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PASTOR'S CLASS
THE STUDY OF REVIVAL
FIRST QUARTER
LESSON 1

THE STUDY OF REVIVAL

THE TONGUES REVIVAL

THE CHARISMATIC REVIVAL

INTRODUCTION: THE STUDY OF REVIVAL IS ONE OF THE MOST INTRIGUING SUBJECTS ANY BIBLE SCHOLAR CAN STUDY. IN THE NEXT TWELVE WEEKS WE WILL BE STUDYING REVIVAL FROM EVERY ASPECT, BOTH OLD AND NEW TESTAMENT, AS WELL AS FROM MODERN EXPERIENCES LIKE AZUSA STREET AND WALES, ENGLAND.

FOR OUR FIRST LESSON WE WILL TURN TO THE BOOK OF ACTS IN THE NEW TESTAMENT AND STUDY REVIVAL FROM THE ASPECT OF THE ORIGINAL CHURCH.

THE BOOK OF ACTS IS ACTUALLY TWO SEPARATE BOOKS. THE FIRST NINETEEN CHAPTERS OF THE BOOK IS THE STUDY OF THE SEVEN DIFFERENT REVIVALS IN THE NEW TESTAMENT AND THE LAST NINE CHAPTERS IS THE LIFE AND MINISTRY OF THE APOSTLE PAUL.

WE WILL TAKE EACH OF THE SEVEN REVIVALS AND STUDY THEM INDIVIDUALLY.

THE ACTS 2 REVIVAL

Acts 2:1-21

1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

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4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

5 And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven.

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.

7 And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans?

8 And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?

9 Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judaea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia,

10 Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes,

11 Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.

12 And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this?

13 Others mocking said, These men are full of new wine.

14 But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words:

15 For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day.

16 But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;

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17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:

18 And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:

19 And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke:

20 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come:

21 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

THERE ARE SOME FUNDAMENTAL QUESTIONS THAT NEED TO BE ANSWERED.

- 1. WHERE DID THIS REVIVAL TAKE PLACE**
- 2. WHAT WERE THE CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING UP TO THE REVIVAL**
- 3. HOW LONG DID THE REVIVAL LAST**
- 4. WHAT CAUSED THE REVIVAL**
- 5. WHO DID THE REVIVAL AFFECT**

LET US FIRST ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS ONE AT A TIME.

- A. THE FIRST REVIVAL IN THE NEW TESTAMENT TOOK PLACE IN JERUSALEM. JERUSALEM WAS THE SCENE OF MANY OLD TESTAMENT REVIVALS UNDER DAVID, JOSIAH, HEZEKIAH, AND OTHERS. JERUSALEM WAS THE HOME OF WHAT WE REFER TO AS THE JEWS OR GOD'S CHOSEN PEOPLE. THIS IS WHERE WE WOULD EXPECT REVIVAL TO START. REVIVAL MUST ALWAYS START WITH THE PEOPLE OF GOD.**
- B. JUST LOOK AT THE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT LED UP TO THE ENORMOUS OUTPOURING OF THE HOLY GHOST.**

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1. THE ROMANS WERE IN POWER
2. THE PHARISEES WERE THE RELIGIOUS MAJORITY
3. THE PEOPLE WERE SCEPTICAL
4. THERE WAS POLITICAL AND RELIGIOUS SUPPRESSION
5. CARNALITY RULED
6. THERE HAD BEEN NO WORD FROM GOD FOR 400 YEARS
7. RITUALISM PREVAILED
8. NO PROPHET OF GOD
9. REBELLION WAS EVERYWHERE
10. GREED PREVAILED

GOD ALWAYS USES A MAN

**AND WHAT HAPPENED? JOHN THE BAPTIST WAS THRUST UPON THE SCENE.
LOOK AT THE WORDS OF SCRIPTURE:**

Matt 3:1-12

1 In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea,

2 And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

3 For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

4 And the same John had his raiment of camel's hair, and a leathern girdle about his loins; and his meat was locusts and wild honey.

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5 Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judaea, and all the region round about Jordan,

6 And were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins.

7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?

8 Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance:

9 And think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham.

10 And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

11 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:

12 Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.

