

PRE-CANON GIFT: TONGUES

1. Tongues was a specific gift for a specific purpose.
2. It was to function only during the time when Israel was a client nation to God.
3. Tongues were only to be used during that time.
4. A Jew would be evangelized in Gentile languages – as revealed in Isa. 28 and quoted in I Cor. 14
5. The person who had the gift did not know the language he used, but he gave the gospel under this gift – without knowing what he was saying; the person hearing knew what was being said.
6. This was the means of evangelizing the Jews as a warning. Israel as a client nation was Judah – functioning during the first part of the Church Age. They would continue to function until AD 70 – 15 years after the writing of I Corinthians. Isaiah 28 warned the Jews that they would receive the Gospel in gentile languages. 70 AD was the end of Israel – there will be no Jewish client nation until the 2nd Advent, at which time Israel will be regathered. And during the Millennium, that millennial reign of the Lord Jesus Christ, Israel will function again as the client nation to God. We now live in the time of the Gentiles.