

What actually happened at Pentecost 31 C.E.?

[CAVEAT: Everything between the pink brackets that is written in bold, ten-point, italic fonts are not to be taken as part of the scriptures. They are only my attempt to help the readers understand the scripture better. T.A.H.]

Contrary to what some people are taught, there were not 120 men, women, and children speaking in tongues all at the same time, nor were the Apostles or anyone else disgracefully staggering and stumbling around in an upper room, (or anywhere else) as if they were drunk on that Day of Pentecost! If they had been, there would not have been almost 3,000 souls added to the Assembly that day!

The proper context of Acts chapter one and two

In the first chapter of the book of Acts of the Apostles, Luke starts out by informing Theophilus that he had already written him concerning the things that **Yahshua** had done and taught. Luke then proceeds to tell him what he knew about **Yahshua's Apostles** from the time **Yahshua** made **His** ascension 10 days before Pentecost.

Acts 1 (1) The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that **Yahshua** began both to do and teach, (2) Until the day in which **He** was taken up, after that **He** through the Holy Spirit had given **Commandments** unto **the Apostles** whom **He** had chosen: (3) To whom also **He** showed **Himself** alive after **His** passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them [*Note: the Apostles*] forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the **Kingdom of Yahweh**:

The commandment to the Apostles mentioned above is: “that the remission of sins should be preached in **His** name to all nations beginning from Jerusalem.” (See Luke 24:47).

Continuing: the **Apostles** were told to wait in Jerusalem.

Acts 1 (4) And, [*Yahshua*] being assembled together with *them*, commanded them that they [*the Apostles*] should not depart from Jerusalem, **but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith He, ye have heard of Me.** (5) **For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the *Holy Spirit not many days hence.**

*The Holy Spirit is **Yahweh's** divine characteristics, attributes, or His very essence. {**Yahweh's** essence is the intrinsic (essential nature) or indispensable properties that serve to characterize or identify Him. His essence (characteristics or attributes) is surely sevenfold.} Those basic seven (**Yahweh's** number denoting completeness) characteristics or attributes are: **His** Wisdom, **His** Understanding, **His** Counsel, **His** Might, **His** Knowledge, **His** Reverence, and **His** Righteousness. (I have written an article titled “**Yahweh's** Holy Spirit” proving what His spirit is.)

Skipping down to verse 8: **Yahshua** commission the **Apostles** as **His** witnesses.

Acts 1 (8) **But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.**

After **Yahshua's** ascension, the **Apostles** returned to Jerusalem and stayed in an upper room.

Acts 1 (13) And when they [*the Apostles*] were come in, they went up into an upper room, where **abode** both **Peter, and James, and John, and Andrew, Philip, and Thomas, Bartholomew, and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon Zelotes, and Judas the brother of James.**

During these days, the Apostles continued steadfastly in prayer with the women, and Miriam the mother of

Yahshua, and all the Brethren which numbered about 120.

Acts 1 (14) These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of **Yahshua**, and with **His** Brethren.

Where, according to the Scriptures, did they continue steadfastly in prayer with one accord? The answer to that is found in Luke 24:51-53 and Acts 2:43-47.

Luke 24 (51) And it came to pass, while **He** [*Yahshua*] blessed them [*the Apostles*], **He** was parted from them, and carried up into Heaven. (52) And they worshipped **Him**, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy: (53) And **were continually in the TEMPLE**, praising and blessing **Yahweh**. Amen.

Acts 2 (43) And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the **Apostles**. (44) And all that believed were together, and had all things common; (45) And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all *men*, as every man had need. (46) And they, **continuing steadfastly with one accord in the TEMPLE**, and breaking bread [*Note: Easterners have always called eating a meal “breaking bread”*] from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, (47) Praising **Yahweh**, and having favour with all the people. And **Yahweh** added to the Assembly daily such as should be saved.

Verses 15-26 tells of the choosing of Matthias to replace Judas. Verse 26 tells us that Matthias became the twelfth of the **Apostles**. Again, the **acts of the Apostles** is the subject that Luke is writing about.

Acts 1 (15) And in those days [*Note: the 10 days between Yahshua's ascension and Pentecost*] Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples, and said, (the number of names together were about a hundred and twenty,). ... (26) And they gave forth their lots; and the lot fell upon Matthias; and he was numbered with **the eleven Apostles**.

Acts 2:1 **continues** from 1:26 about the **same subject**, the **acts of the Apostles**. “**They**” in acts two **refers to the Apostles** and **NOT** to the 120 men, women and children as many people falsely believe.

Acts 2 (I) And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they [*the Apostles*] were all with one accord in one place.

As the above scripture declares, they were in one accord in one place. Were they there in a “tarry meeting” praying down the Holy Spirit as is commonly taught? Absolutely not! They were in the temple, where **Yahweh placed His name, keeping the Feast of Weeks** as a great many devout men from every nation under Heaven came to Jerusalem to do as long as the Temple was still standing.

