

Genesis 11:1-9

v3 – tar	(noun)	a thick black sticky substance that is used in modern times for making roads
v3 – mortar	(noun)	a mixture that is put in between bricks to hold them together
v4 – scattered	(verb)	separated suddenly and made to move in different directions

Genesis 11:1-9 (New International Reader's Version)

¹ The whole world had only one language, and everyone spoke it. ² They moved to the east and found a broad valley in Babylon. There they made their home.

³ They said to one another, "Come on! Let's make bricks and bake them well." They used bricks instead of stones. They used tar to hold the bricks together. ⁴ Then they said, "Come on! Let's build a city for ourselves. Let's build a tower that reaches to the sky. We'll make a name for ourselves. Then we won't be scattered over the whole earth."

⁵ But the LORD came down to see the city and the tower the people were building. ⁶ He said, "All these people are united and speak the same language. That is why they can do all this. Now they will be able to do anything they plan. ⁷ Come on! Let us go down and mix up their language. Then they will not be able to understand one other."

⁸ So the LORD scattered them from there over the whole earth. And they stopped building the city. ⁹ There the LORD mixed up the language of the whole world. That's why the city was called Babel. From there the LORD scattered them over the whole earth.

Acts 2:1-13

v1 – Pentecost	(proper noun)	A Jewish festival ('Feast of Weeks') that celebrates 50 days after God gave the Law to Moses at Mount Sinai; the day when the Holy Spirit came down and stayed with the disciples, after Jesus returned to Heaven
v2 - violent	(adjective)	very strong or powerful
v3 - tongues of fire	(noun)	flames (see picture)
v3 - tongues	(noun)	languages
v4 - enabled	(verb)	made able; gave the ability (to do something)
v5 - bewilderment	(noun)	confusion
v7 - utterly	(adverb)	completely; totally
v8 - native	(adjective)	relating to a person's birthplace or place of growing up (i.e. a person's native language is their original language, learnt and spoken in their home country)
v11 - declaring	(verb)	saying (something) clearly and confidently
v12 - perplexed	(adjective)	puzzled; confused; baffled
v14 - addressed	(verb)	spoke to



A flame of fire

Acts 2:1-41 (New International Reader's Version)

¹ When the day of Pentecost came, all the believers gathered in one place. ² Suddenly a sound came from heaven. It was like a strong wind blowing. It filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ They saw something that looked like fire in the shape of tongues. The flames separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit. They began to speak in languages they had not known before. The Spirit gave them the ability to do this.

⁵ Godly Jews from every country in the world were staying in Jerusalem. ⁶ A crowd came together when they heard the sound. They were bewildered because each of them heard their own language being spoken. ⁷ The crowd was really amazed. They asked, "Aren't all these people who are speaking Galileans? ⁸ Then why do we each hear them speaking in our own native language? ⁹ We are Parthians, Medes and Elamites. We live in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia. We are from Pontus, Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia. Others of us are from Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene. Still others are visitors from Rome. ¹¹ Some of the visitors are Jews. Others have accepted the Jewish faith. Also, Cretans and Arabs are here. We hear all these people speaking about God's wonders in our own languages!" ¹² They were amazed and bewildered. They asked one another, "What does this mean?"

¹³ But some people in the crowd made fun of the believers. "They've had too much wine!" they said.