

THE BOOK OF ACTS

“To Do and To Teach”

Teaching 4: Chapter 2, PT. 1 - The Baptism of the Holy Spirit

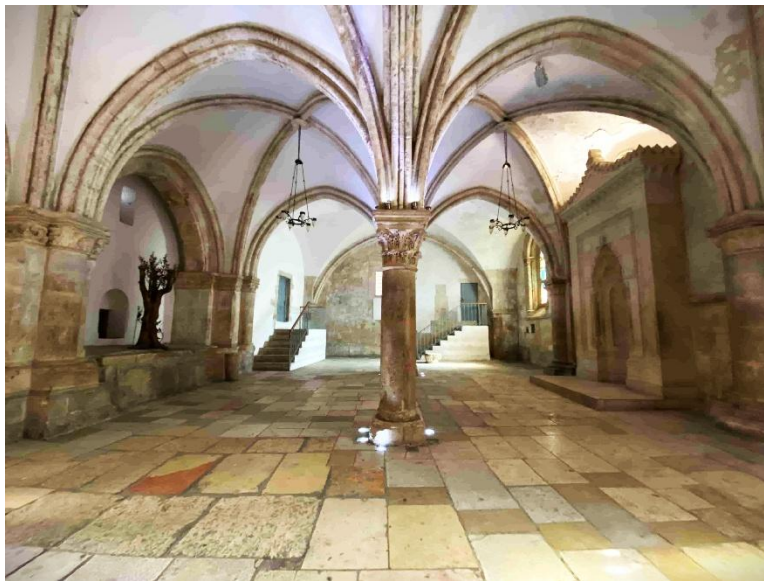
Introduction: The Disciples’ faithfulness to wait is now being rewarded with the promise! (Luke 24:49)

Acts 2:1-21

The Day of Pentecost

Verses 1-2

Acts 2:1-2 (AMP) – ¹ When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place, ² and suddenly a sound came from heaven like a rushing violent wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.



The Traditional Site of the Upper Room

- This is also the traditional location where Jesus shared the final Passover meal with his apostles and washed their feet.
- Believed to be the site where the disciples gathered and the Holy Spirit descended upon them.
- Regarded by many as the location of the very first Christian church.

Pentecost-(Hebrew)-*Shavuot*-Hebrew word for week (*shavua*), making *Shavuot* the plural "weeks".

Pentecost-(Greek)-*pentēkostē*-which means "**fiftieth**".

Old Testament Background (The Jewish Festival)

- **Feast of Weeks (*Shavuot*):** Long before the New Testament event, Pentecost was an ancient Jewish agricultural festival.
- **Timing:** It was celebrated exactly 50 days (or seven weeks) after Passover.
- **Purpose:** It marked the end of the early grain harvest and a time to thank God by offering the "**first fruits**" of the wheat harvest.

"...suddenly, a sound came from heaven like a rushing violent wind..."

Verses 3-4

Acts 2:3-4 (AMP) – ³ There appeared to them tongues resembling fire, which were being distributed [among them], and they rested on each one of them [as each person received the Holy Spirit]. ⁴ And they were all filled [that is, diffused throughout their being] with the **Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues (different languages), as the Spirit was giving them the ability to speak out [clearly and appropriately].**



Key: You need the Power of Holy Spirit to lay down your life!

- There was no discrimination.
- This was not a few selected out of the group.

- Everyone that was present was filled.

1st Miracle From The Upper Room

Understanding: They could speak actual languages.

Greek word-*dialektos*-Refers to known and understood ethnic languages, or dialects.

- Languages they had not learned and did not come from them.
- This was a selfless miracle.
- It would not be for them, but for those unbelievers outside.

Verses 5-8

Acts 2:5-8 (AMP) – ⁵ Now there were Jews living in Jerusalem, devout *and* God-fearing men **from every nation under heaven**. ⁶ And when this sound was heard, a crowd gathered, and **they were bewildered** because each one was hearing those in the upper room speaking in his own language *or* dialect. ⁷ They were **completely astonished**, saying, “Look! Are not all of these who are speaking **Galileans**? ⁸ Then how is it that each of us hears in our **own language *or* native dialect**?

