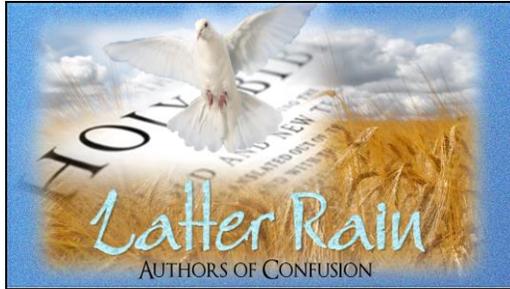


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Latter Rain – Authors of Confusion
 1 Corinthians 14:33
 326 Open My Eyes That I May See
 269 Come, Holy Spirit

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The sermon today... will be a little...
 methodical... deductive... and
 inductive... in nature

Seek to discover carefully... what
 specifically... the scripture says... about
 the subject... of Tongues

But before... we do that... lets lay
 some.... foundational ideas

John the revelator... in vision says:

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We know that:

The Dragon = Satan or the Devil (Rev 12:3,9; 13:4; 17:4-6)

The Beast = Satan's Counterfeit to
 Christianity... the Mother of Harlots...
 the Babylonian church (Rev 13:1-8,18;
 17:1-18, 18:1-24; Dan 7)

The False Prophet = Represents her
 apostate daughters (Rev 13:11-17,
 17:5, 19:20)

But this morning... I want to focus on...
 what comes out... of their mouths...
 verse 14

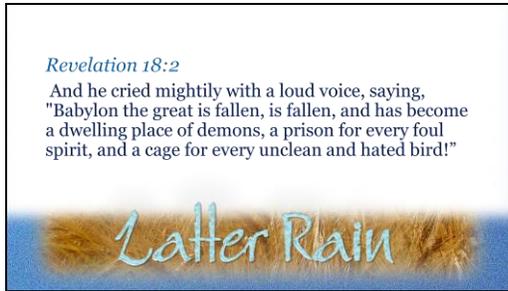
Like frogs... who interestingly enough...
 catch their prey... with their tongues

But these frogs... represent spirits of
 demons

What do they do? ...Perform sings
 ...gathering in... all the world

In Revelation 18 we read:

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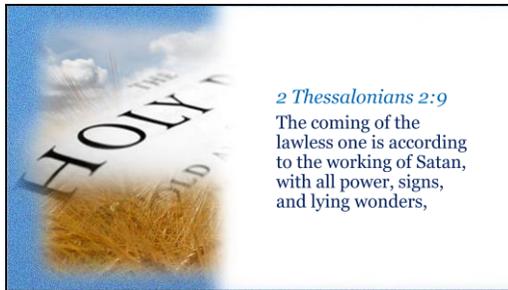
Babylon... the repository... and representation... not only of... the Mother Church

But of all error... and falsehood... that is Anti-Christ

Because it is... the dwelling place... of demons... and prison for... every foul spirit

Paul told the Thessalonians:

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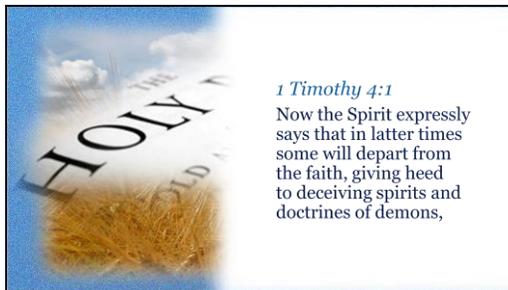


You see... the lawless on... working according to Satan

Uses... power... signs... and lying wonders... for the purpose of deceiving... unsuspecting humanity

To the young preacher Timothy... Paul wrote

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Who is it that says? ...The Spirit
Which Spirit? ... The Spirit of God... the Spirit of Truth

How does he say it?expressly... i.e. deliberately... definitely... specifically... and precisely

Christians will... in the latter days... depart from the faith

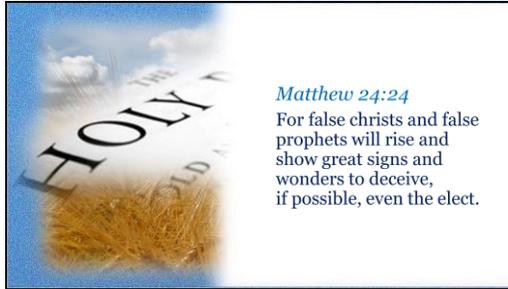
Why? ...because they give heed to... seducing spirits... and doctrines of demons