JOHN WAS THE FIRST PROPHET THAT THE PEOPLE HAD EVER SEEN OR HEARD. HE BROUGHT THE BEGINNING OF REVIVAL TO ISRAEL. WHAT WAS HIS MESSAGE?

A. REPENT: THERE CAN BE NO REVIVAL WITHOUT REPENTANCE. BY THE WAY THERE IS A GREAT DIFFERENCE BETWEEN CHURCH GROWTH AND REVIVAL

B. BAPTISM: A SIGN OF REPENTANCE AND CONFESSION

C. BELIEVE OR FAITH IN THE FUTURE. PREPARE YE THE WAY OF THE LORD

BY THE WAY REVIVAL HAS FOR SIGHT NOT HIND SIGHT. SO WE CAN CONCLUDE THAT THERE WILL BE NO REVIVAL WITH OUT A PREACHER OR SPOKESMAN.

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JESUS IS THRUST UPON THE SCENE

Matt 4:1-11

1 Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.

2 And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred.

3 And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.

4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

5 Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple,

6 And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.

7 Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.

8 Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them;

9 And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.

10 Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

11 Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.

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THE REVIVAL GIVER HAD TO FIRST CONQUEOR THE CAUSE OF DISASTER TO BEGAN WITH. THE REVIVAL UNDER JOHN THE BAPTIST AND ULTIMATELY JESUS LASTED FOR ABOUT THREE AND ONE HALF YEARS. WHAT HAPPENED IN THREE AND ONE HALF YEARS?

- 1. THE PEOPLE WERE BLESSED**
- 2. BLIND SAW**
- 3. DEAF HEAR**
- 4. DEAD RAISED**
- 5. GODLY TEACHING WAS RESTORED**
- 6. DEVILS WERE CAST OUT**

THEN CAME APPARENT TRAGEDY. JESUS IS CRUCIFIED

Matt 27:1-26

1 When the morning was come, all the chief priests and elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death:

2 And when they had bound him, they led him away, and delivered him to Pontius Pilate the governor.

3 Then Judas, which had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders,

4 Saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood. And they said, What is that to us? see thou to that.

5 And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself.

6 And the chief priests took the silver pieces, and said, It is not lawful for to put them into the treasury, because it is the price of blood.

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7 And they took counsel, and bought with them the potter's field, to bury strangers in.

8 Wherefore that field was called, The field of blood, unto this day.

9 Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying, And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him that was valued, whom they of the children of Israel did value;

10 And gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord appointed me.

11 And Jesus stood before the governor: and the governor asked him, saying, Art thou the King of the Jews? And Jesus said unto him, Thou sayest.

12 And when he was accused of the chief priests and elders, he answered nothing.

13 Then said Pilate unto him, Hearest thou not how many things they witness against thee?

14 And he answered him to never a word; insomuch that the governor marvelled greatly.

15 Now at that feast the governor was wont to release unto the people a prisoner, whom they would.

16 And they had then a notable prisoner, called Barabbas.

17 Therefore when they were gathered together, Pilate said unto them, Whom will ye that I release unto you? Barabbas, or Jesus which is called Christ?

18 For he knew that for envy they had delivered him.

19 When he was set down on the judgment seat, his wife sent unto him, saying, Have thou nothing to do with that just man: for I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of him.

20 But the chief priests and elders persuaded the multitude that they should ask Barabbas, and destroy Jesus.

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21 The governor answered and said unto them, Whether of the twain will ye that I release unto you? They said, Barabbas.

22 Pilate saith unto them, What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ? They all say unto him, Let him be crucified.

23 And the governor said, Why, what evil hath he done? But they cried out the more, saying, Let him be crucified.

24 When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but that rather a tumult was made, he took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see ye to it.

25 Then answered all the people, and said, His blood be on us, and on our children.

26 Then released he Barabbas unto them: and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified.

WAS REVIVAL OVER? NO! EVERYTHING UP UNTIL NOW WAS ONLY THE PRELUDE FOR THE REVIVAL THAT WAS TO COME

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I AM GOING TO CALL THIS FIRST NEW TESTAMENT REVIVAL A CHARISMATIC REVIVAL. THIS WAS THE INITIAL OUTPOURING OF THE HOLY GHOST. WHAT HAPPENED?

