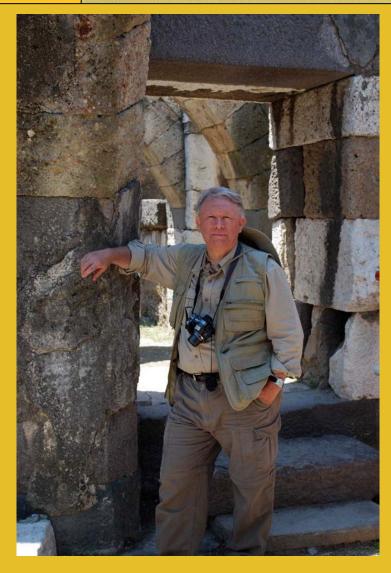
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Archaeology & the Day of Pentecost
(Exposition of Acts 2:1-42)

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#### **Before Passion Week**

#### John 14:26

26 But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things, and will remind you of all that I said to you.

#### John 16:7-11

7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth: It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I don't go away, the Counselor won't come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. 8 When he has come, he will convict the world about sin, about righteousness, and about judgment; 9 about sin, because they don't believe in me; 10 about righteousness, because I am going to my Father, and you won't see me any more; 11 about judgment, because the prince of this world has been judged.

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# Matthew 28:16-20 The Great Commission (unsure which mountain), but during the 40 days after resurrection.

16 But the eleven disciples went into Galilee, to the mountain [unsure which] where Jesus had sent them. 17 When they saw him, they bowed down to him; but some doubted.

18 Jesus came to them and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth.

**19** After *leaving* (participle) **make disciples** (**imperative verb**) of all nations (Gentiles), (by) *baptizing* (participle) them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **20** (by) *teaching* (participle) them to observe all things that I commanded you. Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

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#### **Acts 1:1-8 The Ascension (probably Mt. of Olives)**

4 Being assembled together with them, he commanded them, "Don't depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which you heard from me. 5 For John indeed baptized in water, but you will be baptized in the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

**6** Therefore, when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, are you now restoring the kingdom to Israel?"

7 He said to them, "It isn't for you to know times or seasons which the Father has set within his own authority. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you. You will be witnesses to me in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the uttermost parts of the earth."

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#### **Importance of Acts 2**

They had been coming each day to the Temple Mount according to Christ's instructions at His ascension but the 50<sup>th</sup> day (Pentecost) was the culmination.

Where were the apostles each day after the ascension? Some have said the upper room, but probably this does satisfy the text that they were in the temple daily praising God.

Where were the apostles when the Holy Spirit came upon them. Almost certain they were in the temple where a very large crowd could gather.

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#### **Inside Traditional Upper Room**



**Outside Traditional Upper Room** 

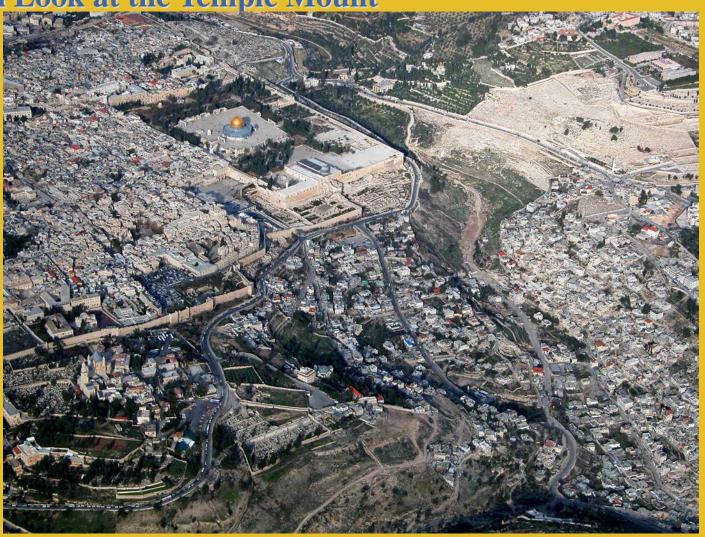
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# **Aerial Look at the Temple Mount**



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#### The Day of Pentecost and the Diaspora

The Day of Pentecost occurred on the 50<sup>th</sup> day after the Passover, the name Pentecost meaning 50 (e.g., Acts 2:1; 20:16; 1 Cor 16:8).

