

NOON BIBLE STUDY: ACTS 2 (PART 1)

PENTECOST: ALSO CALLED "FESTIVAL OF WEEKS" OR FESTIVAL OF THE HARVEST (EXODUS 23:16).

HEBREW: SHAVU'OT

NT CALLED "PENTECOST" FROM GREEK WORD FOR 50TH

50 DAYS AFTER THE FIRST FRUITS COME AND ARE GIVEN TO THE LORD, WEEKS/PENTECOST WAS CELEBRATED

LEVITICUS 23:9-14 - FIRST FRUITS

LEVITICUS 23:15-22 - WEEKS/PENTECOST

- FEAST OF FIRST FRUITS PRAISED GOD FOR HIS PROVISION & THANKED HIM FOR HARVEST THAT WAS TO COME.

- THE CELEBRATION OF WEEKS/PENTECOST WAS TO HONOR AND THANK GOD FOR THE HARVEST.

ONE OF 3 PILGRIMAGE FESTIVALS (PASSOVER/UNLEAVENED BREAD, WEEKS/PENTECOST, /INGATHERING OR BOOTHS)

EXODUS 23:14-17

DEUTERONOMY 16:9-12, 16-17

(ADDITIONAL TRADITION: JEWISH OBSERVANCE OF SHAVU'OT - COMMEMORATING THE GIVING OF THE TORAH/LAW)

ACTS 1:1-4 - THE SPIRIT COMES ON PENTECOST

V. 1 - DISCIPLES WERE MOST LIKELY GATHERED IN UPPER ROOM

- PROBABLY NOT THE TEMPLE, OR ELSE HISTORIAN LUKE WOULD HAVE SAID "THE TEMPLE" (AS HE DID 27X IN ACTS. V. 5-6 WILL TELL US THAT "WHEN THE SOUND OCCURRED, A CROWD CAME TOGETHER AND THE MIRACLE OF TONGUES WAS STILL ONGOING)

- THIS ROOM WOULD HAVE BEEN NEAR THE TEMPLE GROUNDS, AS THE LARGE CROWD (AT LEAST 3000 FROM V. 41) WOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE TO FIT.

V. 2-4 HOLY SPIRIT COMES (PROMISE OF FATHER, ACTS 1:4-5)

SPIRIT COMES IN AN OBSERVABLE WAY - "BEGAN TO SPEAK WITH OTHER TONGUES AS THE SPIRIT WAS GIVING THEM UTTERANCE."

TONGUES: GREEK: *GLOSSA* - TONGUE, AS IN LANGUAGE

SOMETIMES USED TO TALK ABOUT PHYSICAL MEMBER "THE TONGUE" LIKE IN JAMES 3. OFTEN USED REPRESENTATIVELY FOR "LANGUAGES" AND THE PEOPLE WHO SPEAK DIFFERENT LANGUAGES (EX: REV. 5:9)

MANY MODERN ENGLISH TRANSLATIONS WILL SAY "LANGUAGE"

UTTERANCE: GREEK: *APOPHTHEGGOMA*/(A-POF-THENG-OMAI) - TO SPEAK FORTH

THE DISCIPLES WERE GIVEN THE ABILITY TO SPEAK IN OTHER LANGUAGES (OTHER THAN ARAMAIC/HEBREW/GREEK).

ACTS 2:5-13 - INTERNATIONAL CROWD HEARS, GATHERS & WONDERS

- SINCE IT WAS PENTECOST (PILGRIMAGE FESTIVAL), IT WOULD HAVE BEEN VERY COMMON TO HAVE SO MANY DIFFERENT PEOPLE GROUPS VISITING JERUSALEM.
- NATIONS OF PENTECOST (ESV STUDY BIBLE): PENTECOST ATTRACTED JEWS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD TO JERUSALEM TO CELEBRATE THE ANNUAL FESTIVAL. THOSE WHO HEARD THE APOSTLES' MESSAGE IN THEIR NATIVE LANGUAGES AT PENTECOST CAME FROM VARIOUS REGIONS WITHIN THE TWO GREAT COMPETING EMPIRES OF THE DAY—THE ROMAN EMPIRE AND THE PARTHIAN EMPIRE—WITH JERUSALEM NEAR THE CENTER.

Q - WHAT IS BEING SPOKEN WHEN THE DISCIPLES SPEAK IN THESE OTHER "LANGUAGES"?

V. 11 - IN OUR OWN TONGUE
(GLOSSA) "THE MIGHTY DEEDS OF GOD"

MIRACLE OF PENTECOST WAS THAT
THE DISCIPLES SPOKE IN OTHER LANGUAGES
(V. 11)

(REMEMBER SUMMARY VERSE OF
ACTS: ACTS 1:8)

V. 12 - "WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?"

Q - WHAT IS SIGNIFICANT ABOUT THE
SPIRIT COMING ON PENTECOST?



- MANY PEOPLE WOULD HAVE BEEN IN JERUSALEM
- GIVING OF TORAH IN STONE CP GIVING OF SPIRIT/LAW ON HEARTS
- TIME WHEN THE PEOPLE DISPLAYED WHAT GOD HAD PROVIDED FOR THEM (HARVEST OF CROPS CP HOLY SPIRIT)