

LIKE THE WIND

A SERIES ON THE HOLY SPIRIT



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attributive adjective*

'hagios' (different, unlike)

it is always translated

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There are four things you
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Pentecost that will help you
understand Acts 2.



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1. Pentecost was a pilgrim festival.

That meant that according to Jewish Law, all the adult Jewish men would come from wherever they were living to Jerusalem and personally be in attendance during this celebration.



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2. Pentecost was a holiday.

No servile work was to be done.

School was out.

The shops were closed.

It was party time.



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3. There were certain celebrations, sacrifices and offerings which were prescribed in the Law for the day of Pentecost.

On Pentecost, the High Priest was to take two loaves of freshly baked wheat bread and offer them before the Lord. The wheat bread was made from the newly harvested wheat of the 'early harvest'.

In short, Pentecost in the time of the Apostles was a great and grand harvest celebration. The streets of Jerusalem were clogged with thousands of pilgrims who had come from every point of the compass to celebrate the goodness of God and the bringing in of the wheat harvest.



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4. Pentecost celebrates the giving of the Torah to Moses on Mt. Sinai.

Exactly seven weeks after the exodus began and the Israelites having prepared their hearts, God gave them the ten essential commandments.



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With a touch of divine irony, on the very day that Jews from around the world gathered in Jerusalem to reaffirm their commitment to the covenant of Moses, the Holy Spirit descended upon Israel to offer the promise of the New Covenant to all who will believe.

This new covenant makes Torah a matter of the heart, written by the God's Spirit, that yields a life fruitful in the praise of God.

John Parsons, Hebrew for Christians



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- Roman client kingdoms
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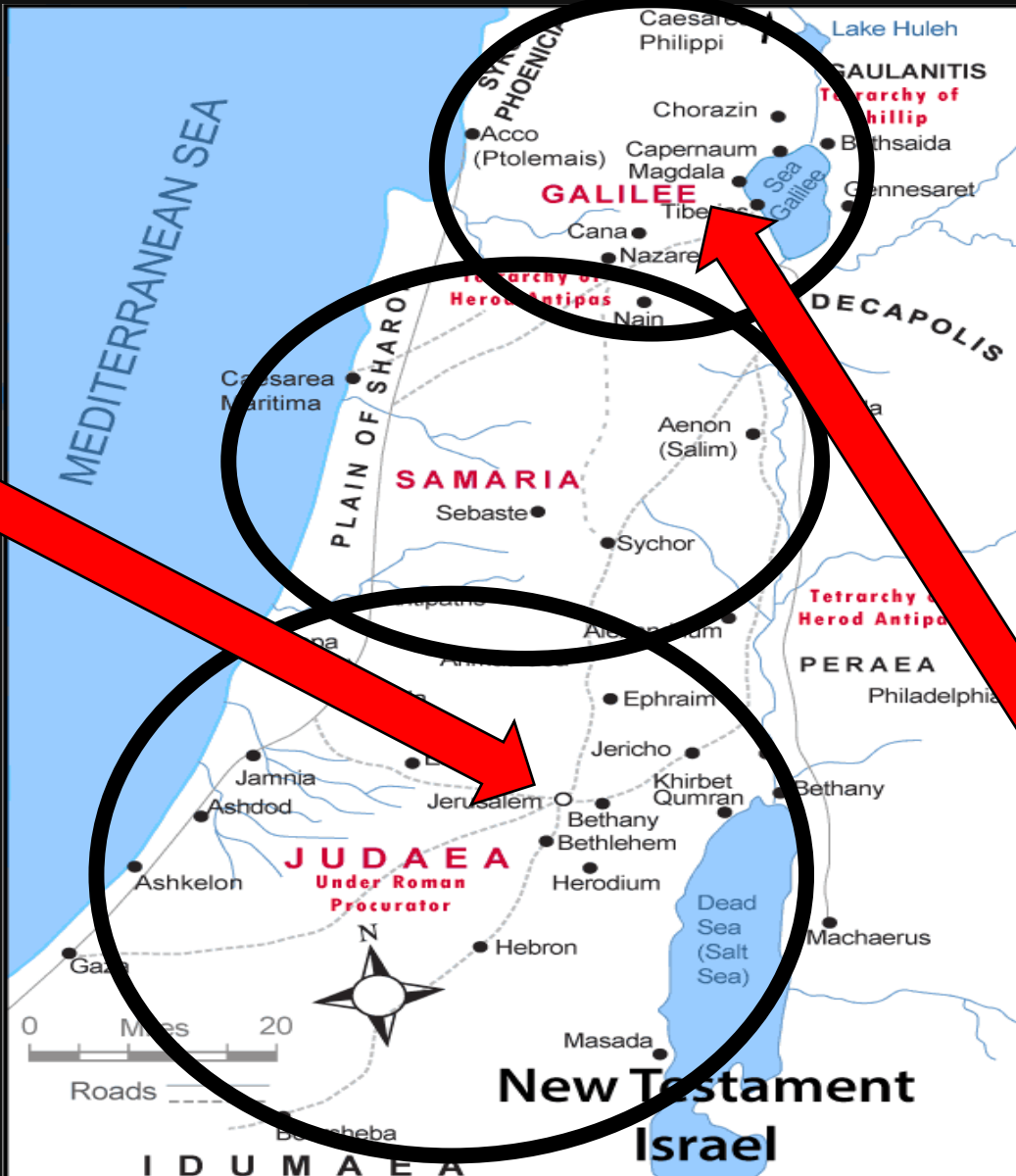


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New Testament
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EMPIRE

Mesopotamia
Elam
Persian Gulf

Mediterranean Sea

Crete

Pamphylia

GALILEE

SYRIA

Cyrene

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saying to one another,
“What does this mean?”

13 But others mocking said,
“They are filled with new wine.”

Peter's Sermon

14 But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his
voice and addressed them:

Peter's
sermon...





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Acts 2:14b-40

- Verse 37* says that the people who were listening to Peter were “cut to the quick”, -it means they were hit really hard in their hearts by what he said.....
- and they asked what they should do as a result....
- and this is what Peter told them



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ordinary people to do
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by the power of
the Holy Spirit.**

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The extra-ordinary
things that God wants
to do through us
is to give hope to a
hopeless world.

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People of hope do life
together and invite
others into a circle of
relationships
exemplified by sacrifice
and love.

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There is no better time than
now to surrender our lives to
both the One who loves us,
gave Himself for us,
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