

CONFOUND, CONFOUNDED, CONFUSE, CONFUSED, CONFUSING, CONFUSION, PERPLEXED, PERPLEXITY

The way that God created divisions among mankind was by **confusing** people's languages so they couldn't understand one another.

- **Genesis 11:7:** "Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech."

In the days after the Flood people remained in one group until God **confounded** their languages, which scattered them over the world.

- **Genesis 11:7-9:** "Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech. So the LORD scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city. Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because the LORD did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did the LORD scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth."

When the seven years of famine began, the sons of Jacob were **perplexed** about where to obtain food.

- **Genesis 42:1:** "Now when Jacob saw that there was corn in Egypt, Jacob said unto his sons, Why do ye look one upon another?"

God said it was **confusion** to have sex with animals.

- **Leviticus 18:23:** "Neither shalt thou lie with any beast to defile thyself therewith: neither shall any woman stand before a beast to lie down thereto: it is confusion."

God said those who had sex with their daughter-in-law had wrought **confusion**.

- **Leviticus 20:12:** "And if a man lie with his daughter in law, both of them shall surely be put to death: they have wrought confusion; their blood shall be upon them."

Although God gave clear instructions about Manoah's son (Samson) and omitted nothing, Manoah was **confused** and wanted more information.

- **Judges 13:8:** "Then Manoah intreated the LORD, and said, O my Lord, let the man of God which thou didst send come again unto us, and teach us what we shall do unto the child that shall be born."

Even though the Israelites were **perplexed** about how to provide wives for the surviving Benjamites, they didn't inquire of the Lord. Instead they decided to do whatever was right in their own eyes (which involved mass murder and kidnapping).

- **Judges 21:16-17:** "Then the elders of the congregation said, How shall we do for wives for them that remain, seeing the women are destroyed out of Benjamin? And they said, There must be an inheritance for them that be escaped of Benjamin, that a tribe be not destroyed out of Israel."

In God's message against Sennacherib, He said the reason the inhabitants of the nations were **confounded** when he attacked them was because it was God's will for Sennacherib to defeat them.

- **2 Kings 19:25-26:** "Hast thou not heard long ago how I have done it, and of ancient times that I have formed it? now have I brought it to pass, that thou shouldest be to lay waste fenced cities into ruinous heaps. Therefore their inhabitants were of small power, they were dismayed and confounded; they were as the grass of the field, and as the green herb, as the grass on the house tops, and as corn blasted before it be grown up."
- **Isaiah 37:26-27:** "Hast thou not heard long ago, how I have done it; and of ancient times, that I have formed it? now have I brought it to pass, that thou shouldest be to lay waste defenced cities into ruinous heaps. Therefore their inhabitants were of small power, they were dismayed and confounded: they were as the grass of the field, and as the green herb, as the grass on the housetops, and as corn blasted before it be grown up."

In God's message against Sennacherib, He said that since his tumult (**confusion** and noise) against Him had come into His ears, He would turn him back the way he came. (In other words, He wasn't going to allow Sennacherib to conquer Jerusalem.)

- **2 Kings 19:28:** "Because thy rage against me and thy tumult is come up into mine ears, therefore I will put my hook in thy nose, and my bridle in thy lips, and I will turn thee back by the way by which thou camest."

- **Isaiah 37:29:** "Because thy rage against me, and thy tumult, is come up into mine ears, therefore will I put my hook in thy nose, and my bridle in thy lips, and I will turn thee back by the way by which thou camest."

Ezra said that the Jews were filled with **confusion**. (This seems to be a reference to God's judgments against them.)

- **Ezra 9:7:** "Since the days of our fathers have we been in a great trespass unto this day; and for our iniquities have we, our kings, and our priests, been delivered into the hand of the kings of the lands, to the sword, to captivity, and to a spoil, and to confusion of face, as it is this day."

The king's commandment to kill all the Jews **perplexed** the city of Shushan.

