

## Re: language before Babel Re: Scottish Tribes of Jewish Origin???

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Ron Hardin wrote:

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> *Peter T. Daniels wrote:*

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>> *Ron Hardin wrote:*

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>>> *Babel (Bavel) was also a common noun meaning ``confusion," in addition to the name of god. This is important in lit crit.*

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>>> *On the internet, nobody knows you're a jerk.*

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>> *Do enlighten us as to what language that word was a common noun meaning confusion in, and when, as well as what god it was the name of, and why you think so.*

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> *Hebrew. Try google.*

No, thanks. I prefer scholarly dictionaries.

> *here's one*

> <http://www.beth-elsa.org/education/dorldor/2001-10-23.htm>

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> *note the confusion on the matter. It's a trope that keeps giving.*

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> *The contact phone # during Religious School and Hebrew School hours is 382-4286.*

I'm not interested in their confusion, and the US doesn't have 7-digit phone numbers any more.

> *Vocabulary*

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> *Bavel - The name of the town in the story, Genesis 11:1-9.*

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> *Bavel – Babylonian “Gate of God” Hebrew “confounded speech”*

Hebrew form of the Babylonian word; and a derived sense based on this story

> *Bilbul – confusion, disorder*

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> *Bilbolet – a mess, a state of confusion*

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> *Bilbel — confuse, mix up*

These three words, related to each other, have nothing to do with the first word you cite. These are from a reduplicated BL; the other is borrowed from baab 'gate' ilii 'of god'.

And you haven't provided any "name of god," whether related or not.

> *bab·ble (bbl)*

> *n.*

No connection with any of the above.

> *1. Inarticulate or meaningless talk or sounds.*

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> *2. Idle or foolish talk; chatter.*

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> *v. intr.*

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> *1. To utter a meaningless confusion of words or sounds: Babies babble before they can talk.*

And some jerks continue to do so even when they can.

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