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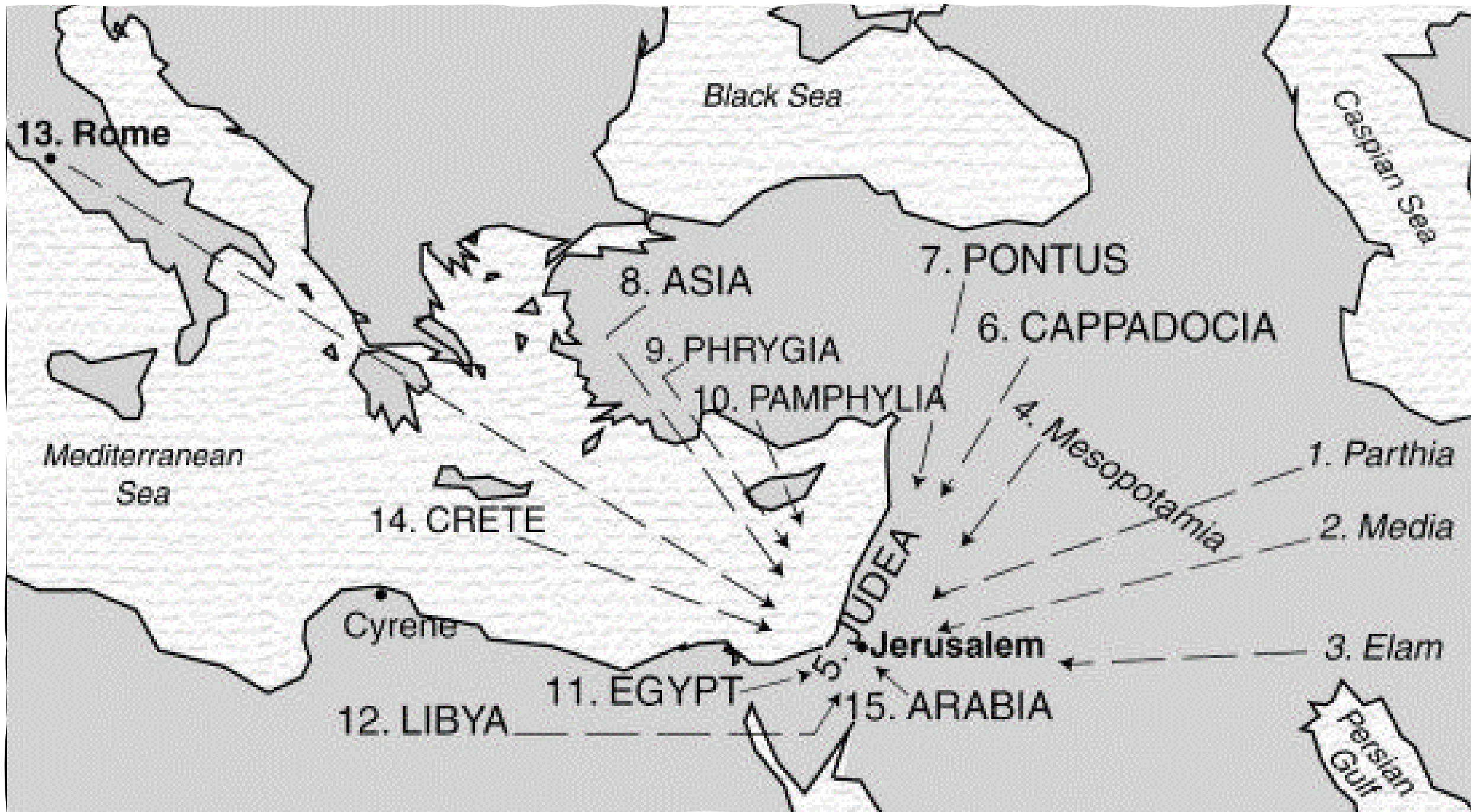
ACTS #4 - THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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Responses to Pentecost

- **Acts 2:5 (NIV) — 5** Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven.