- **Esther 3:13, 15:** "And the letters were sent by posts into all the king's provinces, to destroy, to kill, and to cause to perish, all Jews, both young and old, little children and women, in one day, even upon the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, which is the month Adar, and to take the spoil of them for a prey. ... The posts went out, being hastened by the king's commandment, and the decree was given in Shushan the palace. And the king and Haman sat down to drink; but the city Shushan was perplexed."

Job that troops of Tema were **confounded** because they hoped that water would come, but no water came. (In other words, Job hoped that his friends would pity him in his affliction, but they didn't.)

- **Job 6:19-20:** "The troops of Tema looked, the companies of Sheba waited for them. They were confounded because they had hoped; they came thither, and were ashamed."

Job said he was full of **confusion**. He didn't understand why so many terrible things had happened to him.

- **Job 10:15:** "If I be wicked, woe unto me; and if I be righteous, yet will I not lift up my head. I am full of confusion; therefore see thou mine affliction;"

The psalmist said that the forefathers of the Jews trusted in God and were saved. They weren't left in a state of **confusion** and loss.

- **Psalm 22:5:** "They cried unto thee, and were delivered: they trusted in thee, and were not confounded."

One of the punishments God sends upon the wicked is **confusion**.

- **Psalm 35:4:** "Let them be confounded and put to shame that seek after my soul: let them be turned back and brought to confusion that devise my hurt."
- **Psalm 35:26:** "Let them be ashamed and brought to confusion together that rejoice at mine hurt: let them be clothed with shame and dishonour that magnify themselves against me."
- **Psalm 40:14:** "Let them be ashamed and confounded together that seek after my soul to destroy it; let them be driven backward and put to shame that wish me evil."

- **Psalm 70:2:** "Let them be ashamed and confounded that seek after my soul: let them be turned backward, and put to confusion, that desire my hurt."
- **Psalm 71:13:** "Let them be confounded and consumed that are adversaries to my soul; let them be covered with reproach and dishonour that seek my hurt."
- **Psalm 83:17:** "Let them be confounded and troubled for ever; yea, let them be put to shame, and perish:"
- **Psalm 109:29:** "Let mine adversaries be clothed with shame, and let them cover themselves with their own confusion, as with a mantle."

The psalmist said that his **confusion** was continually before him. (In other words, he was ashamed.)

- **Psalm 44:15:** "My confusion is continually before me, and the shame of my face hath covered me,"

David prayed that God would divide the tongues of his enemies. (In other words, David wanted God to **confound** them.)

- **Psalm 55:9:** "Destroy, O Lord, and divide their tongues: for I have seen violence and strife in the city."

David didn't want those who waited upon the Lord to be confounded.

- **Psalm 69:6:** "Let not them that wait on thee, O Lord GOD of hosts, be ashamed for my sake: let not those that seek thee be confounded for my sake, O God of Israel."

The psalmist prayed that since he put his trust in God, he would never be put to **confusion**.

- **Psalm 71:1:** "In thee, O LORD, do I put my trust: let me never be put to confusion."

It's good to praise God when our enemies are **confounded**.

- **Psalm 71:24:** "My tongue also shall talk of thy righteousness all the day long: for they are confounded, for they are brought unto shame, that seek my hurt."

All those who serve graven images (idols) are **confounded**.

- **Psalm 97:7:** "Confounded be all they that serve graven images, that boast themselves of idols: worship him, all ye gods."

The psalmist prayed that all those who hated Zion would be **confounded**.

- **Psalm 129:5:** "Let them all be confounded and turned back that hate Zion."

Foolish women are clamorous (they are loud and **confused**).

- **Proverbs 9:13:** "A foolish woman is clamorous: she is simple, and knoweth nothing."

There are times when God defeats His enemies by sending **confusion** upon them.

- **Isaiah 9:5:** "For every battle of the warrior is with confused noise, and garments rolled in blood; but this shall be with burning and fuel of fire."

God said that when the drought struck and the plants withered, those who weaved would be **confounded**.

