

# The Acts of the Apostles

## Lesson 2: “Fully Come”

Acts 2:1-13

(This lesson includes an explanation of the Feast of Israel)

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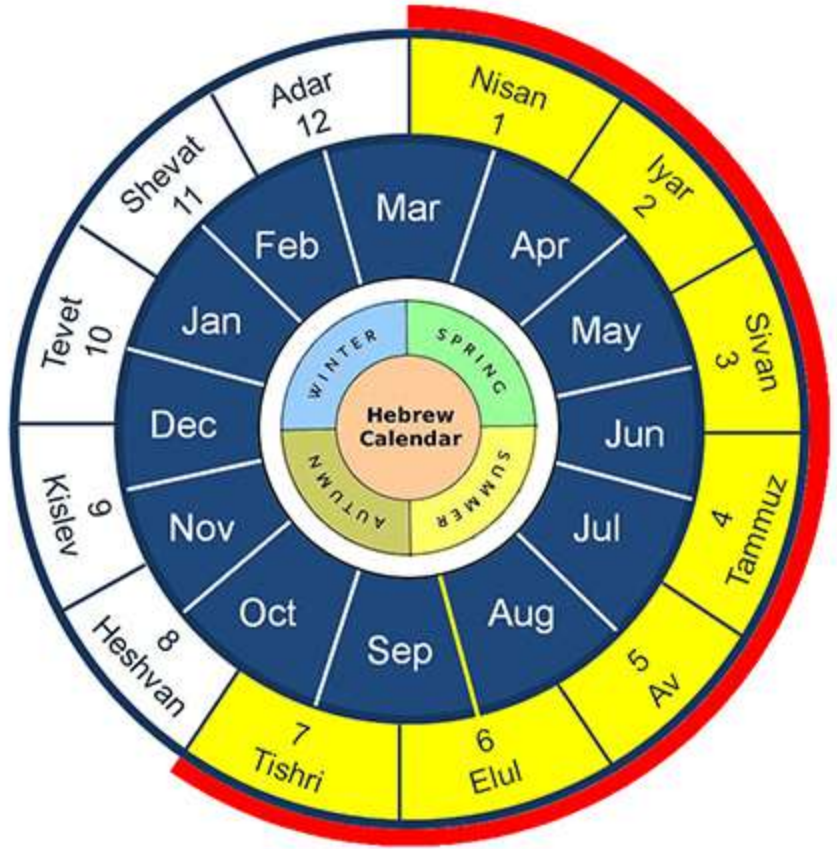


