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THE BOOK OF

ACTS

THE STORY CONTINUES

Acts 2:1-13 ¹ When the day of Pentecost came, they were all

together in one place. ² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.



1. The Timing of Pentecost

2. The Purpose of Pentecost

3. The Experience of Pentecost

When the day of Pentecost came means, literally, on the day of Pentecost (2:1). It is characteristic of Luke to want to locate this event in history, which is why he specified the exact day. Pentecost comes exactly fifty days after the Sabbath of Passover week (Lev 23:15–16). In the OT it is also referred to as the Feast of Weeks (Deut 16:10), the Day of First Fruits (Num 28:26) and the Feast of Harvest (Exod 23:16)." Tokunboh Adeyemo, Africa Bible Commentary (Nairobi, Kenya; Grand Rapids, MI: WordAlive Publishers; Zondervan, 2006), 1328.

Shavuot

JEWISH CALENDAR

Shavuot is a holiday that celebrates both the wheat harvest and the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai. Many stay up all night learning to honor the latter. It is traditional to chant the book of Ruth on this holiday and to indulge in dairy foods.

Shavuot and the Giving of the Torah

TALMUD

While the Torah never specifies that the festival of Shavuot commemorates the day that the Torah was given, there are many rabbinic sources that make the connection. In this talmudic passage, an early sage notices the links between creation, revelation, and the sixth day of the Hebrew month of Sivan.

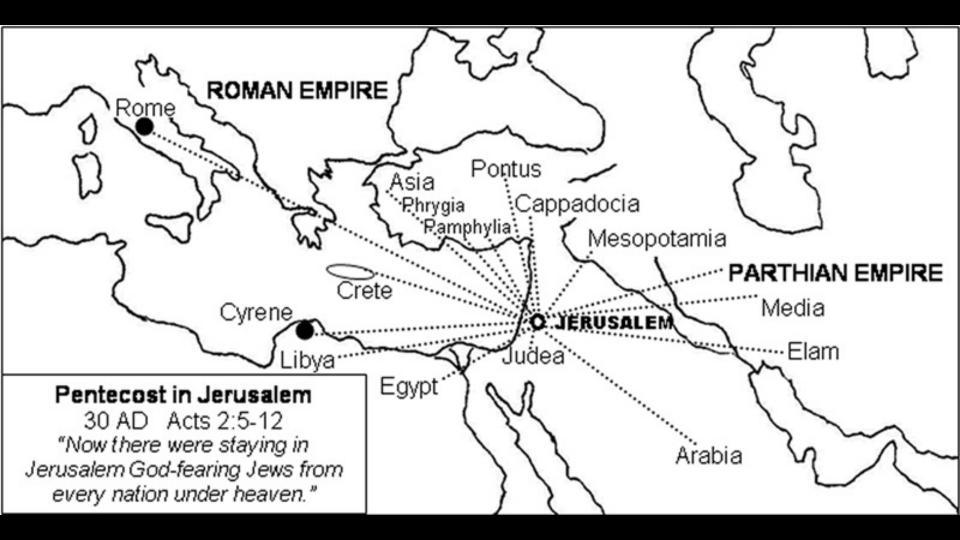
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Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶ When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. ⁷ Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸ Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia,

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Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome ¹¹ (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" 12 Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

¹³ Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."











The coming of the Spirit at Pentecost has a specific purpose in redemptive history: to show that God's salvation is now flowing out to people from every nation, tribe, and language. This is repeated in the three outpourings of the Spirit that follow in Acts 8; 10–11; and 19. Luke's focus in Acts 2 is on the fulfillment of prophecy, not on paradigms for personal experience."

> Justin S. Holcomb, "Acts," in Gospel Transformation Bible: English Standard Version, ed. Bryan Chapell and Dane Ortlund (Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2013), 1452.











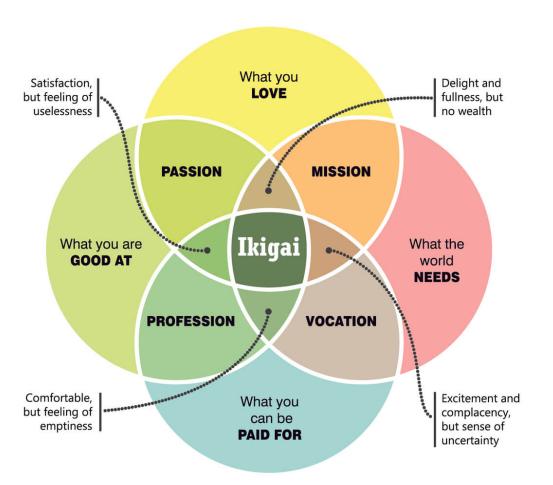




Sin is our unwillingness to trust that what God wants for me and you is only our deepest happiness. (And because I don't

believe he wants that for me, I have to seek it out myself.)







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¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. ¹⁵ These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

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17 "'In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams... I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. 20 The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. ²¹ And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."



20 "For," said Peter, "it is written in the Book of Psalms:

"'May his place be deserted; let there be no one to dwell in it,'[e]

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and,

"'May another take his place of leadership.' [1]

²¹ Therefore it is necessary to choose one of the men who have been with us the whole time the Lord Jesus was living among us, ²² beginning from John's baptism to the time when Jesus was taken up from us. For one of these must become a witness with us of his resurrection."

²³ So they nominated two men: Joseph called Barsabbas (also known as Justus) and Matthias. ²⁴ Then they prayed, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen ²⁵ to take over this apostolic ministry, which Judas left to go where he belongs." ²⁶ Then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the eleven apostles.

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²² "Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was ... handed over to you by God's deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. ²⁴ But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. ²⁵ David said about him: "'I saw the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. ²⁶ Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest in hope,

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because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, you will not let your holy one see decay.
 You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.' ...

³² God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it. ³³ Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear.

With the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost... the curse of Babel begins to unravel. No longer is the gospel confined to Hebrew; it is available directly to all nations and all languages. The restored order of God's kingdom begins to break into the dark and confused world of sin."



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³⁷ When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?"

³⁸ Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit... ⁴¹ Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

Acts 2:1-13 The Nazareth Principle

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