

## Babel and Pentecost Paralleled (Notes)

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### Chiastic Structure

A literary device used many times in Scripture to parallel ideas and themes. A Chiasmus can either reinforce or contrast the subject matter, drawing the reader into the text/story, and helping to give clues as to what the author is trying to drive home. Often times the central line(s) in the structure is the central focal point.

Notes :: In Genesis 1, God tells us to be fruitful, multiply, **fill the earth**, subdue it. We **settled** however for something less, both in heart and action.

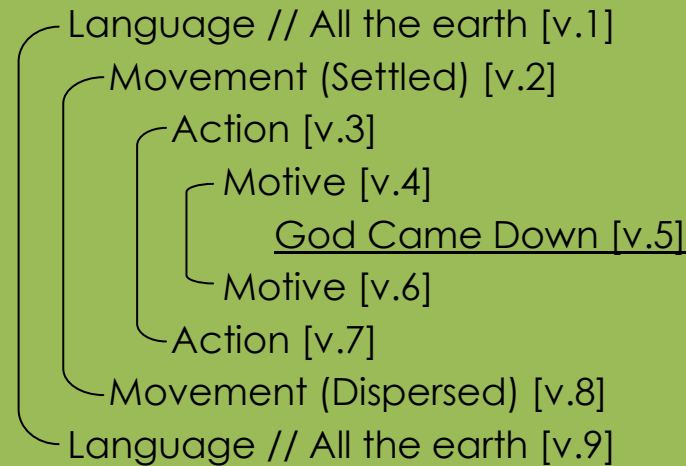
*"You will certainly carry out God's purpose, however you act, but it makes a difference to you whether you serve like Judas [rebellious creature] or like John [faithful son]."* C.S.Lewis

Jesus said: I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. (John 14:18)

Trying to make a **name for ourselves** never works out. It is the name of Jesus Christ that needs to be exalted; **He will save us**. As His Bride, His church needs to submit to the name He, our Bridegroom, pronounced over us.

See Zephaniah 3:8-20, comparing it to Babel and Pentecost as a type of prophetic bridge.

### Chiastic Structure of Genesis 11:1-9 (Babel)



Whether it be schemes of man that are confounded and undone by God (such as at Babel) or God redeeming and transforming what man has broken (such as at Pentecost), God is at the center.

When God's presence comes and is experienced, everything changes.

**God is in our midst.**

	Genesis 11:1-9	Acts 1 & 2
<b>City</b>	Babel (confusion)	Jerusalem (peace)
<b>Fire</b>	Tool for brick making	Element for glorification
<b>Language</b>	One/Confusion	Unity in diversity of speech, tongues
<b>Posture</b>	Orphans (pride)	Sons (cut to the heart)
<b>Name</b>	Make name for self	Declare Christ's name
<b>Community</b>	Man-centered	God-centered
<b>Mission</b>	Settled in arrogance	Witnesses to the ends of the earth