Deuteronomy 16 (9) Seven weeks shalt thou number unto thee: begin to number the seven weeks from *such time as thou beginnest to put* the sickle to the corn. (10) And thou shalt keep the **Feast of Weeks** unto **Yahweh** thy **Elohim** with a tribute of a freewill offering of thine hand, which thou shalt give *unto Yahweh thy Elohim*, according as **Yahweh thy Elohim** hath blessed thee: (11) And thou shalt rejoice before **Yahweh thy Elohim**, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, and thy manservant, and thy maidservant, and the Levite that *is* within thy gates, and the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, that *are* among you, in the place which **Yahweh thy Elohim hath chosen to place His name** there.

The **Feast of Weeks** is also called the **Feast of Harvest, the first-fruits of your labors**, and it is called **Pentecost** in the New Testament. This festival was one of the three festivals that was a pilgrimage festival.

Exodus 23 (14) Three times you shall keep a **FEAST** [*PILGRIMAGE FESTIVAL-H2287-chagag*] to **ME** in the year. (15) The **Feast** [*festival-H2282-chag*] of **Unleavened Bread** shall you keep: seven days you shall eat **unleavened bread**, as I commanded you, at the time appointed in the month Abib (for in it you came out from

Egypt); and none shall appear before ME empty: (16) and the **Feast** [*festival-H2282-chag*] of **Harvest, the first-fruits of your labors**, which you sow in the field: and the **Feast** [*festival-H2282-chag*] of **Ingathering**, at the end of the [*agriculture*] year, when you gather in your labors out of the field.

The great many devout men from every nation under Heaven who continued to come to Jerusalem for **Yahweh's** annual holy days as long as the Temple was still standing **also included the believing Gentiles**. As proof of this, it was three and one half decades after **Yahshua's** death that James the brother of **Yahshua** was killed in the Temple area at the Passover festival held at Jerusalem. The Gentile members of the New Covenant Congregation were also there to observe the Passover season (the Days of Unleavened Bread). Most people have been falsely taught that the Gentile believers in **Yahshua** were separated from the so-called Jewish Feast Days that **Yahweh** ordained for **His** people (**His** people also includes the believing Gentiles). Proof that the Gentile Believers in **Yahshua** did come together on **Yahweh's** Feast Days in the Temple is found in Eusebius Pamphili Ecclesiastical History, book two, chapter 23, page 127. In his account of James's death, Eusebius (a fourth century historian) makes the following statement.

{So, stand upon the turret of the Temple that you (James) may be visible on high & your words may be easily heard by all the people, for because of the Passover all the tribes, with the Gentiles also, have come together.}

Continuing: Acts 2 (2) And suddenly there came a sound from Heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the ****house** where they [*the Apostles*] were sitting. (3) And there appeared unto them cloven **tongues like as of fire**, and it sat upon each of them.

****HOUSE:** From Josephus Wars of the Jews (book 5, chapter 5) in his description of the Temple: Now, about the sides of the lower part of the temple, there were little **houses**, with passages out of one into another; there were a great many of them, and they were of three stories high; there were also entrances on each side into them from the gate of the temple. But the superior part of the temple had no such little houses any further, because the temple was there narrower, & forty cubits higher, and of a smaller body than the lower parts of it.

It is most interesting to compare the appearance of Tongues as of by **fire** and the **sound** of a mighty rushing wind with the **sight** and **sound** of a roaring fire, the trumpets, the **voice** of **Yahweh** and the **Glory (Shekhinah)** of **Yahweh** that usually appeared when **Yahweh** was present in Old Testament times.

It is also interesting that **Yahshua** called the temple “**My Father's House**”.)

John 2 (16) And said unto them that sold doves, **Take these things hence; make not My Father's House a house of merchandise.**

Continuing: Acts 2 (4) And they [*the Apostles*] were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak with other [*different*] *****tongues** [*languages*], as the Spirit gave them utterance. (5) And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under Heaven. (6) Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together [*Note: inside the Temple area*], and were confounded [*i.e. perplexed*], because that every man heard them [*the Apostles*] speak in his own language. (7) And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak **Galilaeans**?

******* To understand the truth concerning the gift of speaking in tongues, write for the article “Tongues within the New Covenant Assembly.”

It is falsely believed that **Yahweh** made each of the thousands of people present hear what everyone who was speaking in different languages were saying all at the same time. As an example, some people believe that when Peter was giving his speech that all the thousands of people heard what he was saying in the language

that was spoken in the land where they were born. If that were true they would have all received the spiritual gift of the interpretations of tongues and it would not have been necessary to speak in different languages (plural). However, the spiritual gift that was used there that day was the gift of speaking in different languages (plural) in order to be heard by each of the thousands present.