- **Isaiah 19:5-6, 9:** "And the waters shall fail from the sea, and the river shall be wasted and dried up. And they shall turn the rivers far away; and the brooks of defence shall be emptied and dried up: the reeds and flags shall wither. ... Moreover they that work in fine flax, and they that weave networks, shall be confounded."

In the day when this prophecy is fulfilled, the people who are in the valley of vision would be **perplexed**.

- **Isaiah 22:5:** "For it is a day of trouble, and of treading down, and of perplexity by the Lord GOD of hosts in the valley of vision, breaking down the walls, and of crying to the mountains."

When God destroys the world, the city of **confusion** will be broken down.

- **Isaiah 24:4, 10:** "The earth mourneth and fadeth away, the world languisheth and fadeth away, the haughty people of the earth do languish. ... The city of confusion is broken down: every house is shut up, that no man may come in."

When God destroys the world, the moon will be **confounded**.

(This seems to mean that it will go dark.)

- **Isaiah 24:4, 23:** "The earth mourneth and fadeth away, the world languisheth and fadeth away, the haughty people of the earth do languish. ... Then the moon shall be confounded, and the sun ashamed, when the LORD of hosts shall reign in mount Zion, and in Jerusalem, and before his ancients gloriously."

Since the Jews were trusting in Pharaoh for protection, God was going to turn that trust into a source of **confusion**.

- **Isaiah 30:1-3:** "Woe to the rebellious children, saith the LORD, that take counsel, but not of me; and that cover with a covering, but not of my spirit, that they may add sin to sin: That walk to go down into Egypt, and have not asked at my mouth; to strengthen themselves in the strength of Pharaoh, and to trust in the shadow of Egypt! Therefore shall the strength of Pharaoh be your shame, and the trust in the shadow of Egypt your confusion."

After God sets Idumea on fire in His wrath, it will become a land of **confusion**.

- **Isaiah 34:6, 11:** "The sword of the LORD is filled with blood, it is made fat with fatness, and with the blood of lambs and goats, with the fat of the kidneys of rams: for the LORD hath a sacrifice in Bozrah, and a great slaughter in the land of Idumea. ... But the cormorant and the bittern shall possess it; the owl also and the raven shall dwell in it: and he shall stretch out upon it the line of confusion, and the stones of emptiness."

One day the wicked will be **confounded**.

- **Isaiah 41:11:** "Behold, all they that were incensed against thee shall be ashamed and confounded: they shall be as nothing; and they that strive with thee shall perish."

God said that the idols of the people were nothing more than wind and **confusion**. (In other words, they weren't gods at all.)

- **Isaiah 41:29:** "Behold, they are all vanity; their works are nothing: their molten images are wind and confusion."

All those who make idols will descend into **confusion**.

- **Isaiah 45:16:** "They shall be ashamed, and also confounded, all of them: they shall go to confusion together that are makers of idols."

One day Israel will be saved, and will never be confounded again. (This will take place in the millennium.)

- **Isaiah 45:17:** "But Israel shall be saved in the LORD with an everlasting salvation: ye shall not be ashamed nor confounded world without end."
- **Isaiah 54:4:** "Fear not; for thou shalt not be ashamed: neither be thou confounded; for thou shalt not be put to shame: for thou shalt forget the shame of thy youth, and shalt not remember the reproach of thy widowhood any more."

If we trust God, we won't be **confounded**.

- **Isaiah 50:7:** "For the Lord GOD will help me; therefore shall I not be confounded: therefore have I set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be ashamed."

One day the Jews will be given a large portion (and everlasting joy) for all the **confusion** they suffered.

- **Isaiah 61:7:** "For your shame ye shall have double; and for confusion they shall rejoice in their portion: therefore in their land they shall possess the double: everlasting joy shall be unto them."

God said that if Jeremiah was dismayed because of his enemies, He would **confound** him before them.

- **Jeremiah 1:17:** "Thou therefore gird up thy loins, and arise, and speak unto them all that I command thee: be not dismayed at their faces, lest I confound thee before them."

Jeremiah said that **confusion** covered the Jews.

