

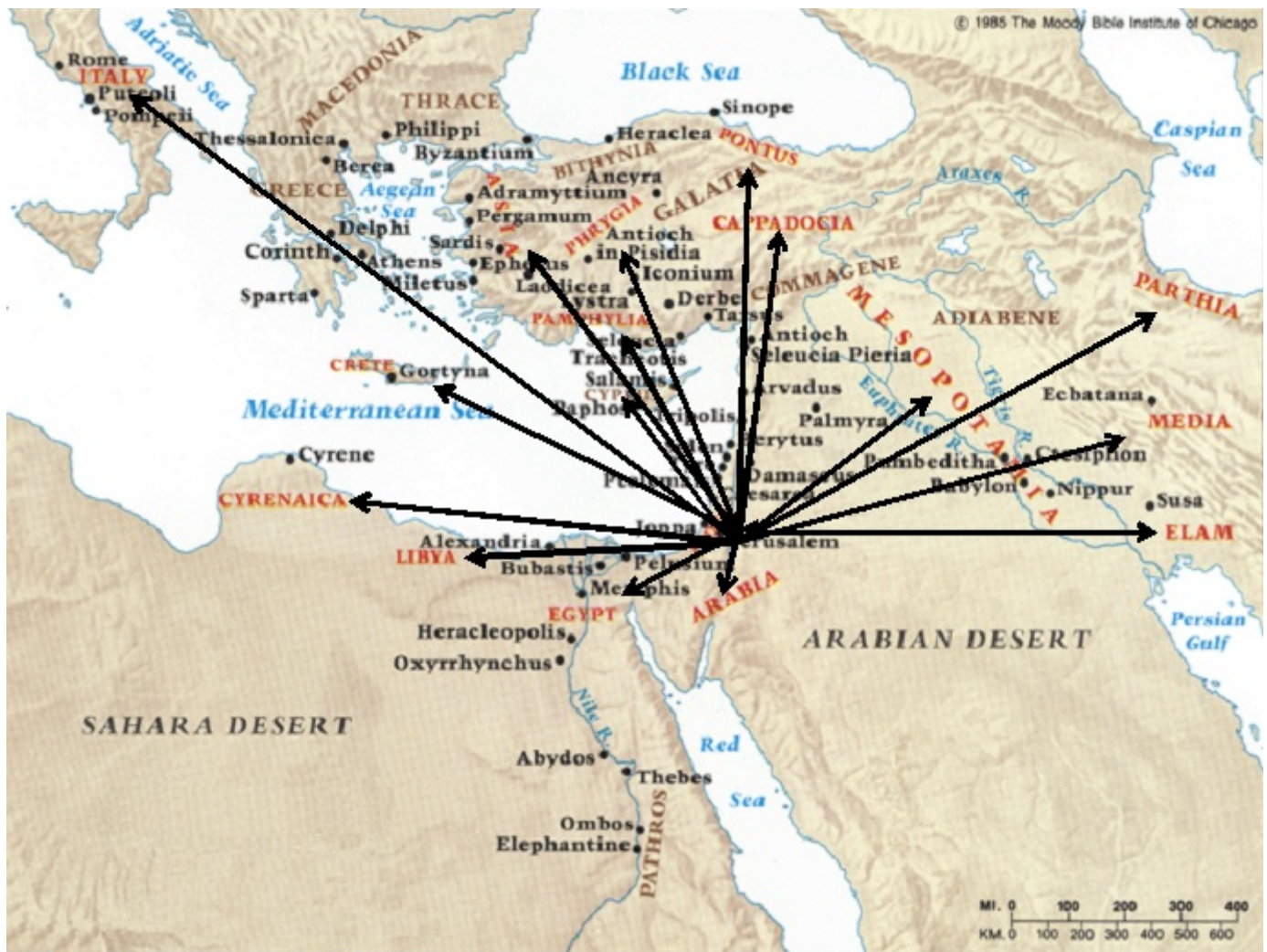
# The Establishment of the Kingdom/Church

