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#2, tongues as of fire – Acts 2:1-47

It had been fifty days since the Savior had eaten the Passover in the upper room with His disciples. He was then crucified and rose from the dead and continued with them for forty days before He was taken up.

Now the roads were all clogged with pilgrims heading in one direction. Huge crowds came from distant countries and the day before Pentecost they congregated in Jerusalem. That evening the blasts of the trumpets proclaimed the holy convocation. First the altar was cleansed and right after midnight the temple gates were opened. The priests then began examining all burnt and peace offerings.

It was also here in Jerusalem that the apostles, in obedience the Masters command, were all together.

1 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. 2 And suddenly there came from heaven a noise like a violent rushing wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 And there appeared to them tongues as of fire distributing themselves, and they rested on each one of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance.

5 Now there were Jews living in Jerusalem, devout men from every nation under heaven. 6 And when this sound occurred, the crowd came together, and were bewildered because each one of them was hearing them speak in his own language.

7 They were amazed and astonished, saying, "Why, are not all these who are speaking Galileans? 8 "And how is it that we each hear them in our own language to which we were born?"

[1.] v:1-3, there came from heaven, **Write down the audible and visual characteristics of the event.**

[2.] v:4, began to speak with other tongues, **How were they able to do this?**

[3.] v:5-6, the crowd came together, **What made this crowd come together?**

[4.] v:6, and were bewildered, **What else did the crowd hear?**

[5.] v:7-8, hear them in our own language, **Where did these missionaries go to language school?**

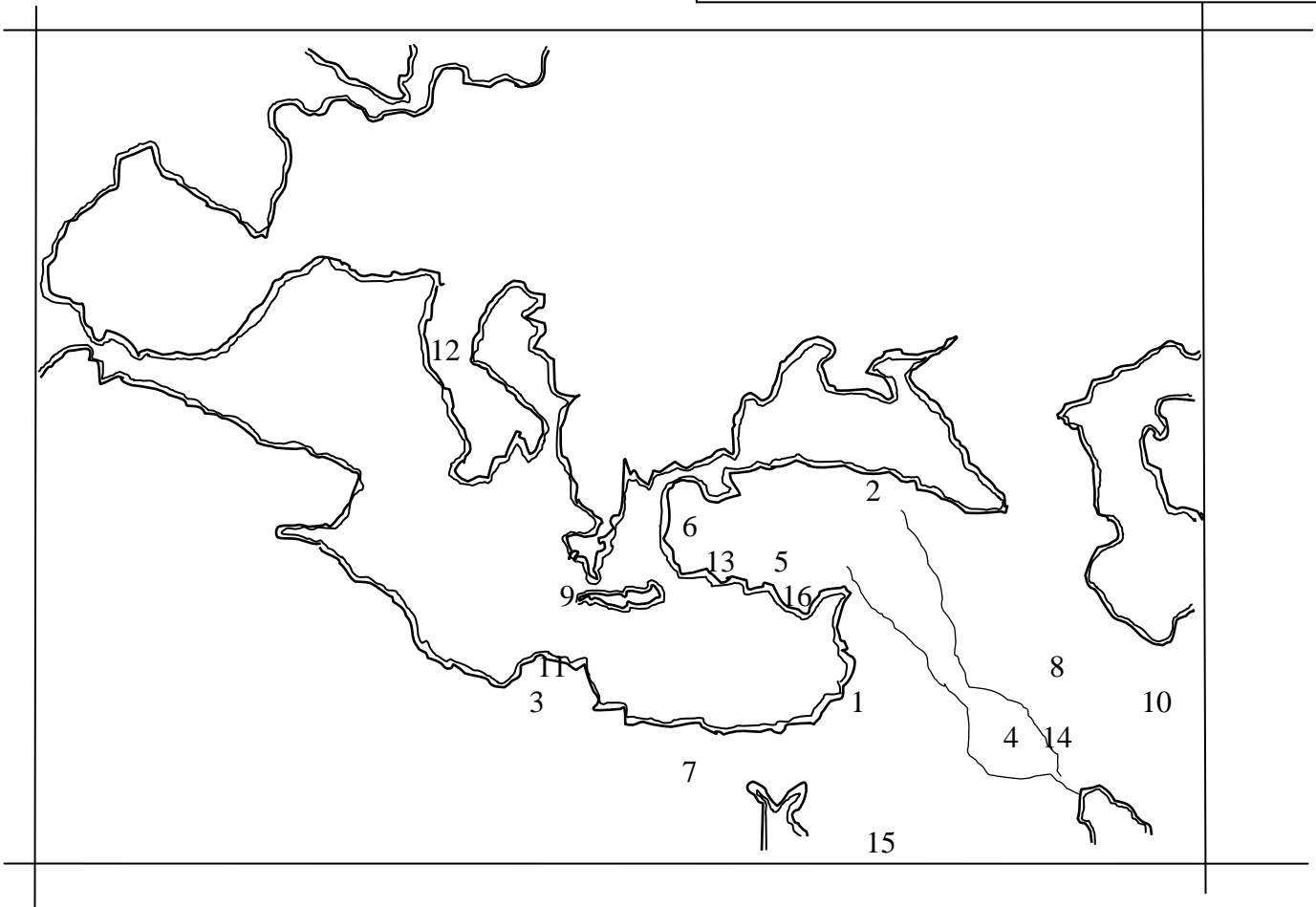
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9 "Parthians and Medes and Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the districts of Libya around Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, 11 Cretans and Arabs – we hear them in our own tongues speaking of the mighty deeds of God." 12 And they all continued in amazement and great perplexity, saying to one another, "What does this mean?"