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REACTION: Bewildered Interest

- **Acts 2:6 (NIV) — 6** When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking in his own language.

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REACTION: Utter Amazement

- **Acts 2:7–12 (NIV)** — **7** Utterly amazed, they asked: “Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans? **8** Then how is it that each of us hears them in his own native language? **9** Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, **10** Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome **11** (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!” **12** Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?”

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REACTION: Mocking

- **Acts 2:13 (NIV) — 13** Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.”

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REACTION: Boldness

- **Acts 2:14–21 (NIV) — 14** 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; listen carefully to what I say. **15** These men are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning!

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- **16** No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: **17** “ ‘In the last days, 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. **18** Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. **19** I will show wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. **20** The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. **21** And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’

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REACTION: Unified Support – *They Supported the Testimony of Peter*

- Peter did not stand alone before the crowd. “Then Peter stood up with the Eleven” (Acts 2:14).

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The Pattern of Peter's Preaching

Peter's Methods:

- **Treat Listeners with Respect.**
- **Meet Listeners Where They are**
- **Speak with Authority.**
- **Be Prepared.**
- *Spend time with Jesus*
- *Spend time in God's Word*

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Peter's Message:

- 1. This is What Happened at Pentecost (*Acts 2:16–21*)**
- 2. Why Pentecost Happened (*Acts 2:22–36*)**
- 3. How Pentecost Can Come to Each Person (*Acts 2:37–41*)**

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The Biblical Pattern of a Dynamic Church

- **Acts 2:37–47 (NIV)** — **37** When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” **38** 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. **39** The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.” **40** With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” **41** Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

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42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. **43** Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. **44** All the believers were together and had everything in common. **45** Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. **46** Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, **47** praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

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THE MARK OF: Repentance

THE MARK OF: Baptism

THE MARK OF: Receiving the Gift of the Holy Spirit

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THE MARK OF: Devotion to Doctrine

THE MARK OF: Devotion to Fellowship

THE MARK OF: Devotion to Breaking Bread

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THE MARK OF: Devotion to Prayer

THE MARK OF: Wonders and Miraculous Signs

THE MARK OF: Generosity

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THE MARK OF: Public Gathering for Worship

THE MARK OF: Glad Mealtimes

THE MARK OF: Favor with People

THE MARK OF: Growth

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1. How many different nations does the book of Acts mention were present on the Day of Pentecost?

- 7
- 11
- 15
- 23

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2. On the Day of Pentecost, Peter responded to the growing curiosity of the crowd by

- standing up, raising his voice, and addressing them.
- fleeing.
- debating with them.
- sending them away.

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3. On the Day of Pentecost, the eleven disciples showed unified support by

- cheering Peter on.
- standing up with Peter.
- sitting quietly nearby while Peter preached.
- protecting Peter from the angry crowd.

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4. How many people responded to Peter's message on the Day of Pentecost and were baptized?

- 1,000
- 2,000
- 3,000
- 5,000

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5. On the Day of Pentecost, Peter treated his listeners with respect by

- embracing them and giving them a holy kiss.
- addressing them as brothers and fellow Jews.
- being compassionate and loving.
- doing all the above.

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6. Although the events of Pentecost happened suddenly, Peter had prepared himself for this big day by

- having his message prepared in advance.
- spending time with Jesus and God's Word.
- practicing extemporaneous speaking.
- doing all of the above.

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7. On the Day of Pentecost, Peter said people could receive the gift of the Holy Spirit if they would

- be baptized.
- repent and be baptized.
- repent and cry out to God.
- be baptized and join the church.

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8. According to the New Testament, water baptism is

- an outward picture of an inner experience.
- a ceremonial cleansing.
- a required ritual for church membership.
- a ritual securing a believer's salvation.

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9. The early church devoted themselves to

- fellowship.
- doctrine.
- prayer.
- all of the above.

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10. The hallmarks of a biblical church are

- repentance and baptism.
- fellowship and prayer.
- generosity and growth.
- all of the above.