

Comparing the Old and New

“And when the day of Pentecost was fully come....” (Acts 2:1).

The Old and New Pentecost

Old Testament Pentecost	New Testament Pentecost
Occurred fifty days after Israel left Egypt (Passover was the night before they left).	Occurred fifty days after Christ rose from the dead. Spent forty days with disciples after resurrection and ten days later New Testament Pentecost came.
Celebrated the birthday of Israel (Exodus 19:5-6).	Celebrated the birthday of the Church (Acts 2:41-47).
Witnessed the slaying of 3,000 souls (Exodus 32:28).	Witnessed the saving of 3000 souls (Acts 2:41).
Introduced in a mighty way (Exodus 19:16,18).	Introduced in a mighty way (Acts 2: 2, 3).

Comparing the Tower of Babel and New Testament Pentecost

Babel	Pentecost
Sinful men working for their glory (Genesis 11:4).	Sinful men waiting for God’s glory (Acts 1:14).
God confounded man’s language (Genesis 11:9).	God clarified man’s language (Acts 2:8).
God scattered men throughout the world (Genesis 11:9).	God gathers men into the church (Ephesians 1:10).

(Information in the above charts have been condensed from Willmington’s Guide to the Bible, pages 369-370.)

Comparing the Dedication of the Old Temple with the New Temple

Temple Dedication (2 Chronicles 7:1-3).	Temple Dedication (Acts 2:1-5).
Prayed.	Continued in prayer (Acts 1:14).
Fire fell from heaven.	Cloven tongues like as of fire.
Consumed the sacrifices.	Consumed the Living Sacrifice (Romans 12:1-2).
Glory filled the house.	Sound as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house.
Worshipped and praised.	For these are not drunken, as ye suppose (Acts 2:15).

Study Questions

1. Given the following statements about Pentecost, determine if this was Old or New Testament Pentecost. Include Scripture reference where possible.

1) Celebrated the birthday of the Church _____

2) Witnessed the slaying of 3,000 souls _____

3) Occurred fifty days after Israel left Egypt (Passover was the night before they left).

4) Celebrated the birthday of Israel _____

5) Witnessed the saving of 3,000 souls _____

6) Occurred fifty days after Christ rose from the dead. He spent forty days with disciples after resurrection and ten days later New Testament Pentecost came. _____

2. Given the following Scripture references, write what is being discussed, and determine if this is referring to the Tower of Babel or New Testament Pentecost.

1) Acts 1:14 _____

2) Genesis 11:9 _____

3) Ephesians 1:10 _____

4) Acts 2:8 _____

5) Genesis 11:4 _____

3. List the five (5) events in the order they occurred during the dedication of the Old Testament Temple as found in 2 Chronicles 7:1-3.

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

4) _____

5) _____

