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4. **The purposes of the two kinds of “tongues” is different - evangelistic vs edification**



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- This also affirms that the languages spoken by the disciples were languages not known to them and only through the presence of the Holy Spirit were they able to speak



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PENTECOST AND THE JEWISH DIASPORA

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- City with Jewish population
- ▲ Mountain peak
- ELAM Province mentioned in Acts 2
- LYCIA Other provinces
- Roman Empire





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The ability of people to deceive themselves into not believing what they know to be truth is both amazing and horrifying.



Application

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3. **Warning for Sign and Proof Seekers**





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