- 1. THEY SPOKE IN TONGUES**
- 2. THEY NOISED IT ABROAD**
- 3. THEY CONFOUNDED THE UNBELIEVER**

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WHAT WAS THE MESSAGE OF THE FIRST REVIVAL?

- A. LOOK AT VERSE 14: THE PROPHECY OF JOEL BEING FULFILLED**
- B. LOOK AT VERSE 22: THE PREACHING OF CHRIST, THE DEATH, BURIAL, AND RESURRECTION**
- C. A DEFINITE COURSE OF ACTION**
 - A. REPENT**
 - B. BAPTISM**
 - C. HOLY GHOST**

THIS FIRST REVIVAL USHERED IN THE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH. FROM NOW ON REVIVAL WILL BE TO THE CHURCH

UPON THIS FIRST REVIVAL WILL ALL THE OTHER REVIVALS BUILD.

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WHAT IS THE DEFINITION OF REPENTANCE?

(A complete reversal of one's attitude and values, i. e. a turning toward God)

INTRODUCTION: I WANT TO BRING THREE SCRIPTURE TEXT TO OUR ATTENTION:

I. 2 Chron 7:11-22

11 Thus Solomon finished the house of the Lord, and the king's house: and all that came into Solomon's heart to make in the house of the Lord, and in his own house, he prosperously effected.

12 And the Lord appeared to Solomon by night, and said unto him, I have heard thy prayer, and have chosen this place to myself for an house of sacrifice.

13 If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people;

14 If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

15 Now mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attent unto the prayer that is made in this place.

16 For now have I chosen and sanctified this house, that my name may be there for ever: and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually.

17 And as for thee, if thou wilt walk before me, as David thy father walked, and do according to all that I have commanded thee, and shalt observe my statutes and my judgments;

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18 Then will I stablish the throne of thy kingdom, according as I have covenanted with David thy father, saying, There shall not fail thee a man to be ruler in Israel.

19 But if ye turn away, and forsake my statutes and my commandments, which I have set before you, and shall go and serve other gods, and worship them;

20 Then will I pluck them up by the roots out of my land which I have given them; and this house, which I have sanctified for my name, will I cast out of my sight, and will make it to be a proverb and a byword among all nations.

21 And this house, which is high, shall be an astonishment to every one that passeth by it; so that he shall say, Why hath the Lord done thus unto this land, and unto this house?

22 And it shall be answered, Because they forsook the Lord God of their fathers, which brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, and laid hold on other gods, and worshipped them, and served them: therefore hath he brought all this evil upon them.

2. Luke 13:1-5

1 There were present at that season some that told him of the Galilaeans, whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.

2 And Jesus answering said unto them, Suppose ye that these Galilaeans were sinners above all the Galilaeans, because they suffered such things?

3 I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

4 Or those eighteen, upon whom the tower in Siloam fell, and slew them, think ye that they were sinners above all men that dwelt in Jerusalem?

5 I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

3. Acts 11:1-18

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1 And the apostles and brethren that were in Judaea heard that the Gentiles had also received the word of God.

2 And when Peter was come up to Jerusalem, they that were of the circumcision contended with him,

3 Saying, Thou wentest in to men uncircumcised, and didst eat with them.

4 But Peter rehearsed the matter from the beginning, and expounded it by order unto them, saying,

5 I was in the city of Joppa praying: and in a trance I saw a vision, A certain vessel descend, as it had been a great sheet, let down from heaven by four corners; and it came even to me:

6 Upon the which when I had fastened mine eyes, I considered, and saw fourfooted beasts of the earth, and wild beasts, and creeping things, and fowls of the air.

7 And I heard a voice saying unto me, Arise, Peter; slay and eat.

8 But I said, Not so, Lord: for nothing common or unclean hath at any time entered into my mouth.

9 But the voice answered me again from heaven, What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common.

10 And this was done three times: and all were drawn up again into heaven.

11 And, behold, immediately there were three men already come unto the house where I was, sent from Caesarea unto me.

12 And the spirit bade me go with them, nothing doubting. Moreover these six brethren accompanied me, and we entered into the man's house:

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13 And he shewed us how he had seen an angel in his house, which stood and said unto him, Send men to Joppa, and call for Simon, whose surname is Peter;

14 Who shall tell thee words, whereby thou and all thy house shall be saved.

15 And as I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them, as on us at the beginning.

16 Then remembered I the word of the Lord, how that he said, John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost.

