

## **The original Pentecost, Why Pentecost?, 1 of 2 – 10juni2023**

Hi all,

Most people know the day of Pentecost from Acts 2 when the Holy Spirit came upon the 120 who had been praying. They spilled into the street, speaking languages they had never learned, but were confirmed to be languages common around the Roman Empire by those who heard them.

Why was there a feast of Pentecost in the first place? And why did they speak in languages they had never learned? To answer those questions we need to have a basic understanding of the 7 God-given festivals, including the 1st Pentecost.

### **The festivals are rehearsals for the real**

Leviticus 23 details the 7 festivals God gave to Moses, 6 feasts and 1 fast. There are 4 in spring and 3 in the autumn. The 4 spring are: Unleavened Bread, Passover, First Fruits, Pentecost. All 4 have been fulfilled on their exact day(s). The 3 autumn are: Feast of Trumpets, Day of Atonement, Tabernacles. These have yet to be fulfilled.

Each is called a 'moed', pronounced 'mow-ed', in Leviticus 23. The root of the word has to do with setting a wedding date. When a couple sets a date, it is an appointed time, a consecrated, special appointment. A 'moed'. These are the feasts of Israel.

By the very nature of these 7 being divine appointments, it has been understood each one will have a literal fulfillment. In a wedding there is a rehearsal before the real. In theater there are rehearsals for the actual appointed time of the 'real'. There is much written in Judaism that these festivals are rehearsals until the true happens.

### **Lots and lots of rehearsals**

This means when they celebrated the original feast of Unleavened Bread and Passover by killing the lamb and being under the blood, it was a rehearsal until Christ fulfilled it.

First Fruits was celebrated the Sunday morning after Passover, and was fulfilled on its day by Jesus being the first to be raised from the dead. He is the first fruit of those to be raised from the dead. Pentecost was 50 days after First Fruits.

### **The autumn festivals**

In the fall it means when they celebrate the Feast of Trumpets (Rosh haShanah) in the new moon phase and blow the 'last trumpet' to celebrate the resurrection of the righteous dead, they are rehearsing for that 'natzal', what we gentiles call the rapture.

It means when they fast on the Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur) to repent for their sins, giving account to God, they are rehearsing for the day Messiah will come and bring the nations before Him to account for their sins.

When they celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles and build little shelters to overnight in as they celebrate God living with man, they rehearse the literal fulfillment of Messiah living with man. We are told in Zechariah 14:16 Tabernacles will be celebrated annually in the Millennium to celebrate the Messiah King ruling earth from Jerusalem.

### **What were they rehearsing at Pentecost?**

The word 'pentecost' means 'fiftieth' (50th). It is the celebration of God giving His Word to Moses when Israel was 50 days out of Egypt. The first Passover we are told, they killed the lamb at 3pm (literally, between the evenings) on Thursday the 14th, and Egypt made them leave immediately, arriving in the early morning Friday at Succoth\*, then Friday night in Etham\*. On Saturday night the Lord made them camp on the edge of the Sea\*.

\*Exodus 12:6, 27. Exodus 13:20, 14:2

They spent 3 days in the wilderness after the Passover lamb had been killed, as a type of the Messiah spending 3 days in death.

(Thursday crucified 9am/died 3pm, all day Friday/Saturday. Because the Thursday evening/Friday day they ate the lamb started a ceremonial Sabbath, and the next day was the normal Saturday Sabbath, it means 2 Sabbaths in a row, not allowing the women to go to the tomb until Sunday morning, the Feast of First fruits. Not understanding Judaism's 2 consecutive Sabbaths centuries ago caused the church to think Jesus died Friday.)

### **Back to Exodus**

On Saturday night a strong wind blew\* and the Sea was parted and sea bed dried, allowing Israel to be baptized into death from Egypt through the water, and coming out the other side Sunday morning as a first fruit from the dead, a brand new 'man', the new nation Israel. The enemy's army was dead and they were free. The enemy could no longer threaten them. \*Exodus 14:21-22

They traveled 47 days to the foot of the Mount, and prepared themselves 3 days\* to be brought before the Lord, for a total of 50. On the 50th day God gave Moses the 10 Commandments.  
\*Exodus 19:11

When God gave the 10 Commandments, the Midrash, a Jewish commentary, says:"When God gave His Word, they not only heard the Lord's voice but saw the sounds as waves as they came from the mouth of God. It was a fiery substance. Each commandment that left His mouth traveled to each Jew individually asking if they would obey."

Another rabbi says:"God's voice as it was uttered, split up into 70 languages, so that all the nations understood."

In that first Day of Pentecost, God's voice was divided into the then 70 languages of the earth besides Hebrew, and gave all nations the 10 Commandments. There is now a deep knowing within everyone a day of rest is needed, and it is right to honor parents, wrong to utter God's name in vain, steal, murder, lie, commit adultery, or lust for what isn't yours. Also within everyone to worship the Creator and not make idols.

The commentaries on the original Pentecost are confirmed as seen in Acts 2:1-12. We see the 120 receiving the Holy Spirit, having fire upon them as they spoke languages of the earth they had never learned, in direct fulfillment of the original Day of Pentecost.

### **We still walk in them**

When a couple is married on their 'moed' day, they live within the fulfillment of that day the rest of their marriage. They don't need to re-do their vows every year on their anniversary for they are walking in the fulfillment of that date every day. They now possess that day and walk in it.

When a person pays off a car or home, they now possess the contract. They don't need to keep making payments as rehearsal for the last payment. They made the last payment so now own the contract, own the mortgage.

Jesus was the Passover Lamb, so you can hold a Passover if you wish, but we walk in the reality of its fulfillment on the cross. Our new birth is proof we continue to walk in the provision from that Passover.

