

Tongues
Unravelled
Acts 2:1-7
1 Corinthians
14:1-40
Tongues of Fire
received by
12 or 120 ?

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This Booklet will unravel **the Problem of Speaking in Tongues** in the So called **Charismatic Churches**

By reading the following scripture from **Act 2** it is quite clear that **Speaking in Tongues** is to be understood as speaking in **Different Languages**.

After the ascension and because of **Judas's betrayal** and **death**, **the 11 Apostles** met with the **120 disciples** to select one of their number to be **the twelfth Apostle** who was called **Matthias**.

Acts 1.26 *And they* [The 12] *gave lots for them* [The 2 disciples selected]; *and the lot fell upon Matthias; and he was numbered with the eleven apostles*. *And when the day of Pentecost was now come* [sometime later not the same day], *they* [the Now 12 Apostles] *were all together in one place*. *And suddenly there came from heaven a **sound_P** as of the rushing of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they* [the 12] *were sitting*. *And there appeared unto them* [the 12] **tongues_G** *parting asunder, like as of fire; and it* [the Tongue] *sat upon each one of them* [the 12]. **Acts 1.26- 2.4**

When **The Tongues** appeared they must have been in the shape of a **Human Tongue** and also as a **Flame** to carry such a description as '**Tongues of Fire**'.

4 *And they* [the 12] *were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak with different* [ἐτέραις] **tongues** [γλώσσαις]_G *as the Spirit gave them* [the 12] *utterance*. **5** *Now there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven...*

6 *And when this **sound_P** was heard, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speaking in his own* [ἰδίᾳ] **language** [διαλέκτω]_D.

We understand from this that **God** must have supernaturally imprinted into the minds of **the Apostles** the ability to suddenly speak **Different Languages** thus enabling them to speak in a **Foreign Tongue to the unbelievers**, without having to learn **Languages** in the normal way.

This was the reverse of the events related to us in **Gen 11** where God **confused the language** of humans at **the tower of Babel**.

The confusion of the language was a Miraculous Event.

Key **G. glossais:** γλώσσαις **Languages / Tongues.** Strong 1100

D. dialektō: διαλέκτω **Dialect / Tongue.** Strong 1258

P. phonon: φωνήν **Sound.** Strong 5456

Comparing **verse 4 'Different Tongues'** [γλώσσαις]_G with **verse 6 'Own Language'** [διαλέκτω]_D it establishes that to **Speak** in **Tongues** is explained as to **Speak** in **Foreign languages**.

Furthermore the use of the word to **'Prophecy'** throughout **the Old Testament** and **the New Testament** means to **'Speak Out,'** to **'Preach Divine Wisdom,'** to tell **the truth** about God.

This word **'Prophecy'** is clearly used in **Ezekiel** to mean—to **Judge, to Condemn to speak the Truth** about **the Deity** and sometimes, but **not necessarily,** to foretell the future.

It all depends on **the subject matter** and **the context** in which the word **'Prophecy'** occurs.

Ezek 13.1 *Then the word of the LORD came to me saying,*

2 *"Son of man, **prophecy** against the prophets of Israel who **prophecy,** and say to those who **prophecy** from their own minds, 'Listen to the word of the LORD!*

3 *'Thus says the Lord GOD, "Woe to **the foolish prophets** who are following their own spirit and have seen nothing...*

6 *"They see **falsehood** with **lying divine knowledge** who are saying, '**The LORD declares,**' when the LORD has not sent them; yet they hope for the fulfilment of their word.*

7 *"Did you not see a **false vision** and speak **lying divine knowledge** when you said, '**The LORD declares,**' but it is not I who have spoken?"*

8 *Thus says the Lord GOD, "Because you have **spoken falsehood** and seen a lie, therefore **behold, I am against you,**" declares the Lord GOD.*

9 *So My hand will be **against the prophets who see false visions**...*

The Scripture warns us of these false prophets arising amongst the people of God. This has been happening **throughout the centuries**.

For example again, in **the Book of Jeremiah**.

Jer 23:16 *Thus says the LORD of hosts, **Hearken not** unto the words of the prophets that **prophecy** unto you; they teach you vanity: they speak **a vision of their own heart,** and **NOT** out of the mouth of the LORD...*

21 *I did not send these prophets, yet they ran: I did not speak to them, yet they **propheesied**...*

25 I have heard what the prophets have said, that **prophecy lies in my name**, saying, **I have dreamed, I have dreamed.**

26 How long shall this be in the heart of the prophets that **prophecy lies**; even **the prophets of the deceit of their own heart** ? ...