Jesus told His disciples, after having been with them 40 days after the resurrection, after which He ascended into heaven, and promised to send the Holy Spirit (John 14, 16; Acts 1:1-8). He instructed them to go into Jerusalem and wait for the coming of the Holy Spirit. This became the official beginning of the church, promised by Christ in Matthew 16.

The disciples went each day to the Jewish feast, apparently spending time in the Portico of Solomon on the Temple Mount until the Spirit descended on them.

- 1. The Holy Spirit sounded out His arrival (rushing mighty wind)
- 2. The Spirit signaled His baptism by tongues of fire on each apostle.
- 3. The Spirit spoke in the languages of the world.

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#### Acts 2:1-4

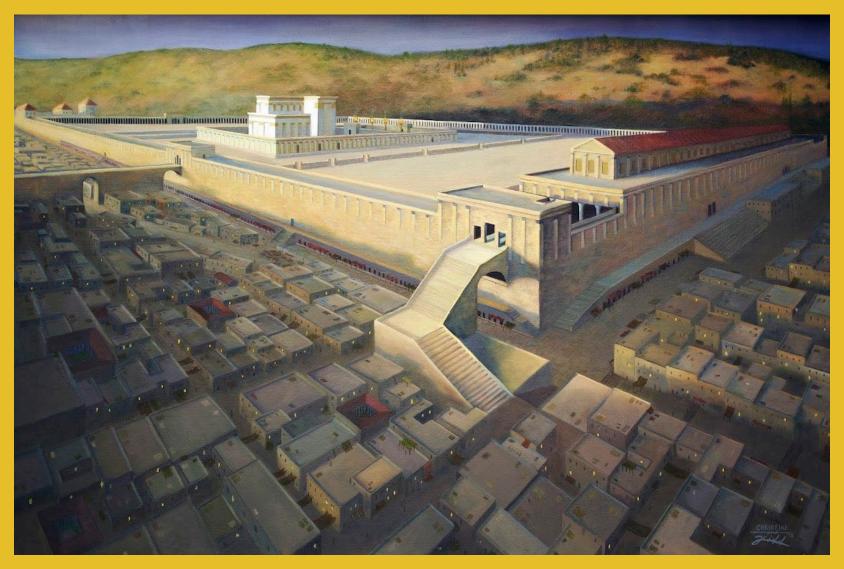
1 Now when the day of Pentecost had come, they were all with one accord in one place. 2 Suddenly there came from the sky a sound like the rushing of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house [temple building] where they were sitting. 3 Tongues like fire appeared and were distributed to them, and one sat on each of them. 4 They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other languages, as the Spirit gave them the ability to speak.

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### **Southwestern Wall of Temple Mount**



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#### Al-Aqsa Mosque, Where Solomon's Portico Once Stood



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#### Acts 2:5-13

5 Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under the sky. 6 When this sound was heard, the multitude came together and were bewildered, because everyone heard them speaking in his own language. 7 They were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, "Behold, aren't all these who speak Galileans? 8 How do we hear, everyone in our own native language? 9 Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and people from Mesopotamia, Judea, Cappadocia, Pontus, Asia, 10 Phrygia, Pamphylia, Egypt, the parts of Libya around Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, 11 Cretans and Arabians—we hear them speaking in our languages the mighty works of God!" 12 They were all amazed and were perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" 13 Others [ἔτεροι, of a different kind], mocking, said, "They are filled with new wine."

