

## **TONGUES WILL CEASE (Part Two)**

**This lesson will study three aspects of part two on “Tongues Will Cease” during the church age.**

**(1 Cor.13:8b) “If tongues (glossa/ nplm), they will cease (pauo/ f.m.ind.3pl).”**

**INTRO:** In our last lesson we studied the Greek grammar of (1 Cor.13:8). In this lesson we will focus on why, when, and how tongues would cease. Remember three dates are important to Spiritual Gifts (30, 70, and 100AD).

### **1. The Gift of Tongues is the only spiritual gift with an Old Covenant (OC) prophesy attached to it. This prophetic sign would be important to this spiritual gift ceasing.**

A prophetic sign was attached to the spiritual gift of tongues and directed at the unbelieving Israelites from 30-70AD. “For indeed **Jews ask for signs** and Greeks search for wisdom.” (1 Cor.1:22)

The spiritual gift of Interpretation of tongues was for the edification of believers of the church.

(1 Cor.14:5) “Unless he interprets (diemeneuo), so that the **church may receive edifying.**”  
(1 Cor.14:13, 27-28)

**Isa.28:11 (OC):** “Brethren, do not be children in your thinking; yet in evil be infants, but in your thinking be mature (1 Cor.13:11). In the Law it is written (Isa.28:11/ Luke 24:44), ‘By men of **strange tongues** and by the **lips of strangers** I will speak to this people (Judean Jews), **and even so they will not listen to Me,**’ says the Lord. **So then tongues are for a sign, not to those who believe but to unbelievers;** but prophecy is for a sign, not to unbelievers but to those who believe.” **(1 Cor.14:20-22) (NC)**

**Isa.28:11 (OC):** “Indeed, He (God) will speak (dabar/ piel impf.3ms) to this people through stammering (lag) [barbarian] lips (saphah) [speech] and a foreign (acher) [another] tongue (lashon) [language].”

### **2. The prophetic sign of Isaiah 28:11 (Isa.28:1-13) attached to spiritual gift of tongues was 1 of 6 prophetic woes given to Ephraim (Isa.28:1; 29:1; 29:15; 30:1; 31:1; 33:1).**

The Northern Kingdom was going under the 5<sup>th</sup> Cycle of Divine Judgment as the priest-nation to the **Assyrians** (Deut.28:47-49, **53-57, 64-68** and Lev.26).

#### **Historically:**

- The disciplinary foreign tongue that Ephraim (No. Kingdom) will hear will be **Assyrian (722BC)**.
- The disciplinary foreign tongue that Judah (So. Kingdom) will hear will be **Babylonian (586BC)**.
- The disciplinary foreign tongue that Judah will hear will be **Roman (70AD)**.

**Note:** The 5<sup>th</sup> cycle of judgment meant the removal of Jews from the Promised Land by a Gentile power.

**(Isa.28:13)** “So the word of the Lord to them will be, ‘Order on order, order on order, line on line, line on line, a little here, a little there,’ **that they may go and stumble backward, be broken, snared and taken captive.**”

Isaiah’s prophetic woe (sign) was also a **warning to Judeans of both 722BC and 70AD** (Isa.28:14-29);

(Isa.28:16) “Therefore thus says the Lord God, ‘Behold, I lay in Zion a stone, a tested stone, a costly cornerstone for the foundation, firmly placed. He who believes in it will not be disturbed.’”  
(Rom.9:32-33; 1 Pet.2:6-8).

(Eph.2:20) “Having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, **Christ Jesus Himself being the corner stone.**”

### 3. **The spiritual gift of tongues evangelized (through the church) to Jews in foreign languages from 30 - 70AD (40 years of grace)**

The gospel of Christ Jesus preached by converted Jews in Gentile languages to unbelievers and the interpreted tongue explained the sign of coming judgment upon Israel.

**The First century Judean** would once again (722BC and 70AD) be put under the 5<sup>th</sup> cycle of judgment for rejecting God’s prophetic word and God’s son (Matt.21:33-46) [Parable of Tenants] (John 1:11-13; Acts 2:22-24).

The message delivered by “**different kinds of tongues**” was the **same message**, the Gospel of Christ Jesus. The spiritual gift of tongues broke the language barrier for national evangelism (Books of Acts and 1 Cor.)

The Book of Acts is evidence of this type of evangelism (Acts 2, 8, 10-11, and 19) [Four Pentecost’s recorded].

The Gospel of Jesus Christ, preached through the spiritual gift of tongues, turned the cursing of the 5<sup>th</sup> cycle of judgment into **spiritual blessing** to those who believed (Matt.23:37-39; Luke 19:41-44/ Jesus’ Lament of 5<sup>th</sup>).

(Eph.1:3) “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has **blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ.**”

**The spiritual gift of tongues, along with the gift of interpretation, ceased with the 5<sup>th</sup> cycle of divine judgment placed upon Israel in 70AD by Rome.**