

## The Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost

**2** On the day Pentecost was being fulfilled,<sup>[a]</sup> all the disciples were gathered in one place. **2** Suddenly they heard the sound of a violent blast of wind<sup>[b]</sup> rushing into the house<sup>[c]</sup> from out of the heavenly realm. The roar of the wind was so overpowering it was all anyone could bear! **3** *Then all at once a pillar of fire appeared before their eyes.*<sup>[d]</sup> It separated into tongues of fire that engulfed<sup>[e]</sup> each one of them. **4** They were all filled and equipped<sup>[f]</sup> with the Holy Spirit and were inspired<sup>[g]</sup> to speak in tongues—empowered by the Spirit to speak in languages they had never learned!

**5** Now, at that time there were Jewish worshipers<sup>[h]</sup> who had emigrated from many different lands to live in Jerusalem. **6** When the people<sup>[i]</sup> of the city heard the roaring sound, crowds came running to where it was coming from, stunned over what was happening, because each one could hear the disciples speaking in his or her own language. **7** Bewildered, they said to one another, “Aren’t these all Galileans?<sup>[j]</sup> **8** So how is it that we hear them speaking in our own languages? **9** We are northeastern Iranians,<sup>[k]</sup> northwestern Iranians,<sup>[l]</sup> Elamites,<sup>[m]</sup> and those from Mesopotamia,<sup>[n]</sup> Judea, east central Turkey,<sup>[o]</sup> the coastal areas of the Black Sea,<sup>[p]</sup> Asia,<sup>[q]</sup> **10** north central Turkey,<sup>[r]</sup> southern Turkey, Egypt, Libyans who are neighbors of Cyrene, visitors from all over the Roman Empire, both Jews and converts to Judaism, Cretans and Arabs. **11** Yet we hear them speaking of God’s mighty wonders in our own dialects!”<sup>[s]</sup> **12** They all stood there, dumbfounded and astonished, saying to one another, “What is this phenomenon?”<sup>[t]</sup>

**13** But others poked fun at them and said, “They’re just drunk on new wine.”