#### Acts 2:14

14 But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice and spoke out to them, "You men of Judea and all you who dwell at Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to my words.

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#### Acts 2:5-13

14 But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice and spoke out to them, "You men of Judea and all you who dwell [reside] at Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to my words. 15 For these aren't drunken, as you suppose, seeing it is only the third hour of the day.

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#### Acts 2:38-42

**38** Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for  $[\epsilon i \zeta, *]$  the forgiveness of sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. **39** For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are far off, even as many as the Lord our God will call to himself." **40**With many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation!"

**41**Then those who gladly received his word were baptized. There were added that day about three thousand souls. **42**They continued steadfastly in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and prayer.

- \*in order to receive forgiveness of sins [differs with other NT teaching]
- \*because of the reception of forgiveness of sins repent and be baptized because one's sins have been forgiven]
- \*in view of the forgiveness of sins \*\*\* [repent and be baptized in view of God's forgiveness]

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#### Mikva at Southern Wall of Temple Mount





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#### Mikva'ot at Southern Wall of Temple Mount



It was once thought that there was insufficient water and means for baptism of 3,000 persons on Day of Pentecost. However, over 30 mikva'ot have been found south of the southern wall of the Temple mount.

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Those Dwelling at Jerusalem (not the Judeans of Jerusalem), who represented the nations of the earth.

#### Acts 2:8-12

Now there were dwelling (Greek word does not specific length of time) in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under the sky.

Jews from every nation: Parthians, Medes, Elamites, Mesopotamia, Cappadocia, Pontus, Asia, Phrygia, Pamphylia, Egypt, parts of Libya around Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes[\*], **11** Cretans and Arabians—we hear them speaking in our languages the mighty works of God!"

**Judeans** 

\*Ethiopian eunuch and the evangelist Philip

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The Land of the Diaspora



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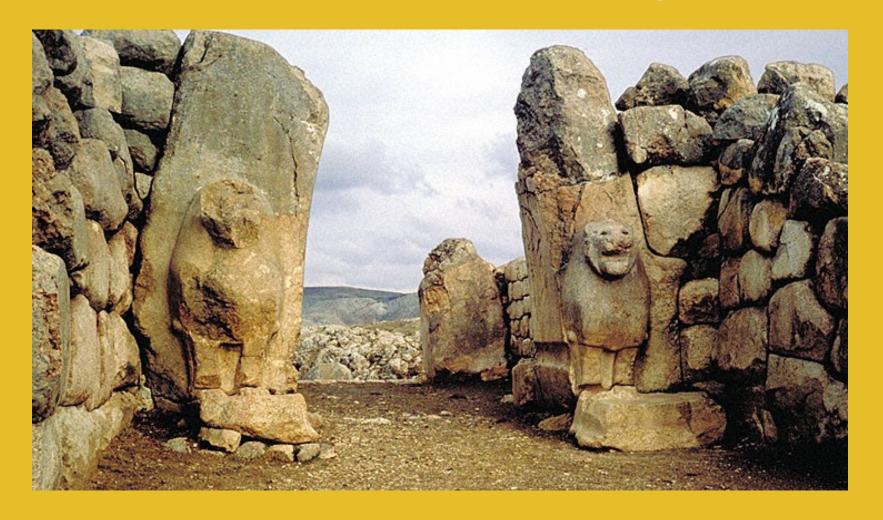
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#### The Hittite (Anatolia) Museum (Ankara, Turkey)



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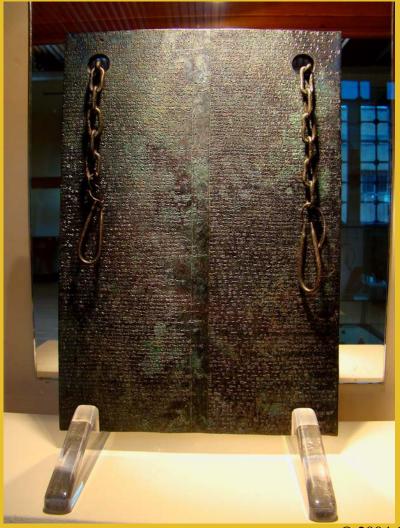
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#### The 13 gods at Yazlikaya, Hattusa