31 Behold, **I am against** the prophets, says the LORD, that use **their tongues**, and say, **'He says'**

32 Behold, **I am against** them that **prophecy lying dreams**, says the LORD, and who tell them, and cause my people to err by **their lies**, and by their vain boasting: yet **I sent them not, nor commanded them...**

Close examination of the **MIS-UNDERSTOOD** Scripture in

1 Corinthians Chapter 14

In **Chapter 14**, the word **'Prophecy'** is used several times, but to most people in this day and age, **'to Prophecy'** means to **Predict Future Events** but this is not **the main Biblical meaning**.

This Biblical Word has the sense of preaching to others, that is **'Preaching Divine Wisdom'** by the **Holy Spirit**, which was what **the 1st Century Christians** did.

This was necessary at that time to tell Christians this **Divine Knowledge** because **the New Testament** had **NOT been** written¹.

In this **21st Century** **'Divine Wisdom'** is to be found in **the Word of God** which was **Originally Revealed by the Holy Spirit** to the **First Century Apostles** as promised to them. John 14.25, 26

These things have I spoken to you [the Apostles], while yet present with you. But the Comforter, even the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you [The Apostles] all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I [Jesus] said unto you [The Apostles].

The Scripture in **Dan 9.24** tells us that **Vision** and **Prophecy** are **to cease** at **the close at the fulfilment of the 70 Weeks**.

"Seventy weeks are decreed upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish transgression, and to make an end [סתהל] of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to make an end [סתהל] of vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most holy."

1. All the New Testament was complete by **AD 70**, Except possibly **2 Peter**
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27 ... and on the temple shall be the abomination of desolations [The Roman Armies surrounding Jerusalem. compare Matt 24.15,16 with Luke 21.20,21]; **and at the end of the time, an end of the war which is rapidly completed he shall appoint the city to desolations.** LXX Septuagint

Now this **Desolation of Jerusalem was fulfilled in AD 70.**

Therefore after the death of **the Apostles** and the **First Generation of Christians** there can be **NO MORE Prophets** sent from God such as **Mohammad, Joseph Smith, Ellen G White, Mary Baker Eddy** and **thousands** of **so called Christian Prophets.**

This was In fulfilment of **Daniel's Prophecy,**

which said that the **'Vision and Prophecy' were to cease.**

This kind of scenario is the same as in the **Old Testament History.**

At first God dealt with **individuals** such as **Noah, Abraham, Moses** and many others. But as **Divine Revelation** was given and then the **Revelation** was committed to writing, such as **the Law of Moses, the Torah.** Eventually **individualism** dwindled and **finally ceased** with **the Prophet Malachi.** It is only when God wishes to impart a **New Revelation** does a **True Prophet** arise.

This was the case with our **Lord Jesus Christ** who was **the last .**

The Lord Jesus specifically warns us about these **False Prophets** who are a **never ending** group of **Super Spiritual** people who wish to imagine they are specially Chosen of God.

Matt 7.21 *Not every one that says unto me, **Lord, Lord,** shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that does the will of my Father who is in heaven.*

22 *Many will say to me in that day, **Lord, Lord,** did we not **Prophecy** in your name, and by your name **cast out demons,** and by your name do many **mighty works?***

23 *And then will I profess unto them, **I never knew you:** depart from me, you that work iniquity.*

Matt 24.11 *And many false prophets shall arise, and shall lead many astray.*

24 *For there shall arise **false Anointed** **ψευδοχριστοι** [False **Christs,** for that is what **the word** actually means], **and false prophets,** and shall **show great signs and wonders** [as in Pseudo Magic Tricks]; **so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect.***

The Christian Culture over the last 20 years have been calling naturally verbal **Gifted Preachers: 'the Anointed Ones !'**

Today **New Christians** come into an environment of this **'Tongue Speaking Culture,'** which is so wide spread today in the **Charismatic Churches.** These **New Christians** just **copy** what they see and hear and **the New Ones** are not necessarily **trying to deceive others** but are **deluded by their also deluded leaders.**

At the end of this **section** is an open letter written by **a disillusioned Charismatic Christian** which illustrates this **spreading dilemma. He saw the Elephant in the room.**

You only have to watch the likes of **the American Evangelists,** on **U-Tube** or **Christian TV** and many more in their hundreds. **The Americans** have turned **Christianity** into **Gigantic money making business** but that's **another story.**

Now to continue with the Tongues issue.