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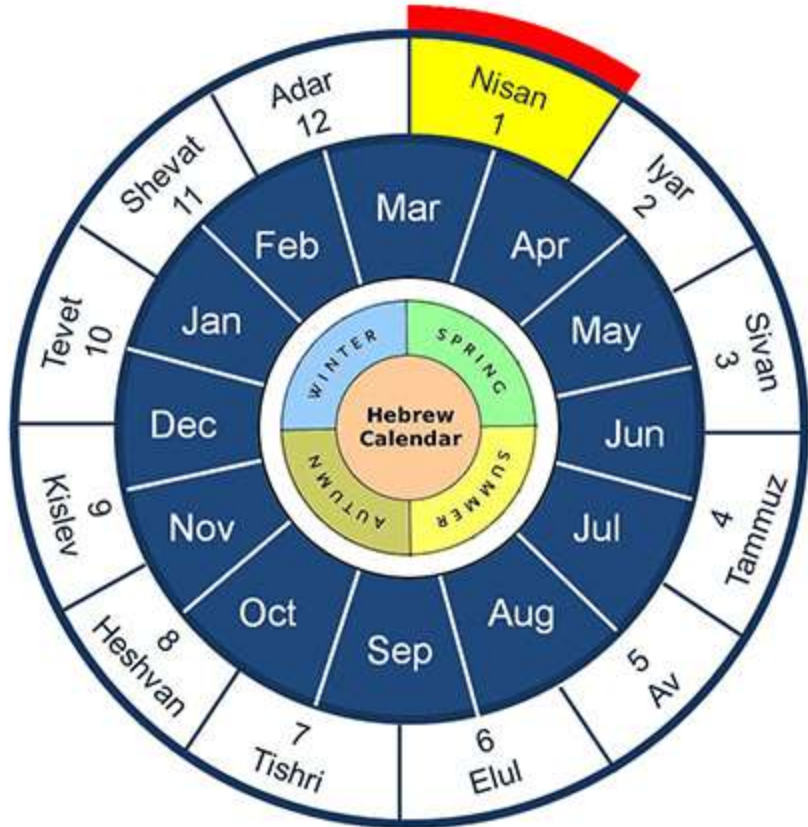
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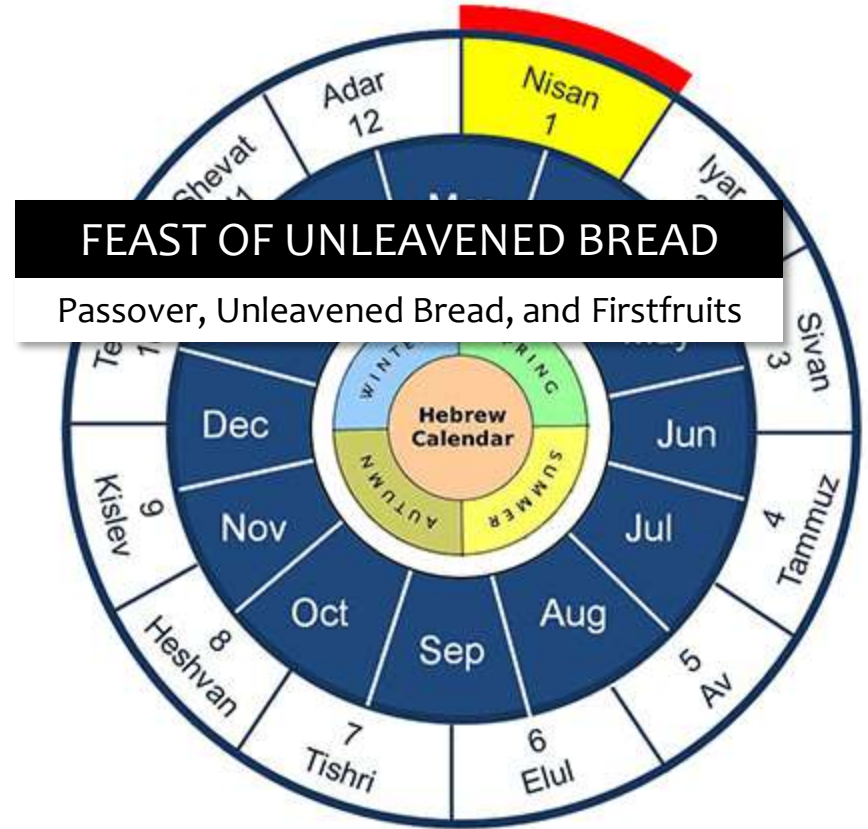
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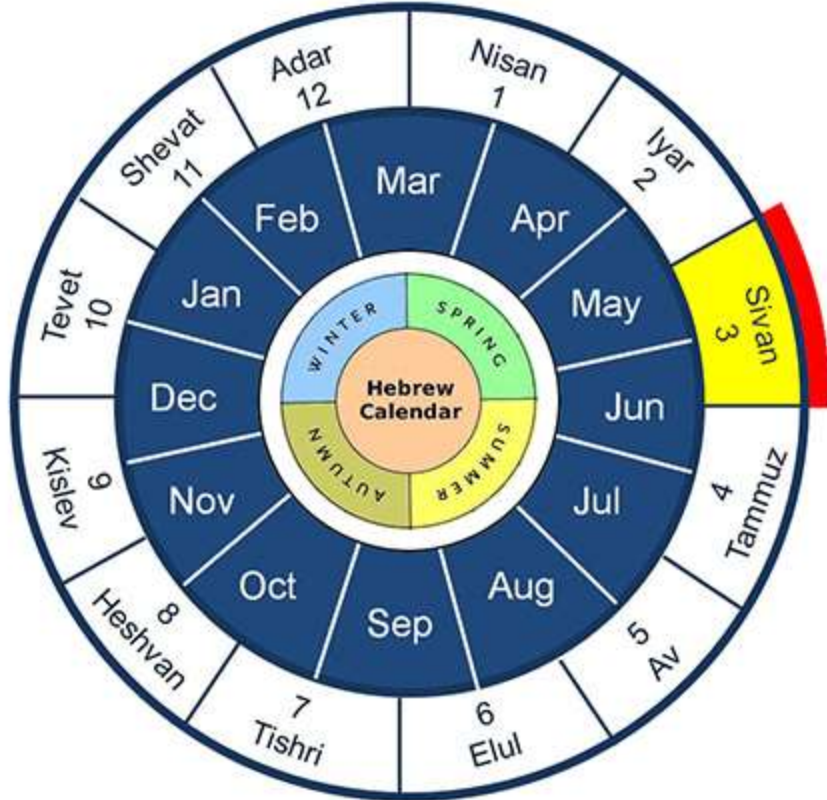
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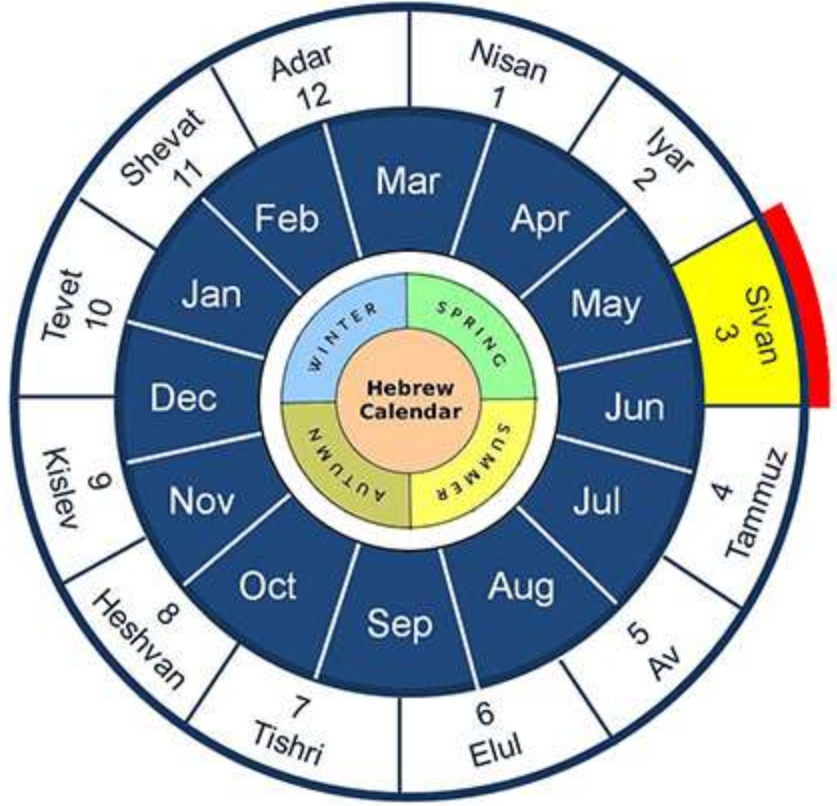
