0:01

so you thought that the gift of tongues

0:02

originated in acts chapter 2 well think

0:04

again it shows up in the writings of a

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first century jewish historian the

0:09

original hebrew reveals this phenomenon

0:11

all the way back in the book of exodus

0:13

and believe it or not it shows up in the

0:15

ancient dead sea scrolls as it relates

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to the high priest so stick around my

0:19

friends because we are going to dive

0:20

into all of that plus go into a deep

0:23

verse by verse study on this topic as we

0:25

once and for all get to the bottom of

0:27

the truth about tongues

0:36

hello everyone i'm jim staley passion

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for truth ministries and i'm excited

0:39

about this particular topic no question

0:42

this is going to be a controversial

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topic there are people all over the map

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on this

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we are going to let the scriptures

0:49

define themselves and we're finally

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going to get to the bottom of this and

0:53

we're going to unpeel this onion this

0:55

theological onion until we get to the

0:57

truth the whole truth and nothing but

0:59

the truth we're going to let the old

1:01

testament do its thing we're going to

1:03

even dive into the dead sea scrolls some

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ancient manuscripts that talk about this

1:08

tongues of fire we're going to discuss

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and connect it to the tongues of fire

1:13

that are in the fire that's coming from

1:14

the throne of god and then relate all of

1:16

that into acts chapter 2 and end in

1:19

first corinthians 12 through 14. so

1:22

we're going to dive into every scripture

1:23

on this topic it's going to be lengthy

1:25

no doubt it's going to be in depth but

1:27

at the end if it's important to you i

1:30

promise lord willing that you will have

1:33

a final conclusion on this topic so

1:38

before we begin i want to encourage you

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the notifications and if this message

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this teaching blesses you would you

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as well not for my sake but because the

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algorithms of youtube

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when that happens they push this video

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and recommend it to others which allows

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this message to go out to more people

