

The New Testament Church
Revival #10: Fire and Glory: the Ingredients of Revival
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Zechariah 2:1-5

I What is Revival and when does it Come?

- A. Revival means to come alive again – meaning we have grown cold and withered
- B. God uses dry hearts and a dark culture to produce desperation of hunger such as...
 - 1. **Enos** calling on the name of the Lord; **Jacob** calling on God from a place of brokenness
 - 2. **Joseph** prepared by God to preserve life and impact Egypt; **Samuel** bringing hope
 - 3. **Asa** and **Jehoshaphat** bringing awakening and reformation; **Elijah** and **Elisha** passing the torch in humility; **Jonah** embracing a heart of mercy for the lost; and **Josiah** renewing a seeking of God and His Word!
 - 4. **Returns** illustrate revival (*Zerubbabel*), awakening (*Ezra*), reformation (*Nehemiah*)

II Fire, Glory, Reconciliation and Continuity – the Ingredients of Revival – Zechariah 2:1-5

- A. The context of Zechariah (meaning “Yahweh has remembered”)
 - 1. The grandson of Iddo, the Priest, who journeyed from Babylon in 538 with Zechariah
 - 2. He served as both priest and prophet, a contemporary of the older Haggai
 - 3. Chapters 1-8 are visions given in the fall of 520 to 518 BC
 - 4. Chapters 9-14 are later prophecies about 480 BC before Ezra and Nehemiah’s returns
 - 5. Largest number of Messianic prophecies among the minor prophets – a miniature Isaiah
 - 6. He prophesied during a very discouraging time – rebuilding had begun, but stalled
 - 7. Though the nation would be judged, God was right with them, working out His purposes!
- B. The Eight Visions of Zechariah
 - 1. 1:7-17 – the pagan nations are at ease in pride, God will establish His house (temple)
 - 2. 1:18-21 – the damage of captivity is real, but God will heal this and restore His people
 - 3. 3:1-10 – God will guard His people; 4:1-14 – restore Jerusalem “by His Spirit”
 - 4. 5:1-4 and 5:5-11 – God will take out the sin from His people – a deep work
 - 5. 6:1-8 – God will oversee the rebuilding of the nation – and bring the Messiah!
- C. The Third Vision – the key ingredients of revival as His people come out of captivity!
 - 1. “To measure Jerusalem, to see what is its width and what is its length.”
 - a. To measure His people to a standard, a plumb line, ruler, etc.
 - b. Length is multi-generational *continuity* – Job 12:12; Proverbs 3:2, 16 (length of days)
 - c. Breadth is relational – *reconciliation* – the law (Ps. 119:96) and heart (1st Kings 4:29)
 - 2. In the heavenly kingdom – length and breadth are the same – Revelation 21:16
- D. “Jerusalem shall be inhabited as towns without walls... the multitude... in it”
 - 1. God is gathering people into His fold, yet we don’t have walls yet! We aren’t ready!
 - 2. But God says do not worry, for I will be your wall! *You have time to obey God!*
- E. Fire and Cloud (Spirit) – Tabernacle – Ex. 13; Mt. Sinai – Ex. 19; Baptism of Spirit; Mt. 3:11-12
 - 1. Fire is the holiness of God – purges out sin – cleanses
 - 2. Cloud – Spirit – wind – the glory of God is His presence
- F. “I will be a wall of fire around her”
 - 1. The fire of God protects us from our enemies (darkness) on the outside
 - 2. It protects us from the enemies (darkness) within – purging and cleansing us – exposing sin
- G. “I will be the glory in her midst.”
 - 1. The glory protects us from the direct Sun (Son) – character of God
 - 2. The glory is His presence – His weight – His character
 - 3. It drives us down to our knees – total dependence upon Him