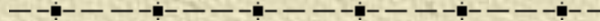


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Date Written

✦ Around 60 AD

✦ Covers about 30 years of history

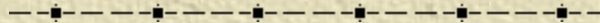
✦ From the Day of Pentecost to
Paul's Roman imprisonment

The Writer

- ✦ Luke, a Greek physician, wrote Luke and Acts
- ✦ Luke was Paul's faithful companion
- ✦ 4 “WE” sections in the book

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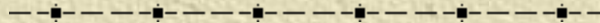
of the Apostles ?



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OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
through the Apostles



“Do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?”

I Corinthians 6:19

- His Direction
- His Guidance
- His Empowering

Believers are called to --

WAIT

RECEIVE

BE FILLED



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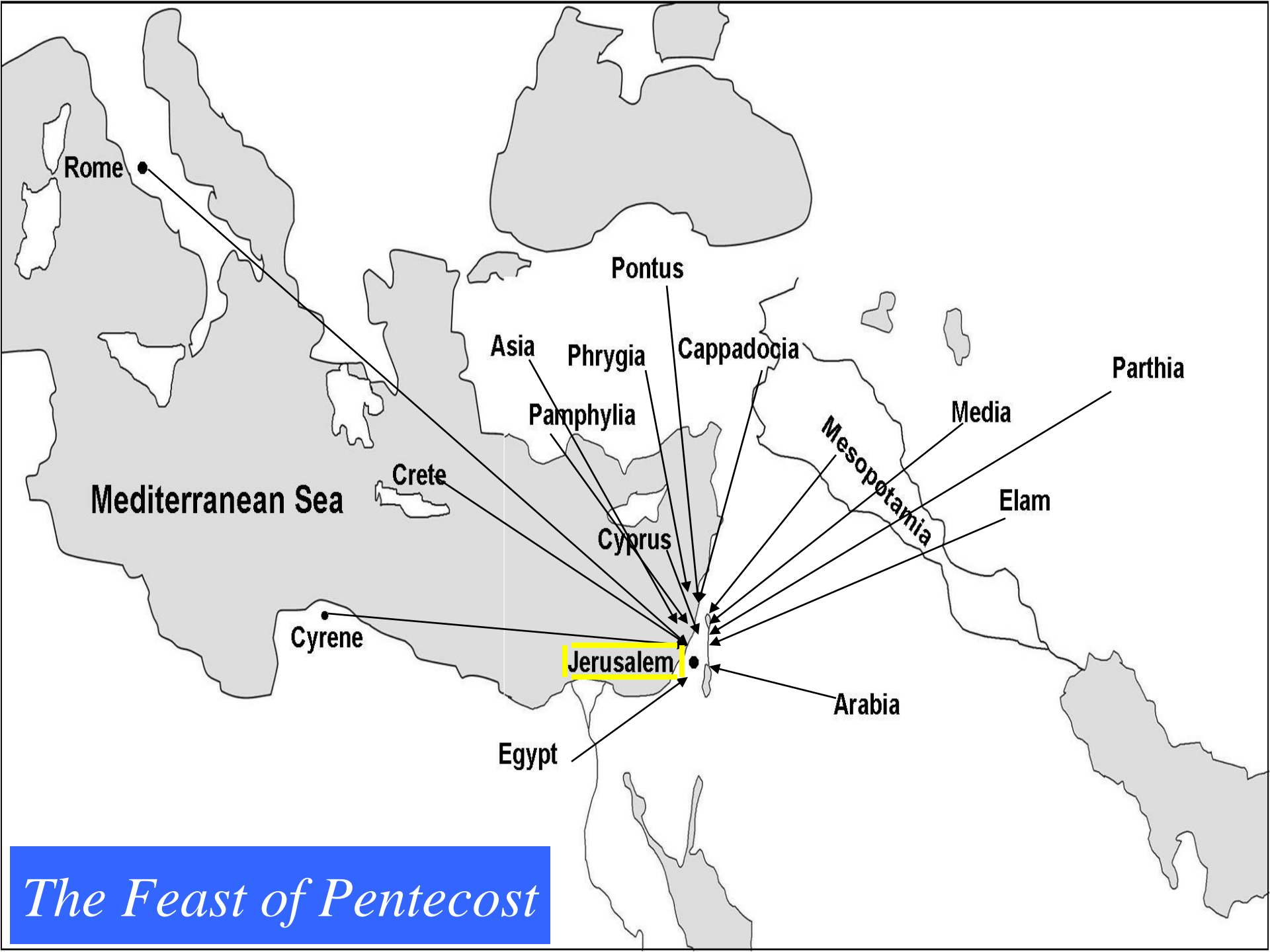
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✦ Took place 50 days after the Passover