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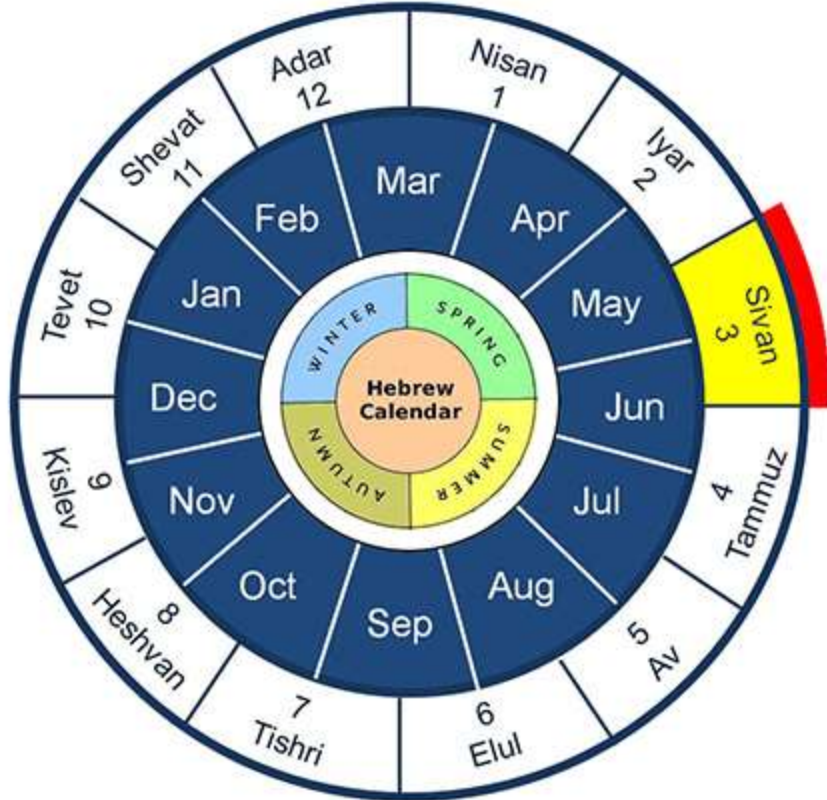
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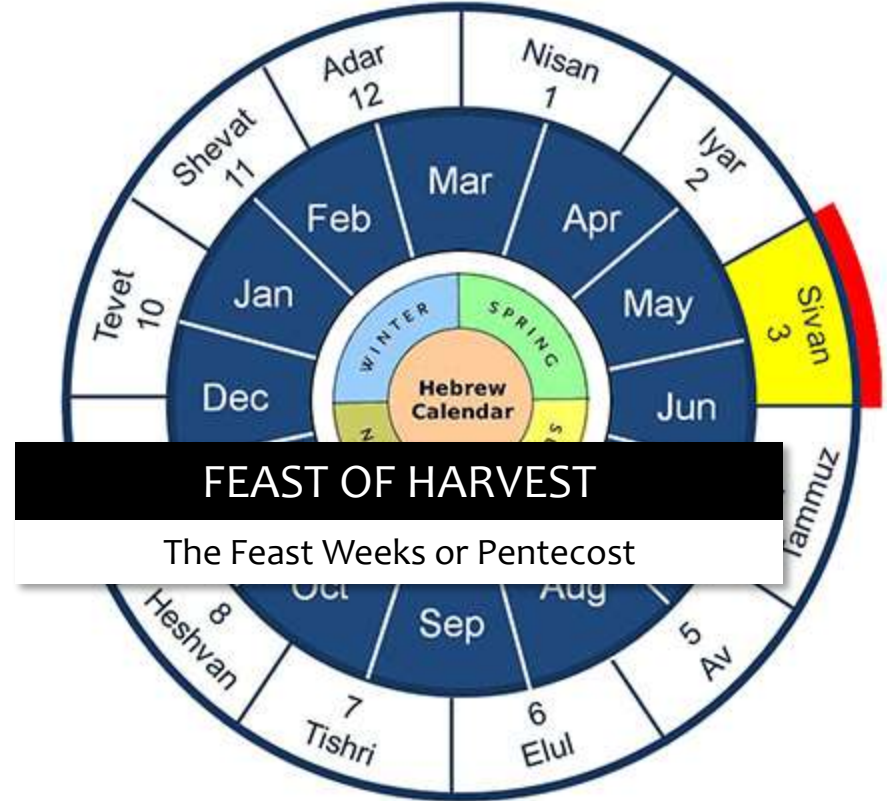
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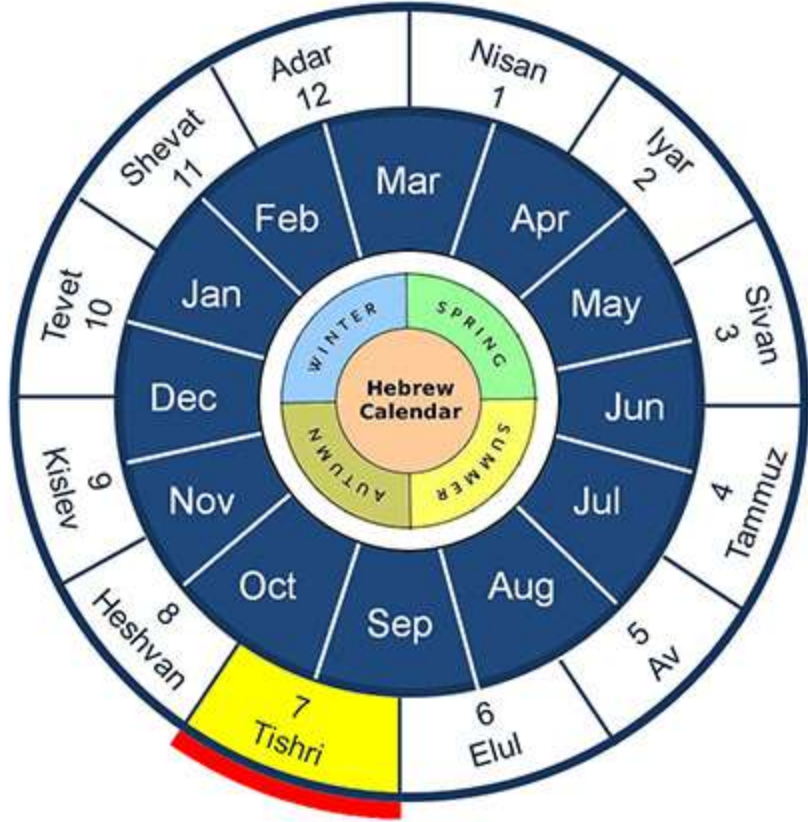
Greek-speaking Jews renamed it *Pentecost* because it was held 50 days after the Passover Sabbath.