2:01

it's a free in a great way to increase

2:04

the gospel and the truth of his word the

2:06

front of the book the back of the book

2:08

the whole book to as many people as

2:10

possible okay so let's begin

2:13

and i just want to start off in

2:14

deuteronomy chapter 5. it's important as

2:16

we we do this most people love to start

2:18

off in acts chapter 2 and we're going to

2:19

get there without a doubt but at the end

2:22

of the day we're going to start in the

2:24

old testament because it's there that we

2:26

find the foundations of our faith

2:29

deuteronomy chapter 5 verse 23 says this

2:32

so it was when you heard the voice from

2:34

the midst of the darkness while the

2:36

mountain was burning with fire that you

2:39

came near to me all the heads of your

2:41

tribes and your elders and you said

2:43

surely the lord our god which is yahweh

2:46

our elohim has shown us his glory and

2:48

his greatness and we have heard his

2:51

voice

2:52

from the midst of the fire we have seen

2:55

this day that god speaks with man yet he

2:58

is still alive now therefore why should

3:00

we die for this great fire will consume

3:03

us if we hear the voice of yahweh or

3:04

elohim anymore then we shall die and

3:07

this is when the people sent moses up on

3:09

the mountain on their behalf we find out

3:12

that this concept of god speaking

3:15

through fire is prevalent from genesis

3:18

all the way to revelation we just we see

3:20

that the first time that moses has an

3:23

experience with god is where it's at the

3:25

burning bush there's something about

3:28

this fire the voice of the angel of the

3:31

lord

3:32

came from this burning bush that was on

3:36

fire there's something about fire that

3:39

god wants to speak through it's

3:42

cleansing it's pure no one can exist in

3:45

it but him and so i believe that we're

3:48

going to see some connections here as we

3:50

move through

3:52

the old testament passages and into some

3:54

other ancient documents and into acts

3:56

chapter 2 we're going to see that

3:58

there's a reason why these tongues of

4:00

fire that fall on the disciples in acts

4:02

chapter 2 are in fact tongues of fire

4:05

matter of fact can i just encourage you

4:07

to think back to the tabernacle the

4:09

temple itself when the tabernacle was in

4:11

the wilderness what was the demarcation

4:15

sign

4:16

that god yahweh elohim was actually with

4:19

his people it was the pillar of fire and

4:22

where was it it was over the top of the

4:25

holy of holies in the tabernacle this is

4:28

how they knew

4:29

that god was with them because they

4:30

could look up and they saw the pillar of

4:33

fire at night and the cloud by day which

4:35

i'm going to submit was identical

4:37

because you take fire and you put it in

4:39

the daytime and it literally looks like

4:41

white fire or a white cloud it was the

4:44

fire of god it was his presence that was

4:47

over the holy temple

4:49

showing us that his presence was with us

4:52

you fast forward into the new testament

4:54

acts chapter 2 on the day of shavuot and

4:57

you have the same exact fire in the form

5:00

of tongues over the top of what is now

5:03

the temple of the holy spirit each

5:06

individual showing that my power my

5:09

authority my anointing and my presence

5:12

and in hebrew that word presence is

5:14

panim which is the same word as face my

5:17

face my presence is now over this temple

5:21

this is the temple that i'm going to

5:23

work through

5:24

and my flame of power

5:26

in voice is going to move through it so

5:29

let's move through this and go into

5:31

exodus chapter 20 verse 18.