17 Forasmuch then as God gave them the like gift as he did unto us, who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ; what was I, that I could withstand God?

18 When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life.

THE BURDEN OF THE PREACHING

JOHN THE BAPTIST

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OF JESUS

Matt 4:17

17 From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

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EXHORTATION

Prov 1:23-33

23 Turn you at my reproof: behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you.

24 Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded;

25 But ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof:

26 I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh;

27 When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you.

28 Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me:

29 For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the Lord:

30 They would none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof.

31 Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices.

32 For the turning away of the simple shall slay them, and the prosperity of fools shall destroy them.

33 But whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil.

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REPENTANCE IS A CONDITION OF GOD'S FAVOR

Lev 26:40-42

40 If they shall confess their iniquity, and the iniquity of their fathers, with their trespass which they trespassed against me, and that also they have walked contrary unto me;

41 And that I also have walked contrary unto them, and have brought them into the land of their enemies; if then their uncircumcised hearts be humbled, and they then accept of the punishment of their iniquity:

42 Then will I remember my covenant with Jacob, and also my covenant with Isaac, and also my covenant with Abraham will I remember; and I will remember the land.

WHEN DOES REPENTANCE NOT WORK

TO ISRAEL

Num 14:39-45

39 And Moses told these sayings unto all the children of Israel: and the people mourned greatly.

40 And they rose up early in the morning, and gat them up into the top of the mountain, saying, Lo, we be here, and will go up unto the place which the Lord hath promised: for we have sinned.

41 And Moses said, Wherefore now do ye transgress the commandment of the Lord? but it shall not prosper.

42 Go not up, for the Lord is not among you; that ye be not smitten before your enemies.

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43 For the Amalekites and the Canaanites are there before you, and ye shall fall by the sword: because ye are turned away from the Lord, therefore the Lord will not be with you.

44 But they presumed to go up unto the hill top: nevertheless the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and Moses, departed not out of the camp.

45 Then the Amalekites came down, and the Canaanites which dwelt in that hill, and smote them, and discomfited them, even unto Hormah.

TO ESAU

Heb 12:16-17

16 Lest there be any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright.

17 For ye know how that afterward, when he would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected: for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears.

INSTANCES OF REPENTANCE

A. Joseph's brothers, of their maltreatment of Joseph

Gen 42:17-22

17 And he put them all together into ward three days.

18 And Joseph said unto them the third day, This do, and live; for I fear God:

19 If ye be true men, let one of your brethren be bound in the house of your prison: go ye, carry corn for the famine of your houses:

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20 But bring your youngest brother unto me; so shall your words be verified, and ye shall not die. And they did so.

21 And they said one to another, We are verily guilty concerning our brother, in that we saw the anguish of his soul, when he besought us, and we would not hear; therefore is this distress come upon us.

22 And Reuben answered them, saying, Spake I not unto you, saying, Do not sin against the child; and ye would not hear? therefore, behold, also his blood is required.

B. Pharaoh, of his hardness of heart

Ex 9:27-35

27 And Pharaoh sent, and called for Moses and Aaron, and said unto them, I have sinned this time: the Lord is righteous, and I and my people are wicked.

28 Intreat the Lord (for it is enough) that there be no more mighty thunderings and hail; and I will let you go, and ye shall stay no longer.

29 And Moses said unto him, As soon as I am gone out of the city, I will spread abroad my hands unto the Lord; and the thunder shall cease, neither shall there be any more hail; that thou mayest know how that the earth is the Lord's.

30 But as for thee and thy servants, I know that ye will not yet fear the Lord God.

31 And the flax and the barley was smitten: for the barley was in the ear, and the flax was balled.

32 But the wheat and the rie were not smitten: for they were not grown up.

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33 And Moses went out of the city from Pharaoh, and spread abroad his hands unto the Lord: and the thunders and hail ceased, and the rain was not poured upon the earth.

34 And when Pharaoh saw that the rain and the hail and the thunders were ceased, he sinned yet more, and hardened his heart, he and his servants.

35 And the heart of Pharaoh was hardened, neither would he let the children of Israel go; as the Lord had spoken by Moses.

