

# Acts 2:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes,

## Analysis

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The mention of 'Phrygia, and Pamphylia' alongside Egypt and 'parts of Libya about Cyrene' traces the dispersion from both Assyrian captivity (722 BC) and Babylonian exile (586 BC). These geographic markers demonstrate how God used Israel's judgment and scattering to position witnesses throughout the world for this redemptive moment. What Satan meant for destruction, God orchestrated for global evangelization.

## Historical Context

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Phrygia housed significant Jewish settlements from Persian period deportations. Pamphylia's port city Perga would later host Paul's ministry (Acts 13:13). Egypt's Alexandria contained the empire's largest Jewish population - where the Septuagint was translated. Cyrene produced Simon who carried Christ's cross (Mark 15:21) and was home to early Christian teachers (Acts 11:20).

## Related Passages

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**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

## Study Questions

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1. How does God's redemptive use of Israel's exile and scattering illustrate Romans 8:28's promise?
2. What painful 'scatterings' in your life might God be using for His greater purposes?

## Interlinear Text

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Φρυγίαν τε καὶ Παμφυλίαν Αἴγυπτον καὶ τὰ μέρη  
**Phrygia** **and** **and** **Pamphylia** **in Egypt** **and** G3588 **in the parts**  
G5435 G5037 G2532 G3828 G125 G2532 G3313

τῆς Λιβύης τῆς κατὰ Κυρήνην καὶ οἱ ἐπιδημοῦντες  
G3588 **of Libya** G3588 **about** **Cyrene** **and** G3588 **strangers**  
G3033 G2596 G2957 G2532 G1927

Ῥωμαῖοι Ἰουδαῖοί τε καὶ προσήλυτοι  
**of Rome** **Jews** **and** **and** **proselytes**  
G4514 G2453 G5037 G2532 G4339

## Additional Cross-References

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**Acts 16:6** (Parallel theme): Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the region of Galatia, and were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia,

**Zechariah 8:20** (Parallel theme): Thus saith the LORD of hosts; It shall yet come to pass, that there shall come people, and the inhabitants of many cities:

**Zechariah 8:23** (Parallel theme): Thus saith the LORD of hosts; In those days it shall come to pass, that ten men shall take hold out of all languages of the nations, even shall take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew, saying, We will go with you: for we have heard that God is with you.

**Acts 18:23** (Parallel theme): And after he had spent some time there, he departed, and went over all the country of Galatia and Phrygia in order, strengthening all the disciples.

**Acts 13:13** (Parallel theme): Now when Paul and his company loosed from Paphos, they came to Perga in Pamphylia: and John departing from them returned to Jerusalem.

**Acts 15:38** (Parallel theme): But Paul thought not good to take him with them, who departed from them from Pamphylia, and went not with them to the work.

**Acts 13:43** (Parallel theme): Now when the congregation was broken up, many of the Jews and religious proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas: who, speaking to them, persuaded them to continue in the grace of God.

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