[6.] v:9-12, This should be fun! I've place numbers on the map below. Using your favorite maps and references, match the places with those numbers. Out of compassion, for an example, I did the hardest one for you.

Parthians _____	Medes _____
Elamites _____	Mesopotamia _____
Judea _1_____	Cappadocia _____
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Cretans _____	Arabs _____



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13 But others were mocking and saying, " They are full of sweet wine."

14 But Peter, taking his stand with the eleven, raised his voice and declared to them: "Men of Judea and all you who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you and give heed to my words. 15 "For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only the third hour of the day; 16 but this is what was spoken of through the prophet Joel:

[7.] v:13-16, these men are not drunk, What did Peter say was happening?

17' AND IT SHALL BE IN THE LAST DAYS,' God says, ' THAT I WILL POUR FORTH OF MY SPIRIT ON ALL MANKIND; AND YOUR SONS AND YOUR DAUGHTERS SHALL PROPHECY, AND YOUR YOUNG MEN SHALL SEE VISIONS, AND YOUR OLD MEN SHALL DREAM DREAMS; 18 EVEN ON MY BONDSLAVES, BOTH MEN AND WOMEN, I WILL IN THOSE DAYS POUR FORTH OF MY SPIRIT And they shall prophesy. 19' AND I WILL GRANT WONDERS IN THE SKY ABOVE AND SIGNS ON THE EARTH BELOW, BLOOD, AND FIRE, AND VAPOR OF SMOKE. 20' THE SUN WILL BE TURNED INTO DARKNESS AND THE MOON INTO BLOOD, BEFORE THE GREAT AND GLORIOUS DAY OF THE LORD SHALL COME. 21' AND IT SHALL BE THAT EVERYONE WHO CALLS ON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED.'

Joel was a prophet to the Northern Kingdom, Israel. He was a contemporary of Obadiah and Elisha. and prophesied about 850-years before the events of Acts chapter two. The above (v:17-21) was from Joel 2:28-32. Joel's prediction started with, "It will come about after this . . .". "After this" probably referred to a either an actual plague of locusts or an invading army (Joel 1:1-2:27). If it were an army we know from our "meadow" study it would have been Aram.

Peter quoting Joel 2:28-32, started by stating, ' AND IT SHALL BE IN THE LAST DAYS,' which was indeed "after these things", in fact, as mentioned, was 850-years after. And so, let's take a quick look at Acts 2:17-21.

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[8.] v:17, ' AND IT SHALL BE IN THE LAST DAYS,' Glancing at II Tim 3:1-13 and II Pet 3:3, what else happens in the "last days"?

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22 "Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus
the Nazarene, a man attested (**affirm to be true and
genuine**) to you by God with miracles and wonders
and signs which God performed through Him in your
midst, just as you yourselves know –

23 this Man, delivered over by the predetermined
plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a
cross by the hands of godless men and put Him to
death.

24 " But God raised Him up again, putting an end
to the agony of death, since it was impossible for
Him to be held in its power.