C. Balaam, of his spiritual blindness

Num 22:27-34

27 And when the ass saw the angel of the Lord, she fell down under Balaam: and Balaam's anger was kindled, and he smote the ass with a staff.

28 And the Lord opened the mouth of the ass, and she said unto Balaam, What have I done unto thee, that thou hast smitten me these three times?

29 And Balaam said unto the ass, Because thou hast mocked me: I would there were a sword in mine hand, for now would I kill thee.

30 And the ass said unto Balaam, Am not I thine ass, upon which thou hast ridden ever since I was thine unto this day? was I ever wont to do so unto thee? And he said, Nay.

31 Then the Lord opened the eyes of Balaam, and he saw the angel of the Lord standing in the way, and his sword drawn in his hand: and he bowed down his head, and fell flat on his face.

32 And the angel of the Lord said unto him, Wherefore hast thou smitten thine ass these three times? behold, I went out to withstand thee, because thy way is perverse before me:

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33 And the ass saw me, and turned from me these three times: unless she had turned from me, surely now also I had slain thee, and saved her alive.

34 And Balaam said unto the angel of the Lord, I have sinned; for I knew not that thou stoodest in the way against me: now therefore, if it displease thee, I will get me back again.

D. Israelites

E. Of worshiping the golden calf

Ex 33:1-6

1 And the Lord said unto Moses, Depart, and go up hence, thou and the people which thou hast brought up out of the land of Egypt, unto the land which I swore unto Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, Unto thy seed will I give it:

2 And I will send an angel before thee; and I will drive out the Canaanite, the Amorite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite:

3 Unto a land flowing with milk and honey: for I will not go up in the midst of thee; for thou art a stiffnecked people: lest I consume thee in the way.

4 And when the people heard these evil tidings, they mourned: and no man did put on him his ornaments.

5 For the Lord had said unto Moses, Say unto the children of Israel, Ye are a stiffnecked people: I will come up into the midst of thee in a moment, and consume thee: therefore now put off thy ornaments from thee, that I may know what to do unto thee.

6 And the children of Israel stripped themselves of their ornaments by the mount Horeb.

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- F. **Of their complaining because of lack of bread and water, when the plague of fiery serpents came upon them**
- G. **When rebuked by an angel for not expelling the Canaanites**
- H. **Of their idolatry, when afflicted by the Philistines**
- I. **In asking for a king**
- J. **In the time of Asa, by the preaching of Azariah**
- K. **By the preaching of Oded**
- L. **Under the influence of Hezekiah**
- M. **Achan, because of his theft**

Josh 7:19-24

19 And Joshua said unto Achan, My son, give, I pray thee, glory to the Lord God of Israel, and make confession unto him; and tell me now what thou hast done; hide it not from me.

20 And Achan answered Joshua, and said, Indeed I have sinned against the Lord God of Israel, and thus and thus have I done:

21 When I saw among the spoils a goodly Babylonish garment, and two hundred shekels of silver, and a wedge of gold of fifty shekels weight, then I coveted them, and took them; and, behold, they are hid in the earth in the midst of my tent, and the silver under it.

22 So Joshua sent messengers, and they ran unto the tent; and, behold, it was hid in his tent, and the silver under it.

23 And they took them out of the midst of the tent, and brought them unto Joshua, and unto all the children of Israel, and laid them out before the Lord.

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24 And Joshua, and all Israel with him, took Achan the son of Zerah, and the silver, and the garment, and the wedge of gold, and his sons, and his daughters, and his oxen, and his asses, and his sheep, and his tent, and all that he had: and they brought them unto the valley of Achor.

N. Saul, at the rebuke of Samuel for not destroying the Amalekites

O. David, at the rebuke of Nathan, the prophet, for his sins of adultery and murder

2 Sam 12:7-14

7 And Nathan said to David, Thou art the man. Thus saith the Lord God of Israel, I anointed thee king over Israel, and I delivered thee out of the hand of Saul;

8 And I gave thee thy master's house, and thy master's wives into thy bosom, and gave thee the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would moreover have given unto thee such and such things.

9 Wherefore hast thou despised the commandment of the Lord, to do evil in his sight? thou hast killed Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and hast taken his wife to be thy wife, and hast slain him with the sword of the children of Ammon.