Key: Unlike with the “unknown tongues” Paul teaches that should always be interpreted (**1 Corinthians 14:2**), these tongues do not require interpretation because these men heard the message of the Lord Jesus in their own tongues!

Verses 9-11

Acts 2:9-11 (AMP) – ⁹ [Among us there are] Parthians, Medes and Elamites, and people of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia [Minor], ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the districts of Libya around Cyrene, and the visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes (Gentile converts to Judaism), ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—we **all hear them speaking in our [native] tongues about the mighty works of God!**”



Key: The languages and dialects spoken were Greek, Aramaic, Arabic, Akkadian, Cretan Greek, and Phrygian.

Note: Father made sure not one person was left out, “all hear them”; not just speaking in their language but speaking in their languages about **the “mighty works of G-d”**.

Verses 12-13

Acts 2:12-13 (AMP) – ¹² And they were beside themselves with amazement and were greatly perplexed, saying one to another, “What could this mean?” ¹³ But others were laughing *and* joking *and* ridiculing them, saying, “They are full of sweet wine *and* are drunk!”

- This disproves the belief by many that they only used unfermented wine in Biblical times.
- These unbelievers indicate to us that real wine is used.
- This is why they were so quick to assume the Disciples were intoxicated.

Peter’s Sermon:

Verses 14-16

Acts 2:14-16 (AMP) – ¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: “Men of Judea and all you who live in Jerusalem, let this be explained to you; listen closely *and* pay attention to what I have to say. ¹⁵ These

people are not drunk, as you assume, since it is [only] the third hour of the day (9:00 a.m.); ¹⁶ but this is [the beginning of] what was spoken of through the prophet Joel:

Understanding: Peter is teaching us all that the Word of G-d is our defense. He needs not to defend them; he lets TRUTH do the job! (**Joel 2:28-32**)

Verses 17-18

The Promise of the Holy Spirit (Joel 2:28-29)

Acts 2:17-18 (AMP) – ¹⁷ ‘AND IT SHALL BE IN THE LAST DAYS,’ says God, ‘THAT I WILL POUR OUT MY SPIRIT UPON **ALL MANKIND**; AND YOUR SONS AND YOUR DAUGHTERS SHALL PROPHECY, AND YOUR YOUNG MEN SHALL SEE [divinely prompted] VISIONS, AND YOUR OLD MEN SHALL DREAM [divinely prompted] DREAMS;

¹⁸ EVEN ON MY BOND-SERVANTS, BOTH MEN AND WOMEN, I WILL IN THOSE DAYS POUR OUT MY SPIRIT
And they shall prophesy.



Understanding: Many parts of this prophecy were not fulfilled at this exact moment when Peter preached this!

Verses 19-21

The Day of The Lord (Joel 2:30-32)

Acts 2:19-21 (AMP) - ¹⁹ ‘AND I WILL BRING ABOUT WONDERS IN THE SKY ABOVE

AND SIGNS (attesting miracles) ON THE EARTH BELOW,
BLOOD AND FIRE AND SMOKING VAPOR.

²⁰ ‘THE SUN SHALL BE TURNED INTO DARKNESS
AND THE MOON INTO BLOOD,
BEFORE THE GREAT AND GLORIOUS DAY OF THE LORD COMES.

²¹ ‘AND IT SHALL BE THAT EVERYONE WHO CALLS UPON THE NAME
OF THE LORD [invoking, adoring, and worshiping the Lord Jesus] SHALL BE
SAVED (rescued spiritually).’



- This was viewed by scholars as the “First Stage” of the Day of the Lord.
- The “Second Stage” is believed to be fulfilled with the Second Coming of Christ at the end of the Great Tribulation.
- The days of darkness and gloom will follow the **Sixth Seal. (Rev. 6:12)**

Revelation 6:12 (NASB) – ¹² And I looked when He broke the sixth seal, and there was a great earthquake; and the sun became as black as sackcloth made of hair, and the whole moon became like blood;

Key: Peter is letting them know, because of the coming of the Spirit, now every promise that G-d has spoken shall be fulfilled!

The End