We will substitute for the word **'Prophecy'** in **1 Corth 14** with the words **'Preach Divine Wisdom'** to **aid your understanding** of this Chapter. To **'Preach Divine Wisdom'** [**To Prophecy**] does not mean to speak in a **Foreign Language.**

These verses are **not a strict translation** of **Chapter 14** but a **Paraphrase** to aid Christians to understand this passage and not be carried away by **the Super Spiritualisation** advocated by **the Charismatics.**

The Modern use of the word 'Tongues' in the Bible has taken on a more Esoteric meaning over the last hundred years due to the practice of the Charismatic Churches.

In the following verses I have replaced **the Greek γλώσσαις** **'Tongue'** by the English word **'Foreign language'** which is its plain meaning in **Acts 1** as explained by it's context. Strong No. 1100.

This is exactly the same as today. When we say, our **'Mother Tongue'** meaning our **'Native Language.'**

From the plain reading of **the Greek text in Acts 2** it is quite obvious that speaking in **Tongues** was the ability given by God to **Preach the Gospel** to another person in their **Own Language.**

This is not the same as we see today with **the Popular Delusion** of speaking **Gobbledegook** which is so easy **TO FAKE** and **the extraordinary** but **FAR GREATER Delusion** is for somebody to translate **Gobbledegook** in to **English**.

The Scripture continually warns us of **such situations** arising amongst **the people of God**. We will now explain **the Scripture** using **the Paraphrased words**.

This chapter 14 was written by Paul because he had the same problem as we have today, what to do about **Tongue Speakers**.

We know that **Early Christians**, could be given **special gifts**, for instance, the imprinting of **another language**, and then they could **not** to use it wisely.

A good example was **Samson** who went off the rails when he met **Deliah !** Another one is **King David**. Just because we are **Special to God**, He still gives us **complete freedom of the will** to do what we choose. Good or Bad.

Now how does **Paul** deal with **these Tongue Speakers, either** the **True** [Real Foreign Languages speakers] or **False** [Gobbledegook].

1Cor 14:1 *Pursue love, yet desire earnestly the spiritual, but especially that you may **Preach Divine Wisdom** [prophesy]. 2 For one who speaks in a **foreign language**_G [Tongue] **does not speak to men but to God; for no one understands** [but God understands all languages], **but in spirit he speaks hidden things.***

3 *But one who **Preaches Divine Wisdom** [prophesy] **speaks to men for edification and exhortation and consolation.***

4 *One who speaks in a **foreign language**_G [Tongue] **does good for himself** [because the speaker understands his own language]; **but one who Preaches Divine Wisdom** [prophesy] **does good to the church** [as they all understand].*

5 *Now I wish that you all spoke in a **foreign languages**_G [Tongues], **but MORE** that you would **Preach Divine Wisdom** [prophesy]; **and greater is one who Preaches Divine Wisdom** [prophesy] **than one who speaks in a foreign languages**_G [Tongues], **unless he translates, so that the church may receive blessing.***

6 *But now, brethren, if I come to you speaking in a **foreign languages**_G [Tongues] **what will I profit you unless I speak to you either by way of revelation or of knowledge or of prophecy or of teaching?***

7 Yet lifeless things, either flute or harp, when producing **sounds_P**, if they do not produce a distinction in the notes, how will it be known what is played on the flute or on the harp?

8 For if the bugle produces an indistinct **sound_P**, who will prepare himself for battle?

9 So also you, unless you utter a **foreign language_G** speech that is understood, how will it be known what is spoken? For you will be speaking into the air.

10 There are, perhaps, a great many kinds of **sounds_P** in the world, and none is without meaning.

11 If then, I do not know the meaning of the **sound_P**, I will be to the one who speaks as uncivilised, and the one who speaks will be a uncivilised to me.