10 Now therefore the sword shall never depart from thine house; because thou hast despised me, and hast taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be thy wife.

11 Thus saith the Lord, Behold, I will raise up evil against thee out of thine own house, and I will take thy wives before thine eyes, and give them unto thy neighbour, and he shall lie with thy wives in the sight of this sun.

12 For thou didst it secretly: but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun.

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13 And David said unto Nathan, I have sinned against the Lord. And Nathan said unto David, The Lord also hath put away thy sin; thou shalt not die.

14 Howbeit, because by this deed thou hast given great occasion to the enemies of the Lord to blaspheme, the child also that is born unto thee shall surely die.

P. Rehoboam, when his kingdom was invaded, and Jerusalem was besieged

Q. Hezekiah, at the time of his sickness

R. When reprov'd by the prophet Micah

S. Ahab, when reprov'd by Elijah for Ahab's idolatry

T. Josiah, when he heard the law of God which had been discovered in the temple by Hilkiah

U. Josiah, when he heard the law of God which had been discovered in the temple by Hilkiah

V. Manasseh, when he was carried away captive to Babylon by the king of Assyria

W. At the dedication of the second temple

X. Jonah, after his punishment

Jonah 3:4-10

4 And Jonah began to enter into the city a day's journey, and he cried, and said, Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown.

5 So the people of Nineveh believed God, and proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them even to the least of them.

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6 For word came unto the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, and he laid his robe from him, and covered him with sackcloth, and sat in ashes.

7 And he caused it to be proclaimed and published through Nineveh by the decree of the king and his nobles, saying, Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste any thing: let them not feed, nor drink water:

8 But let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and cry mightily unto God: yea, let them turn every one from his evil way, and from the violence that is in their hands.

9 Who can tell if God will turn and repent, and turn away from his fierce anger, that we perish not?

10 And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God repented of the evil, that he had said that he would do unto them; and he did it not.

Y. The Ninevites, by the preaching of Jonah

Z. The Jews, by the preaching of John the Baptist

AA. The disobedient son

BB. The Prodigal Son

Luke 15:17-25

17 And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!

18 I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee,

19 And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants.

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20 And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.

21 And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son.

22 But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet:

23 And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry:

24 For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry.

25 Now his elder son was in the field: and as he came and drew nigh to the house, he heard musick and dancing.

CC. Peter, because of his denial of Jesus

DD. JUDAS

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THE REVIVAL OF HEALING

INTRODUCTION: WE KNOW THAT THE BOOK OF ACTS IS ACTUALLY TWO BOOKS. THE FIRST NINETEEN CHAPTERS IS THE HISTORY OF REVIVAL AND THE NINE CHAPTERS IS THE LIFE OF THE APOSTLE PAUL.

WITHIN THE FIRST NINETEEN CHAPTERS, THERE ARE SEVEN DIFFERENT MOVES OF GOD OR REVIVALS RECORDED. WE KNOW A CHURCH CAN NOT LIVE ON JUST ONE TYPE OF REVIVAL, BUT RATHER IN A CHURCH'S HISTORY, IT WILL EXPERIENCE ALL SEVEN OF THESE REVIVALS.

THE FIRST REVIVAL THAT WE STUDIED WAS THE TONGUES REVIVAL. IT WAS THE FIRST REVIVAL THAT ANY CHURCH MUST GO THROUGH BECAUSE IT IS THE INITIAL OUT POURING OF THE HOLY GHOST. LET ME GIVE YOU A FEW VERSES:

Joel 2:21-29

21 Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice: for the Lord will do great things.

22 Be not afraid, ye beasts of the field: for the pastures of the wilderness do spring, for the tree beareth her fruit, the fig tree and the vine do yield their strength.

23 Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the Lord your God: for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month.

24 And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the fats shall overflow with wine and oil.

25 And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you.

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26 And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you: and my people shall never be ashamed.

27 And ye shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the Lord your God, and none else: and my people shall never be ashamed.

28 And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:

29 And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.

THIS FIRST REVIVAL WAS PROPHESED ABOUT SEVEN HUNDRED YEARS BEFORE IT HAPPENED!

Jer 31:31-34

31 Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah:

32 Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the Lord:

33 But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the Lord, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.