Acts 2 (8) And how hear we every man [*Note: of us-NOT of the Apostles*] in our own tongue, wherein we were born? (9) Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judaea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia, (10) Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes, (11) Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them [*the Apostles*] speak in our tongues the wonderful works of **Yahweh**.

It is obvious that the twelve Apostles who were spoken of as the “Galileans” spoke inside the Temple area as the Spirit gave them utterance to different groups, according to each group's language. Though many people incorrectly picture the Temple as one huge building, it was a huge complex of buildings and grounds capable of having several audiences centered near any given spot.

It does seem reasonable that while one of the Apostles was speaking in one language for the Parthians another one would be maybe fifty or sixty feet away speaking to the Medes in their own tongue where they were born. In this manner, several of the Apostles could have been speaking at the same time. If this is what happened it would be natural for one of a particular language to walk over to hear the apostle that was speaking with the gift of speaking in tongues to that particular group. In this orderly manner, the twelve so-called “Galileans” who were speaking all the languages mentioned in verses eight through eleven spoke the wonderful works of **Yahweh** with the result of almost 3,000 souls being saved on that Day of Pentecost.

It should not be too surprising if the recorded speech of Peter to those who were **dwelling at Jerusalem** was made in Aramaic or Hebrew. Surely a great many of the devout men from every nation under Heaven who were present spoke Aramaic as well as retained their original Hebrew that they spoke before the dispersion and spoke the language of the country where they were born. That is how Peter gave so many people at the same time the explanation of what was going on. With that in mind, one can see where these two different classes of people fit into what is being said about them. There were those who were amazed and wondered why and how this was happening. There were also those who **mocked or scorned** the Apostles because they did not believe what was being said to them.

Acts 2 (12) And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this? (13) Others mocking [*scorning*] said, These men [*the Apostles*] are full of new wine. (14) But Peter, standing up with the eleven [*the Apostles*], lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye **that dwell at Jerusalem**, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words: (15) For these [*the Apostles*] are not drunken, as ye **** suppose (assume--feign), seeing it is *but* the third hour of the day.

**** It should be pointed out that the word #5274 (in Thayer's Greek English Lexicon of the New Testament) can be translated either “assume” or “suppose.” In this particular scripture, word #5274 should have been translated “Assume,” instead of “suppose.” “Assume” in the American Heritage Dictionary meaning #5 is to “feign.” The word “feign” means: 1 (a) To give false appearance of; pretend; to sham; (b) To represent falsely; pretend to: 2 to invent; make up; fabricate: to pretend.

Neither the Apostles, nor the Apostles with the 120 men, women, and children were babbling what the people thought was gibberish and staggering and stumbling around with so much Holy Spirit and power that they appeared drunk as is commonly taught!!! **It was out of scorn that the mockers accused the Apostles of being drunk** as though the Apostles had **impairment of their mental faculties**. Most of us have probably

heard a person say to us, “you must be drunk,” in response to being told something that that person did not believe. This was the same response that the **mockers** and **scorners** gave because they did not believe the gospel (the good news of **Yahshua** our salvation).

Continuing: Acts 2 (16) But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel [\[Joel 2:28\]](#); (17) And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith **Yahweh**, I will pour out of **My** Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: (18) And on **My** servants and on **My** handmaidens I will pour out in those days of **My** Spirit; & they shall prophesy:

This prophesy could only begin to be fulfilled at this time for the same reason that **Yahshua** told the Apostles that **He** must go away first before the Comforter (Holy Spirit) could come. **Yahshua** had to be **glorified** first.

John. 7 (37) In the last day, that great *day* of the Feast [\[Note: the day following the seven day festival of Sukkoth \(Tabernacles\)\]](#), **Yahshua** stood and cried, saying, **If any man thirst, let him come unto Me, and drink.** (38) **He** that believeth on **Me**, as the scripture hath said, **out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.** (39) (But this spake **He** of the **[Holy]** Spirit, which they that believe on **Him** should receive: for the Holy Spirit was not yet *given*; because that **Yahshua** **was not yet *****glorified.**)

[See ***at the end of article.]**

Before that time, was there any reason to expect **Yahweh** to pour out **His** Spirit in mankind's sinful bodies? **Yahshua** had not yet paid for mankind's sins with **His** own blood that **He** shed on the stock of a tree. **He** had not yet taken **His** own blood to the Heavenly Sanctuary to **Yahweh** to atone for mankind's cleansing. (This was portrayed by the high priest once a year taking the blood of the sacrifice into the most holy place in the Tabernacle on the Day of Atonement.) After **Yahshua** cleansed mankind from his sins with His own blood, their bodies became **a temple of the Holy Spirit.**

I Corinthians 6 (19) What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit *which is* in you, which ye have of **Yahweh**, and ye are not your own?

