

TONGUES AS A PATTERN SIGN

²⁰Brethren, do not be children in understanding; however, in malice be babes, but in understanding be mature. ²¹In the law it is written: "WITH MEN OF OTHER TONGUES AND OTHER LIPS I WILL SPEAK TO THIS PEOPLE; AND YET, FOR ALL THAT, THEY WILL NOT HEAR ME," says the Lord. ²²Therefore tongues are for a sign, not to those who believe but to unbelievers; but prophesying is not for unbelievers but for those who believe. (1Co.14:20-22)

1 God judged the people of Babel by confusing their tongue (languages). This was a JUDGMENT. **2242-2206BC**

Ge.11

2 Isaiah prophesied that men of strange tongues, the Assyrians, would be God's instrument of JUDGMENT against Israel. **722BC**

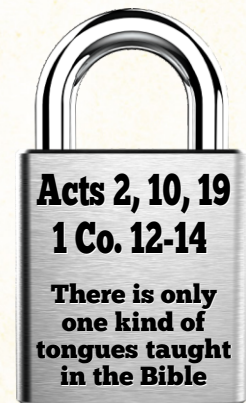
Is.28:11-13

3 Jeremiah prophesied that people of another language, the Babylonians, would be God's instrument of JUDGMENT against Judah. **586BC**

Je.5:15-17

4 Acts 2,10,19 and 1 Corinthians view tongues (languages) as a sign and warning to unbelieving Jews of coming JUDGMENT.

- Acts 2:4-12 tells us that the Jews from other nations were amazed to hear 'their' God being praised in foreign languages. In Acts 10 & 19 those saved spoke.
- Tongues was simply a sign to unbelieving Jews during evangelism. Once the sign had served its purpose the gift ceased (70AD).



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Ac. & 1Co.12-14