The Day of Pentecost
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AD 33 Timeline

- Passover (Friday) – Crucifixion and burial
- **40 hours** in sheol – Preaching to those who never heard
- Sunday after Passover – Resurrection
- **40 days** of appearing to his followers
- Ascension – 40 days after Passover and 10 days before Pentecost
- Pentecost (Saturday) – Holy Spirit arrives

Promise of the Holy Spirit

On one occasion [before the ascension], while he was eating with them [disciples], he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for **the gift** my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about [John 14:16–17]. For John [the Baptist] baptized with water, but in a few days [implies proximity to the ascension] **you will be baptized** with the Holy Spirit." Acts 1:4–5

"You have heard me speak about"

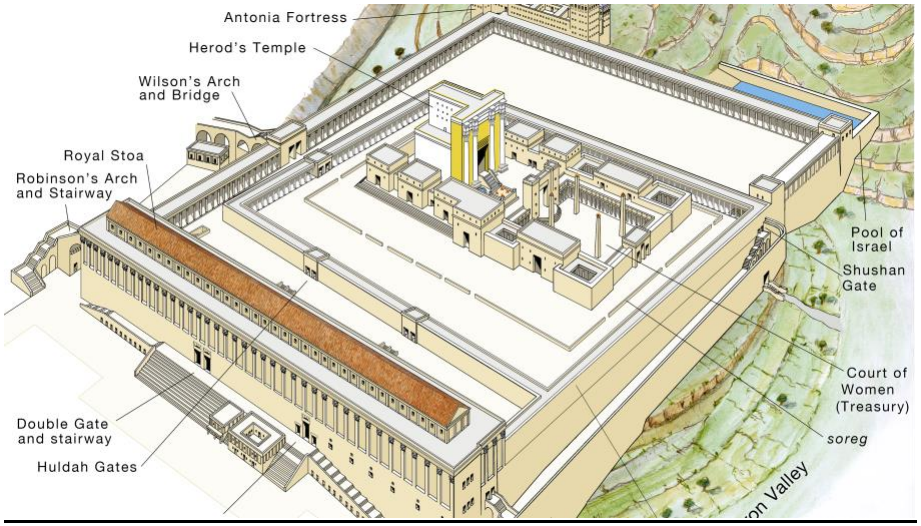
I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for **he lives with you and will be in you.** John 14:16–17

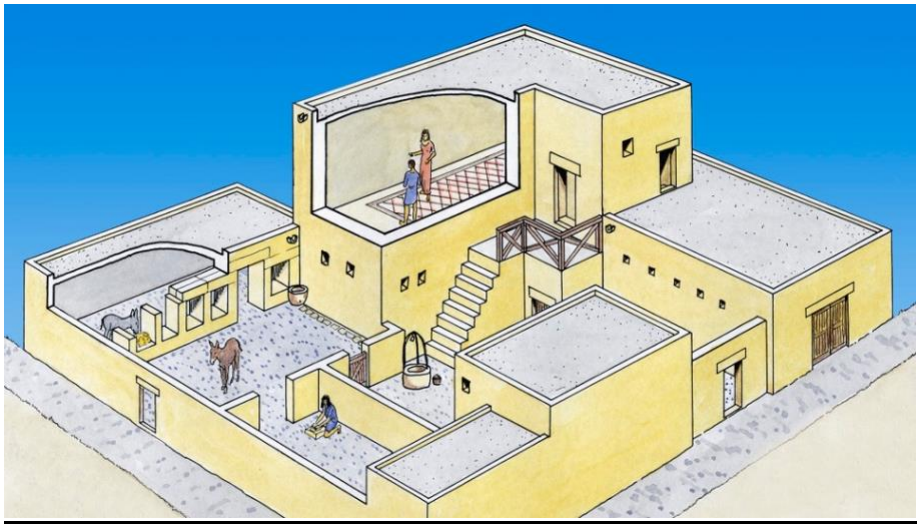
Holy Spirit's Ministry In The Old Testament

