



## #4 Dawn of a New Era

*Acts 2:1-13 (ESV)*

### THE OUTPOURING OF THE SPIRIT

**Acts 2:1** *When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. <sup>4</sup>And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.*

<sup>5</sup> *Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. <sup>7</sup>And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? <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 parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, <sup>11</sup>both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.” <sup>12</sup>And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” <sup>13</sup>But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.”*

1. The Significant Setting 2:1
2. The Promised Event 2:2-4
3. The Varied Responses 2:5-13

### **OBSERVATIONS:**

1. Both the OT prophets and Jesus had promised the coming of His Spirit – *Joel 2:28-32; Ezekiel 36:26-27; John 14:16-18; Acts 1:4-5*
2. Under the Old Covenant the Spirit only came upon selected people for a special purpose for a specific time – *Numbers 24:2; Judges 11:29, I Samuel 16:14*

3. Receiving the power of the Spirit would be necessary for Jesus’ disciples to fulfill His Mission – *Luke 24:49; Acts 1:8*
4. The Spirit’s arrival on Pentecost was the first of a four-stage outpouring on different groups of people
  - A) Jews – *Acts 2:1-4*
  - B) Samaritans – *Acts 8:14-19*
  - C) Gentiles – *Acts 10:44-47*
  - D) John the Baptist’s disciples – *Acts 19:1-6*
5. The Spirit’s coming was accompanied by supernatural manifestations, particularly “speaking in tongues”

### Questions about “Speaking in Tongues”

1. **What exactly is “speaking in tongues?”**  
The gift of tongues: the special ability, given and enabled by the Holy Spirit, to speak a language that is unknown to the speaker.
2. **Are the “tongues” in Acts the same as the “tongues” Paul spoke about in 1 Corinthians?**
  - a. *the missionary expression:* The divinely-bestowed ability given to some Christians to speak a foreign language they had never learned and didn’t understand themselves in order to communicate the gospel to people who understand that language.
  - b. *the devotional expression:* certain believers are given a special ability to speak an unknown, perhaps ‘angelic’ language as an aid in their devotional life. It’s a special prayer language given for praising God.
  - c. *the revelatory expression:* a believer who is given a message from God for a particular congregation who then speaks that message in an unknown tongue which is then interpreted for those present to comprehend and benefit from.
3. **Is speaking in tongues the sign/evidence that someone is filled with the Holy Spirit?** *Ephesians 5:18-21*
4. **Is Pentecost for today? Was Acts 2 meant to be a repeated experience?**

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