- **Jeremiah 3:25:** "We lie down in our shame, and our confusion covereth us: for we have sinned against the LORD our God, we and our fathers, from our youth even unto this day, and have not obeyed the voice of the LORD our God."

God referred to the idolatry of the Jews as **confusion**.

- **Jeremiah 7:19:** "Do they provoke me to anger? saith the LORD: do they not provoke themselves to the confusion of their own faces?"

God said a voice called out of Zion that the people had been **confounded**. (In other words, they had been defeated.)

- **Jeremiah 9:19:** "For a voice of wailing is heard out of Zion, How are we spoiled! we are greatly confounded, because we have forsaken the land, because our dwellings have cast us out."

Jeremiah said every founder is **confounded** by the graven image. (In other words, those who create idols and worship them are confounded by them.)

- **Jeremiah 10:14:** "Every man is brutish in his knowledge: every founder is confounded by the graven image: for his molten image is falsehood, and there is no breath in them."

When the nobles of Judah sent their little children to get water, they were **confounded** (because they couldn't find water).

- **Jeremiah 14:3:** "And their nobles have sent their little ones to the waters: they came to the pits, and found no water; they returned with their vessels empty; they were ashamed and confounded, and covered their heads."

God said the mother of seven children was **confounded**. (It seems this is because her children were killed.)

- **Jeremiah 15:9:** "She that hath borne seven languisheth: she hath given up the ghost; her sun is gone down while it was yet day: she hath been ashamed and confounded:

and the residue of them will I deliver to the sword before their enemies, saith the LORD."

Jeremiah prayed that he wouldn't be **confounded**.

- **Jeremiah 17:18:** "Let them be confounded that persecute me, but let not me be confounded: let them be dismayed, but let not me be dismayed: bring upon them the day of evil, and destroy them with double destruction."

Jeremiah prayed that those who persecuted him would be **confounded**.

- **Jeremiah 17:18:** "Let them be confounded that persecute me, but let not me be confounded: let them be dismayed, but let not me be dismayed: bring upon them the day of evil, and destroy them with double destruction."

Jeremiah said that the everlasting **confusion** of those who persecuted him would never be forgotten. (In other words, their evil deeds would always be remembered.)

- **Jeremiah 20:11:** "But the LORD is with me as a mighty terrible one: therefore my persecutors shall stumble, and they shall not prevail: they shall be greatly ashamed; for they shall not prosper: their everlasting confusion shall never be forgotten."

God said that when the nations (which the Jews trusted in to save them) were taken captive, the Jews would be **confounded**.

- **Jeremiah 22:22:** "The wind shall eat up all thy pastors,

and thy lovers shall go into captivity: surely then shalt thou be ashamed and confounded for all thy wickedness."

God heard Ephraim say that he was **confounded** because he bore the reproach of his youth.

- **Jeremiah 31:18-19:** "I have surely heard Ephraim bemoaning himself thus; Thou hast chastised me, and I was chastised, as a bullock unaccustomed to the yoke: turn thou me, and I shall be turned; for thou art the LORD my God. Surely after that I was turned, I repented; and after that I was instructed, I smote upon my thigh: I was ashamed, yea, even confounded, because I did bear the reproach of my youth."

When God spoke about Nebuchadnezzar smiting Egypt, He said the Egyptians would be **confounded**.

- **Jeremiah 46:24:** "The daughter of Egypt shall be confounded; she shall be delivered into the hand of the people of the north."

When God spoke against Moab, He said that Kiriathaim and Misgab were **confounded**.

- **Jeremiah 48:1:** "Against Moab thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Woe unto Nebo! for it is spoiled: Kiriathaim is confounded and taken: Misgab is confounded and dismayed."

When God spoke against Moab, He said that Moab was **confounded**.

- **Jeremiah 48:20:** "Moab is confounded; for it is broken down: howl and cry; tell ye it in Arnon, that Moab is spoiled,"

When God spoke against Damascus, He said the reason Hamath and Arpad were **confounded** was because they had heard evil things.