How will this happen? ...in part

through signs... wonders... and spiritual influences

Are we immune? ...Well Jesus warned:

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Paul said... some would depart... and Jesus is saying

The signs and wonders... will be so great... so deceptive... that even the elect... will be challenged... by their provocations

Please open your bible... and you may... want a marker... or pen in hand

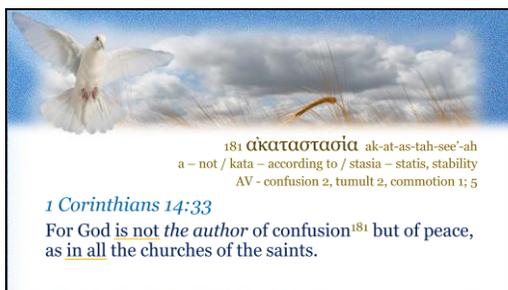
Who knows... how understanding this... might help you...

Or if... by God grace... you might be able... to help someone else... as a result of... our studies today

For it is clear... these are perilous times... and life threatening issues

Lets look again... at our scripture reading:

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God is not the author of confusion!

Confusion... not – according to – stability... also translated... tumult and commotion... in the AV

God is a god of... cosmos 2889... GR for order

As the heavens... are a testimony... to orderliness... so God is a god of... regularity and organization

Paul is writing... that he might... set them straight... cosmos... or kata-stasis

Not that Paul says... as it is in... “all the churches of the saints”

As we will see it was the church at Corinth... and the modern Pentecostals and Charismatics... that are the “Authors of Confusion”

That is except one... Corinth... and that what... this letter is about... disorder that is... thus ungodly

Let’s start out... with a few Principles:

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What is your... standard of faith?

Is it your feelings... emotions... personal preferences?

Or is it God's word?

Most of Christianity... seems to have made... feeling more and more important...

While the reading of... and the knowledge of... scripture have declined

Principle 2 is:

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Isolating certain text... for the purpose of...making them say... what you want to believe

Or worse yet... for establishing... a doctrinal belief... is dangerous

Because it is... Eisegesis vs. Exegesis... reading into a text... instead of letting... the bible define itself

Whether it is... Sunday vs. Sabbath... the State of the Dead... or Speaking in Tongues

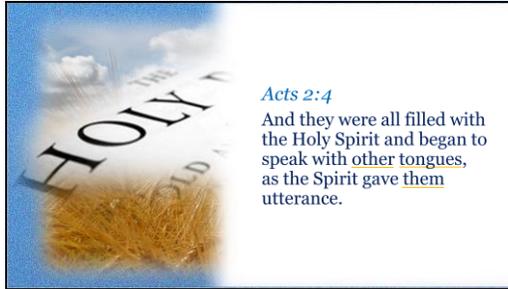
Isolating text is... dangerous... and potentially fatal

James 3:1 My brethren, let not many of you become teachers, knowing that we shall receive a stricter judgment.

However... before we can talk... about tongues in 1 Cor... we must first properly understand... its very first occurrence

Found in Acts chapter 2:

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Luke tells us... in Acts 2... that on the... day of Pentecost

The disciples were... “filled with the Holy Spirit... and began to speak... with other tongues”

Note... that the tongues... were “Other”... in other words... probably not... Hebrew... Aramaic... or Greek

Note... also the utterance... or speaking of these tongues... was to them... seeming to preclude the idea... of a gift of hearing

All of which... were know to the disciples... in varying degrees... Matthew... John... and Peter... wrote their books in Greek

Let’s first look... at the original GR... words translated... as “tongue”:

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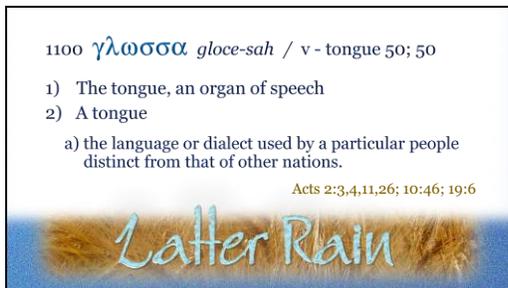


This should translate easily... dialect or... simply a language

While the KJV... translates it 5 times... as tongue and... once as language... The NKJV... translates all 6 uses... as language...for clarity

The next word... found more prevalently is:

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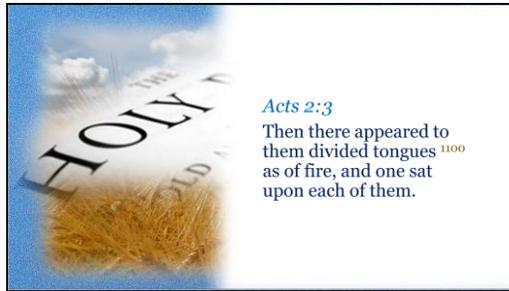
gloce-sah' ...in contrast to... dialektos... always refers to... directly or indirectly... to the literal organ

Whether as... “The” ... literal object of the body
Or... as that member... that forms... “A” tongue... a certain speech pattern

It is found 50 time in the NT... but only 6 times... in the book of Acts

Let’s look back... at Acts 2:

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Why does Luke use... Glossa here?
Have you ever noticed... the shape of a flame... is to that of... the human tongue?

The remaining... use of tongue... whether Glossa or Dialektos... in Acts 2 are... clearly a reference... to known languages:

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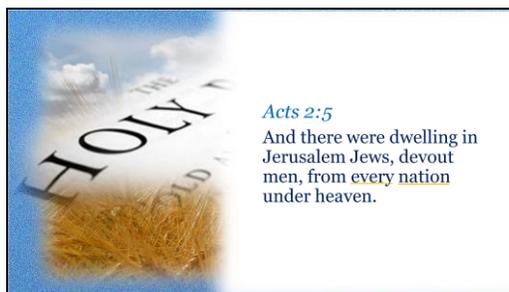


How do we know... that this is... referring to language?

As noted earlier... the word "other" ... implies first.. a different language... than they normally used... but it also implies... a variety as we will see:

Before our next... usage lets stop... at verse 5:

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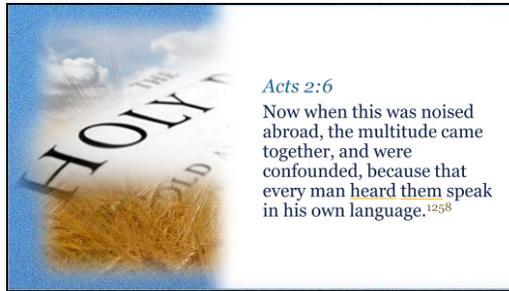
Why were they there?

It was Pentecost... this along with... Passover and... Tabernacles... Were mandatory feast... for all Jewish adult males... to attend in Jerusalem

Remember... they had just been there... 50 days earlier... when Jesus had been crucified

Now to verse 6:

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Here even the KJV... translates 1258 dialectos... as language while the... other 5 places it translates it as "tongue"

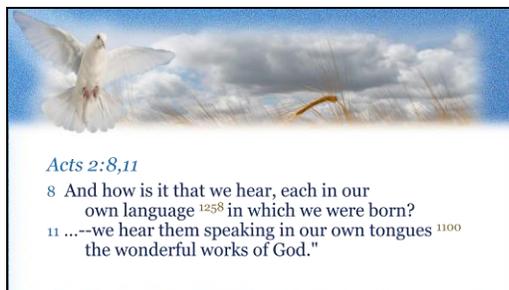
But note... that if each heard... in their own Dialektos 1258... then the previous Glossa in verse 4... must needs be... understood as language

Also since each... heard them... in his own language... has some believing...that it was a gift of hearing

Yet as pointed out... verse 4 said... the Spirit gave... the disciples utterance... so it appear to be... a tongue as stated... and not an ear

The next two tongues are in verses 8 and 11

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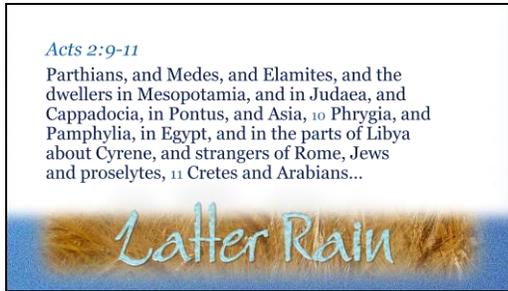
Verse 8... here the NKJ... makes clean the distinction... translating Dialektos as the word "language"

While in verse 11... Glossa is used... we see here both words... used interchangeably

By the visiting Jews... from foreign lands... to clearly designate... their native language... and NOT an... unintelligible utterance

How many nations were there?

