

# Isaiah 45:16

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

They shall be ashamed, and also confounded, all of them: they shall go to confusion together that are makers of idols.

## Analysis

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In contrast to the true God, idol-makers are ashamed and confounded 'together.' The Hebrew 'yachdav' (together) emphasizes their collective failure. They go to confusion - the same 'confusion' (kelem) that characterizes their products. Idol worship produces shame because idols cannot save.

## Historical Context

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As Israel's return vindicates Yahweh, idol-makers face exposure. Their confident predictions failed; Israel's God proved true. History vindicated monotheism.

## Related Passages

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**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

## Study Questions

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1. What sources of false security lead to eventual shame and confusion?
2. How does trusting in the true God prevent the shame that comes from misplaced faith?

## Interlinear Text

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וְשׁוֹאַב	וְגַם	נִכְלָם	כְּלָם	וְיַחַד
<b>They shall be ashamed</b> H954	H1571	<b>and also confounded</b> H3637	H3605	<b>together</b> H3162
בְּלֹכֶד	בְּכָלָמָה	צִירִים	צִירִים	בְּכָלָמָה
<b>all of them they shall go</b> H1980	H3639	<b>to confusion</b> H2796	<b>that are makers</b> H6736	<b>of idols</b>

## Additional Cross-References

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**Isaiah 42:17** (Parallel theme): They shall be turned back, they shall be greatly ashamed, that trust in graven images, that say to the molten images, Ye are our gods.

**Isaiah 44:9** (Parallel theme): They that make a graven image are all of them vanity; and their delectable things shall not profit; and they are their own witnesses; they see not, nor know; that they may be ashamed.

**Isaiah 44:11** (Parallel theme): Behold, all his fellows shall be ashamed: and the workmen, they are of men: let them all be gathered together, let them stand up; yet they shall fear, and they shall be ashamed together.

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