Genesis	1:2	Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters.
Exodus	31:3	Spirit of God filled a craftsman with wisdom, understanding, & knowledge.
Numbers	11:16-26	Seventy prophesy when the Spirit was put on them.
	24:1-6	Spirit comes on Balaam and he gives a prophet's blessing.
	27:18	Spirit was on Joshua who will replace Moses.
Judges	3:9-10	Spirit of the LORD comes upon Othniel.
	6:34	Spirit of the LORD "clothed" Gideon.
	11:29	Spirit of the LORD caused Jephthah to pass through Gilead and Manasseh.
	13:25	Spirit of the LORD began to stir in Samson.
	14:6	Spirit of the LORD enables Samson to tear apart a lion.
	14:19	Spirit of the LORD helped Samson kill thirty men.
	15:14	Spirit of the LORD came upon Samson so that the ropes dropped off.
1 Samuel	10:6-10	Spirit of the LORD came upon Saul mightily, and he prophesied.
	11:6	Spirit of the LORD came upon Saul mightily.
	16:13-14	Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David and departed from Saul.
	19:20-23	Spirit of God came upon the messengers of Saul, and they also prophesied.
Isaiah	59:21	Spirit was upon the prophet Isaiah.
Ezekiel	2:2	Holy Spirit entered Ezekiel.
	3:24	Holy Spirit entered Ezekiel again.
Daniel	5:11	The Chaldeans described the Holy Spirit as a "spirit of the holy gods."
1 Chronicles	12:18	Spirit of the Lord came upon Amasai and he spoke.
2 Chronicles	20:14	Spirit of the Lord came upon Jahaziel and he spoke.

Promise Fulfilled

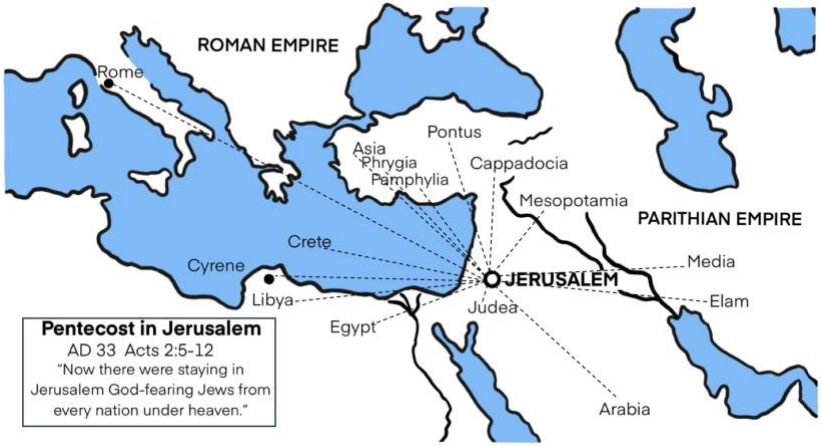
When the day of Pentecost [Harvest festival] came, they [120 believers] were all together **in one place.** Suddenly a sound [first they heard] like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled **the whole house** where they were sitting. They saw [second they saw] what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak [third they spoke] in other tongues [reversing the Babel effect] as the Spirit enabled them. Acts 2:1–4





Promise Perplexes

Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard his or her own language being spoken. **Utterly amazed,** they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans? [Hillbillies] Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!” **Amazed and perplexed,** they asked one another, “What does this mean?” [Good question] Acts 2:5–12



Promise Intoxicates

Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.” Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you [Rom 10:14]; listen carefully to what I say. These people are not drunk, as you suppose. **It’s only nine in the morning!** [Dionysus effect] Acts 2:13–15



“It’s only nine in the morning!”

- The morning sacrifice and prayers are offered at 9:00 AM.
- Jesus was nailed to the cross at 9:00 AM.

The Promise Prophesied

No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel [2:28–32]:

In the last days [of the Jewish era], God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your **sons** and **daughters** will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Even on my **servants,** both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. Acts 2:16–21

Celestial Phenomena

At noon on April 3, AD 33 Jerusalem turned dark for three hours (Mark 15:33), probably from a sandstorm. At dusk, a lunar eclipse appeared. Three hours earlier, Jesus died a vicarious death by crucifixion. His burial in a nearby tomb quickly followed. Shortly after the stone rolled in place to seal the tomb, the lunar eclipse became visible. It was likely a blood moon. Fifty days later, on the Day of Pentecost, Peter quoted (Acts 2:16–21) Joel 2:28–32 and declared that it had been fulfilled.

Promise Extended

When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.” Acts 2:37–39