658 THE ACTS. II.   
   
 Mesopotamia, and in Judiea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus,   
 and Asia, 10 Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in   
 the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and i strangers of Rome,   
 Jews and proselytes, !!J Cretes and Arabians, we do hear   
 them ¥ speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.   
 2 And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying   
   
   
 one to another, What meancth this? 33 Others mocking   
   
 i render, Romans, who are sojourning here.   
 X render, speaking.   
 J render, Cretans.   
   
 W. of Parthia and Hyreania, S. of the tection, but subsequently became a pro-   
 Caspian sea, E. of Armenia, N. of Persia. vinee under Nero. Asia] i.e. here   
 Elamites] in pure Greek, Elymeans, Asia proper, or rather the W. division of   
 inhabitants of Elam or Elymais, a Semitic it, as described by Pliny, as bounded on   
 people (Gen. x. 22). Elam is mentioned the E. by Phrygia and Lycaonia, on the   
 in connexion with Babylon, Gen. xiv. 1; W. by the gean, on the S. by the   
 with Media, Isa. xxi. Egyptian sea, on the N. by Paphlagonia.   
 with, or as part of, Assyris Ephesus was its ehief city. Sce ch. xvi. 6,   
 24; Isa. xxii. 6; as a province of Persia, where the same appears to be intended.   
 Ezra iv. 9; as the province in which Susan 10. Phrygia} It was at this time   
 was situated, Dan. viii. 2, According to part of the Roman province of Asia.   
 Josephus, the Elamaans were the pro- Pamphylia] a small district, extending   
 genitors of the Persians. We find scattcred along the coast from Olbia, or Phaselis, to   
 hordes under this name far to the north, Ptolemais. Jt was a separate tributary   
 and even on the Orontes near the Caspian. district: we find it at one time classed   
 Mesopotamia] the well-known dis- with Galatia, and ruled by the same person.   
 trict between the Euphrates and Tigris, so Egypt] Having enumerated the   
 called merely as distinguishing its geo- principal districts of Minor, the cata-   
 graphical position, between the rivers (so logue passes (see above on the arrangement,   
 the word imports in Greek) : it never formed yer. 9) to Egypt, a well-known habitation   
 a state. The name does not appear to be of Jews, ‘Two-fifths of the population of   
 elder than the Macedonian conquests. The Alexandria consisted of them, and they had   
 word is used by the LXX and A. V. in an Ethnarch, or governor, of their own.   
 Gen. xxiv. 10 to express the Hebrew the parts of Libya about Cyrene]   
 « Aram Naharaim,” Aram of the two By this expression is probably meant Pen-   
 rivers. Judea} I can see no difficulty tapolis, where Josephus, quoting from   
 in Judwa being here mentioned. ‘The Strabo, testifies to the existence of very   
 catalogue does not proceed by languages, many Jews,—amounting in Cyrene to a   
 but by territorial and Judea lies fourth part of the whole population. The   
 immediately S. of its path from Mesopo- Cyrenian Jews were so numerous in Jeru-   
 tamia to Cappadocia. It is not Jews by salem, that they had a special synagogue   
 birth and domicile, but devout men who are (see ch. vi. 9). Several were Christian   
 spoken of; the dwellers in Judea settled converts: see ch. xi. 205 xiii. 1.   
 in Judea. And even if born Jews were Roman sojourners (so literally)| ‘The   
 meant, doubtless they also would find a Roman Jews dwelling (or then being) in   
 place among those who heard in their. mo- Jerusalem.’ Jews and proselytes]   
 ther tongne the wonderful works of God. This refers more naturally to the whole of   
 Cappadocia] At this time (since the the past catalogue, than merely to the   
 year of Rome 770) a Roman province em- Roman Jews. It does not take up a new   
 bracing Cappadocia proper and Armenia designation, but expresses the classes or   
 minor. Pontus} the former kingdom divisions of those which have gone before.   
 of Mithridates, lying along the S. coast of 11. Cretans and Arabians] These   
 the Euxine (whence its name, from the words would seem as if they should precede   
 Pontus Euxinus, the Euxine Sea) from the the last. 13. Others] Probably native   
 river Halys to Colehis and Armenia, and Jews, who did not understand the foreign   
 separated by mountains from Cappadocia languages. Meyer supposes,—persons pre-   
 on the S.\_ It was at this time divided into viously hostile to Jesus and his disciples,   
 petty principalities under Roman pro- and thus judging as in Luke vii. they