

#### \*Acts 2:1-13 Pentecost: The Outpouring of the Spirit

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

<sup>5</sup> Now there were Jews living in Jerusalem, devout men from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup> 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. <sup>7</sup> They were amazed and astonished, saying, "<sup>I</sup>Why, are not all these who are speaking Galileans? <sup>8</sup> And how is it that we each hear *them* in our own language to which we were born? <sup>9</sup> Parthians and Medes and Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the districts of Libya around Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup> Cretans and Arabs—we hear them in our *own* tongues speaking of the mighty deeds of God." <sup>12</sup> And they all continued in amazement and great perplexity, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup> But others were mocking and saying, "They are full of sweet wine."

Acts 2:1-13

## Outpouring of the Spirit

#### Feast of Pentecost:

- connection to Passover
- harvest (first-fruits) festival
- pilgrimage feast

# Outpouring of the Spirit

- 1. The Manifestation of His Coming
  - sound like a violent wind
  - seeing tongues like fire
  - speaking in other tongues/languages

God's empowering presence with His people in a new and distinctive way

# Outpouring of the Spirit

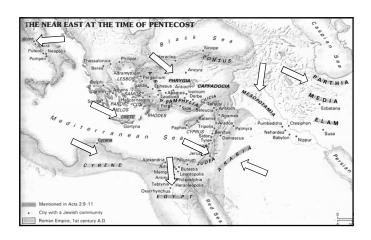
- 2. Reaction of the Multitudes
  - amazement and perplexity over hearing their native languages spoken by Galileans
  - some mocked and ridiculed them

# Outpouring of the Spirit

- "Speaking with other tongues"
  - 1. What was this?
    - the supernatural ability to speak in unlearned, recognizable languages
    - not preaching but prophetic praising declaring the mighty deeds of God

## Outpouring of the Spirit

- "Speaking with other tongues"
  - 2. What was its purpose?
    - it was not necessary in order for the multitude to understand the gospel
    - it symbolized the multi-lingual, multi-racial, multinational nature of the kingdom in this age



## Outpouring of the Spirit

- 1. We have this same presence of the Holy Spirit today as a permanent endowment to believers
- 2. We may experience fresh "fillings" of the Spirit for prophetic utterance, preaching and other testimony to Christ (cf. Acts 4:31)