

# Paul's Worldview

Paul's misuse of the Old Testament in Romans


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## **Genesis 1-12 Anchor Points**

- Eden- Created place where the spiritual Elohim can meet with the physical image bearers and Yahweh can be in **Family** relationship with physical people, people with free will
- There are spiritual Adversaries opposed to the Family of Yahweh, Adversaries with free will.
- Vocation
- “be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth”
- Fill the earth is not a population statement the original Eden intention is be an image/reputation/presence bearer in Family relationship with Yahweh.

# Homework

- Genesis 11-12
- Deuteronomy 4:19-20, 17, 29, 32
- Acts 2
- Acts 17 :24-27

## Vocation

- After the flood Yahweh had commanded the Noah FAMILY again to “be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth” ([Gen 9:1](#)).
- These words reiterated the original Eden intention is an image/reputation bearer in Family relationship with Yahweh.

- **The Tower of Babel**
- **11** Now the whole world had one language and a common speech. <sup>2</sup> As people moved eastward, they found a plain in Shinar and settled there.
- <sup>3</sup> They said to each other, “Come, let us make bricks and bake them thoroughly.” They used brick instead of stone, and tar for mortar. <sup>4</sup> Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name (shem-reputation, presence) for ourselves; otherwise we will be scattered over the face of the whole earth.”

- <sup>5</sup> But Yahweh came down to see the city and the tower the people were building. <sup>6</sup> Yahweh said, “Indeed the people speaking the same language they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them.
- <sup>7</sup> Come, let US go down and **confuse** (*sugcheo*) their language so they will not understand each other.”
- <sup>8</sup> So Yahweh scattered them from there over all the earth, and they stopped building the city. <sup>9</sup> That is why it was called Babel—because there, Yahweh, **confused** the language of the **whole world**. From there Yahweh scattered them over the face of the whole earth.

- **GEN 12** Yahweh said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you. (Leave the Family you are in)
- <sup>2</sup> “I will make you into a great nation,  
and I will bless you;  
I will make your name (shem reputation) great,  
and (your reputation/image) be a blessing.  
<sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you,  
and whoever curses you I will curse;  
and in you (your family) all **families** on earth  
will be blessed.”



# The driving narrative

- The Election/Selection/Vocation of “Abrahams Family”
  - Selected to make the reputation great
  - intention is be an image/reputation bearer in Family relationship physical with spiritual deity Yahweh
  - Family- unconditional love, but free will.
  - Called to be a “blessing” to the nations
  - Salvation Rescue plan to the (other) nations, to bring the (other) nations into the family relationship..
  - What nations??

## Elohim or elohim or God

- God (the Lord) = Yahweh
- El= god, deity singular
- El-ohim = gods, the plural form deity, spiritual deity, sometimes Yahweh sometimes other spiritual deity or plural deity
- Divisional VP or Regional VP
- Israelites would call them sons of el

# Ten commandments on Sinai

- Exodus 20:2 Free gift of salvation and leaving Egypt.... But it is a choice. I want to be in relationship with you.
- Exodus 20:3-4 – You shall have no other gods before me. no other relationships with other elohim (other spiritual deity) and (you shall not make for yourself an idol )don't create your own.
- Exodus 20:7 You are an image/reputation bearer in Family relationship with Yahweh...don't misrepresent our relationship to the other nations, Yahweh is going to live with you (1<sup>st</sup> on this mountain then in the tabernacle/temple)
- Exodus 20:18-20 We are scared... we don't want to talk to Yahweh... Moses you talk to Yahweh and tell us what he says.

- Deut 10:10 Now I had stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights, as I did the first time, and Yahweh listened to me at this time also. It was not his will to destroy you. <sup>11</sup> “Arise,” Yahweh said to me, “and lead the people on their way, so that they may enter and possess the land I swore to their ancestors to give them.”
- <sup>12</sup> And now, Israel, what does Yahweh your el ask of you but to respect Yahweh your el, to walk in obedience to him, to love him, to serve the Yahweh your el with all your heart and with all your soul, <sup>13</sup> and to observe Yahweh instructions/teachings that I am giving you today for your own good? (free will choice)

- <sup>14</sup> To Yahweh your el belong the heavens, even the highest heavens, the earth and everything in it. <sup>15</sup> Yet Yahweh set his affection on your ancestors and loved them, and he chose you, their descendants, above all the nations (what nations)—as it is today.
- <sup>16</sup> Circumcise your hearts, therefore, and do not be stiff-necked any longer.
- <sup>17</sup> For Yahweh your el is El of elohim and Lord of lords, the great el, mighty and awesome, who shows *no partiality and accepts no bribes.*

- Deuteronomy 32 Song of Moses
- 32 “Give ear, O heavens, and I will speak,  
and let the earth hear the words of my mouth.
- 2 May my teaching drop as the rain,  
my speech distill as the dew,  
like gentle rain upon the tender grass,  
and like showers upon the herb.
- For I will proclaim the name  
(shem/reputation/presence) of Yahweh  
ascribe greatness to our god (ellohenu)!

- <sup>4</sup> “The Rock, his work is perfect,  
for all his ways are justice.  
A god (el) of faithfulness and without iniquity,  
just and upright is he.
- <sup>5</sup> Your family (Israelite family) has dealt corruptly with Him;  
they are no longer his children because they are  
blemished;  
they are a crooked and twisted generation.
- <sup>6</sup> Is this how you repay Yahweh,  
you foolish and senseless people?  
Is not he your father, who created you,  
who made you and established you?  
(image/reputation/nation)

- <sup>7</sup> Remember the days of old;  
consider the years of many generations;  
ask your father, and he will show you,  
Ask your elders, and they will tell you.
- <sup>8</sup> When the Most High **gave to the nations their inheritance,**  
when He **divided** (*diamerizo*) mankind,  
he fixed the *borders of the peoples*  
according to the *number of the sons of god.*
- <sup>9</sup> But Yahweh's portion is his people,  
"Jacob" his allotted heritage.



- **ACTS 2** When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> And divided (*diamerizo*) tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. <sup>4</sup> And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit gave them utterance.

- <sup>5</sup> Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup> And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were **confused** (*sungcheo*) because each one was hearing them speak in his own **language**.
- And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? <sup>8</sup> And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own **native language**?”
- <sup>9</sup> Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, <sup>11</sup> both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our **own language the mighty works of God**.”

# Homework

- Acts 9, 19, 21
- Job 1,2
- Psalm 82
- John 10:22-42