12 So also you, since you are zealous of the spiritual, seek to abound for the edification of the church.

13 Therefore let one who speaks in a **foreign languages_G** [Tongues] pray that he may **TRANSLATE**.

14 For if I pray in a **foreign language_G** [Tongue], my spirit prays, but my reason is unfruitful.

15 What am I to do ? I will pray with the spirit and I will pray with my reason also; I will sing with the spirit and I will sing with my reason also.

16 Otherwise if you bless in the spirit, how will the one who fills the place of the uninstructed say the “**Amen**” at your giving of thanks, since he does not know what you are saying?

17 For you are giving thanks well enough, but the other person is not edified.

18 I thank God, I speak in more **foreign languages_G** [Tongues] all of you;

19 however, in the congregation I desire to speak five words with my mind so that I may instruct others also, rather than ten thousand words in a **foreign language_G** [Tongue].

20 Brethren, do not be children in your thinking; yet in evil be infants, but in your thinking be mature.

21 In the Law it is written, by “**foreigners languages_G** [Tongues] and by the lips of **foreigners** I will speak to this people, and even so they will not listen to me” says the Lord.”

22 So then a **foreign languages_G** [Tongues] are for a sign, not to those who believe but to unbelievers [as it happened on the day of Pentecost when the Apostles spoke in the unbelievers language]; but **Preaching Divine Wisdom** [prophesy] is a sign, to those who believe but not to the unbelievers.

23 Therefore if the whole congregation assembles together and all speak in a **foreign languages_G** [Tongues], and ungifted men or unbelievers enter, will they not say that you are mad?

24 But if all **Preach Divine Wisdom** [prophesy], and an unbeliever or an uninstructed man enters, he is convicted by all, he is called to account by all;

25 the secrets of his heart are disclosed; and so he will fall on his face and worship God, declaring that God is certainly among you.

26 What am I to do brethren ? When you assemble, each one has a psalm, has a teaching, has a **foreign language**_G [Tongue], has a revelation, has a translation. Let all things be done for edification.

27 If anyone speaks in a **foreign language**_G [Tongue], by two or at the most three, and in turn, and **ONE MUST TRANSLATE**;

28 but if there is **no translator**, he must keep silent in the congregation; and let him speak to himself and to God.

29 Let two or three prophets speak, and let the others pass judgment.

30 But if a revelation is made to one who is seated, the first one must keep silent.

31 For you can all **Preach Divine Wisdom** [prophesy] one by one, so that all may learn and all may be exhorted;

32 and the spirits of prophets are subject to prophets;

33 for God is not confusion but of peace, as in all the congregations of the saints.

34 The women are to keep silent in the congregation; for they are not permitted to speak, but are to subject themselves, just as the Law also says.

35 If they desire to learn anything, let them ask their own husbands at home; for it is improper for a woman to speak in congregation.

36 Was it from you that the word of God went forth? Or has it come to you only?

37 If anyone **supposes he is a prophet or spiritual**, let him recognize that the things which I write to you are the Lord's commandment.

38 But if anyone does not recognize this, he is not recognized.

39 Therefore, my brethren, desire earnestly to **Preach Divine Wisdom** [prophesy], and do not forbid to speak in a **foreign languages**_G [Tongues].

40 But all things must be done properly and in an orderly manner.

This booklet has made an attempt to **rescue sincere Christians** who have got themselves mixed up with **the Charismatic Phenomena**. It is by understanding properly the words of **St Paul** that we can gain a true understand of this modern phenomena.

We all have this **major problem**. **Now what is it ?** we do not read the Scriptures in their original languages, so we have **to depend** on **the translator**. It is inevitable that **All translators** allow their **preconceived ideas** to **subconsciously** enter their translations.

The best way **to overcome** this problem, is for **Bible teachers** to use an **Interlinear Bible** which displays **the Greek** or **Hebrew** with the English word. **The best Web Site** I have found on the internet to examine the Scriptures is using **www.biblehub.com**

This **Charismatic Movement** is not a **new phenomena** but has happened since the early centuries of Christianity .

The letter below best summarises the situation as it stands today.