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# Roman Provinces in Asia Minor



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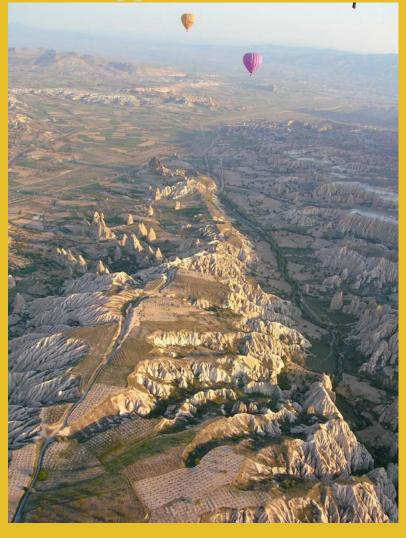
#### Cappadocia



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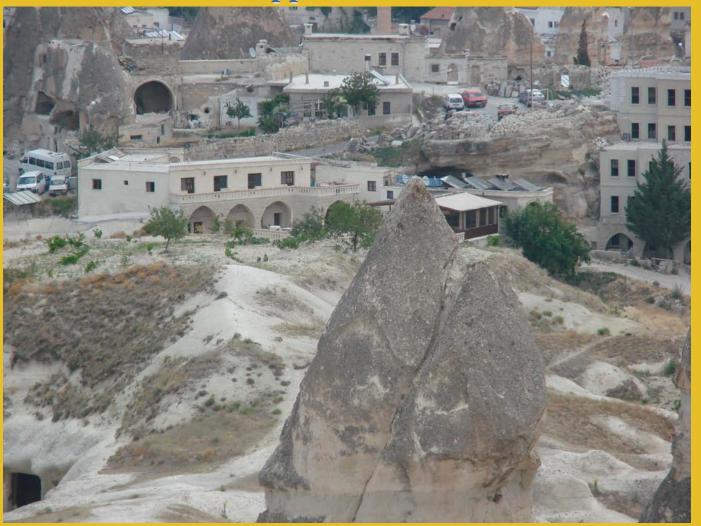


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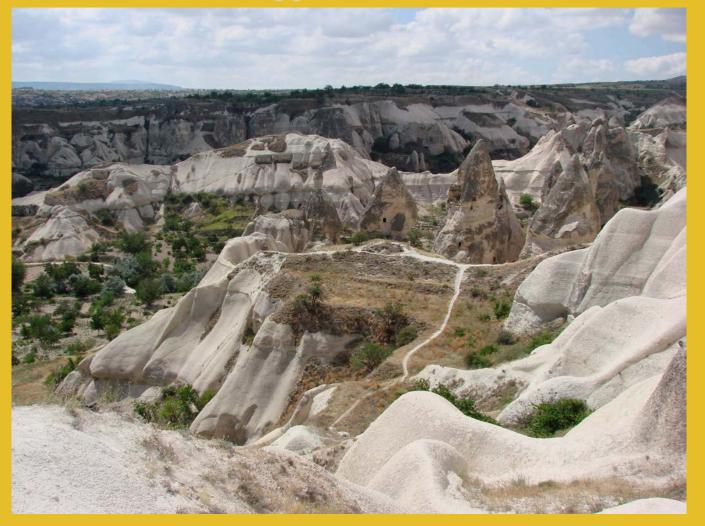
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# **Buildings (sometimes called Fairy Chimneys or Tent Rocks) in Cappadocia**



