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#### THE LANGUAGE OF THEOLOGY

The Bible teaches that the original language of the world was **Theology** (God's word).

The creation story opens with Theology, "God Said" (Gen.1:3-31). It is used one time on every day except on Days 3 and 5. On these Days, it is used two times (Gen.1:22). On Day 6, it is used four times. The creation account is heavy THEOLOGY.

Theology was the language from the Garden of Eden until the Tower of Babel and God's Divine Discipline. (Gen.2 – 11) God's word became the language of the messianic lineage of Sethites and Shemites. Theology became the language of the custodians of the word of God and evangelism of every biblical dispensation.

# This lesson will study four aspects of the Language of Theology.

1. It is believed that Nimrod built the city-tower of Babel to change the meaning of the original language from Theology to Cosmos Diabolicus (CD), [worldly thinking].

Cosmos Diabolicus (CD is directed towards the pagan worship of Satan (Matt.4:8-11; Isa.14:12-15).

(2 Cor.4:4) "In whose case the **god of this world** has blinded the minds of the unbelieving **so that** they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God." (1 John 5:19).

Cosmos Diabolicus (CD is a distorted view of God and His Theology (pagan religion).

Satan introduced Cosmos Diabolicus (CD) thinking to Eve in (Gen.3:1-7).

## Paul warned the church against it:

(2 Cor.11:13-14) "Such men are false apostles, deceitful workers, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. No wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light."

2. We will examine our lesson text by the following five homiletic points.

•	Speech	(2 Cor.11:1)	One language
•	Settlers at Shinar	(2 Cor.11:9)	One world
•	Structural wonder	(2 Cor.11:3-4)	One city-tower for world
•	Schemers against God	(2 Cor.11:5-6)	One religion without Christ
•	Segregation of languages	(2 Cor.11:7-9)	One way to worship God (John 4:23-24; 14:6)

The Hebrew word for language is (saphah) [speech/alphabet and vocabulary] (2 Cor.11:1, 6, 7, 9).

The Hebrew word for tongue is (lashon) (Gen.10:5, 20, 31/ Deut.28:49; Isa.28:11; 1 Cor.14:20-22; 1:22).

#### 3. The diversity of language was the result of God's judgment upon the Peleg generation of Shemites.

(Gen.10:25) "Two sons were born to Eber; the name of the one was Peleg, for in his days the earth was divided; and his brother's name was Joktan." (Gen.11:10-26)

This occurred in God's judgment upon the city-tower of Babel (Gen.11:1-9).

(Gen.11:9) "Therefore its name was <u>called Babel</u>, because there the Lord confused the language of the whole earth; and from there the Lord scattered them abroad over the face of the whole earth."

The Postdiluvian civilization had become universally united in their rebellion against God and His word (Theology) as well as God's plan of nationalism. Once again it had come down to the messianic lineage.

The Christian church is instructed to evangelize and teach Theology to all nations of the world (1 Cor.15:3-4; Rom.1:16; Eph.2:8-9; John 5:24).

(Matt.28:18-20) "Go therefore and make disciples of **all the nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

## 4. Believers of every biblical dispensation have learned and guarded the language of Theology.

The Bible gives the sacred history of this sacred language.

In the 21<sup>st</sup> century BC (Abraham), Shemite Theology was translated into Hebrew language (Ps.119) [The Hebrew alphabet].

In the 3<sup>rd</sup> century BC, the Hebrew Theology was translated into Greek language (Septuagint). Greek rule over Israelites and its influence over the language of the world (300BC to 300AD).

This prepared the way for the koine Greek of the NT.

With Paul's call to the Gentiles (Gal.2:7) and then the call westward (Acts 16:10), Gentile Christianity translated the Hebrew and Greek Theology into <u>554 full Bibles of different national languages</u>. **One of those translations was English.** 

In addition, 2,932 portions of Bible have been translated into different national languages.

(1 Pet.1:23) "For you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, that is through the **living and abiding word of God**." (Heb.4:12)