## 1 Day of Pentecost: All Jewish men must be present.

*"Three times a year all your males shall appear before the Lord your God in the place which He chooses: at the Feast of Unleavened Bread, at the Feast of Weeks, and at the Feast of Tabernacles; and they shall not appear before the Lord empty-handed. 17 Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God which He has given you. Deut 16:16-17*

Since the feast of the Passover/Unleavened Bread and the feast of Pentecost were so close together, and since the distances they traveled to Jerusalem were so far, most of these Jews would come for the feast of unleavened bread (first month and fourteenth day of the month) and stay for Pentecost (fifty days after the first fruits were harvested). Obviously only the most devout of men would commit themselves to such an effort.

## 2 Devout Men Men from Every Nation under Heaven



## 3. Sound of a rushing mighty wind; Tongues of fire parting asunder. All(12 Apostles) filled with Holy Spirit. Began to speak with other tongues.

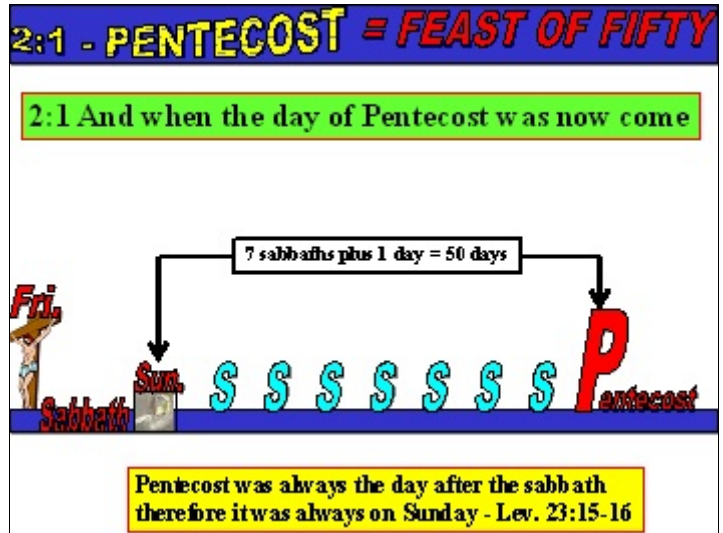
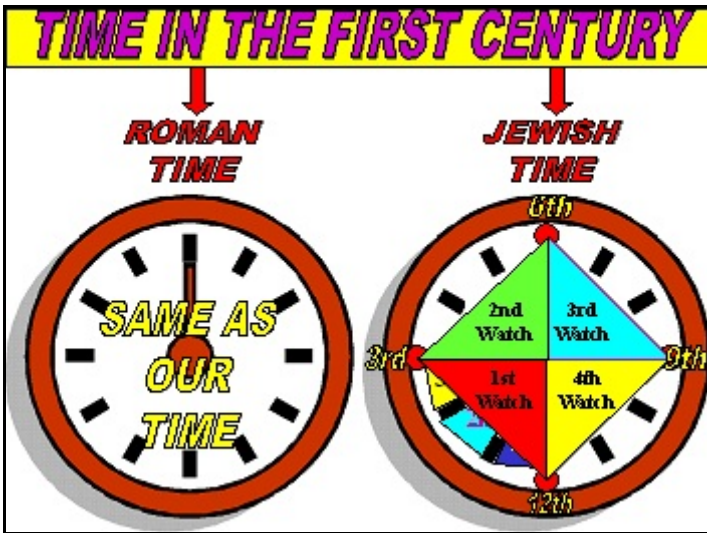
Speaking in tongues required that those who spoke foreign tongues would hear the words spoken in their language:

*And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and **began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.** 5 And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from*

every nation under heaven. 6 And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because **everyone heard them speak in his own language.** 7 Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, "Look, are not all these who speak Galileans? 8 "And **how is it that we hear, each in our own language in which we were born?** 9 "Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 "Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, 11 "Cretans and Arabs-- **we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God."**

