

I CORINTHIANS





Tongues & Prophecy

1Corinthians 14:1-25



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**Pursue love, and earnestly desire the spiritual gifts,
especially that you may prophesy.**



1 Corinthians 14:2

**For one who speaks in a tongue speaks
not to men but to God; for no one understands him,
but he utters mysteries in the Spirit.**



1 Corinthians 14:3

**On the other hand, the one who prophesies
speaks to people for their upbuilding and
encouragement and consolation.**



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&/or

He is built up / encouraged by God's gift in him



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The one who prophesies is greater than
the one who speaks in tongues,
unless someone interprets,
so that the church may be built up.**



1 Corinthians 14:6

**Now, brothers, if I come to you speaking in tongues,
how will I benefit you unless I bring you some
revelation or knowledge or prophecy or teaching?**



1 Corinthians 14:7

**If even lifeless instruments,
such as the flute or the harp,
do not give distinct notes,
how will anyone know what is played?**



1 Corinthians 14:8

**And if the bugle gives an indistinct sound,
who will get ready for battle?**



1 Corinthians 14:9

So with yourselves, if with your tongue you utter speech that is not intelligible, how will anyone know what is said? For you will be speaking into the air.



1 Corinthians 14:10

There are doubtless many different languages in the world, and none is without meaning,



1 Corinthians 14:11

**but if I do not know the meaning of the language,
I will be a foreigner to the speaker
and the speaker a foreigner to me.**



1 Corinthians 14:12

**So with yourselves, since you are
eager for manifestations of the Spirit,
strive to excel in building up the church.**



1 Corinthians 14:13

**Therefore, one who speaks in a tongue
should pray that he may interpret.**



1 Corinthians 14:14

**For if I pray in a tongue,
my spirit prays but my mind is unfruitful.**



1 Corinthians 14:15

**What am I to do? I will pray with my spirit,
but I will pray with my mind also;
I will sing praise with my spirit,
but I will sing with my mind also.**



1 Corinthians 14:16

Otherwise, if you give thanks with your spirit, how can anyone in the position of an outsider say “Amen” to your thanksgiving when he does not know what you are saying?



1 Corinthians 14:17

**For you may be giving thanks well enough,
but the other person is not being built up.**



1 Corinthians 14:18

**I thank God that I speak in tongues
more than all of you.**



1 Corinthians 14:19

**Nevertheless, in church I would rather speak
five words with my mind in order to instruct others,
than ten thousand words in a tongue.**



