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Acts 1:1-5:10

Acts 1:12-14

¹² Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day's walk from the city. ¹³ When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴ They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the

Acts 1:21-26

²¹ Therefore it is necessary to choose one of the men who have been with us the whole time the Lord Jesus was living among us, ²² beginning from John's baptism to the time when Jesus was taken up from us. For one of these must become a witness with us of his resurrection."

²³ So they nominated two men: Joseph called Barsabbas (also known as Justus) and Matthias. ²⁴ Then they prayed, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen ²⁵ to take over

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Corporate Prayer

- Early Church valued corporate prayer
 - It's something they used to help them make important decisions
 - Its what they focused on almost entirely while waiting for the promised Holy Spirit

Acts 2:1-4

2 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them.⁴ All of them were

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Acts 2:5-11

⁵ Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶ When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. ⁷ Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸ Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near

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God's Timing is Best

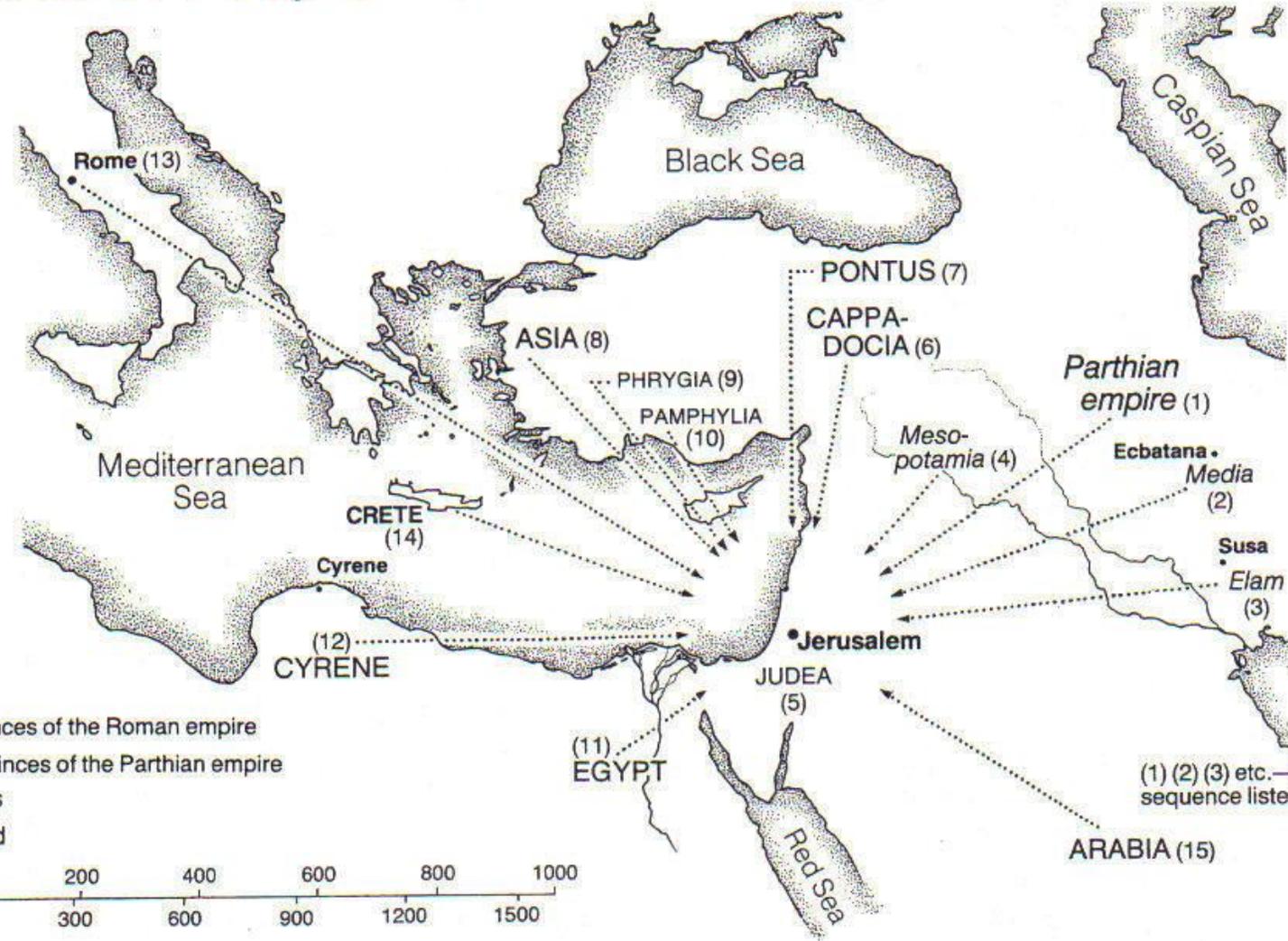
- Pentecost was to celebrate the giving of the law.
- Symbols of wind and fire were present in the wilderness when the law was given
- Pentecost was a pilgrim feast (people travelled to Jerusalem to celebrate it)
- Spirit coming on Pentecost meant there were Jews and converts to Judaism from many different parts of the Roman Empire in Jerusalem

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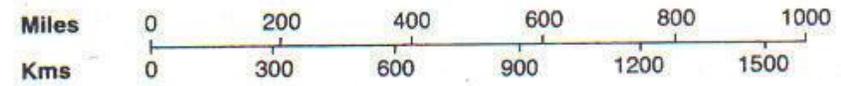
Places Mentioned in Acts 2

Countries of People Mentioned at Pentecost

Acts 2:9-11



ASIA—Provinces of the Roman empire
 Media—Provinces of the Parthian empire
 Rome —Cities
 CRETE—Island



(1) (2) (3) etc.—Numbers indicate sequence listed in Ac 2:9-11

Acts 2:12-13

¹² Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

¹³ Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."

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Response to the Holy Spirit

- The disciples were filled with the Spirit and were used by God
- People in the crowd were amazed by the Spirit and wanted to discover what this meant
- Others rationalized and rejected the work of the Spirit and mocked the disciples

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Things to Think Through

1. Do you value corporate prayer? What can you do to participate in corporate prayer?
2. Are you willing to wait for God's timing in your life?
3. How will you respond to The Holy Spirit in your life?