A LETTER BY DISILLUSIONED CHARISMATICS

I am 48 - reluctantly **"Middle-Class"** - (despite **efforts to be otherwise !!**) **Father of 3, Company Director,** and **"born again"** Christian. I am **a fifth generation Christian,** having my Great Grandfather's diaries describing his travels by pony and trap through the villages of Essex preaching the gospel - each succeeding generation following this pattern of **evangelical zeal and leadership in the church.**

I have, from the age of 18, been in church leadership through youth work, House Group Leadership, Church planting, mission, and church eldership for 20 years. My life has pretty much been **'non stop' church,** all consuming at times, believing the church to be loved by God and a revealer of Christ to this world (Eph. 3.10).

Two years ago **I stood down from all leadership** as the gap between **"what we were saying and what we were seeing"** became too wide for my comfort, doubts that were at the back of my mind came to the fore.

The tension between **"being in faith"** for the supernatural and struggling to deny what was clearly obvious - that **God does not appear to intervene in our lives** to the extent to which **we think** has become an uncomfortable position.

My Charismatic theology is essentially one of intervention - (1 Corth 12) **"Spiritual gifts"** defined as **"supernatural"**. Gifts used to affect our human circumstances. From wisdom, through healing to miracles.

All these gifts are characterised by their **"super naturalness"**. All essential to deal with deadlocked human problems, essential pastoral tools needed to build a dynamic and effective church. Tools designed to do a job!

Armed with a vision to convert the world, and knowing that, without faith, you can't please God, one learns personally and teaches corporately that we first **"find our gift"**, develop, and then exercise through faith this supernatural gift within the church.

This process finds its expression in prophecy, words of knowledge, visions, tongues, healing sessions, and more recently ministry sessions.

We have seen **'Toronto', machine gun prophets** (who ride off into the distance) and a posse of other various **'ministries'**.

In many churches they came and go **without any questions** being asked as to **their truth** or effectiveness. One is reticent, especially in leadership, to say what lurks at the back of your mind **for fear of the charge of 'lacking in faith'**.

Recently I asked **four friends** (honest men), **enthusiastic charismatics**, collectively representing a total of **100 years involvement in this tradition** to recall **a clear unambiguous prophesy of healing** that they would confidently and honestly say **was supernatural** - something that they were party to.

The silence spoke **volumes** as each assumed that the other must have witnessed at least something. The only positive response was **'the silence'** to my provocative question.

When this phenomena seems to have no expression, the tendency **to explain away the apparent silence** becomes overwhelming.

Good and **honest leaders present many options :**

"Wait for Gods timing"

"It has happened, but you need the eye of faith to see it"

"There may appear to be a problem but this is a

'lying symptom'"

"It hasn't happened because

'There must be a curse' or 'Sin in the camp'".

Worse than the excuses, is when **testimony is given** to something that clearly is **not the case**.

A Pastor friend of mine said *"there is more Spin in the church than in the labour party"*

18 months ago I was woken at 4 am. by a friend, to be told that his daughter had just **committed suicide** and that he had helped her. Could I come down to be with his wife and son.

This event was the culmination of **years of torment** for **the whole family**. There had been **every conceivable** form of **ministry, prayer, fasting, taking authority, laying on of hands**. Yet, despite every effort, this young woman could not bear to live.

My friend would **fast till he dropped**, return home **twice every day to pray over his daughters bed**, speak out and **claim healing in tongues** and in English whilst at work on his roofs, **read and study** to find some means of **unlocking this nightmare, never blaming God**, just living in faith. Unfortunately, as with **numerous tragic** situations, **God did not intervene**.

To the church this represented a failure and it has tried to give all sorts of unhelpful reasons for **the lack of healing in this life**. The situation has in the subsequent months caused me **to doubt** so much what **I once believed**.

I have been a part of **this belief system**, committed and giving enthusiastic assent. **I love God and know I am loved by him** - I love his church and my life has been enriched by the relationships I have made within it.

Yet, I am now having **to come to terms** with a different reality. **Demolishing old walls** trying **not** to demolish **the whole building**.

I now have a strong sense of alienation, **a feeling of letting down** my friends and fellow leaders. I am struggling to find a way to explain to my children why I once believed something that I now question. **To be honest I am uncertain of more than I would like to admit !!**

Has anyone else **"been there"** and what are **you left with ?**

Conclusion

Beware of those so called **prophets** who say
'the Lord told me'.

Some people will **dismiss this conclusion** and see it is an attempt to undermine **Christianity**.

This far from the truth. Its purpose is **to weed out the false miraculous events** and **establish Christianity as true** and without denying its **Miraculous content** as revealed **in the New Testament**.