*Pente* means fifty.



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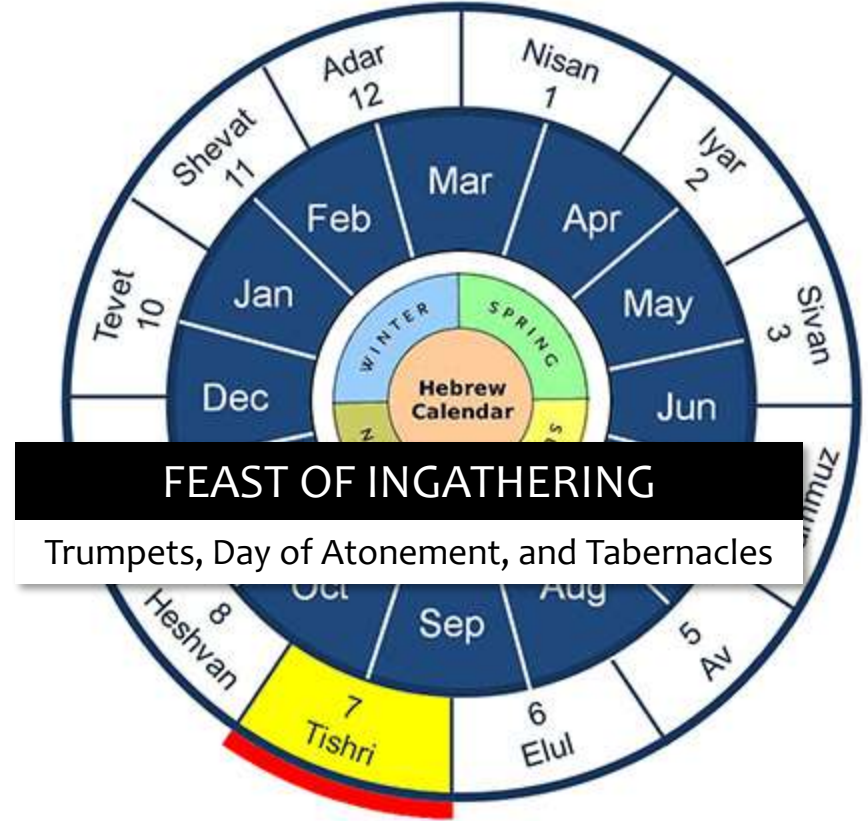
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Together, they were called **the Feast of Ingathering.**





## FEAST OF UNLEAVENED BREAD

Passover, Unleavened Bread, and Firstfruits

## FEAST OF HARVEST

The Feast Weeks or Pentecost

## FEAST OF INGATHERING

Trumpets, Day of Atonement, and Tabernacles

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The name Abib was changed to **Nisan** after the Babylonian captivity.

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The crucifixion, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ all took place during the spring feasts.

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The Lamb of God was sacrificed  
for our sins on the Passover.

Sat/Sun	Sun/Mon	Mon/Tue	Tue/Wed	Wed/Thr	Thr/Fri	Fri/Sat
				Passover		



He was buried on the Feast of  
Unleavened Bread.



Sat/Sun	Sun/Mon	Mon/Tue	Tue/Wed	Wed/Thr	Thr/Fri	Fri/Sat
				Passover	Unleavened Bread	



The next day was the weekly Sabbath.



Sat/Sun	Sun/Mon	Mon/Tue	Tue/Wed	Wed/Thr	Thr/Fri	Fri/Sat
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For 40 days, Jesus taught his disciples in his resurrected body.

Sat/Sun	Sun/Mon	Mon/Tue	Tue/Wed	Wed/Thr	Thr/Fri	Fri/Sat
				Passover	Unleavened bread	Sabbath
Firstfruits						



On the fortieth day,  
he ascended into heaven.

Sat/Sun	Sun/Mon	Mon/Tue	Tue/Wed	Wed/Thr	Thr/Fri	Fri/Sat
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Firstfruits						
				Ascension		



The disciples waited ten days in Jerusalem for the promise of the Father.

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Seven weeks – 49 days – had passed since the Passover Sabbath.

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						Wk 3 - Day 21
						Wk 4 - Day 28
						Wk 5 - Day 35
				Ascension		Wk 6 - Day 42
						Wk 7 - Day 49





The next day – the 50<sup>th</sup> day –  
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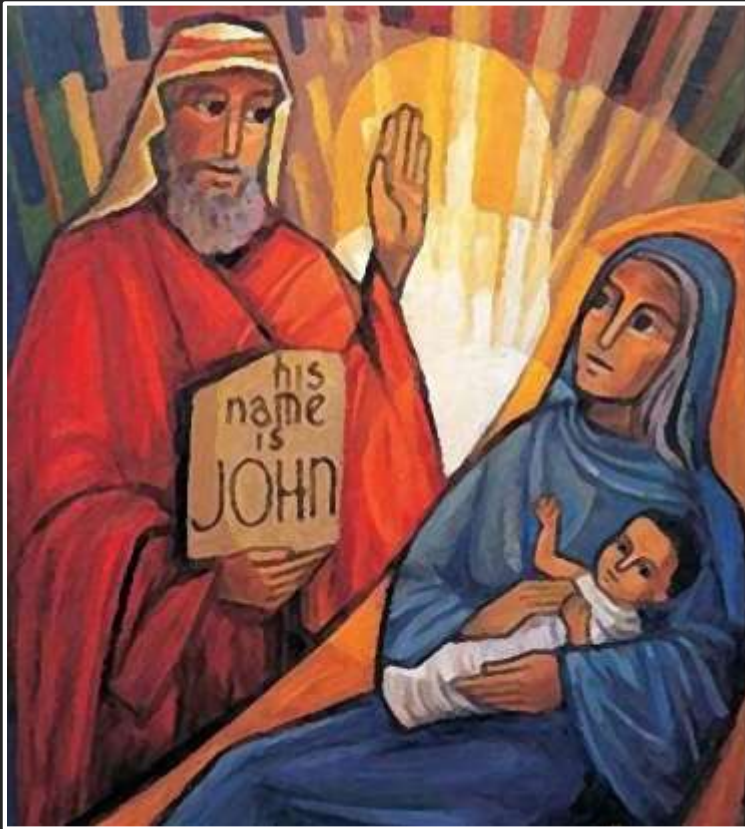