- **Jeremiah 49:23:** "Concerning Damascus. Hamath is confounded, and Arpad: for they have heard evil tidings: they are fainthearted; there is sorrow on the sea; it cannot be quiet."

When God spoke against Babylon, He said that Babylon's idols were **confounded**.

- **Jeremiah 50:2:** "Declare ye among the nations, and publish, and set up a standard; publish, and conceal not: say, Babylon is taken, Bel is confounded, Merodach is broken in pieces; her idols are confounded, her images are broken in pieces."

When God spoke against Babylon, He said that the mother of Babylon would be **confounded**.

- **Jeremiah 50:12:** "Your mother shall be sore confounded; she that bare you shall be ashamed: behold, the hindermost of the nations shall be a wilderness, a dry land, and a desert."

Those who worship idols are **confounded**.

- **Jeremiah 51:17:** "Every man is brutish by his knowledge;

every founder is confounded by the graven image: for his molten image is falsehood, and there is no breath in them."

When God spoke against Babylon, He said the whole land would be **confounded**.

- **Jeremiah 51:47:** "Therefore, behold, the days come, that I will do judgment upon the graven images of Babylon: and her whole land shall be confounded, and all her slain shall fall in the midst of her."

The reason the Jews were **confounded** was because they were reproached.

- **Jeremiah 51:51:** "We are confounded, because we have heard reproach: shame hath covered our faces: for strangers are come into the sanctuaries of the LORD's house."

God said the Jews would be **confounded** because of their terrible sins.

- **Ezekiel 16:52, 54:** "Thou also, which hast judged thy sisters, bear thine own shame for thy sins that thou hast committed more abominable than they: they are more righteous than thou: yea, be thou confounded also, and bear thy shame, in that thou hast justified thy sisters. ... That thou mayest bear thine own shame, and mayest be confounded in all that thou hast done, in that thou art a comfort unto them."

God said that when He restored the Jews to their own land, He was going to restore Sodom and Samaria as well so that the Jews might be ashamed and **confounded** over the many abominations they had committed.

- **Ezekiel 16:53-54:** "When I shall bring again their captivity, the captivity of Sodom and her daughters, and the captivity of Samaria and her daughters, then will I bring again the captivity of thy captives in the midst of them: That thou mayest bear thine own shame, and mayest be confounded in all that thou hast done, in that thou art a comfort unto them."

When God establishes His covenant with the Jews, they will be **confounded** for all the wickedness they have done.

- **Ezekiel 16:62-63:** "And I will establish my covenant with thee; and thou shalt know that I am the LORD: That thou mayest remember, and be confounded, and never open thy mouth any more because of thy shame, when I am pacified toward thee for all that thou hast done, saith the Lord GOD."

God wanted the Jews to be **confounded** over the evil things they had done.

- **Ezekiel 36:32:** "Not for your sakes do I this, saith the Lord GOD, be it known unto you: be ashamed and confounded for your own ways, O house of Israel."

Daniel said that the Jews were full of **confusion**.

- **Daniel 9:7-8:** "O LORD, righteousness belongeth unto thee, but unto us confusion of faces, as at this day; to the

men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and unto all Israel, that are near, and that are far off, through all the countries whither thou hast driven them, because of their trespass that they have trespassed against thee. "O Lord, to us belongeth confusion of face, to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, because we have sinned against thee."

God said that since the prophets lied, He was going to **confound** them.

- **Micah 3:5-7:** "Thus saith the LORD concerning the prophets that make my people err, that bite with their teeth, and cry, Peace; and he that putteth not into their mouths, they even prepare war against him. Therefore night shall be unto you, that ye shall not have a vision; and it shall be dark unto you, that ye shall not divine; and the sun shall go down over the prophets, and the day shall be dark over them. Then shall the seers be ashamed, and the diviners confounded: yea, they shall all cover their lips; for there is no answer of God."

God said that when the world reaches a point where everyone is violent and evil, the day of **perplexity** will come. (This seems to mean that people will be perplexed at the judgments God will pour out upon them.)