(the death of our Lord Jesus)

✦ Many nations gathered / represented



The Feast of Pentecost

Themes Of The Book

✦ The Spread of the Gospel

Scattering seeds so something will grow



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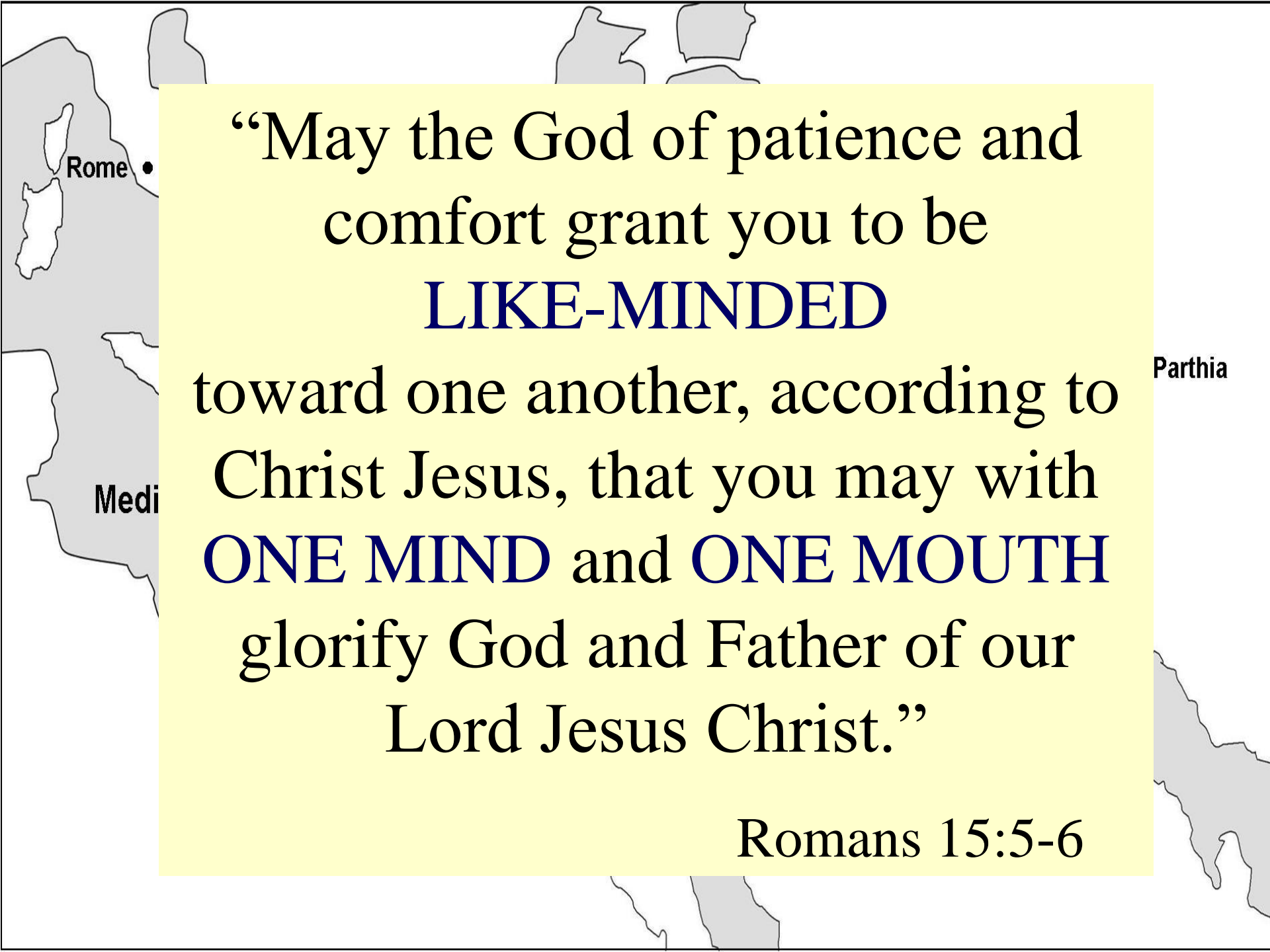
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“with one accord”:

“SAME”

“MIND”



“May the God of patience and
comfort grant you to be

LIKE-MINDED

toward one another, according to
Christ Jesus, that you may with
ONE MIND and **ONE MOUTH**
glorify God and Father of our
Lord Jesus Christ.”

Romans 15:5-6

ACTS...

A BOOK OF HISTORY

- Links the Gospels with the Epistles
- Descriptive, not prescriptive

ACTS...

A BOOK OF DOCTRINE

- Soteriology (salvation)
- Ecclesiology (church)
- Apologetics (defense)

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- ✦ The Kingdom of God

Terms To Know

“the great persecution”

Removal of Complacency in God's People

Terms To Know

“those of the Way”

Marked Separation of God's People

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“those of the circumcision”

Removal of Self-Righteousness

Outline Of The Book

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JERUSALEM	PETER	Jews	2 years
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THE END OF THE EARTH	PAUL	Gentiles	14 years

WITNESS

built on Greek word “*martur-*”

- one who chooses to die for one’s faith;

a martyr

WITNESSES



A photograph of two fishing boats on the water at sunset. The sky is a mix of orange and pink, and the water reflects these colors. The boats are dark silhouettes against the bright background. The boat in the foreground is closer and more detailed, showing the deck and some equipment. The boat in the background is further away and less distinct.

PETER

- BOLD PREACHER AT PENTECOST
- CALLED TO BE A FISHER OF MEN
- EXPERIENCED THE DEALING OF THE LORD
 - A RELUCTANT SERVANT MISSIONARY
 - TRIED TO INFORM GOD
- SHOWED SIGNS OF GROWTH/MATURITY



STEPHEN

- ONE OF THE SEVEN – TO “SERVE TABLES”
- THE 1ST MARTYR
- CHARGED WITH BLASPHEMY



PHILIP

ONE OF THE SEVEN – TO “SERVE TABLES”

- » CLEAR MESSAGE**
- » CLEAR CALLING**
- » CLEAR OBEDIENCE**
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- CONSIDERED A NUISANCE TO SOCIETY
- 3 MISSIONARY JOURNEYS IN 9 YEARS




← Paul's First Journey ← Paul's Second Journey ← Paul's Third Journey ← Paul's Journey To Rome



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A vertical photograph on the left side of the slide shows the silhouette of a ship's mast and rigging against a bright orange and yellow sunset sky. The ship is on the water, and the sun is low on the horizon, creating a strong backlighting effect.

**“I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH,
AND
THE GATES OF HADES
WILL NOT
PREVAIL AGAINST IT...”**

Matthew 16:18

OPPOSITION

WITHOUT

- Religious
- Sects
- Mobs
- Political
- Financial

WITHIN

- Lack of workers
- Man-centeredness
- Deceit
- Club-Living
- Divisions
- False Teachers
- Leeches
- Fear
- Legalism

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