# The Day of Pentecost

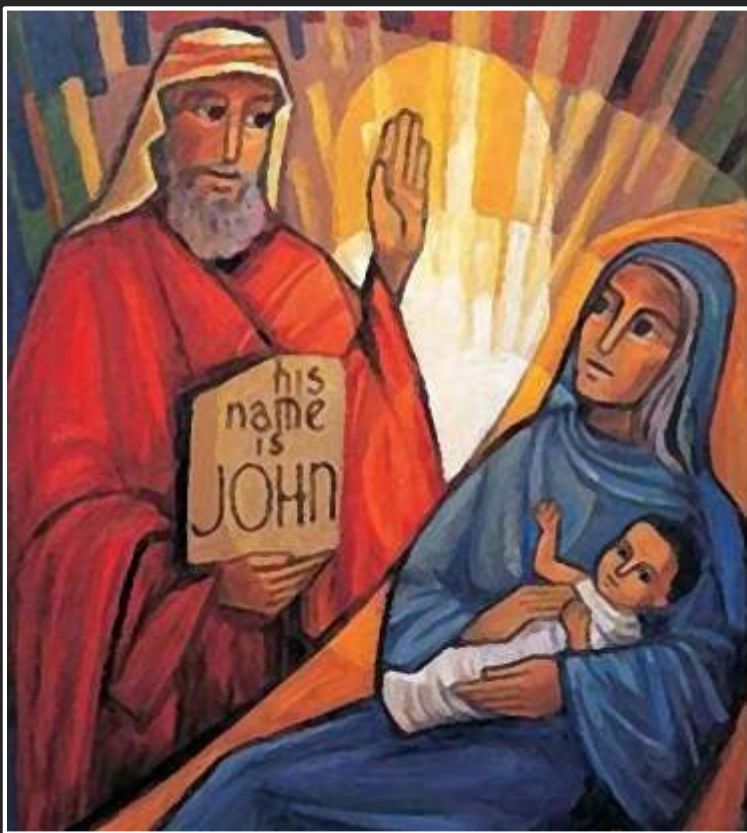
## Acts 2:1-4

- 1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.
- 2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.
- 3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.
- 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.



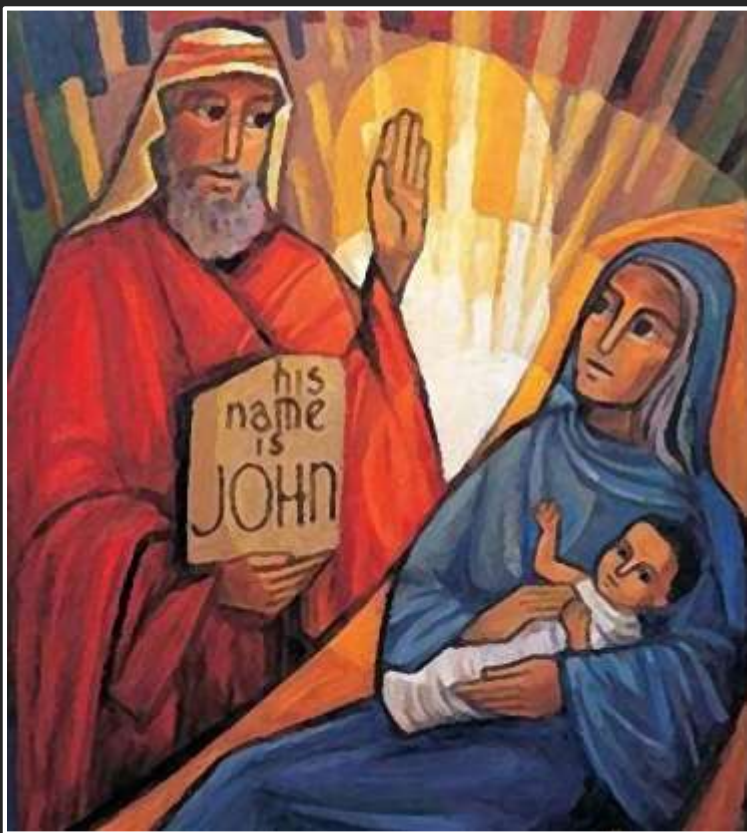


The Holy Spirit had spoken through people before, such as the mother and father of John the Baptist.



Luke 1:41-42:

- <sup>41</sup> ... and Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost:
- <sup>42</sup> And she spake out with a loud voice, and said, Blessed *art* thou among women, and blessed *is* the fruit of thy womb.



Luke 1:67-69:

<sup>67</sup> And his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Ghost, and prophesied, saying,

<sup>68</sup> Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people,

<sup>69</sup> And hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David;

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The Day of Pentecost was *fully come*.







Jerusalem US LP

Acts 2:5 says,  
“And there were  
dwelling at Jerusalem  
Jews, devout men, out  
of every nation under  
heaven.”



These men were in Jerusalem to observe the annual Feast of Pentecost.



How did the Jews  
become so widespread?



Just before the Children of Israel entered the Promised Land, Moses gave them a warning:



### Deuteronomy 4:25-27

- <sup>25</sup> When thou shalt beget children, and children's children, and ye shall have remained long in the land, and shall corrupt yourselves, and make a graven image, or the likeness of any thing, and shall do evil in the sight of the LORD thy God, to provoke him to anger:
- <sup>26</sup> I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day, that ye shall soon utterly perish from off the land whereunto ye go over Jordan to possess it; ye shall not prolong your days upon it, but shall utterly be destroyed.
- <sup>27</sup> **And the LORD shall scatter you among the nations,** and ye shall be left few in number among the heathen, whither the LORD shall lead you.

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The northern kingdom of Israel was first to fall, overrun by the Assyrians.



The southern kingdom of Judah did not last much longer, and fell to the Babylonians.



As promised by God, there was a great scattering of the Jews from their homeland.



**Jeremiah 50:17**

Israel is a scattered sheep;  
the lions have driven *him* away:

first the king of Assyria hath devoured  
him;

and last this Nebuchadrezzar king of  
Babylon hath broken his bones.



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There were Jews "out of every nation under heaven" in Jerusalem to witness the events of the Day of Pentecost!