5:35

it says this now all the people

5:37

witnessed the thunderings the lightning

5:39

flashes the sound of the trumpet and the

5:41

mountain smoking and when the people saw

5:43

it they trembled and stood far off this

5:46

is a verse that almost everybody's

5:48

familiar with when they come out of the

5:49

exodus they're standing there at mount

5:52

sinai and it's thundering and lightning

5:54

and it simply says all the people

5:56

witness the thundering the lightning

5:58

flashes and the sound of the trumpet

6:00

that's in the new king james version

6:02

which i like to read but when you

6:04

actually go into the best version there

6:06

is the original hebrew this is actually

6:09

what you get and it's fascinating the

6:11

difference in the translations but a

6:13

literal reading of this passage

6:16

young's literal translation actually has

6:18

it right

6:19

and all the people are seeing the voices

6:22

and the flames and the sound of the

6:24

trumpet and the mountain smoking and the

6:27

people see and move and stand afar off

6:30

do you see the difference my friends

6:32

they are seen in hebrew they are seeing

6:35

the voices now the reason why that

6:37

doesn't get translated into other

6:40

versions is because that doesn't make

6:41

sense in english that they're actually

6:44

seeing the voices

6:46

but what's happening is they're actually

6:49

seeing the flames of the fire in the

6:52

form of voices or should i say in

6:54

reverse they're seeing the voices of god

6:57

come out in flames of fire it makes

7:00

sense in acts chapter 2 it didn't make

7:02

sense in exodus chapter 20 which is why

7:05

the translators didn't translate it that

7:07

way but the literal translation is they

7:09

saw tongues of fire coming out from the

7:13

presence of god let me just go one step

7:15

further into the new testament first

7:17

century and let's talk to a jewish

7:19

philosopher named philo and let's see

7:22

what he has to say then from the midst

7:25

of the fire that streamed from heaven

7:27

there sounded forth to their utter

7:29

amazement a voice

7:31

for the flame became articulate speech

7:35

in the language familiar to the audience

7:37

and so clearly and distinctly were the

7:39

words formed by it that they seem to see

7:42

them

7:43

rather than hear them

7:45

did you hear that my friends filo says

7:46

look

7:48

they were at mount sinai and they didn't

7:50

just hear the voice of god

7:52

they saw it they saw the voice of god in

7:56

the form of flames

7:59

and so this concept began to be

8:02

developed within the hebrew community

8:04

and then in the new testament in the

8:06

jewish community uh that that the the

8:09

the voice of god is enveloped in flames

8:12

that when god speaks there are flames

8:15

that come out

8:16

from

8:17

his

8:18

tongue

8:19

and so this is where we're going to get

8:21

the concept of the tongues of fire is

8:24

not just from the tabernacle wilderness

8:27

where the the pillar of fire rested over

8:29

the holy of holies but it was the tongue

8:32

of god that was speaking and they saw

8:35

flames of tongues of fire coming out

8:39

from the mountain as words and filo says

8:42

that's exactly what they saw they saw

8:44

flames of fire the voice of god i should

8:47

say was coming out in the form of fire

8:51

so what i want to do now is go to an

8:53

ancient text

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that

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that one of the new testament writers

