

Bereans Bible Institute

Module VII – The Apostolic Mission

Lesson 3 – Pentecost (Part 1)

I. Acts 2:1-4 The Arrival of the 'Helper'

A. Verse 1

1. When the Day of Pentecost had fully come ... (Pentecost = 50th)
 - a. 10-day bookends: Ascension-Pentecost & Rosh Hashanah-Yom Kippur
 - b. begins a 40-year countdown to the destruction of Jerusalem
 - c. Lev. 23:15-17 The two wave loaves (anniversary of the Law)
 - d. Deut. 16:16 Three times a year all adult males must appear in Jerusalem
2. They were all in '*one accord*' in '*one place*' when the 'Helper' arrived.
 - a. '*one accord*' = of the same passion (Rom. 15:6 Acts 1:14; 2:46; 4:24; 5:12; 15:25)
 - b. '*one place*' = the '*eklessia*' becomes the 'Body of Christ' and 'Temple of God' through the Breath.

B. Verse 2

1. The sound from heaven of a mighty wind fills the house
2. The arrival of the Breath (or wind) of Truth (which Jesus promised to send from the Father after His departure).

C. Verse 3

1. there appeared to them – (Gr. to gaze in astonishment)
2. being separated and distributed
3. tongues as if on fire rested on each of them (symbolic representation of a powerful tongue speaking for God)
4. similar to the Dove descending upon Jesus

D. Verse 4

1. They were all filled with the holy Breath
2. Began to speak in other languages in the manner (as) the Breath gave them utterance
 - a. In 1 Cor. 14:20-22, Paul cited Isaiah's prophecy (28:10-13) concerning 'tongues' and their purpose, concluding that 'tongues' were not a sign for believers, but for unbelievers.
 - b. Isaiah 28 – 29 concerns the hardness of the Jewish leadership at the time of Christ, their being in league with the Romans, the coming of the 'foundation stone' (Christ), the 'tongues' on Pentecost, and the destruction of Jerusalem.
 - c. In context, and according to Paul's statement, 'tongues' was a sign to Israel of its impending destruction.