

Parables

A “parable” is generally thought of as a story that invites the listener of that story to look for hidden meanings in the story. Apparently, it is often used as a teaching device.

The word “parable” is mentioned in at least two places in the Bible: Mathew 13: 34, 35 and Psalm 78: 2.

According to Mathew, Jesus always spoke to the people in parables, and according to John 12: 49, Jesus spoke only what his Father in heaven told him.

A parable often seems to mean different things to different people. It is a story that “speaks” to each individual to the extent that that each individual can understand. That’s why parables mean different things to different people.

To my knowledge, the first Pentecost occurred when God spoke to Moses on Mt. Sinai and gave him the Law, while the second Pentecost occurred when the Holy Spirit (God) spoke to each person in his or her own language.

We are not told what was spoken to crowds on the second Pentecost, but we do know what was spoken to Moses: it is recorded in the Law, i.e., the first 5 books of the Bible.

Since we know that God and the Holy Spirit are One and that God spoke to Jesus in parables, it seems likely that God also spoke in parables to Moses...so that anyone who read what was written could understand it in whatever “language” was familiar to the reader.

Perhaps, that’s the reason why Jesus said “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished.” [Mathew 5:17, 18]

If the first five books of the Bible are parables, then they may have been meant to be understood on an individual level, i.e., in whatever language (and on whatever level) could be best understood by the reader. Perhaps, that’s why there are so many scientific timelines in the book of Genesis...so that anyone seeking the truth will recognize what is being said in his or her own language.

I was once questioned by an individual who seemed angry and frightened about my scientific interpretations of the book of Genesis: “Why do you write about the book of Genesis in the way that you do? Are you saying that what I believe about that book is all wrong!?” I was stunned into silence...until an angel whispered in my ear:

“You ‘believe’ without any proof, therefore, you are already ‘saved’. These are for those who need to see in order to believe. They are so that no one shall be left behind.”