8:57

quotes this was a popular

8:59

book in the first century there are some

9:01

people that thought that it was

9:02

scripture it was held in very high

9:04

esteem in judaism it wasn't exactly

9:06

considered scripture but it definitely

9:08

was considered something to be a weighty

9:11

and in measure and to look into and that

9:13

is the book of enoch and so i'm going to

9:15

go to enoch chapter 14 and watch this

9:19

vision starting in verse 8. it's

9:20

fascinating what enoch sees i'm going to

9:23

read it to you it says and the vision

9:25

was shown to me thus

9:27

behold in the vision clouds invited me

9:30

and a mist summoned me

9:32

and the course of the stars and the

9:34

lightnings

9:36

sped and hastened me and the winds and

9:38

the vision caused me to fly and lifted

9:40

me upward and bore me into heaven

9:43

in verse 9 and i went in until i drew

9:46

nigh to a wall which is built of

9:48

crystals and get this surrounded by

9:51

tongues of fire

9:53

and it began to frighten me and it went

9:56

into the tongues of fire and drew near

9:58

to the large house which was built of

9:59

crystals and the walls of the house were

10:02

like a tessellated floor made of

10:05

crystals and its groundwork was of

10:07

crystal its ceiling was like the path of

10:09

the stars and the lightnings and between

10:11

them were fiery cherubim and their

10:13

heaven was clear as water the flaming

10:17

fire surrounded the walls and its

10:19

portals blazed with fire

10:21

my friends this is extraordinary that we

10:24

have an account that is an extra

10:26

biblical outside of the bible account

10:29

of the same thing that happened in acts

10:32

chapter 2 which is a tongue of fire that

10:34

there were

10:35

this writer says that what he saw

10:38

near the throne room of god and the

10:40

presence of god was a wall that was

10:43

filled with tongues of fire and the

10:46

fiery cherubim were there the serpents

10:49

of the the fiery serpents uh were there

10:52

and and by the way which is fascinating

10:55

that these are the fiery cherubim and

10:57

there's fire in the tongues that are

11:00

surrounding this wall what is up with

11:03

all of this fire and the tongues of fire

11:06

and so we see this phrase being used

11:08

right here and it's going to be used

11:10

over and over again in antiquity watch

11:12

this probably the most fascinating place

11:16

that i discovered uh in my studies that

11:19

this tongues of fire shows up is in all

11:22

places it is the most unique place that

11:25

it would be found and that is in the

11:27

caves of qumran that's right in the dead

11:29

sea scrolls we find this exact phrase

11:34

being used inside the context of the

11:37

urum and the thuming of the high priest

11:40

those were the two stones that uh that

11:43

scholars say were placed behind the

11:45

breastplate and the of course the

11:48

breastplate is made up of the 12 stones

11:50

of israel every one of them a different

11:52

a gem color and it was these stones of

11:56

light is uh is is literally how it's

11:59

translated uh

12:01

they would light up from behind the

12:03

breastplate of the high priest and it

12:06

would illuminate all of the gemstones

12:08

that are coming out from the high priest

12:10

therefore being a true light bringing

12:13

forth the rainbow of colors if you will

12:15

the promise of god being being

12:18

shown through the breastplate of the of

12:21

the high priest who's carrying all of

12:23

the 12 tribes representing jesus yeshua

12:25

himself but it is these light stones

12:29

behind him that is causing the light to

12:32

come out and these stones according to

12:35

the qumran community believe it or not

12:37

we're called the tongues of fire watch

12:40

this

12:41

it says this you can see the picture on

12:43

your screen this is the actual picture

12:45

of uh the stone or excuse me the the

12:49

parchment of the dead sea scroll that

12:51

are in different pieces now granted what

12:54

i'm going to read you is

12:56

parts they don't have the entire

12:58

paragraph they they're missing little

13:00

bits and pieces and so they put it

13:02

together the best that they can so i'm

13:04

going to read it to you as it's read

13:07

in the dead sea scrolls even though

13:09

there's some missing words most of the

13:10

context you can put it together it says

13:12

this

13:14

the stone just as the lord commanded and

13:18

your urim

13:19

and and it the cloud shall come forth

13:22

with him with the tongues of fire the

13:25

left-hand stone which is on the left

13:27

side of his chest

13:29

shall be uncovered before the whole

13:30

congregation until the priest finished

13:32

speaking and after the cloud has been

13:34

lifted and you shall keep the prophet

13:37

has spoken to you who counsels rebellion

13:40

the lord your god now you can see that

13:41

there are some missing words in there

13:43

but you can kind of get the context

13:44

they're talking about the high priest

13:46

coming out he's got the urum and the

13:48

thumbing with him and these tongues of

13:50

fire one on the left and one on the

13:51

right uh are going to give him the

13:54

capabilities of prophesying to israel it

13:58

goes on to say the right hand stone when

14:00

the priest comes out these tongues of

14:02

fire from the right hand stone

14:04

from and after he goes up he shall draw

14:07

near to the people the lord your god

14:09

blessed is the god of israel among them

14:11

all your name and an abundance of

14:13

strength honor and awesome

14:16

these words

14:17

according to all

14:19

probably all i have said to you and then

14:21

the priests shall interpret his will

14:24

all the congregation o children of

14:25

israel keep all these words to do all

14:28

the number of the commandments

14:29

and then and so on and so forth and so

14:32

there is a clear instruction inside the

14:35

qumran community that they believe that

14:38

the urum and the thuman they were

14:40

designed as light not just light stones

14:43

but tongues of fire and the reason why

14:47

they're called tongues of fire is they

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say that the the priest

14:50

goes on and said that the priest that is

14:52

wearing the erm and the thumbing uh

14:55

these tongues of fire it's giving him

14:58

the ability to prophesy

15:00

and when he prophesies the people will

15:03

see the stones light up and they will

15:05

bow their heads and they will obey

15:08

whatever the interpretation is that the

15:11

high priest has think about the words

15:14

here if you're familiar with the

15:15

biblical text on this topic we're

15:17

talking about tongues of fire we're

15:19

talking about interpretation of the will

15:22

of god these terms and phrases that are

15:25

found within what we would consider

15:27

charismatic circles that come directly

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out of acts chapter 2 and first

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corinthians 12 through 14 they're right

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here in the dead sea scrolls as well as

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in the book of enoch and all the way

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back into exodus chapter 20 when the

15:43

very first time that god speaks to his

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people through fire philo says is

15:48

through

15:49

tongues of fire they actually saw the

15:51

voices of god

15:52

and so this is an amazing backdrop for

15:55

us to get into our text of the day which

15:58

is acts chapter 2.

16:01

i hope you were blessed by this teaching

16:03

as much as i was in preparing it this is

16:05

actually only the introduction to the

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hour and 45 minute full teaching on this

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you want to watch that full teaching or

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i also encourage you to also watch the

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top 10 myths about tongues teaching

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where you will learn the truth about the

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most common misconceptions that surround

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this topic as well as hear some of the

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most incredible testimonies you have

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ever heard concerning the gift of

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tongues

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and don't forget to subscribe to our

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youtube channel and check out all the

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other resources on our website at

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in the meantime i'm jim staley and i'll

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