

THE GREAT WENCHOSTER BIBLE
ACTS 2: 1-21

1. And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, and that Ascension on the Thursday was well past and only a few noticed, they were all with one accord in one place, and the tables were set with unleavened bread and curried meat and beans.
2. And suddenly there came a sound [1] of an rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. Well, most of it. And Thomas the Twin did say, "Pardon me."
3. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And Peter did curse and exclaim "By Shittim! The smoke alarms!"
4. But they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. And some did say, "Goodness me!" and "I say!" and others uttered diverse exclamations of surprise, which are too many to list politely here.
5. And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, which is hardly unsurprising, and many devout men, out of every nation under heaven.
6. Now when this was noised abroad, which didn't take long for the sounds were quite loud, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language.
7. And they were all super-amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galileans? How is it that anything good can come from Galilee? And some did wink.
8. And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born? And raised. And discovered odd things.
9. Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judaea, and Sennapodia [2,] and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia, Francia and Hibernia,
10. Phrygia, and Pamphylia in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes, (I did mean proselytes, Theophilus,) Cretes and Arabians,
11. Even those from Glasgow in Scotia, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God. At least we think we understand them.
12. And they were all amazed, and confounded, but I think we have established that fact, and were in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this?
13. Others mocking said, These men are full of Capernaum Nouveau and strong cider.
14. But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and after an whistle said unto them, Oi! Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, including you tourists – yes, you doing the Via Dolorosa. Stop for a moment - be this known unto you, and hearken unto my words:
15. For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day. In fact, not even elevenses. But many doubted for they knew well that though the hour was early, yet there were places that served beverages throughout the night.
16. And Peter continued, But this is that which was spoken by the prophet – Joel, I think;
17. And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams, and wake up shouting, and your young women shall imagine many encounters, and your old women shall give them warning:
18. And on my servants and on my handmaidens, even upon my neighbour's manservant, but not his ass, nor his ox, nor the ass of his manservant's maidservant or was it the other way around (let the reader understand,) I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:
19. And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and ooh! – huge signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and unbelievable vapour of smoke and whiff, and the unusual smells will abound in the air for a very long time:
20. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, oh yes, and there shall be television, before the great and notable day of the Lord come:
21. And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved. Did you get that? ([3] But the people had gone home by this point.)

[1] Some translations do insert here "from heaven as." Others do not. Most academics don't care.

[2] Many scholars believe that Luke made up this name.

[3] Verse 21b is missing from most manuscripts.