Christianity does not depend on **'Personal Experiences'** but is a **Historical belief** based on **the facts of History** and **the genuine Prophecies** about **the Messiah Jesus Christ** which are found in the **Prophets Isaiah, Daniel** and many others.

The next section will **expose** a mis-understood fact about **the Day of Pentecost** which **supports** what we have already written.

On The Day of Pentecost was it **12 Apostles** or **120 Brethren** ?

If you ask **Christians** how many **persons** received **the Gift Tongues of fire** and spoke in **Tongues on the Day of Pentecost**, they will answer that there were **120 disciples** who were all given by **God 'Tongues of Fire'** and **the Spiritual Gift of Supernatural Foreign Tongues**.

The following will show that this is a truly **mistaken** understanding of what **the book of Acts actually** tells us.

As we read the following **Scriptures** it will become quite clear that it was **ONLY the 12 Apostles who** received **the Tongues of Fire** with **POWER** and **the Miraculous Gift** of speaking in **Foreign Languages**.

Acts 1:1 *The former treatise I made, O Theophilus, concerning all that Jesus began both to do and to teach,*

2 until the day in which he was received up, after that he had given commandment through the Holy Spirit unto the apostles (The 11 apostles only) whom he had chosen:

3 To whom (The 11) he also showed himself alive after his passion by many proofs, appearing unto them (The 11) by the space of forty days, and speaking the things concerning the kingdom of God:

4 and, being assembled together with **them** (The 11), he charged **them** (The 11) **not to depart from Jerusalem**, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, said he, **you** heard from me:

5 For John indeed baptized with water; but **you** (The 11) shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

6 **They** therefore, when **they** (The 11) were come together, asked him, saying, Lord, dost thou at this time restore **the kingdom to Israel?**

7 And he said unto **them**, It is not¹ for **you** (The 11) to know times or seasons, which the Father hath set within his own authority. But **you** (The 11) shall receive **POWER**, when the Holy Spirit is come upon **you**: and **you** (The 11) shall be my witnesses (The 11) both in **Jerusalem**, and in all Judaea and Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

9 And when he had said these things, as **they** (The 11) were looking, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of **their** sight.

10 And while **they** (The 11) were looking steadfastly into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by **them** in white apparel;

11 and also said, **You men of Galilee** (The 11), why stand **you** looking into heaven? this Jesus, which was received up from **you** into heaven, shall therefore come in like manner as **you** beheld him going into heaven.

12 Then **they** (The 11) returned (that day or later) to **Jerusalem** from the mount called Olivet, which is nigh to Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey.

13 And when **they** (The 11) were come in, **they** went up into the upper chamber, where **they** were staying:

both Peter (1) and **John** (2) and **James** (3) and **Andrew** (4), **Philip** (5) and **Thomas** (6), **Bartholomew** (7) and **Matthew** (8), **James** (9) the son of Alphaeus, and **Simon** (10) the Zealot, and **Judas** (11) the son of James.

14 **These all** (The 11) with one accord continued steadfastly in prayer, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.

15 And in these days [At a time later than the ascension] **Peter stood up in the midst of the brethren**, and said and there was a **multitude of persons gathered together**, about a **hundred and twenty**,

1. As a side issue, I draw to your attention to this question of the restoration of **Israel's Kingdom**. It is obviously that this restoration of **Israel's Kingdom** CANNOT refer to **the Second Advent**, because there are to be **No Signs** given by **Jesus** to **the Apostles** when **Israel's Restoration** occurs. The following Scriptures say the opposite.

Matt 24, Mark 13, and Luke 21, **Jesus** gave **detailed Signs** to **the Apostles** for when **the Second Advent** was to occur. Their generation **witnessed the Signs**, but that is another story.

16 Brethren, it was needful that the scripture should be fulfilled, which the Holy Ghost spoke before by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who was guide to them that took Jesus.

17 For he was numbered among us (The 11), and received his portion in this ministry.

18 Now this man obtained a field with the reward of his iniquity; and falling headlong, he burst asunder in the midst, and all his bowels gushed out.

19 And it became known to all the dwellers at Jerusalem; insomuch that in their language that field was called Akeldama, that is, The field of blood.