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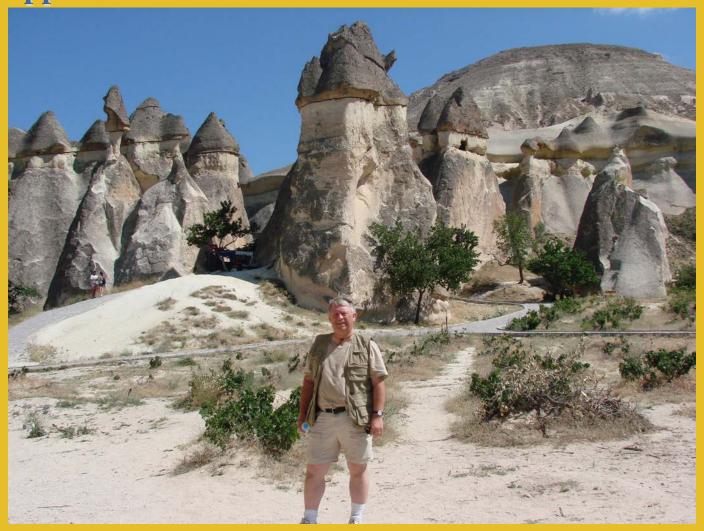
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Me in Cappadocia



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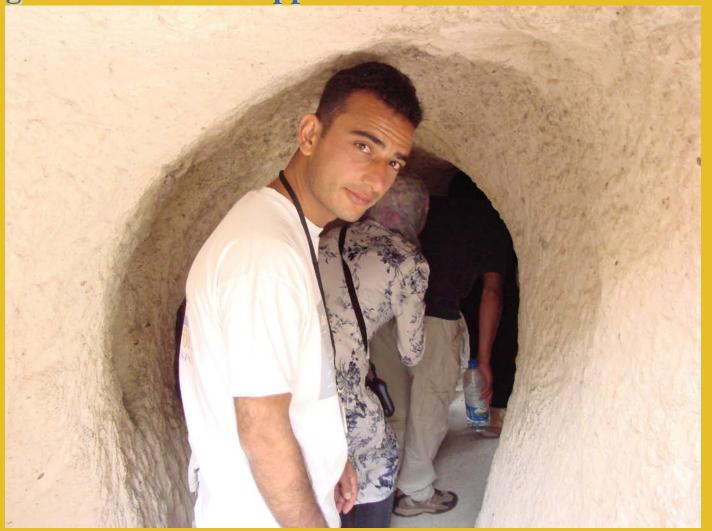
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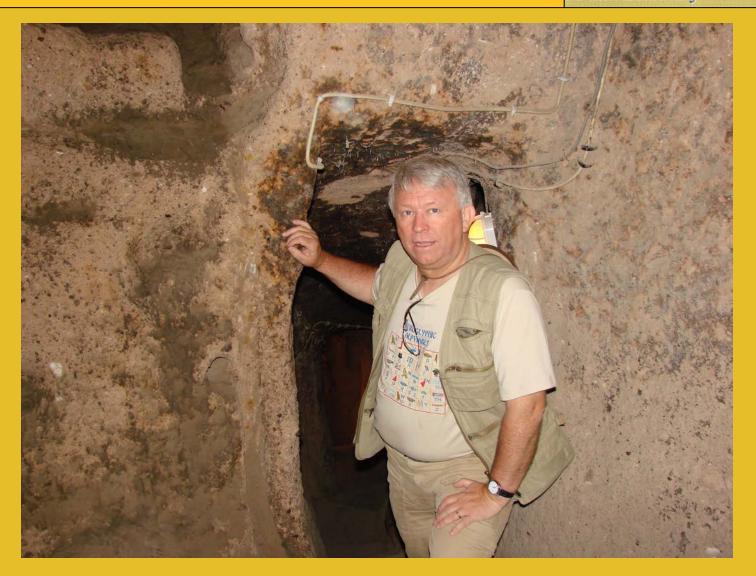
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