

CREATED MATTER

CREATED ORGANIZATION

CREATED LIFE

CREATED CONSCIOUSNESS

CREATED MORALITY

CREATED MARRIAGE

CREATED LANGUAGE



# THE FIRST WORDS ON EARTH WERE SPOKEN BY GOD TO MAN.

<sup>16</sup> And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, <sup>17</sup> but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

<sup>18</sup> Then the Lord God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.”

(Gen 2:16–18)

Nouns

Verbs

Adjectives

Pronouns

Subjects

Objects

Adverbs

Abstract Ideas

Intransitive Verbs

Definite Articles

# GOD MADE ALL LANGUAGES DIFFERENT, BUT CONSISTENT

## The Great Language Families:

**Niger–Congo** (1,538 languages) (20.6%)

**Austronesian** (1,257 languages) (16.8%)

**Trans–New Guinea** (480 languages) (6.4%)

**Sino-Tibetan** (457 languages) (6.1%)

**Indo-European** (444 languages) (5.9%)

**Australian** (378 languages) (5.1%)

**Afro-Asiatic** (375 languages) (5.0%)

**Nil-Saharan** (205 languages) (2.7%)

**Oto-Manguean** (177 languages) (2.4%)

**Austroasiatic** (169 languages) (2.3%)

**Volta Congo** (108 languages) (1.5%)

**Tai–Kadai** (95 languages) (1.3%)

**Dravidian** (85 languages) (1.1%)

**Tupian** (76 languages) (1.0%)

Ethnologue: Languages of the World (2013, 19<sup>th</sup> edition)

**<sup>1</sup> Now the whole earth had one language and the same words.**

**<sup>7</sup> "Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another's speech." (Gen 11:1,7)**

# GOD MAKES US HARDWIRED FOR LANGUAGE

Language learning is natural. Babies are born with the ability to learn it and that learning begins at birth. All children, no matter what language their parents speak, learn a language much the same way. This learning takes place in three basic stages.

(Carol Bainbridge, *Nurturing the Linguistic Abilities of Verbally Gifted Children*, 2017)

**For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. (Psalms 139:13)**

# BIBLE IS WRITTEN IN MULTIPLE LANGUAGES

Bible is written in Hebrew, Greek, and Aramaic (Afro-asiatic and Indo-European daughter languages)

Jesus quoted from a Greek translation of the Old Testament

Peter preached in over a dozen languages at once while speaking one unified sermon

It is meant to be understood regardless of language/dialect

Therefore do not be foolish, but **understand** what the will of the Lord is. (Eph 5:17)

# THE RULES OF LANGUAGE ARE GIVEN, USED, AND ENFORCED BY GOD

"I AM the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob" (Matt 22:32)

"every careless word" (Matt 12:36) brings judgement means God cares about word usage and order

"as the Lord had commanded Moses" used 14 times regarding building of tabernacle.

"hard to understand" (2 Pet 3:16 said about Paul's teachings... **not impossible** to understand.)

"not a matter of own's one interpretation" (2 Pet 1:20) means there are universal **rules of language** to be applied

To know wisdom and instruction, **to understand words of insight** (Proverbs 1:2)