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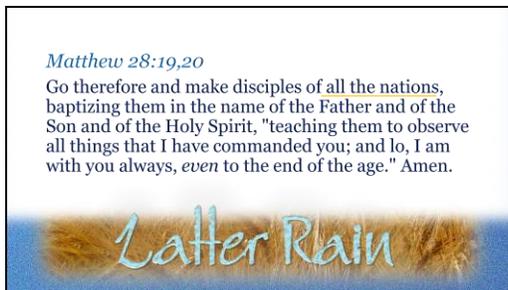
I count at least 16... because a couple are... regions not countries

This was... truly phenomenal!

Verse 12 says: And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this?

So... The intent of the gift... in Acts 2... is clearly needed... and given... to facilitate... the Great Commission...

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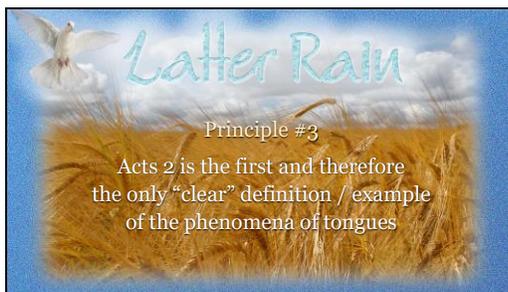
How could this... be done by a... bunch of Galilean fishermen?

Certain they spoke Aramaic... most likely a distinct dialect... and obviously they had... some basic command of Greek... since it was the trade language

But we can tell... from Peter and John's writings... that it was basic

They needed more than this... they need to be able... to communicate with... many different language groups.

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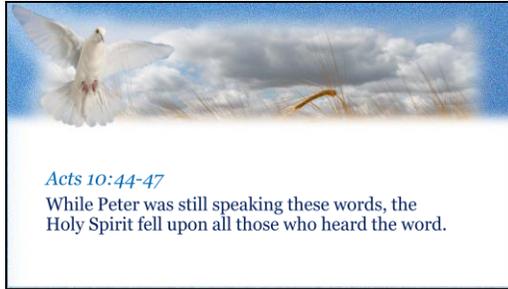
I.E. a known... intelligible... understandable... language... familiar to its hearers

Therefore... it would be... unsound... irresponsible... and for that matter dangerous...

To read into... Eisegesis... any subsequent tongues texts... a practice of... non-intelligible vocalizations Unfortunately... this is what... the modern speakers... of tongues... are doing

Why? Because it... meets their needs... We will discuss this idea further. Now to finish... the remaining Acts texts:

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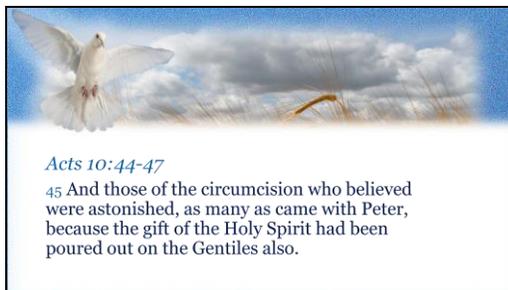
Peter... by God providence... has been lead to... the faithful home of... the Roman Centurion Cornelius

As we will see... the remaining incidences... in Acts 10 and 19

Give no indication... that the sign... was an unknown language

In fact chapter 10... implies otherwise... "just as we have"

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When the Holy Spirit fell on Cornelius and his family

Luke states... the Jews were... astonished... taken aback... taken off guard

Why? This wasn't... supposed to happen... they were gentiles

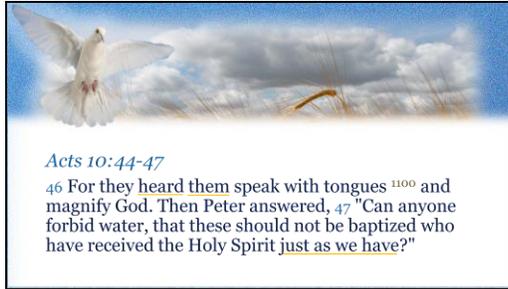
How did they know the HS... had indeed been poured out?

Well... if you watch any... modern depictions... of the scen... its because they... started dancing around... like wild men

We'll talk about... where this idea comes from... next time

But what does scripture say?

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They heard them... how did they hear them... just as the visitors... to Jerusalem had heard.

They understood them... or else they would not have known... they were magnifying God

How had they... received the HS?

Just as we have... and how was that?

