

## **SCRIPTURAL EVIDENCE FOR CESSATION OF MIRACLES, WONDERS AND SIGNS - (4 main points)**

### **1. Scripture references to "this people" referring to nation of Israel - (Joshua 1 v 6)**

- Isaiah 6 v 9-10: Go and tell "this people" hear ye indeed, but understand not.
- Matt 13 v 13-15: "this people's" heart gross, ears are dull of hearing, eyes have they closed".
- 1 Cor 14 v 21: "with men of other tongues and other lips will I speak into "this people".
- 1 Cor 14 v 22: "wherefore tongues are for a sign ..... to them (this people) that believe not".
- 1 Cor 1 v 22: "for the Jews require a sign".

### **2. References to the sign gifts and the times of writing -- (very important).**

- Acts 5 v 12 - written AD33 -- many signs and wonders wrought among the people.
- Acts 9 v 41 - written AD38 -- Dorcas raised to life ..... presented her alive.
- Acts 14 v 8 - written AD46 -- Paul - healed the impotent man at Lystra.
- Acts 19 v 11 - written AD56 -- God wrought special miracles by hands of Paul.
- Acts 28 v 8 - written AD 62 -- Paul healed man sick of a fever - (last one).

### **3. Lists of the gifts in the epistles and when written --**

- 1 Cor 12 v 8-11 - written AD59 -- long list of sign gifts (still then in use).
- Romans 12 v 6-8 - written AD60 -- much smaller list of gifts.
- Ephesians 4 v 11 -- written AD64 -- (after Acts 28) -- evangelists, pastors and teachers.
- No sign gifts mentioned in any of the epistles written after Acts 28 - (AD62).
- There were sick people (not healed) in epistles written after AD63.
- Phil 2 v 27 - Epaphroditus sick AD64 -- 2 Tim 4 v 20 - Trophimus left at Miletum sick -(AD66).

### **4. Final message to "this people" - (nation of Israel).**

- Acts 28 v 25-31 - Paul quotes Isaiah 6 - Go unto "this people" - final message to them.
- "Be it known unto you (Jews) - salvation of God is sent unto the Gentiles, and they will hear it".
- Rom 11 v 25 - Blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in".
- God will have dealings with Israel again after rapture -- they will pay for rejection of Messiah!
- God can still heal through prayer, but no gifts of healing, tongues or miracles today. (1 Cor 13 v 8)