He was the first raised from the dead as per the Feast of First Fruits, and we still walk in resurrection power. The Holy Spirit came at Pentecost, and we are still walking in all it brought - the Holy Spirit to man, tongues, healing, and more!

And that's where we'll pick it up next week, until then, blessings,  
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## **Pentecost 2 of 2, Why tongues? – 10 juni 2023**

Hi all,

When I was a teenager back in the 1970's, my mom told me of a meeting she attended. She was part of a leadership team in a women's ministry from several Episcopal (Anglican) churches. The opened the meeting with prayer as they sat around a large table.

When done, one of the women asked another woman across the table how she knew Swahili? She replied she didn't, she was just praying in her prayer language. The first woman told her she was raised a missionary's daughter in Kenya, and had not heard Swahili since she was about 12 years old. She said the woman was praising the Lord in Swahili, to which all rejoiced.

### **In the early 1960's**

An American Christian business man was asked to speak at a business conference in Tokyo held by a Christian businessman's organization. The meeting was open to all, and American Christian W.E. Deming had helped rebuild Japan's industrial capabilities after WW2 using principles found in scripture. So any business meeting involving Christianity was appealing to business leaders there.

When the man was about to speak, it was explained his interpreter had fallen ill, and they had no one to act as interpreter. Again, this was in the early 1960's when English was not as wide-spread as it is today.

### **He panicked**

The thought of speaking to 2,000 Japanese business leaders in English who wouldn't understand him, panicked him. Instantly the Lord told him: "Just speak in tongues". Nervously, he did so, explaining he started out in his prayer language, but then it quickly changed into what proved to be Japanese. After nearly an hour it trickled off and the man stopped speaking. Suddenly, over 200 Japanese businessmen rushed the platform, and just as suddenly the Holy Spirit came on them and they began speaking in tongues.

Testimonies like these abound, and it is clear that just as it was on the day of Pentecost when the 120 spoke in languages they had never learned but others understood, these things still happen today.

### **Why tongues?**

Romans 8:26-27 says in the Greek: "Likewise, the Holy Spirit helps our weakness, for we don't know how to pray as we should. But the Holy Spirit makes intercession for us with sighings that baffle words."

The Greek word for 'help' is very interesting. It is 'synantilambanetai', a compound word meaning 'takes hold together with us against'. Paul said: "The Holy Spirit takes hold together with us against our weakness of not knowing how to pray as we should."

### **Jesus explained tongues to me**

During the visitation when the Lord taught me about angels and demons, I asked a question that took Him on a side trip to answer. I asked, "Can we command angels? Some say we can, and it is common, but it has never felt right in my spirit about it so you know I've never done that." He replied:

"You don't even know how to pray as you should! What makes you think you know how to tell an angel what to do? Besides, the angels belong to the Father." His comment about not knowing how to pray was a direct reference to Romans 8:26 and tongues, but I would come back to that, for the idea the angels belonged to the Father was something new to me.

"I need chapter and verse on that Lord." "Have you not read in the days of my flesh, in the garden, where I said I could have asked the Father and He would have sent 12 legions of angels? Have you not read what I told Sardis, of those who over come I will not blot their name from the book of life, and confess them before the Father and His angels? The angels belong to the Father. Even now." (Matthew 26:53; Revelation 3:5)

So that settled it for me. But I wanted to get back to not knowing how to pray as I should, and how tongues plays a part. "Lord. Why tongues? It's so controversial to some, so why have something like that as part of our lives?"

He paused as if to weigh His words carefully. "If you can receive this: For the most part, we function by invitation in the earth. But retain our right as Creator." I understood that - He didn't become involved in my life until my mother started praying for me, and more so when I decided for Jesus as well - I invited Him to take control of my life.

When I asked for help understanding, He continued: "The earth has been delegated to man, so a person must invite us into their life. Yet the Father wants His will to be done on earth, but man doesn't know how to pray. His knowledge is limited."

"The Father had to find a way to by-pass man's limited knowledge so He could impart His unlimited knowledge and will into a person, so that person could pray it back to Him, closing the loop and making it a legal transaction."

"For on that Day, no one, no being, will be able to bring accusation against us, saying we were not fair and just and right in all things. All things will be revealed and it will be found we have been faithful and true in all things. So the Father gives a person a language they never learned, and fills it with His will and His thoughts and His emotion, allowing man to pray it back to Him, accomplishing His perfect will on earth."

This answered SO much - everything from feeling the Father's or Lord's emotions in intercessory prayer for someone, to causing us to cry or laugh in joy, to understanding why tongues is so beneficial, why it feels so good inside. I can say, "Father, I pray for my sister this morning...and then go to tongues, knowing I am praying His perfect will for her life this day."

Realizing the earth had been delegated to mankind explained why people can be so cruel to others while He does nothing. He is on the outside looking in with millions of people down through history, who never asked Him to take charge of their lives.

I understood how in Genesis 6:12 the Lord observed 'all flesh had corrupted His way on the earth' - it got down to Noah's family who retained the Lord in their knowledge. He was about to be on the outside looking in to a planet that didn't want Him. So He started over, retaining His rights as Creator.

Suddenly so much made sense. It's why when I pray for that ambulance racing by with lights flashing and siren blaring, I may be the only one in that patient's life praying for them - my prayer is a legal invitation asking the Father to become involved in their life - and on that day they will see it was legal and right, even if that person ends up in hell - they will see all things were done properly. More on that below

There is so much more, but there is enough to chew on here to last a long time, lol - I'll end with that as we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, which celebrates all that I've covered this week and last - and so much more.

Enjoy the Holy Spirit in your life! Next subject next week, until then, blessings,  
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