1 Corinthians 14:20

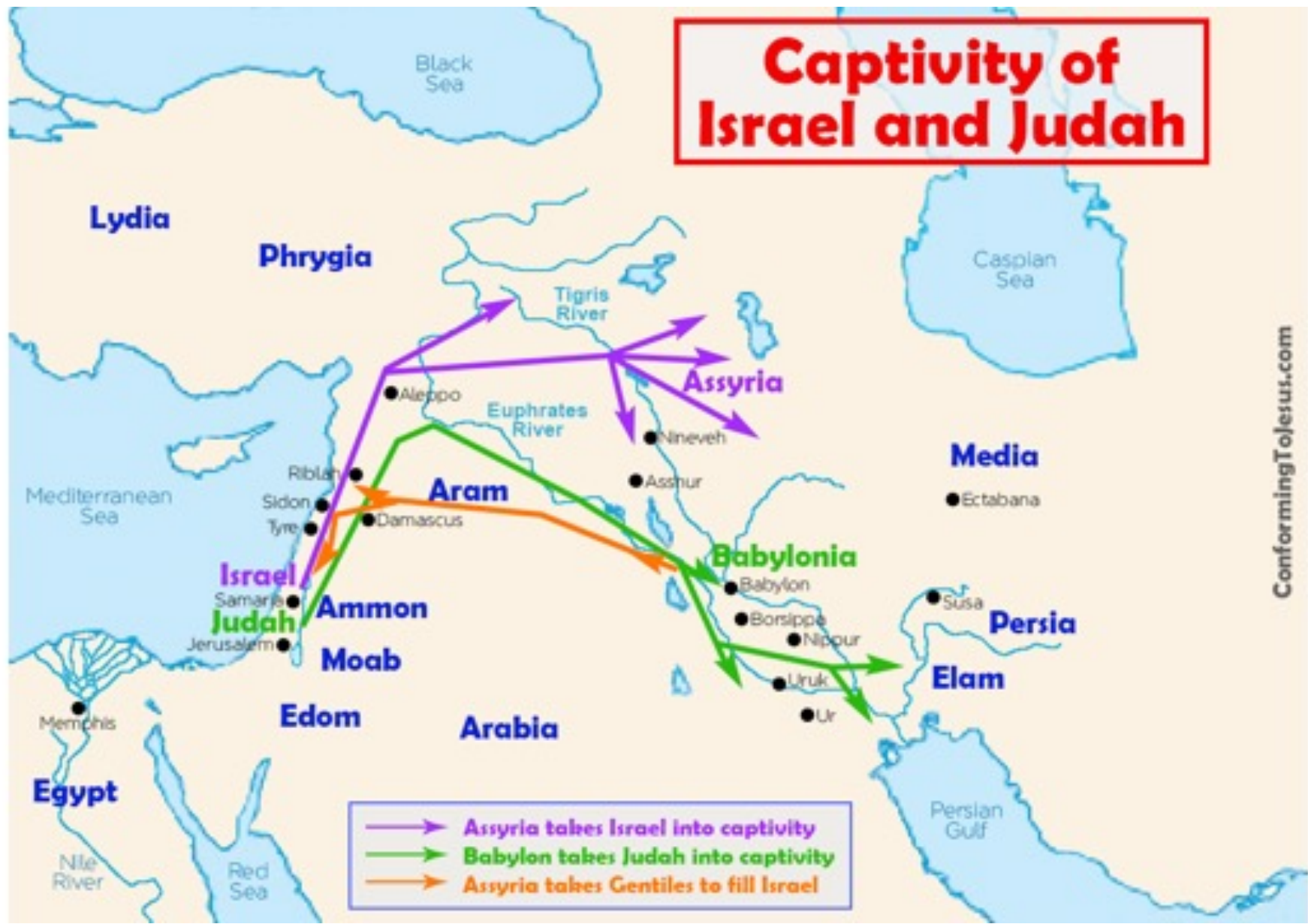
**Brothers, do not be children in your thinking.
Be infants in evil, but in your thinking be mature.**



1 Corinthians 14:21

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foreigners will I speak to this people, and even then
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Captivity of Israel and Judah

