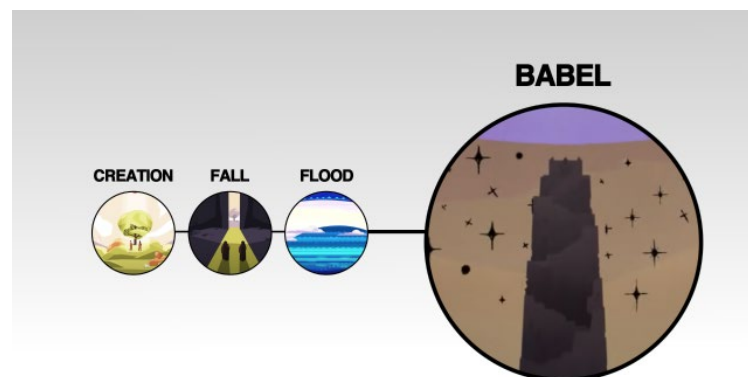
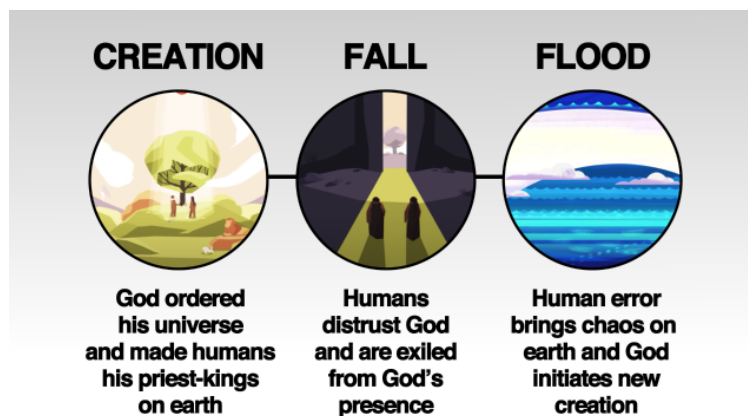
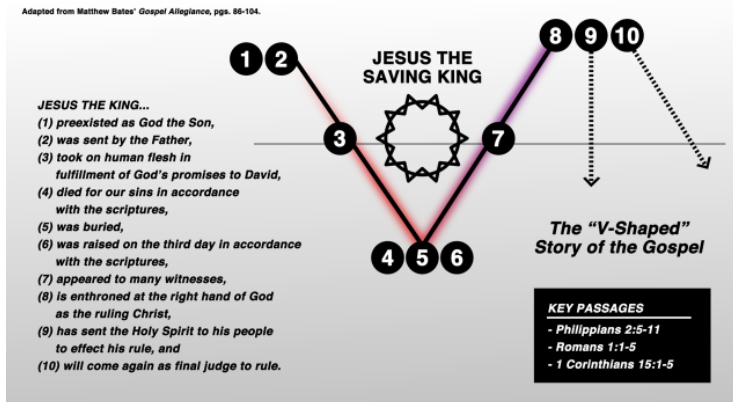


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## Acts 2:1-13

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## GENESIS 11:1-9

The whole earth had the same language and vocabulary. As people migrated from the east, they found a valley in the land of Shinar and settled there. They said to each other, "Come, let us make oven-fired bricks." (They used brick for stone and asphalt for mortar.) And they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the sky. Let us make a name for ourselves; otherwise, we will be scattered throughout the earth." Then the LORD came down to look over the city and the tower that the humans were building. The LORD said, "If they have begun to do this as one people all having the same language, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them. Come, let's go down there and confuse their language so that they will not understand one another's speech." So from there the LORD scattered them throughout the earth, and they stopped building the city. Therefore it is called Babylon, for there the LORD confused the language of the whole earth, and from there the LORD scattered them throughout the earth.

*The building project was thus a deliberate attempt to thwart the expressed will of God, something that would interfere with the unfolding of the divine scheme of history.*

*- Nahum Sarna, Understanding Genesis, pg. 67*

## ACTS 2:1-13

When the day of Pentecost had arrived, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like that of a violent rushing wind came from heaven, and it filled the whole house where they were staying. They saw tongues like flames of fire that separated and rested on each one of them. Then they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them. Now there were Jews staying in Jerusalem, devout people from every nation under heaven. When this sound occurred, a crowd came together and was confused because each one heard them speaking in his own language. They were astounded and amazed, saying, "Look, aren't all these who are speaking Galileans? How is it that each of us can hear them in our own native language?"

"Parthians, Medes, Elamites; those who live in Mesopotamia, in Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts), Cretans and Arabs -- we hear them declaring the magnificent acts of God in our own tongues." They were all astounded and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But some sneered and said, "They're drunk on new wine."

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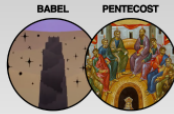
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## PENTECOST REVERSES BABEL

### **(1) Original Project**

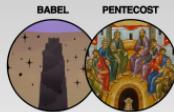
Whereas God descended on Babel to disrupt a flawed initiative, God descends at Pentecost to empower a fruitful initiative.



### **PENTECOST REVERSES BABEL**

#### **(2) Original Presence**

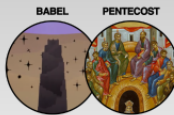
**Whereas Babylon sought for God to descend and fill their temple, God descends and fills his people.**



### **PENTECOST REVERSES BABEL**

#### **(3) Original Plan**

**Whereas at Babel God frustrated language to create national boundaries, God now gives languages to break national boundaries.**



### **PENTECOST REVERSES BABEL**

**God has descended to fill his people to do the work of witnessing to all nations.**

**IN ORDER TO BE WITNESSES TO JESUS, WE NEED OUR BABYLONS TO FALL.**

#### **PRACTICE FOR THIS WEEK**

**“SEARCH OUR HEARTS”**

**- The Examen Prayer Guide**