

ADDENDUM/WEEK 2 BUT GOD!

Something more to consider regarding how Babel might fit into the “one story” of Scripture....

In Genesis 11, humanity united in pride at Babel...seeking self-glory apart from God. God confused their language into many tongues and scattered them across ALL the earth to halt their rebellion and fulfill His command to fill the world.

Let's consider *Pentecost* which the Jewish people call *The Feast of Weeks*...50 days following Jesus' resurrection. WHY should we think of Pentecost?

Acts 2:1-5 - When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. 2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. 5 And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. What are your observations?

In Acts 2 we see the disciples filled with the Holy Spirit at Pentecost speaking diverse tongues. Diverse means differing from one another. These were diverse tongues that people from every nation miraculously understood in their own language. This was a gathering of previously scattered people who were able to hear the mighty works of God spoken in their own language (Acts 2:11!)

What nations were represented at the Feast of Pentecost in Jerusalem? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, those from Mesopotamia, Judea, Cappadocia, Pontius, Asia, Phrygia, Pamphylia, Egypt, Libya, Cerene, Rome, Cretans, Arabs, and proselytes! Proselytes, generally speaking, are people who change from one religious belief to another. Within the context of Acts 2, proselytes are Gentiles who came to believe in the one true God of Israel.

At Babel, the unification of men who spoke one language fueled human pride.

At Pentecost, the understanding of the disciples speaking in diverse tongues which were understood supernaturally by all...unifying the people and caused them to hear the mighty works of God in their own tongue (Acts 2:5-12)!

Genesis 11 – Babel: spiritual warfare; judgment – scattered; confused language.

The book of Job – presents who Satan is; God is sovereign, in absolute control;

The hope of Job – his Redeemer lives; hope of resurrection for Job...in the flesh after he dies, he shall see God!.

Pentecost – Unified in God's victory – for God's glory!

Genesis 12 – God's blessing!