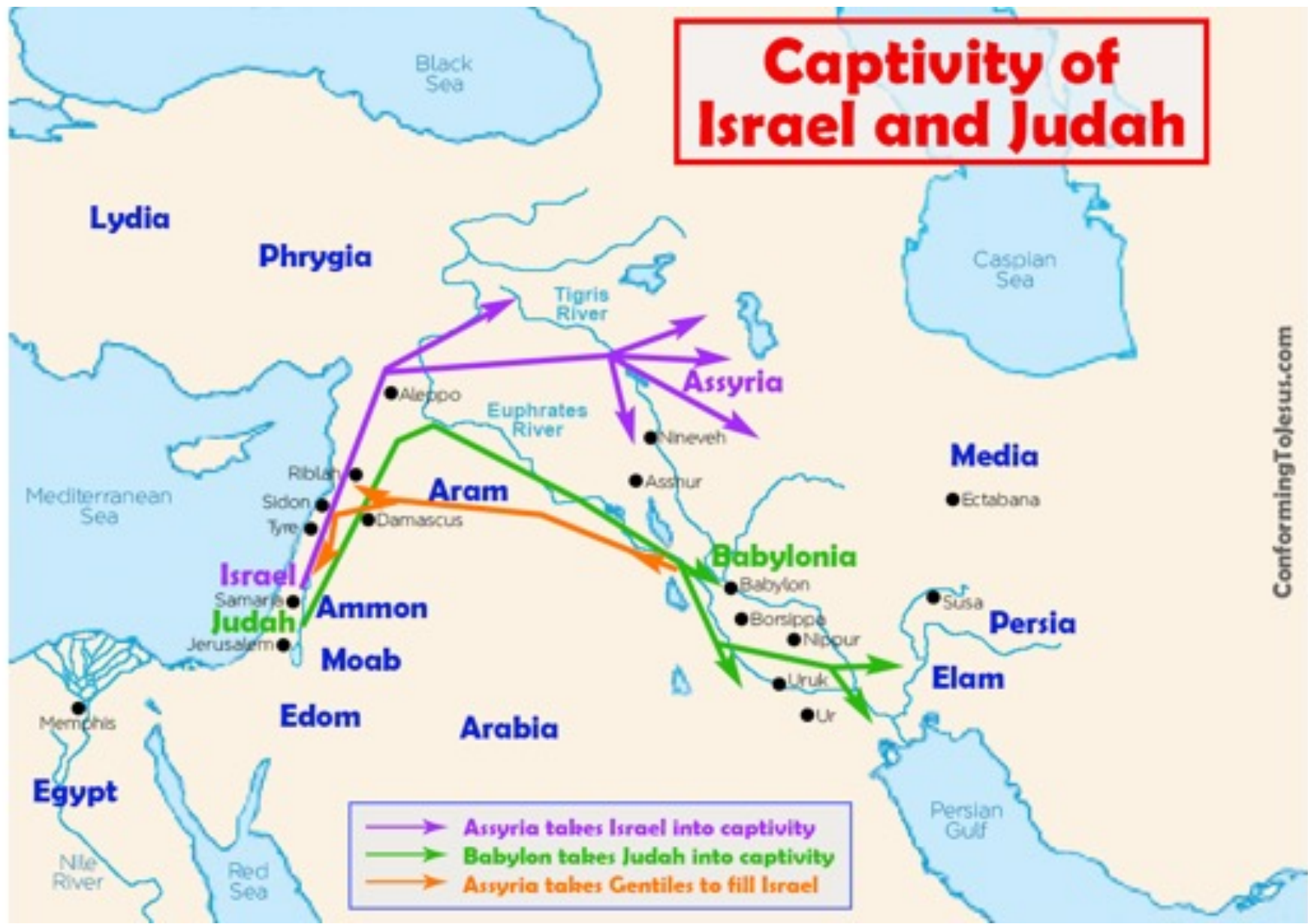




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Deuteronomy 28:49

The LORD will bring a nation against you from far away, from the end of the earth, swooping down like the eagle, a nation whose language you do not understand,



1 Corinthians 14:22

**Thus tongues are a sign
not for believers but for unbelievers,**



1 Corinthians 14:22

**Thus tongues are a sign
not for believers but for unbelievers,
while prophecy is a sign
not for unbelievers but for believers.**



1 Corinthians 14:23

If, therefore, the whole church comes together and all speak in tongues, and outsiders or unbelievers enter, will they not say that you are out of your minds?



1 Corinthians 14:24

**But if all prophesy,
and an unbeliever or outsider enters,
he is convicted by all, he is called to account by all**



1 Corinthians 14:25

**the secrets of his heart are disclosed, and so,
falling on his face, he will worship God
and declare that God is really among you.**



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Both are spiritual gifts



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Both are speech gifts



Tongues & Prophecy

Unlearned language

Common language



Tongues & Prophecy

Unlearned language
Needs interpretation

Common language
Needs no interpretation



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Unlearned language
Needs interpretation
Sign for unbelievers