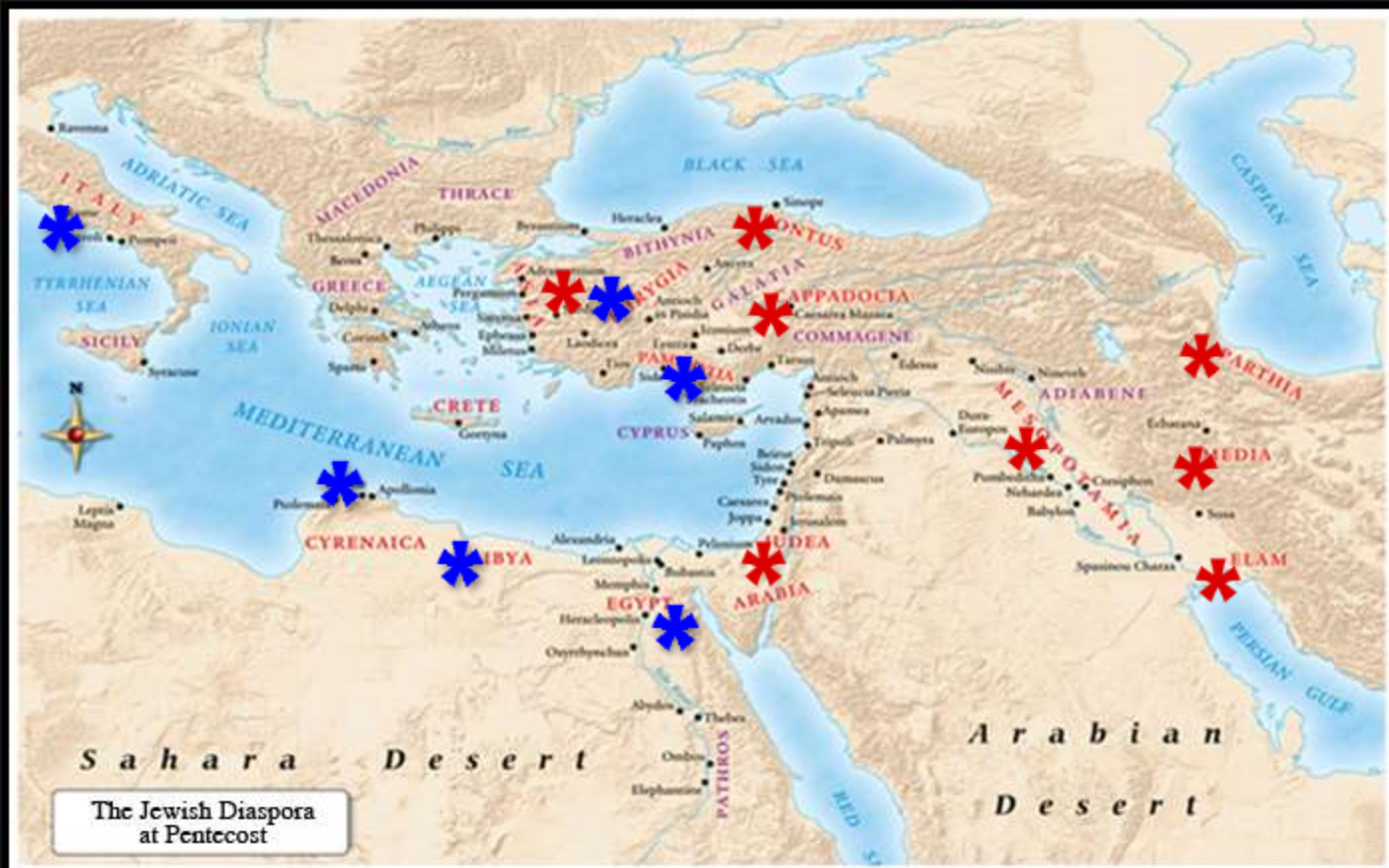


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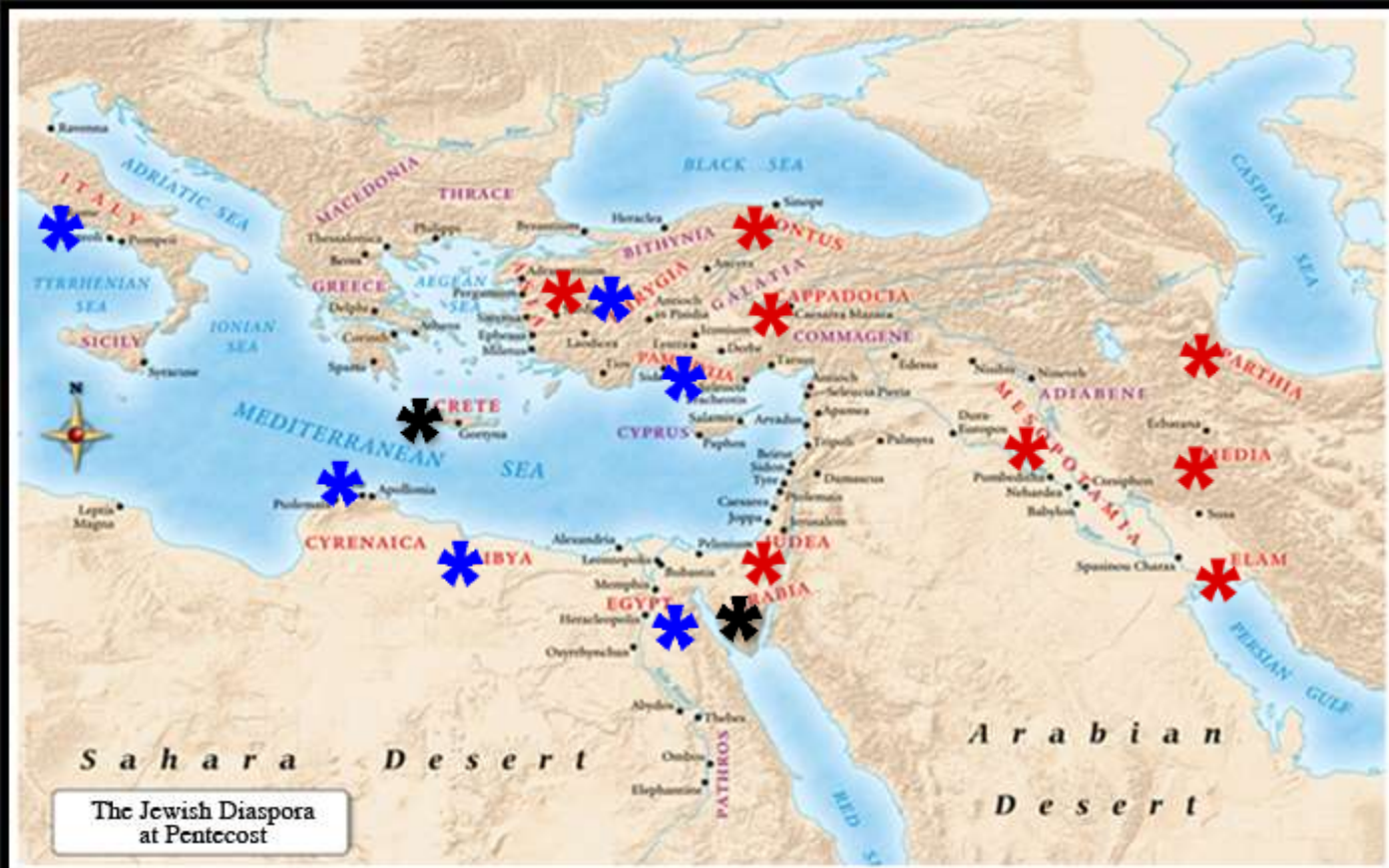
- 5 And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews,  
devout men, **out of every nation under heaven.**
- 6 Now when this was noised abroad,  
the multitude came together, and were confounded,  
because that every man heard them speak in his own language.
- 7 And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another,  
Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans?
- 8 And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?



