A close-up photograph of a person's eye looking through a white cloth. The eye is light-colored and appears to be looking towards the camera. Below the eye, a black book cover is visible, with the words "HOLY BIBLE" printed in gold. The text "What is Biblical 'Speaking in Tongues?'" is overlaid on the image in white, bold, sans-serif font, slanted upwards from left to right.

**What is Biblical "Speaking in Tongues?"**

**HOLY BIBLE**

# “Speaking in Tongues”

## On the Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:4 “They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak *with other tongues*..”



Gift of tongues was miraculous,  
known *human languages*—  
*Not the gift of Gibberish!*

Acts 2:8  
How is it that  
we *each hear*  
*them in*  
*Our Own*  
*Language* to  
which we  
were born?

# Check Them Out

1 John 4:1

Do not believe every spirit, *but test the spirits* to see whether they are from God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

Rev 2:2 “*You put to the test* those who call themselves apostles, and they are not, & you found them to be false.”

1 Thes 5:21 *Examine* everything carefully..

# Biblical Tongues Were *Known* ***Human Languages* !**

(Acts 2:4,8-12) “How do we hear each man in *our own language*?”

The audience was amazed by the apostle’s **varied, miraculous human languages.**

If modern “speaking in tongues” is exactly the same in Acts 2, **where are the crowds** of people that hear **charismatics preach in tongues** & then reply: “we hear them in own language“?

There ***is not*** even one clearly documented case of miraculous human language spoken.  
*Yuriy Stasyuk, ex-Pentecostal Preacher.*<sup>1</sup>



# Biblical Tongues Were Not Ecstatic, but **Known Human Languages** !

(1 Cor 14:21) “In the Law it is written, “By men of **strange tongues** and by the lips of strangers I will speak to this people, **even so they will not listen.**”

The **Assyrians** (Isa 27:13) were the people Paul’s quote of (Isa 28:11) described as a “**People of stammering lips and a foreign tongue.**”



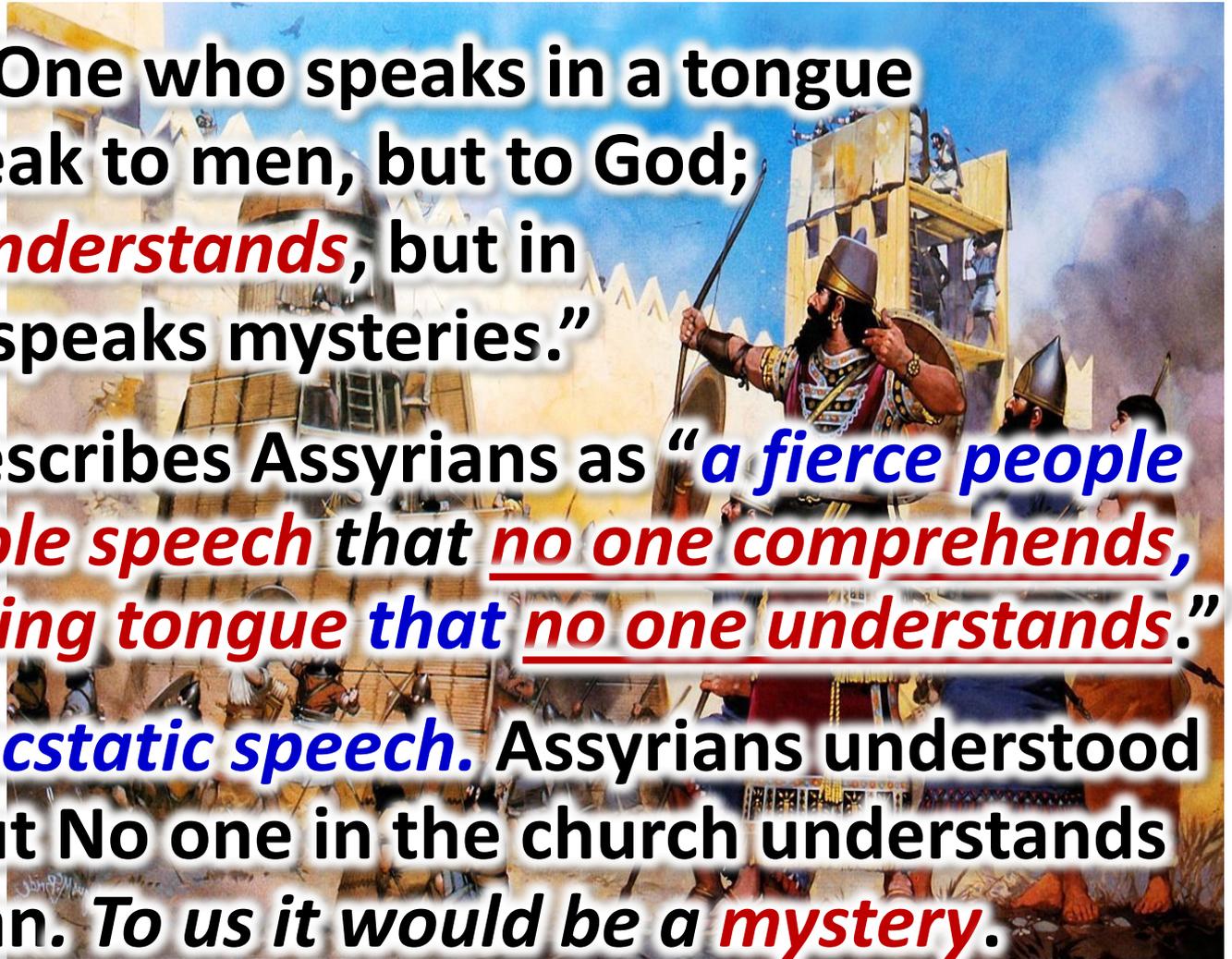
This isn't Pentecostal ecstatic angel language.  
It's the **Assyrian language** & conquest of Israel.

