day of the Lord* is Near (Acts 2:14-21)

The *day of the Lord* is a time of divine judgment. For Joel's generation it was a locust invasion. For Peter's generation it will be the Holocaust of 70AD.

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<sup>1</sup> Lev. 23:15-22. The fourth of seven annual Feasts of the Lord. Feasts of Weeks derives its name from the fact that it occurs seven weeks after the Feasts of Passover, Unleavened Bread and Firstfruits.



Peter knew the only hope for his countrymen was to change their minds about Jesus. In their minds, Jesus was a deceiver and a blasphemer deserving death. Peter will prove Jesus of Nazareth is both the promised Messiah and resurrected Lord and that Jesus is the One Who sent the Holy Spirit to warn them.

### **Point #2 The Resurrected, Exalted Jesus Sent the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:22-36)**

The resurrection of Messiah was both **predicted** by King David in Psalm 16 and **required** for fulfillment of the Davidic Covenant (2 Samuel 7:1-17). Peter quoted Psalm 110, to prove Messiah would be divine and exalted. The sending of the Holy Spirit was proof Jesus had been exalted.

### **Peter's Application (Acts 2:37-41)**

Peter exhorts them to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. By trusting in Jesus Christ, they will be 1) forgiven their sins and saved from Lake of Fire, 2) they will receive the Holy Spirit and, 3) they will be physically delivered from the *day of the Lord*, the Holocaust of 70AD.

### **THE CHURCH WAS BORN (ACTS 2:42-47)**

### **APPLICATION**

The ultimate *day of the Lord* is near: the Great Tribulation. The warning sign is the reestablishment of Israel as a nation in 1948. If the Great Tribulation comes in our lifetime, the only way to escape it is to believe in the Lord Jesus and be removed from the earth at the Rapture.

There is another ultimate, ultimate Tribulation from which we all need to be saved and that is an eternity separated from God in the Lake of Fire. The way to escape is to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ Who loves you and bore your sins on the cross so you might be forgiven. Just like Peter's listeners if you believe in Jesus you will be forgiven all your sins and delivered from the Lake of Fire; you will receive the Holy Spirit; you will be delivered from the Great Tribulation if it occurs in your lifetime and, you will become part of the Church which was born that day, on Pentecost, 30AD.