Acts 2:9  
Parthians,  
and Medes,  
and Elamites,  
and the dwellers  
in Mesopotamia,  
and in Judaea,  
and Cappadocia,  
in Pontus,  
and Asia,



Acts 2:10  
 Phrygia,  
 and Pamphylia,  
 in Egypt,  
 and in the parts  
 of Libya about  
 Cyrene,  
 and strangers of  
 Rome, Jews and  
 proselytes,



Acts 2:11  
 Cretes and  
 Arabians,  
 we do hear them  
 speak in our  
 tongues  
 the wonderful  
 works of God.



The Jews heard the apostles speaking “the wonderful works of God” in the languages of the Gentile nations. More than just being a wonderment, this was a sign to the House of Israel, and the fulfillment of a prophecy hundreds of years old:





Isaiah declared that the Jews' contempt for God would compel him to speak to them in a foreign language:



### Isaiah 28:11-12

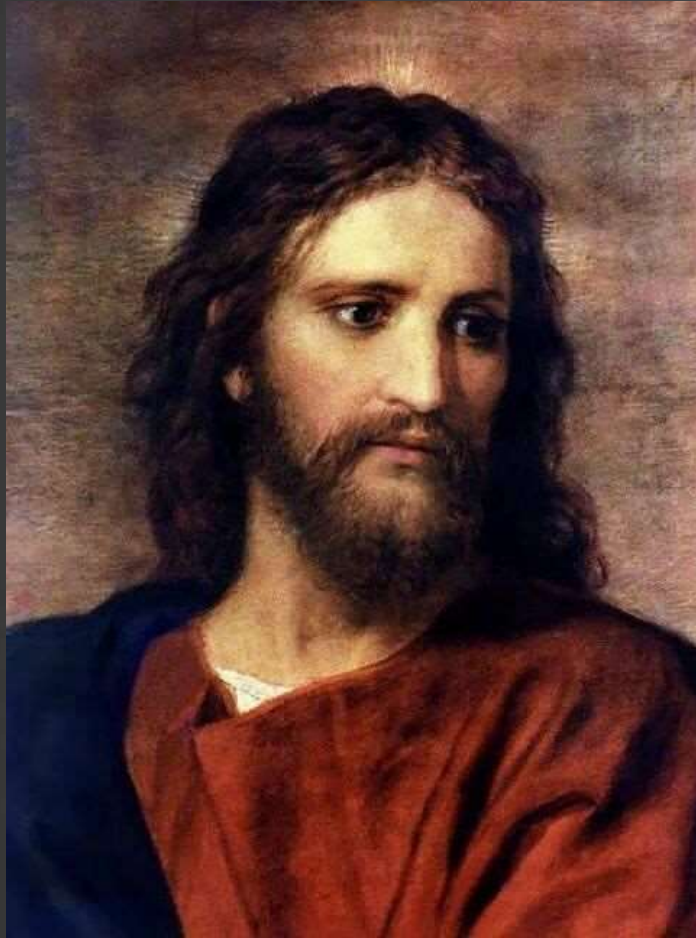
- <sup>11</sup> For with stammering [mocking] lips **and another tongue** will he speak to this people.
- <sup>12</sup> To whom he said,  
This *is* the rest *wherewith* ye may cause the weary to rest; and this *is* the refreshing:  
yet they would not hear.



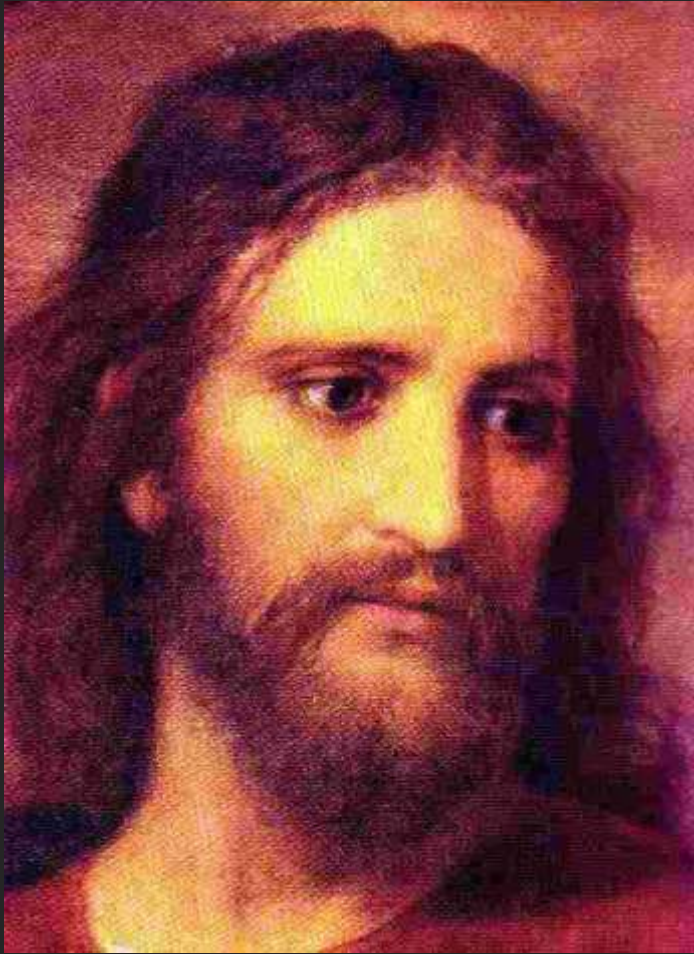


it is always unbelief that keeps God's people from entering into his rest.