# Biblical Tongues Were Not Ecstatic, But **Known Human Languages** !

1 Cor 14:2 “One who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men, but to God; *for no one understands*, but in his spirit he speaks mysteries.”

(Isa 33:19) Describes Assyrians as “*a fierce people of unintelligible speech that no one comprehends, of a stammering tongue that no one understands.”*”

*This wasn't ecstatic speech.* Assyrians understood Assyrian. But No one in the church understands Assyrian. *To us it would be a **mystery**.*



# Biblical Tongues Were *not ecstatic*, but Human languages as a *Sign to Unbelievers*

1 Cor 14:22 “Tongues are for a sign, not to those who believe, but to *unbelievers*.”

*Gibberish* doesn't impress folks. But *Miraculous Real Languages* would amaze native speakers.

How about Hindi? Mongolian? Tajik? Or Zulu?

Even if “Tongues” were to be sometimes angelic (1 Cor 13:1) why is it *Never Human* as in (Acts 2)?



# *Ecstatic Tongues is **NOT EARTHLY** Language !*

Acts 2:8 “How is it that we each hear them *in our own language* to which we were born?”

## **Contrast Modern Pentecostal “Tongues”**

“This bears *no resemblance to any actual language* treated by linguists. There is the tendency to employ one’s own inventory of sounds in nonsense combinations, but with simulated foreign features”

*Eugene Nida, Linguist of American Bible Society.*

“A *meaningless human utterance* believed by the speaker to be a real language **but bearing no systematic resemblance to any natural language, living or dead.**” *Linguisticity of Glossolalia; William J. Samarin*

# Modern Ecstatic “Tongues” are **NOT Angelic languages either!**

(1 Cor 13:1) ***If*** I speak with the tongues of men  
***and of angels***, but do not have love...”