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Tongues & Prophecy

Unlearned language
Needs interpretation
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Does not edify others
if not interpreted

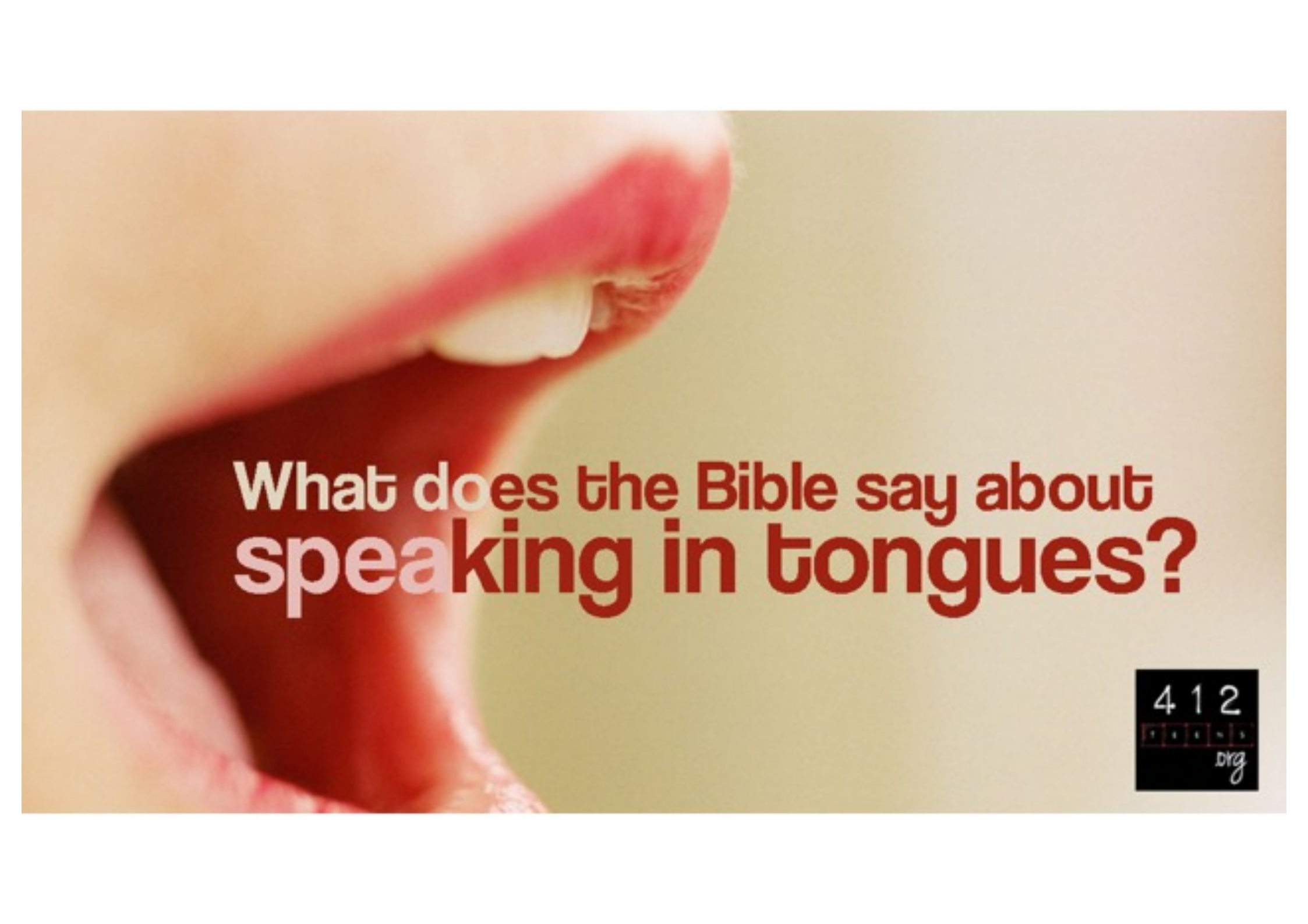
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Common language
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Sign for believers
Edifies (& evangelizes)

A close-up photograph of a person's mouth, showing the tongue sticking out. The tongue is a vibrant red color, contrasting with the pinkish-red lips and the white teeth. The background is a soft, out-of-focus light green.