In the years of the Babylonian captivity, hearing the foreign language of the Babylonians was a daily reminder to the Jews that they had lost their homeland.



Jesus also made a promise of rest.



### **Matthew 11:28-30**

- <sup>28</sup> Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.
- <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.
- <sup>30</sup> For my yoke *is* easy, and my burden *is* light.





We know how they responded to him.



In his first letter to the Corinthian church, Paul quoted Isaiah's prophecy when he taught about the gift of tongues given by the Holy Spirit, tying the two together.



## 1 Corinthians 14:21-22a

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*With men of other tongues and other lips will I speak unto this people; and yet for all that will they not hear me, saith the Lord.*
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Taken within the context of Isaiah's prophecy, tongues are NOT a sign to people who do not know God.

They are a sign to those who KNOW him but do not BELIEVE him.

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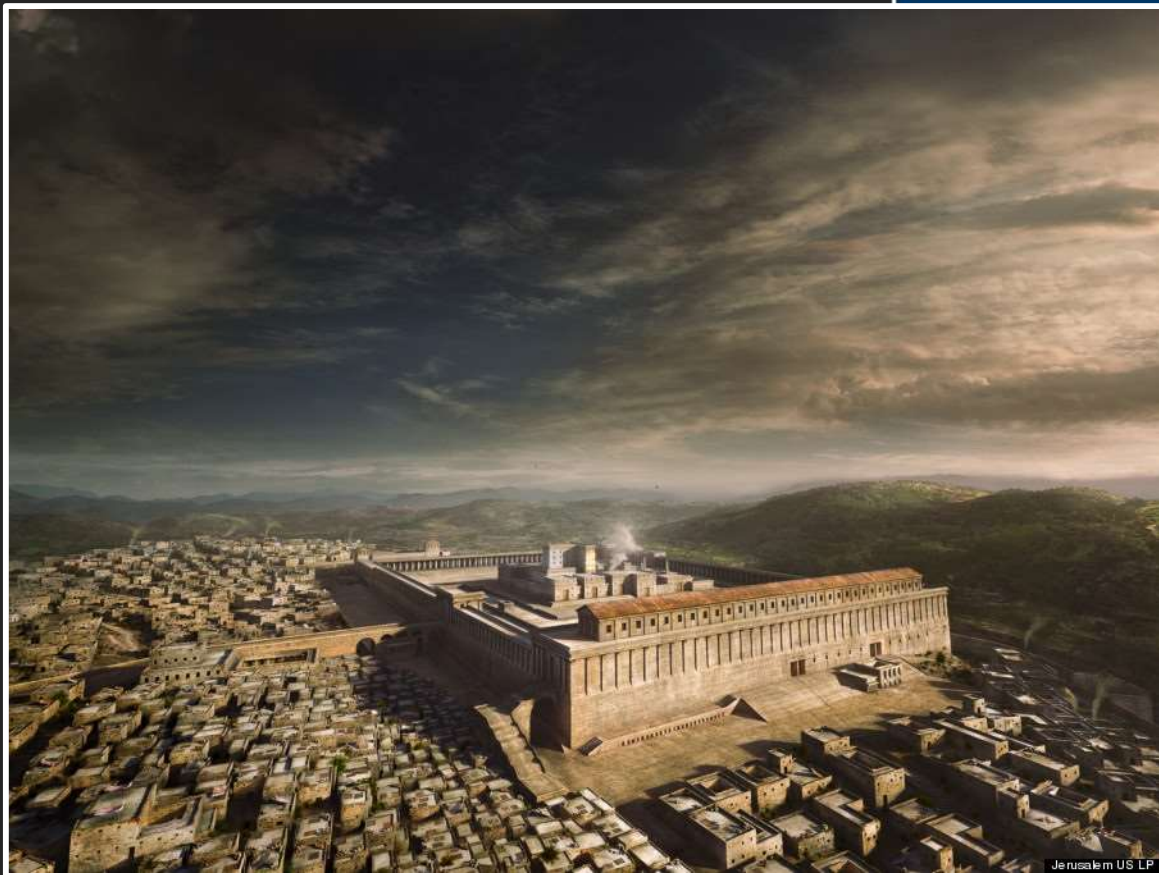
On the Day of Pentecost – just 50 days after the Jews had crucified their Messiah – God used foreign tongues to condemn his unbelieving people.



It was not the words the apostles spoke that condemned the Jews. They were speaking “the wonderful works of God.”

It was the language they were spoken in. God used the languages of the Gentiles to speak his praises.

The Jews did not understand this at all.



### **Acts 2:12-13**

- <sup>12</sup> And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this?
- <sup>13</sup> Others mocking said, These men are full of new wine.

UP NEXT:

In answer to their skepticism,  
Peter delivers his first sermon.

## Questions to test your understanding of this lesson:

1. All together, how many feasts were held in ancient Israel each year?
2. How many days passed from the Resurrection to the Ascension?
3. How many days passed from the Ascension to Pentecost?
4. According to Acts 2:4, what happened to the apostles on the Day of Pentecost?
5. In Deuteronomy 4:27, what did Moses say would happen to the Children of Israel if they did not follow the LORD?
6. How did the scattering of the Jews work out for good on the Day of Pentecost?
7. In Isaiah 28:11, what did Isaiah say God would use to speak to his people?
8. What verse from 1 Corinthians ties Isaiah's prophecy to speaking in tongues?
9. In Acts 2:11, the Jews said “We do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.” What part of this was a blessing to Israel?
10. What part of Acts 2:11 was a judgment against Israel?

Each question is worth 10 points. Do NOT share your answers with other students.



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