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"Takemae"

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Edwin Pitts and family  
"at home"

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GREAT CHAPTERS OF THE BIBLE.

ACTS ii.

"The Day of Pentecost was being fulfilled."  
Part of Verse 1.

INTRODUCTION.

This chapter is complete within itself.

In its entirety it gives the facts concerning the opening historic statement.

The statement is historic.

It refers to an established Feast.

It declares that it was the occasion of the fulfilment of that Feast.

The Feast. Pentecost.

Fifty days beyond the Paschal Feast.

The Jewish Year was marked by Religious Observance.

The New Year. Passover and Unleavened Bread.

Harvest. First Fruits and Pentecost. Full Harvest.

Passover symbolized Beginning- Redemption.

"The corn of wheat into the ground to die."

Pentecost symbolized Finality- Realization.

Full Harvest.

Such is the significance of the historic Statement.

"It was being fulfilled." (Sumpleroo)

The colours of the old fade away, eclipsed in the glory of the new.

The Prophetic is merged in the Historic.

The Chapter is the Record of a PHENOMENON.

The Noumenon- the Divine Thought, Purpose, Reality- became manifest.

In that way let us consider it.

The Phenomenon in History;

- A. In itself. 1-4.
- B. In its first Effect. 5-13.
- C. In its Interpretation. 14-36.
- D. In its Issue. 37-47.

A. THE PHENOMENON IN ITSELF.

I. The Gathering in the Temple Courts, about one hundred and twenty.

*Act 7. 14. 17. 1.*

Luke xxiv. 53.  
Acts ii. 46.

II. Suddenly--A Sound--filling the House.

An Appearance- Fire-disparting.

III. The Unseen Fact.

"Filled with the Spirit."

IV. The Vocal Evidence,  
Speaking--uttering Words.

"The mighty works of God". Megaleia.  
(Only other place Luke i. 49).  
*(Magnifical)*

B. ITS FIRST EFFECT.

I. The Gathering of the Multitudes.

II. The Impressions.

Confounded.      Mental Arrest,

Amazed.            Mental Defeat,

Marvelled.        Mental Awe.

Attempted Interpretation and Enquiry,

C. ITS INTERPRETATION.

I. "This is that."

Fulfilment of Prophecy.

God marching on.

II. "He hath poured forth this."

D. IN ITS ISSUE.

I. Conviction.

II. Obedience.

III. The New Life and Order--And so on\*--  
Until Now.

Conclusion.

The Question which arises as we ponder this  
Story is --

How does it impress us?

What are we inclined to say?

I think the first answer is --

Wonderful!

Glorious!

Yes -- but what next?

Most probably a sense of loss; and a search  
for something like it now.

Yes -- What is lacking?

Nothing essential -- in the Divine Economy.  
The Spirit abides.

If there be lack -- it is in us.