

#901 The Second Babel's One Language and One Speech – The Muhlenberg Legend: Making America of One Language (English) and One Speech (Democracy)

Review: We have outlined that Woodrow Wilson's 'Making the World Safe for Democracy' speech fulfilled the Genesis 11 spirit and theme of the building of a *worldwide second* Babel, and of the earth being "of one language" and "of one speech," through the hope of the world being of *one mind politically* in the latter days with a *common purpose* to have Democracy reigning in the hearts and minds and mouths of men and their governments.

Thus, while the nature of the "one language" and "one speech" is referring to literal languages as concerns the *original* Babel of Genesis 11, the nature of the "one language" and "one speech" of the *second* Babel is referring to those in the world being of *one mind politically*. They are speaking the same *political* language, which is that of Making the World Safe for Democracy.

Genesis 11:1 (KJV) And THE WHOLE EARTH WAS OF ONE LANGUAGE, and ONE SPEECH [Woodrow Wilson's April 2, 1917, 'The World Must Be Made Safe for Democracy' Speech].



New Material: *The Muhlenberg Legend.* There was and still is a story, which has been repeated during the course of the last one and one-half centuries, that in the early history of the United States, the German language failed by a single vote to become the official language of the nation. This is referred to as the Muhlenberg Legend.



The first Speaker of the House of Representatives, Frederick Muhlenberg

What actually happened was this, although the various 'true' accounts differ slightly: In 1794, Virginia farmers who spoke and read only the German language petitioned the U.S. House of Representatives, not for the purpose of giving the German language any official status, but for the purpose of printing in the German language 3,000 booklets containing the U.S. federal laws, for the accommodation of German citizens who did not understand the English language. On January 13, 1795, the House of Representatives rejected the proposal 42-41, apparently with Speaker of the House Frederick Muhlenberg casting the final vote and breaking a tie. The irony, of course, is that the Muhlenberg family was originally from Germany. It is said that Frederick Muhlenberg, of German roots, was of the opinion that those of the German language should become more American by learning English. [Reference Unsealings [#844](#)–[#849](#) if you wish to review The Muhlenbergs from Trappe.]

Key Understanding: *The Muhlenberg Legend.* What is referred to as the *Muhlenberg Legend* was ordained and used by the Lord to point to the change in nature of the “*one language*” and “*one speech*” from (i) languages, as concerns the *original* Genesis 11 Babel, to (ii) *one mind politically*, as concerns the *single democratic nation second* Babel. This was illustrated by the Speaker of the House, Frederick Muhlenberg, through the Muhlenberg Legend, representing (i) the idea of the *single democratic nation second* Babel being of “*one [literal] language*,” English, similar in context to the literal languages theme of the *original* Genesis 11 Babel, yet then also, as the first man to sign the Bill of Rights, representing (ii) the theme of *one mind politically* – as concerns the same *single democratic nation second* Babel.



Germantown, Pennsylvania, was founded on October 6, 1683, and is the root of the celebration marked by the poster *above*

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