By speaking a intelligible... understandable... language... the disciples could recognize

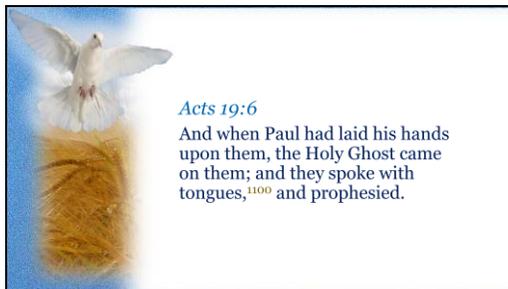
What was that? ...we don't know... probably not Greek or Latin... which Cornelius would already know

But perhaps Aramaic... or Hebrew... which the Gentiles... would likely not know

What ever the case... the Disciples understood... and were convinced... it was supernatural...

Just as it... had been for them
The last use... is in Acts 19

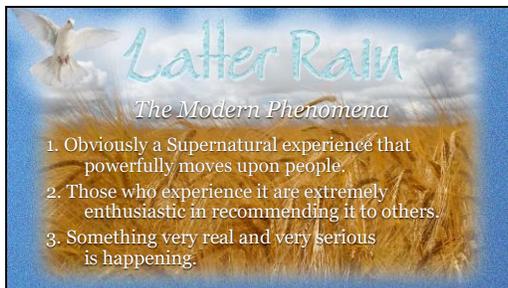
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What good is prophecy... without the ability... to understand what... is being prophesied?

Obviously this... necessitates intelligible speech

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We should take... One of 2 Positions

1. If this is of God... we should accept it... seek it... and want it.

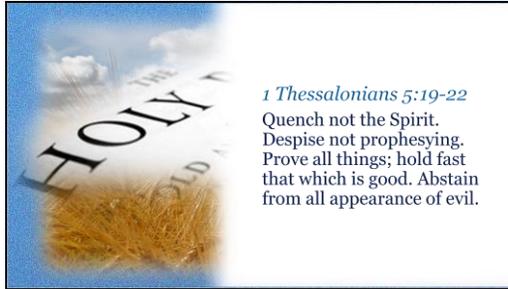
2. If it is not... we should avoid it... warn others against it... as a great deception

Politically Correct:

In stating facts... we are not judging people... we have no right to do so.

But we do have a right... in deed a command... to judge all things

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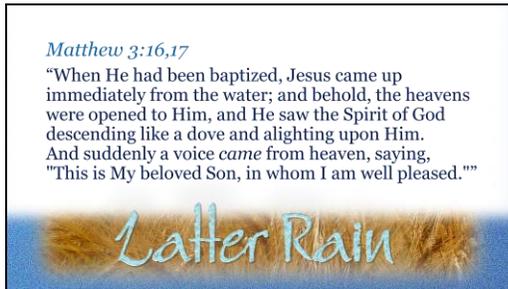
2. It is insisted... that this “tongues”... is the evidence of Baptism... in the Holy Spirit... “the only true baptism”

The Modern Use

1. Consist of a gibberish... which resemble... no known language... neither follows any... established linguistically rules.

Note: In the NT... there are 18 references... to baptism of... the Holy Spirit... 15 of which... do not mention speaking in tongues
We will close with... perhaps the most... poignant example of these:

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Tongues is not... included in 2... of the 4 list... of gifts... in the NT
It is always last... on the list... and obviously downplayed... by Paul in... 1 Corinthians 14
The modern experience... is also frequently accompanied... by a phenomena called... “Slain in the Spirit”
That they interpreted... to be the experience... of Acts 2
More on that... next time

Jesus never... to our knowledge... spoke in tongues

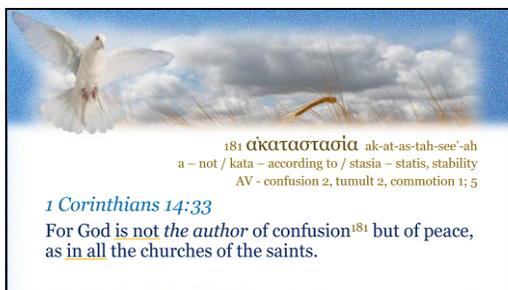
None of the Reformers... or Church Fathers... held that they... or any others... had received such a gift as evidence.

Tongues... as it is today... is a relatively recent phenomena

We will talk... more about its historicity... next time in... LR part 5 - “Infectious Charismania”

As we continue in 1 Corinthians... so let’s end with this reminder:

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God is not the author of confusion!

He is... the god of... the cosmos... Order