[9.] v:17-18, POUR FORTH OF MY SPIRIT ON ALL
MANKIND; **Who, of all mankind, was actually then
given God's Spirit?**

[10.] v:18, Reviewing v:11, **How did this group
actually speak the things of God?**

[11.] v:19-20, **What will happen that signals the
conclusion of these things?**

[12.] v:21, 'AND IT SHALL BE THAT EVERYONE, **How
will people know to "call on the name of the
Lord" (Eph 2:8; John 6:44) ?**

[13.] v:22, attested to you by God, **So how did
God attest to the people that Jesus was who He
claimed to be?**

[14.] v:23, delivered over, **Who orchestrated
Christ's death?**

[15.] v:24, God raised Him up again, **For what
purpose did God raise Jesus from the dead?**

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A Messianic prophecy from Psalm 16:8-11. Christ is speaking prophetically through David 1000-years before His death and resurrection happened.

25 "For David says of Him,
'I SAW THE LORD ALWAYS IN MY PRESENCE;
FOR HE IS AT MY RIGHT HAND, SO THAT I WILL NOT BE
SHAKEN.
26' THEREFORE MY HEART WAS GLAD AND MY TONGUE
EXULTED;
MOREOVER MY FLESH ALSO WILL LIVE IN HOPE;

27 BECAUSE YOU WILL NOT ABANDON MY SOUL TO HADES,
NOR ALLOW YOUR HOLY ONE TO UNDERGO DECAY.
28' YOU HAVE MADE KNOWN TO ME THE WAYS OF LIFE;
YOU WILL MAKE ME FULL OF GLADNESS WITH YOUR
PRESENCE.'
29 " Brethren, I may confidently say to you
regarding the patriarch David that he both died
and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this
day. 30 "And so, because he was a prophet and knew
that GOD HAD SWORN TO HIM WITH AN OATH TO SEAT one
OF HIS DESCENDANTS ON HIS THRONE,

II Sam 7:12-16, " When your days are complete and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your descendant after you, who will come forth from you, and I will establish his kingdom. 13 " He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. 14 " I will be a father to him and he will be a son to Me; when he commits iniquity, I will correct him with the rod of men and the strokes of the sons of men, 15 but My lovingkindness shall not depart from him, as I took it away from Saul, whom I removed from before you. 16 " Your house and your kingdom shall endure before Me forever; your throne shall be established forever." "

[16.] v:25-26, FOR HE IS AT MY RIGHT HAND, How does Ephesians 1:20 verify that this is Christ?

[17.] v:25-26 again, Since we are looking in Ephesians, further on in 2:5-7, what has God done for those "in Christ"? Note: This verse is not teaching that the resurrection has already come.

[18.] v:27-29, regarding the patriarch David, What was Peter's proof that David was not the subject of the Psalm?

[19.] v:30, one OF HIS DESCENDANTS ON HIS THRONE, Was this going to be an earthly kingdom of Israel or a Spiritual kingdom of those "in Christ"?

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31 he looked ahead and spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that HE WAS NEITHER ABANDONED TO HADES, NOR DID His flesh SUFFER DECAY.

32 "This Jesus God raised up again, to which we are all witnesses. 33 "Therefore having been exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured forth this which you both see and hear. 34 "For it was not David who ascended into heaven, but he himself says: 'THE LORD SAID TO MY LORD, "SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND, UNTIL I MAKE YOUR ENEMIES A FOOTSTOOL FOR YOUR FEET."

36 "Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ – this Jesus whom you crucified."

37 Now when they heard this, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, " Brethren, what shall we do?" 38 Peter said to them, " Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 "For the promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God will call to Himself."

40 And with many other words he solemnly testified and kept on exhorting them, saying, " Be saved from this perverse generation!" 41 So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls.

42 They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. 43 Everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many wonders and signs were taking place through the

[20.] v:31-36, exalted to the right hand of God, Was Christ elevated to a heavenly throne or an earthly throne?

[21.] v:31-36 again, Why or why couldn't the fulfillment of this prophecy be the kingdom referred to in: Colossians 1:13, For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

[22.] v:37-39, the promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off, But who ultimately makes the selection?

[23.] v:40-41, that day there were added, How many converts were added the first day?

[24.] v:42-43, They were continually, These verses describe items that guarantee a healthy church. Write some of them down.