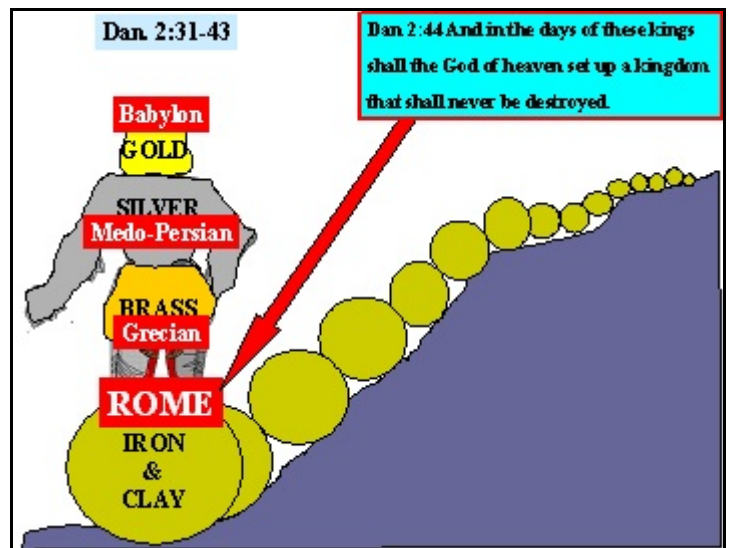
This is what those with other languages would hear but evidently there were some present who did not know these languages and to them it sounded like gibberish. They mocked and claimed they were filled with new wine(drunk with grapejuice that can't make drunk).

**Day of Pentecost Fully come but only the Third Hour of the Day**



**3. This is what was Spoken by the Prophet Joel:**

Acts 2:17-21 17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, that I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh, your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your young men shall see visions, your old men shall dream dreams. 18 And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; and they shall prophesy. 19 I will show wonders in heaven above and signs in the earth beneath, blood and fire and vapor of smoke. 20 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the coming of the great and awesome day of the Lord. 21 And it shall come to pass that whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.	<p>PETERSAID, "THIS IS THAT" (v. 16)</p> <p>ACTS 10 &amp; 11 ACTS 21:9</p> <p>FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE Isa. 13:10; 24:23; 34:4 Ezk. 32:7 Joel 2:10; 2:31; 3:15 Amos 5:20; 8:9</p> <p>1. Day of Pentecost? 2. Destruction at 70 AD? 3. Day of judgment?</p> <p>Mt. 7:21; Acts 22:16; 1 Pet. 3:21</p>
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## **This is that - These are the Last Days**

Through the Holy Spirit, Peter reveals that what was happening at that moment was the fulfillment of Joel's prophecy. Since Joel said this would not happen until the last days, the last days began on the day of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit came upon them. After this comes the end. 1 Cor 15:24. This marks the hub of Scripture. Everything before was pointing toward it and everything after points back to this. These are the end of the days.

Everything in Scripture beginning in Gen 3:15 and continuing throughout the OT Scriptures all pointed toward this moment.

*God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; Heb 1:1-3*

*Now it shall come to pass in the latter days That the mountain of the Lord's house Shall be established on the top of the mountains, And shall be exalted above the hills; And all nations shall flow to it. 3 Many people shall come and say, "Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, To the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, And we shall walk in His paths." For out of Zion shall go forth the law, And the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. Isa 2:2-3*

## **4 Peter used the keys.**

*He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" **Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."** Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. "And I also say to you that **you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. "And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."** Then He commanded His disciples that they should tell no one that He was Jesus the Christ. Mt 16:15-20*

When Jesus asked the disciples who He was Peter was ready with the right answer. Jesus was the Christ(anointed Messiah) promised by the prophets, and the Son of the living God(God had testified of this at His baptism and John the Baptist had announced it to all -Jn 1:29-34) This confession(Jesus is the Christ) of Peter(PETROS - large rock) was the rock upon which Jesus would build the church. Peter is promised to be given the keys to the kingdom. He will open the door. The sermon in Acts 2 is therefore two things. It is the rock upon which the church is built(proving that Jesus is the Christ), and it is the opening of the doors to the kingdom. We will see both of these things before the chapter ends. Never forget Jesus final words to Peter.

**whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."** No one can set aside any of these words!