20 For it is written in the book of Psalms,

*Let his habitation be made desolate, And let no man dwell therein:
And His office let another take.*

21 Of the men therefore which have companied with us (The 11) all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and went out among us (The 11),

22 beginning from the baptism of John, unto the day that he was received up from us (The 11), of these must one become a witness with us (The 11) of his resurrection.

23 And they (the 120 brethren) put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias.

24 And they prayed, and said, Thou, Lord, which knows the hearts of all men, show of these two the one whom thou hast chosen,

25 to take the place in this ministry and apostleship, from which Judas fell away, that he might go to his own place.

26 And they (The 11) gave lots for them (2); and the lot fell upon Matthias; and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

Remember **the chapter divisions** are **artificial**, therefore **the antecedent** of the 'they' in **Acts 2:1** is **the eleven Apostles** in the previous **Acts 1:26**

Acts 1: 26 And they gave lots for them; and the lot fell upon Matthias; and he was numbered with the eleven apostles

Acts 2:1 And when the day of Pentecost was now come (some time later not the same day of the selection of the twelfth Apostle), they (The now 12 apostles) were all together in one place.

2 And suddenly there came from heaven a sound as of the rushing of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they (The 12) were sitting.

3 And there appeared unto them (The 12) tongues parting asunder, like as of fire; and it sat upon each one of them (The 12).

4 And they (The 12) were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them (The 12) utterance.

5 Now there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven.

6 And when this sound was heard, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because every man heard them speaking in his **OWN language**.

7 And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying, Behold, are not all these which speak Galileans? [All the apostles were Galileans]

8 And we hear, every man in **our own language**, where we were born?

9 Parthians and Medes and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, in Judaea and Cappadocia, in Pontus and Asia,

10 in Phrygia and Pamphylia, in Egypt and the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and sojourners from Rome, both Jews and proselytes,

11 Cretans and Arabians, we do hear them speaking in **our tongues** [Our Languages] the mighty works of God.

12 And they [unbelievers] were all amazed, and were perplexed, saying one to another, What does this mean ?

13 But others mocking said, **They** (**The 12**) are filled with new wine.

14 But **Peter**, standing up with **the eleven**, [the chosen witnesses] lifted up his voice, and spoke forth unto them, saying, You men of Judaea, and all you that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and give ear unto my words.

15 For **these** (**The 12**) are not drunken, as you suppose; seeing it is but the third hour of the day;

16 but this is that which hath been spoken by the prophet Joel...

32 This Jesus did God raise up, whereof **we** (**The 12**) are all witnesses...

37 Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said to **Peter and the rest of the apostles**, (NOT 120) Brethren, what shall we do?

38 And Peter said unto them, Repent ye, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ unto the remission of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. [but **NOT THE POWER** given by the Holy Spirit]...

43 And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by **the apostles**. [by the **POWER** given to the 12 Apostles]

Acts 4:33 And with **GREAT POWER** gave **the apostles their witness** of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all... [The **POWER** was Only given to the Apostles because they were the only ones performing the Miracles]

The Believers began to hold the material goods in common with everyone giving their possessions to **the Apostles** to distribute.

35 and laid them at **the apostles' feet**: and distribution was made unto each, according as any one had need.

36 And Joseph... 37 having a field, sold it, and brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet.

Acts 5: 12 And by the hands of the apostles (Only The 12 apostles) were many signs and wonders [the POWER FOR MIRACLES given by the Holy Spirit] wrought among the people...

29 But Peter and the apostles (The 12) answered and said, We must obey God rather than men...

32 And we (The 12) are witnesses of these things; and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God hath given to them that obey him.

Acts 6:1 Now in these days, when the number of the disciples was multiplying, there arose a murmuring of the Grecian Jews against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministrations.

2 And the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said, It is not fit that we (The 12) should forsake the word of God, and serve tables.

3 Look therefore, brethren, from among you seven men of good report, full of the Spirit and of wisdom [as yet they had faith and the Holy Spirit but no POWER TO DO MIRACLES], whom we may appoint over this business.

4 But we (The 12) will continue stedfastly in prayer, and in the ministry of the word.

5 And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit [but does not possess the POWER of the Apostles], and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch:

6 whom they set before the apostles: and when they (The 12 apostles) had prayed, they laid their hands on them... [The 7 men]

8 And Stephen, full of grace and POWER, wrought great wonders and signs among the people. [Now Stephen has the POWER TO DO MIRACLES which was bestowed upon him by the 12 Apostles]

Acts 8:4 They [The men] that were scattered abroad went preaching the word.