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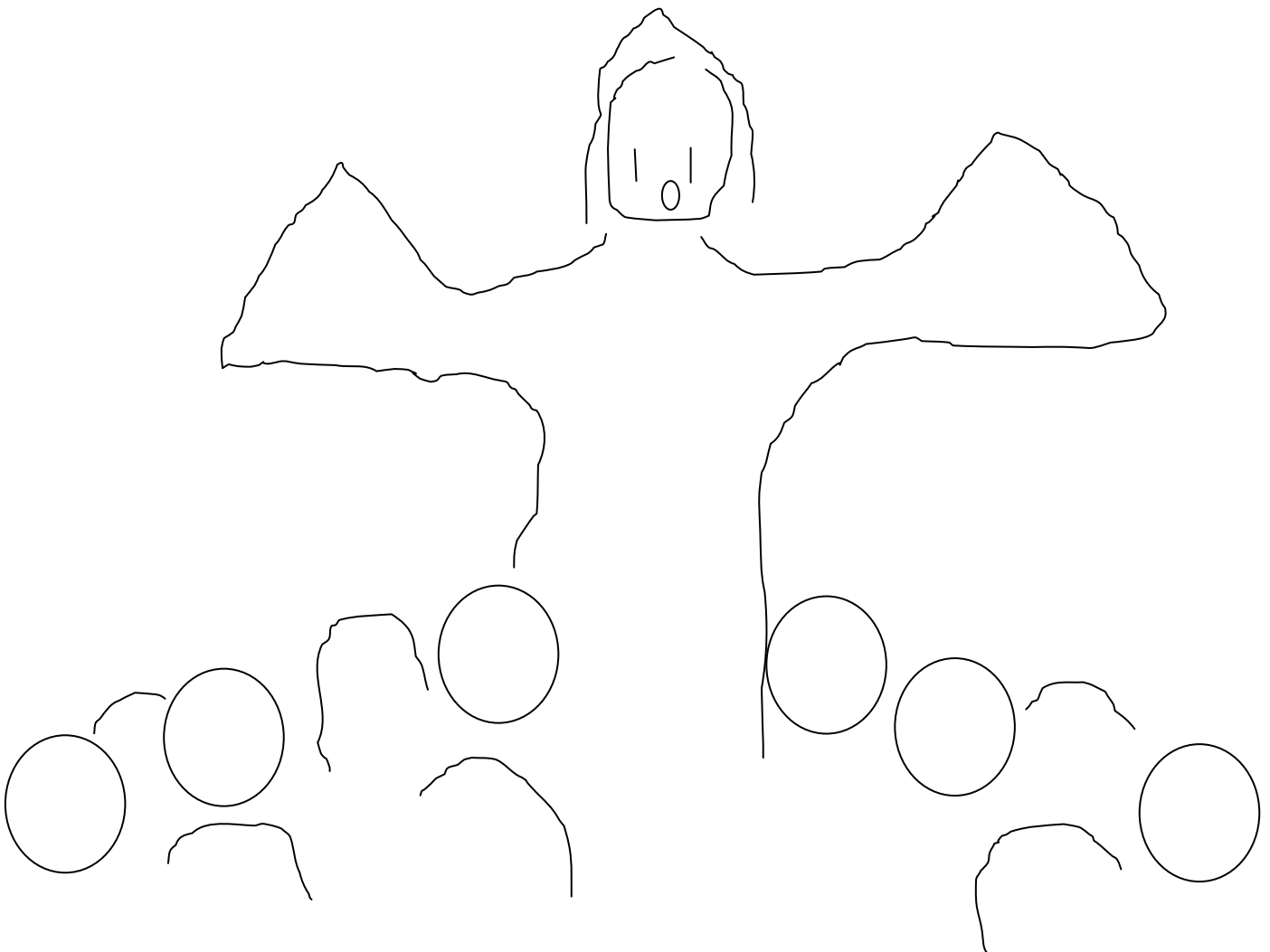
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44 And all those who had believed were together and had all things in common; 45 and they began selling their property and possessions and were sharing them with all, as anyone might have need.

46 Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart, 47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved.

[25.] v:44-45, all those who had believed So, one “moment” every one looked after themselves and then next “moment”, they looked after each another! What happened?

[26.] v:46-47, continuing with one mind, Describe what the “one mind” was.



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