



THE BOOK OF ACTS

The Time of the Holy Spirit and the Birth of the Church

THE COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

God promised the outpouring of His Spirit. Jesus told His followers to wait for it.

In Acts 2 the promised was fulfilled. Holy Spirit came upon the believers in Jesus Christ, and the church was born!



PROMISE FULFILLED

Acts 2:1-4

¹ On the **day of Pentecost** all the Lord's followers were together in one place. ² Suddenly there was a noise from heaven like the sound of a mighty wind! It filled the house where they were meeting. ³ Then they saw what looked like fiery tongues moving in all directions, and a tongue came and settled on each person there. ⁴ The **Holy Spirit took control of everyone**, and they began speaking whatever languages the Spirit let them speak.

TOGETHER IN ONE PLACE

Acts 2:1

¹ ...all the Lord's followers were together in one place.

Something supernatural happens when the followers of Jesus gather together in one place!



TOGETHER

Hebrews 10:25

²⁵ Some people have gotten out of the habit of meeting for worship, but we must not do that. We should keep on encouraging each other, especially since you know that the day of the Lord's coming is getting closer.



SUDDENLY...

Acts 2:2

² Suddenly there was a noise from heaven...

Suddenly: quickly, without warning, abruptly, swiftly

God seems to love doing things suddenly! (71x)



SUDDENLY...

**Don't miss out
on God's
*suddenlies!***



THEY WERE ALL FILLED

Acts 2:4

⁴ And **they were all filled with the Holy Spirit** and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

To be filled is to be completely overtaken by, to be under the influence of, to be led by, the Spirit of God!



DON'T RUN ON EMPTY

Ephesians 5:18

¹⁸ Don't destroy yourself by getting drunk, but let the Spirit fill your life.



PENTECOST

Acts 2:1

¹ On the day of Pentecost...

Pentecost was one of the three main feasts in the Jewish calendar. It celebrated the beginning of the harvest!

And ye shall count unto you from the morrow after the Sabbath, from the day that ye brought the sheaf of the wave offering; **seven sabbaths shall be complete:** Even unto the **morrow after the seventh sabbath** shall ye number fifty days Leviticus 23:15,16

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+ 1

= 50



THE MAIN JEWISH FEASTS

Deuteronomy 16:16

¹⁶ “Three times a year all your males shall appear before the LORD your God at the place that he will choose: at the **Feast of Unleavened Bread**, at the **Feast of Weeks**, and at the **Feast of Booths**. They shall not appear before the LORD empty-handed.

- **Passover** (early spring) celebrated deliverance.
- **Pentecost** (50 days later) celebrated first fruits.
- **Tabernacles / Sukkot** (late summer) celebrated end of harvest.

PROPHETIC FEASTS

Feast	O.T.	Jesus	Church
➤ Passover	Deliverance from Egypt	Crucifixion	Salvation
➤ Pentecost	Beginning of harvest	Resurrection	Spirit Filled
➤ Tabernacle	End of harvest	Second Coming	Return of Christ

THE NEXT SUDDENLY...

Mark 13:32-37

³² No one knows the day or the time. The angels in heaven don't know, and the Son himself doesn't know. Only the Father knows. ³³ So watch out and be ready! You don't know when the time will come. ³⁴ It is like what happens when a man goes away for a while and places his servants in charge of everything. He tells each of them what to do, and he orders the guard to keep alert. ³⁵ So be alert! You don't know when the master of the house will come back. It could be in the evening or at midnight or before dawn or in the morning. ³⁶ But if he comes suddenly, don't let him find you asleep. ³⁷ I tell everyone just what I have told you. Be alert!

“FILL US, LORD!”



but be filled with the Spirit
—Ephesians 5:18