Charismatics claim “Tongues” are Angelic Language

*“We undertook to play a taped example of tongue speech privately for several different interpreters of tongues. In NO instance was there any similarity in the several interpretations. One said [he] was praying the healing of his children; another concerning a fund raising effort.”*  
*Dr John Kildalh; Psychology of tongues Speaking.*

# **Why Does Glossolalia, Ecstatic Utterance if from Spirit of God Exist *in Pagan Religions?***

**Glossolalia is practiced among: the *Peyote* cult of North American Indians, the *Haida* Indians of Pacific NW, Shamans in Sudan, the *Shango* cult of West Africa, *Shago* cult in Trinidad, *Voodoo* cult in Haiti, *Aborigines* of South America and Australia..**

***Eskimos* of North America and Asia, *Shamans* in Greenland, *Siberian* shamans, *Chaco* Indians of South America, *Curanderos* of the Andes, *Kinka* in the African Sudan, *Thonga* shamans of Africa, and the *Tibetan* monks.” Jennings: *Ethnological Study of Study of Glossolalia*; J of Am Science; 1968.**

# ***If Glossolalia, Ecstatic Utterance Is True Why are there **Almost No Interpretations?*****

**1 Cor 14:23** “If therefore the whole church should assemble ***and all speak in tongues*** & unbelievers enter, **will they not say that you are mad?**

**v27** “***If anyone speaks in a tongue***, it should be by 2 or at the most 3 & each in turn & **one interpret.**

***“Instead it is nearly always ‘free-for-all prayer’ with each person shouting out their own glossolalic vocalizations at once. Spiritual ecstasy is no excuse for what seems to be disobedience to the literal words of the Bible.”*** Yuriy Stasyuk: Ex-Pentecostal preacher (10 Hard Questions About ‘Tongues.’ Sept 30, 2013)

***If Ecstatic Utterance Is From God, Why do Charismatics **Sound Like the leader** who taught them?***

***“The **importance of the leader** was well illustrated by the fact that the **style** of glossolalia adapted by the group bore a close resemblance to the way in which the leader spoke . . . It is not uncommon for linguists to be able to tell which prominent [traveling] glossolalist has introduced a congregation to tongue-speaking.”***

John Kildahl; [\*\*\*The Psychology of Speaking in Tongues\*\*\*](#)  
(NY: Harper & Row, 1972). p. 53

**This shows that it is a **LEARNED** pattern !**

***If Ecstatic Utterance is by the Holy Spirit,  
Why Can **Ex-Charismatic Atheists**  
Still Speak in 'Tongues' ?***

**Sophie writes to Yuri Stasyuk.<sup>1</sup> August 29, 2015**

**"I'm an atheist now, but *when I was a Christian, I learned to speak in tongues. I can still do it.***

**"When I was a Christian... I knew people whose prayer language never went beyond repeating the *same four or five different syllables*. It was weird to me, because *if the point of the language was to be able to pray in words you wouldn't be able to formulate by yourself* ...why did these people only have a few syllables at their disposal?"**

# ***The Journey Out of Delusion is **Difficult.*****

**Rudi Botha** post to Yuriy Stasyuk; Oct 16, 2015

I was a tongue speaker ***for over 15 years*** until I was convinced that modern day tongues “glossolalia” is not what the Bible teaches.

“I studied the subject of ‘speaking in tongues’ ***for over 6 years*** now and debated ***many*** Pentecostal /Charismatic teachers. ***The lack of biblical knowledge is staggering*** and the arrogance and aggression towards me is simply astounding. I can only pray that God would open their eyes.”

**Having eyes— they see not (Mark 8:18)**

# Be Kind



2 Tim 2:24

***“Be kind***

***to all,***

**able to**

**teach,**

**patient**

**when**

**wronged**

v25b God may grant them

***repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth.”***

Be Kind, for everyone  
you meet is fighting  
a hard battle.

—Plato

v25a With  
***gentleness***  
***correcting***  
those who  
are in  
opposition,  
if perhaps..

# 10 Things We Covered Tonight

1. Biblical Tongues: *a miraculous human language*
2. Biblical Tongues: *was Not ecstatic, gibberish.*
3. Biblical Tongues: *was A SIGN to unbelievers.*
4. Ecstatic Tongues: *are Not Earthly languages.*
5. Ecstatic Tongues: *are Not Angelic languages.*
6. If God-Given: *why can Pagan religions do it?*
7. If God-Given: *why are there No interpretations?*
8. If God-Given: *why do they all Sound like leader?*
9. If God-Given: *why ex-charismatic Atheists do it?*
10. Last, Be kind to all: *God may grant repentance.*