Those who believed in the remission of sin through **Yahshua** the **Messiah** asked Peter and the other eleven Apostles what they should do.

Acts 2 (36) Therefore let all the House of Israel know assuredly, that **Yahweh** hath made that same **Yahshua**, **Whom** ye have crucified, both **Sovereign** and **Messiah**. (37) Now when they heard *this*, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, **Men and brethren, what shall we do?** (37) Now when they heard *this*, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the **rest of the Apostles** [\[Note: not to the 120\]](#), **Men and brethren, what shall we do?** (38) Then Peter said unto them, **Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of **Yahshua Messiah** for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.** (39) For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, *even* as many as **Yahweh** our **Elohim** shall call.

To receive **Yahweh's** Holy Spirit we must repent and be baptized every one of us in the name of **Yahshua** the **Messiah** to the remission of our sins.

Repent means to change and turn back from our ways to **Yahweh's** ways.

To Baptize in the name of **Yahshua** means to immerse both by **His** name and by **his** authority. When we use **Yahshua's** name we are also using **Yahweh's** name. (The name **Yahshua** means **Yahweh saves** or **Yahweh's Salvation**. “**Yah**” is the contraction of **Yahweh**.) When we invoke the names and the authority of **Yahweh** and **Yahshua** we are also invoking their Holy Spirit which is a vital part of **their** being.

When we go through the symbolism of baptism we are publicly confessing that **Yahshua** died for our sins and we are symbolically joining Him in His death, burial, resurrection and way of life. When we go down into the water we are symbolically being cleansed of our sins. When we come up out of the water, we are symbolically rising with **Yahshua** in His resurrection from the dead. Also, as we come up out of that watery grave we are also committing ourselves to the newness of life with a cleansed body not ruled by our own sinful wills, but by the will of **Yahweh**. That is the reason that **Yahshua** baptizes us with **Yahweh's** Holy Spirit. Being immersed in **His** Spirit (**His** Wisdom, **His** Understanding, **His** Counsel, **His** Might, **His** Knowledge, **His** Reverence, and **His** Righteousness) helps us to live according to **Yahweh's** will! Hallelu**Yah**!

It is urged that each one of you who have not been baptized for the remission of sins in the name of **Yahshua** our **Messiah** to do so as soon as possible. Shalom!

*****Before **Yahshua's** death **He** said the following:

John 17 (1) These words spake **Yahshua**, and lifted up **His** eyes to Heaven, and said, **Father**, the hour is come; glorify **Thy Son**, that **Thy Son** also may glorify **Thee**: (2) As thou hast given **Him** power over all flesh, that **He** should give **eternal Life** to as many as **Thou** hast given **Him**. (3) And this is life eternal, that they might know **Thee** the only true **Elohim**, and **Yahshua Messiah**, **Whom Thou** hast sent. (4) I have glorified **Thee** on the earth: I have finished the work which **Thou** gavest **Me** to do. (5) And now, O **Father**, glorify **Thou Me** with **Thine Own Self** with the glory which **I** had with **Thee** before the world was.

At the same time that **Yahshua** was glorified, **He** fulfilled the **wave sheaf offering** by ascending and being accepted as the **first Sheaf of the First fruits**.

Leviticus 23 (9) And **Yahweh** spake unto Moses, saying, (10) Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye be come into the land which **I** give unto you, and shall reap the harvest thereof, then ye shall bring a sheaf of the Firstfruits of your harvest unto the priest: (11) And he shall wave the sheaf before **Yahweh**, to be accepted for you: on the morrow after the **Sabbath** the priest shall wave it. ... (15) 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: (16) Even unto the morrow after the seventh **Sabbath** shall ye number fifty days; and ye shall offer a new meat offering [*Note: that is on the Day of Pentecost*] unto **Yahweh**.

He was the fulfillment of the **sheaf offering** just after **He** spoke with Mary when she came to **His** empty grave on the first day of the week during the Days of Unleavened Bread.

John 20 (17) **Yahshua** saith unto her, **Touch Me not; for I am not yet ascended to My Father: but go to My brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto My Father, and your Father; and to My Elohim, and your Elohim.**

The apostle Paul also tells us that **Yahshua** was the Firstfruits of the Resurrection to **Eternal Life**.

I Corinthians 15 (20) But now is **Messiah** risen from the dead, *and* become the **Firstfruits** of them that slept. (21) For since by man *came* death, by man *came* also the resurrection of the dead. (22) For as in Adam all die, even so in **Messiah** shall all be made alive. (23) But every man in his own order: **Messiah** the **Firstfruits**; afterward they that are **Messiah's** at **His** coming. (24) Then *cometh* the end, when **He** shall have delivered up the Kingdom to **Yahweh**, even the **Father**; when **He** shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. (25) For **He** must reign, till **He** hath put all enemies under **His** feet. (26) The last enemy *that* shall be destroyed is death.

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