5 Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and proclaimed to them the Christ.

6 And the multitudes gave heed with one accord unto the things that were spoken by Philip, when they heard, and saw the signs which he did. [now Philip possessed the POWER TO DO MIRACLES]

7 For from many of those which had unclean spirits, they came out, crying with a loud voice: and many that were paralyzed, and that were lame, were healed. [By the POWER previously given by the Apostles to Philip & others]

Conclusion.

I hope that by what you have read, has given you a **better and more enlightened** understanding of **the Modern Phenomena** which exists in **Charismatic Circles**.

There is so much ignorance of exactly what **the Scripture** says. You now know, that **'Speaking in Tongues'** is speaking to someone, who **does NOT understand** your **native language**.

Therefore **the Christian** who has this **Special Gift of Speaking in a Foreign Language**, can speak to them about **the Gospel** in their **Own Native Language**.

This would be a **Miraculous Sign** for the unbeliever.

Unfortunately **New Christians** just go along with the **Charismatic** culture. Please do not believe or speak **Gobbledegook**.

Many who cannot get in to this mode of **Super Spiritualisation** become **so depressed and think they are not chosen**.

There is a **Clique of Christians** that appear to speak with a **Spiritual Air** as if they have a **Special Personal Relationship** with God that seems to **allude most of us**.

They believe that God operates in their lives by what they call the **still small voice**. Some claim to hear **the audible voice of God** and claim to have spoken to **God** face to Face in the same way as **Moses**. Others claim to have been to **Heaven** and **Hell literally !**

A few years ago Christians would ask you, **'are your born again¹'** ? The over use of this term led to its abuse and was eventually used in a disrespectful way by **non Christians**. They would talk about **'born again'** to this or that.

This question has now been replaced by the words, **'have you a personal relationship'** with **Jesus Christ**.

At the moment the **'in phrase'** is to refer to someone as **'Anointed'**. They say he's **'an Anointed preacher', pastor etc**.

We also hear the words, **'have you had the Second Blessing'?** This is after you have been Baptised in **water** have you also been Baptised by **'the Holy Spirit'** and received **'the Gift of Tongues.'**

1. The scripture **'Born again'** is a **mis-translation**. **The Greek** actually says not **'born again'** but **'born from above'**

Do not take my scepticism to infer I am not a **believer** because I have been a believer in **Jesus Christ** as my saviour for **60 years**.

These **Super Spiritual Christians** when others want to give '**Proof for Christianity**' using **intelligence** and **reason** they object to this as '**Fleshy**' not **Spiritual**, that is **not by faith**.

It is my belief all this **Emotional Display** of the **Charismatics**, is their trying to **show 'Proof'** that **God is Real**, as proved by **the Tongue Speaking** and **the so called Miracles**.

The reason for all this is they do not like to have to think too much using **the intellectual approach** to **Christianity** and call it to '**Fleshy**', but they **only** do this **when it suits them**.

What **nobody** should do, is to **believe something** for years and years that is **simply not true. It is a tragedy !**

We should **only believe** and accept **verifiable truth** and with **Christianity** there is plenty of that. If **you seek** then **you will find**.

The Bible gives **Proof** by **Prophecy**, it foretells events **thousands of years before** the events occur and when they do occur as prophesied, it **generates faith** in **the purpose** and **plan of God**.

Jesus said to **the apostles**,

*'And now I have told you **before** it come to pass, that, when it is **comes to pass**, you may **believe**'* John 14.29

That is giving the Apostles Proof.

Luke says that **Jesus** showed many '**Proofs**' of **His Resurrection**.

*'he also showed himself alive after his passion by **many proofs**'* Acts 1.3

Finally the purpose of **all Miracles** in **all ages of the Bible** is to **establish the Divine Origin** of **the Message**. When this is accomplished **No Miracles** are required and this is in accordance with **the Biblical way** as proven by **the facts of History**. I would encourage you to look at **the list of Booklets** at the back of this booklet. Many of them **establish the truth of Scripture** without performing **Miracles** and **Speaking in Tongues**.

1 Thess 5.21 **'Test all things; hold fast that which is good'**

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