**What does the Bible say about
speaking in tongues?**



VIDEO 1



Tongues



Tongues

**Supernatural Spirit-given ability to speak in a
previously unlearned language as a sign to unbelievers**



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v21



Tongues

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If any speak in a tongue, let there be only two or at most three, and each in turn, and let someone interpret. v27



Tongues

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Acts 2:8–9 “And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia...”



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Spiritual gifts are not mostly about “me” or “I”



Tongues

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Overview

1. Introduction: God has given us the gift of tongues—a powerful weapon to overcome the enemy
 2. Tongues is God's wonderful grace gift to every believer
 3. When you pray in tongues, you are praying for your future
 4. When you pray in tongues, your body is being repaired and strengthened
 5. When you pray in tongues, God's rest and refreshing uproot stress in your life
 6. When you pray in tongues, God heals you from the inside out
 7. Keep praying in tongues and see the miracle you've been waiting for
 8. Closing Prayer
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1. Introduction: God wants you to possess every blessing purchased for you at the cross
2. Praying in tongues activates God's protection against the attacks of the enemy
3. Under the new covenant, God wants you to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit and start praying in tongues
4. When you pray in tongues, the Holy Spirit reveals secrets in God's Word and helps you understand new covenant truths
5. When you pray in tongues, you are walking in the Spirit and possessing more and more of God's blessings in your life
6. When you pray in tongues, you enjoy greater intimacy with God
7. When you pray in tongues privately, the words you speak publicly will carry the power of God
8. When you pray in tongues, the Holy Spirit Himself teaches you all things
9. When you pray in tongues, you will see good success, fruitfulness, and healing
10. Prayer to be baptized in the Holy Spirit
11. Salvation prayer
12. Closing prayer
13. OWN THE WORD (life application)

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Can Tongues be learned?

VIDEO 1



Can Tongues be learned?



Can Tongues be learned?

No.



Can Tongues be learned?

No.

It is a spiritual gift given by the Spirit.



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1 Corinthians 12:11 "All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills."



Have Tongues ceased today?



Have Tongues ceased today?

There is no clear text that says so.



Have Tongues ceased today?

**There is no clear text that says so.
But not every claim is also true.**



A Focus on The Gift of Tongues
A Gospel Light Christian Church Positional Paper

Introduction:

While the subject of Tongues is not a fundamental doctrine like salvation by grace alone, it is nonetheless a subject of great interest because of the great diversity of views on it. As such, there is much confusion in the church today about the gift of Tongues. We hope this paper will bring scriptural clarity to this subject.

Definition:

The gift of Tongues is a supernatural ability given by the Holy Spirit to speak in a previously unlearned but known human language as a warning sign to unbelievers.

Is the gift of Tongues about known human languages?

Yes. The gift of Tongues is the ability to speak in a known human language previously unlearned by the speaker. We see that in Acts 2:6 and in Acts 2:8-10 where the listeners from various nationalities heard the believers speak in "his own language" and various known human languages. First Corinthians 14:21-22 also cites Isaiah 28:11, which originally referred to the Assyrian language. First Corinthians 14:10 says, "There are doubtless many different languages *in the world*, and none is without meaning." Paul assumes that the tongues being spoken of are known earthly languages.

First Corinthians 13:1 makes reference to "tonques of anqels and of men". Paul is not



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So if someone says he has the gift of tongues...

We should ask “is it a language?”

“what is it for?”

“how is it used, especially in the church?”

SEEK TO EXCEL IN
BUILDING UP
THE CHURCH.

1 CORINTHIANS 14:12





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