- **Micah 7:4:** "The best of them is as a brier: the most upright is sharper than a thorn hedge: the day of thy watchmen and thy visitation cometh; now shall be their perplexity."

In the end times, the nations will see the marvelous wonders

of God and will be **confounded**.

- **Micah 7:16:** "The nations shall see and be confounded at all their might: they shall lay their hand upon their mouth, their ears shall be deaf."

God said that one day those who rode upon horses against the Jews will be **confounded**. (This seems to be a reference to the millennium.)

- **Zechariah 10:5-6:** "And they shall be as mighty men, which tread down their enemies in the mire of the streets in the battle: and they shall fight, because the LORD is with them, and the riders on horses shall be confounded. And I will strengthen the house of Judah, and I will save the house of Joseph, and I will bring them again to place them; for I have mercy upon them: and they shall be as though I had not cast them off: for I am the LORD their God, and will hear them."

There was **confusion** among the people regarding who Jesus was.

- **Mark 6:15:** "Others said, That it is Elias. And others said, That it is a prophet, or as one of the prophets."

Herod was **perplexed** by who Jesus was.

- **Luke 9:7:** "Now Herod the tetrarch heard of all that was done by him: and he was perplexed, because that it was said of some, that John was risen from the dead;"

When God sends armies against Jerusalem in the end times,

the nations which are upon the earth will be **perplexed**.

- **Luke 21:25:** "And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring;"

The women who followed Jesus from Galilee were **perplexed** when they didn't find His body in the tomb.

- **Luke 24:3-4:** "And they entered in, and found not the body of the Lord Jesus. And it came to pass, as they were much perplexed thereabout, behold, two men stood by them in shining garments:"

The reason the disciples were **confused** about what was going on (regarding the death and resurrection of Jesus) was because they didn't believe all the things the prophets had spoken.

- **Luke 24:25-26:** "Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken: Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory?"

The reason the Jews were **confounded** was because when they listened to the disciples, they each heard them speaking in their own language.

- **Acts 2:6:** "Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language."

Saul (who later became the apostle Paul) **confounded** the

Jews who lived in Damascus with his preaching of the gospel.

- **Acts 9:22:** "But Saul increased the more in strength, and confounded the Jews which dwelt at Damascus, proving that this is very Christ."

The silversmiths stirred up the whole city of Ephesus and threw it into **confusion** (because they were opposed to the preaching of the gospel).

- **Acts 19:24, 29:** "For a certain man named Demetrius, a silversmith, which made silver shrines for Diana, brought no small gain unto the craftsmen; ... And the whole city was filled with confusion: and having caught Gaius and Aristarchus, men of Macedonia, Paul's companions in travel, they rushed with one accord into the theatre."

The people who assembled in the theater (after the silversmiths caused an uproar) were **confused**.

- **Acts 19:29, 32:** "And the whole city was filled with confusion: and having caught Gaius and Aristarchus, men of Macedonia, Paul's companions in travel, they rushed with one accord into the theatre. ... Some therefore cried one thing, and some another: for the assembly was confused: and the more part knew not wherefore they were come together."

God has chosen to work through things that the world believes are weak and foolish, in order to **confound** the things in this world that are wise and mighty.

- **1 Corinthians 1:27:** "But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath

chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty;"

If a trumpet is played in an uncertain and **confused** way then people won't know how to respond.

- **1 Corinthians 14:8:** "For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle?"

Churches must not be places of **confusion**.

- **1 Corinthians 14:33, 40:** "For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints. ... Let all things be done decently and in order."

God is not the author of **confusion**.

- **1 Corinthians 14:33:** "For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints."

Although Paul was **perplexed**, he didn't despair.

- **2 Corinthians 4:8:** "We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair;"

Confusion is a sign that something evil is happening.

- **James 3:16:** "For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work."

Strife and envy leads to **confusion**.

- **James 3:16:** "For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work."

Those who believe on Jesus won't be **confounded**.

- **1 Peter 2:6:** "Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded."