



# T O N G U E S

There is great **POWER** (for evil OR good) in **UNITY**. Jesus prayed for His Church "...that they all may be **ONE**." (John 17:21)

## Language barriers instituted in Man's Kingdom

"And Cush begat Nimrod: he began to be a mighty one in the earth.

He was a mighty hunter before the Lord, wherefore it is said,

'Even as Nimrod the mighty hunter (*powerful one*) before the Lord.'

And the **beginning of his kingdom** was Babel (*Babylon*)...in the land of Shinar."

(Genesis 10:8-10)

"And the whole earth was of **ONE language & of ONE speech**. And it came to pass, as they

journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; & they dwelt there.

And they said one to another: 'Go to (*come*), let us make brick, & burn them thoroughly.'

And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar.

And they said: 'Go to (*come*), let us build us a **CITY** & a **TOWER** whose top may reach unto heaven; & let us make us a **NAME**, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.' And the Lord came down to see the **CITY** & the **TOWER**, which the children of men builded. And the Lord said, 'Behold, the people is **ONE**, and they have all **ONE language** & this they begin to do & now nothing will be restrained from them which they have imagined to do.

Go to (*come*), let us go down, & there confound their language that

**they may not understand one another's speech.'**

## CONFOUNDED TONGUES

So the Lord scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth

& they left off to build the **CITY**. Therefore is the name of it called **BABEL**

(*Babylon*)— because the Lord did there **confound the language**

**of all the earth** & from thence did the Lord scatter them abroad

upon the face of all the earth." (Genesis 11:1-9)



**CITY, TOWER, NAME—21st Century manifestations of Babylon:**

**spiritual Babylon\*** (world religious center, Vatican **CITY**, headquartered in Rome)

**economic Babylon** (world financial center, **TOWERED** in New York City, USA)

**political Babylon** (world terrorism, **NAMED** Islam, emanating from Babylon, Iraq)

(note: 2/3 of the voting nations in the United Nations are now Islamic)

All 3 parts of Babylon (Revelation 16:19) WILL be destroyed.

\***Spiritual Babylon would include all religions that are based on good works instead of Jesus.**

(The REAL church is a **living organism**—not an earthly, visible organization.)

However, **God DID command His people to go INTO Babylon** for a season (Jeremiah 29:4-11)

It is where He gave them **ONE heart** (Jeremiah 32:39, 31:33, 30:17) to serve Him.

A believer's relationship to a physical church or synagogue should be like David's relationship to King Saul: give honor & respect, serve, do not murmur, but know that a religious system **will** betray you.

And someday soon Jesus will say: "...**Come OUT of her, my people...**" (Revelation 18:4)

Peter (*supposedly the first 'Pope'*) referred to **Rome as Babylon** in 1 Peter 5:13.

If the Roman "Church" is Babylon, then Protestant denominations are the 'daughters of Babylon.'

Babylon is personified as a **WOMAN** in Rev. 17:5 & as a **CITY** in Rev. 17:18.

"Our Lady of Fatima" refers to an apparition in 1917 to 3 children in **Fatima**, Portugal.

**34** Catholics believe it was Jesus's mother. Moslems believe that the Mahdi (*Islamic Messiah*) will be a descendant of one of Muhammad's daughters, named **Fatima**. Coincidence?

## Language barriers removed in God's Kingdom

"And when the Day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with

**ONE accord in ONE place**. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a

rushing mighty wind & it filled all the house where they were sitting.

And there appeared unto them cloven **TONGUES** like as of fire & it sat upon each of them.

And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost & began to speak with **OTHER TONGUES**

as the Spirit gave them utterance." (Acts 2:1-4)

"But Peter...said unto them.....'this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel:

'And it shall come to pass in the last days,' saith God,

'I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh & your sons & your daughters shall prophesy &

your young men shall see visions & your old men shall dream dreams.

And on my servants & on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days

of my Spirit & they shall prophesy..." (Acts 2:14a, 16-18)

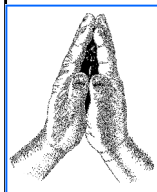
**WHY TONGUES?** "For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh NOT unto men, but unto God; howbeit, **in the spirit**, he speaketh mysteries." (1 Corinthians 14:2)

"I would that **ye ALL spake with tongues...**" (1 Corinthians 14:5)

"He that **speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself...**" (1 Corinthians 14:4)

"I thank my God, **I (Paul) speak with tongues more than ye all.**"

(1 Cor. 14:18) Note: Paul was not in the Upper Room on the Day of Pentecost.



## CITY, TEMPLE, NAME

"By faith, Abraham...looked for a **CITY** which hath foundations, whose Builder & Maker is God." (Hebrews 11:8-10, see Rev. 21:10)

"He that overcometh will I make a pillar in the **TEMPLE** of my God & he shall go no more out. and I will write upon him the **NAME** of my God, the **NAME** of the **CITY** of my God (New Jerusalem), & my new **NAME**." (Rev. 3:12)

## \*Baptism (of, in, or with) the Holy Spirit

Matthew 3:11 "...He shall **baptize you with the Holy Ghost** & with fire."

Mark 1:8 "...but He shall **baptize you with the Holy Ghost**."

Luke 3:16 "...He shall **baptize you with the Holy Ghost** & with fire."

John 1:33 "...the same is He which **baptizeth with the Holy Ghost**."

Acts 11:16 "...but ye shall be **baptized with the Holy Ghost**."



## THREE kinds of TONGUES

- 1) **Jesus reversed the curse of Babel**—Acts 2:4 "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost & began to speak with **other** tongues..." On the Day of Pentecost, **Jews** glorified God in languages they had not learned— & foreigners were **EVANGELIZED**. Jesus's prayer was that His people would be one.
- 2) **Holy Spirit using our mouths**—Act 10:44-46 "...the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the Word (*from Peter*) "...on the **Gentiles** also was poured out the **gift** of the Holy Ghost—for they heard them speak with tongues..." The **gift** of tongues (1 Corin. 12:10) is a SIGN to unbelievers (1 Corin. 14:22) & when interpreted (1 Corin. 14:13) is a powerful tool of **EXHORTATION**.
- 3) **Hotline to God**—Act 19:6 "And when Paul had laid his hands upon them (*the Ephesian Church*), the Holy Ghost came on them; & they spake with tongues & prophesied (*spoke God's Words for Him*)."  
Believers can use the 'language of angels' (1 Corin. 13:1) for **PRAYER** (1 Corin. 14:2) or **SONG** (1 Corin. 14:15). It **EDIFIES** & refreshes. It's spirit-to-spirit communication—bypassing reasoning.