34 And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

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**THAT FIRST REVIVAL WAS AN EXCITING TIME. EVEN JOHN THE BAPTIST
PROPHESED CONCERNING THAT INITIAL OUTPOURING OF THE HOLY GHOST!**

Matt 3:1-12

**1 In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of
Judaea,**

2 And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

**3 For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying, The voice
of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his
paths straight.**

**4 And the same John had his raiment of camel's hair, and a leathern girdle
about his loins; and his meat was locusts and wild honey.**

**5 Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judaea, and all the region
round about Jordan,**

6 And were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins.

**7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his
baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you
to flee from the wrath to come?**

8 Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance:

**9 And think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father:
for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children
unto Abraham.**

**10 And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every
tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the
fire.**

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11 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:

12 Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.

THE SECOND REVIVAL

THE REVIVAL OF HEALINGS AND MIRACLES

WE WILL TAKE OUR SCRIPTURE TEXT FROM THE THIRD CHAPTER OF ACTS.

Acts 3:1-9

1 Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour.

2 And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple;

3 Who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked an alms.

4 And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us.

5 And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them.

6 Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.

7 And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.

8 And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God.

9 And all the people saw him walking and praising God:

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AGAIN WE MUST LOOK AT THE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT SURROUND THIS REVIVAL.

JESUS'S OWN WORDS

JESUS HIMSELF SET THIS REVIVAL IN MOTION WHEN HE WAS COMMISSIONING AND ANOINTING THE APOSTLES:

Matt 10:1-16

1 And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.

2 Now the names of the twelve apostles are these; The first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother;

3 Philip, and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the publican; James the son of Alphaeus, and Lebbaeus, whose surname was Thaddaeus;

4 Simon the Canaanite, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed him.

5 These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not:

6 But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

7 And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand.

8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.

9 Provide neither gold, nor silver, nor brass in your purses,

10 Nor scrip for your journey, neither two coats, neither shoes, nor yet staves: for the workman is worthy of his meat.

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11 And into whatsoever city or town ye shall enter, inquire who in it is worthy; and there abide till ye go thence.

12 And when ye come into an house, salute it.

13 And if the house be worthy, let your peace come upon it: but if it be not worthy, let your peace return to you.

14 And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear your words, when ye depart out of that house or city, shake off the dust of your feet.

15 Verily I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrha in the day of judgment, than for that city.

16 Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves.

THROUGH THE EXCITEMENT OF THE DEATH, BURIAL, AND RESURRECTION THIS HAD BEEN FORGOTTEN. THEY DID NOT USE IT AFTER THE ASCENSION OF JESUS BACK TO HEAVEN. AT PENTECOST THEY WERE TOO BUSY WITH THE NEW CONVERTS. LET US LOOK AT THE CIRCUMSTANCES:

FIRST: THERE WAS THE HOUSE OF GOD

SECOND: THERE WAS PRAYER

THIRD: THERE WAS UNITY

FOURTH: THERE WAS COMPASSION

WHERE WERE THEY GOING? TO THE TEMPLE

WHY WERE THEY GOING TO THE TEMPLE? TO PRAY

WHO WAS GOING TO THE TEMPLE? PETER AND JOHN

WHO DID THEY SEE? THE LAME MAN

THIS MAN HAD NEVER SEEN THE INSIDE OF THE TEMPLE. HE WAS FORBIDDEN TO GO IN BECAUSE OF HIS CONDITION.

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THERE HAD NEVER BEEN A HEALING SINCE JESUS WAS ON THE EARTH, AND THIS WAS THE FIRST MIRACLE. PLEASE NOTE:

Acts 3:4-12

4 And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us.

5 And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them.

6 Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.

7 And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.

8 And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God.

9 And all the people saw him walking and praising God:

10 And they knew that it was he which sat for alms at the Beautiful gate of the temple: and they were filled with wonder and amazement at that which had happened unto him.

11 And as the lame man which was healed held Peter and John, all the people ran together unto them in the porch that is called Solomon's, greatly wondering.

12 And when Peter saw it, he answered unto the people, Ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this? or why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk?

PLEASE TAKE SPECIAL NOTE FROM VERSE 12! THEY EXPRESSLY DENIED THAT IT WAS THEM THAT DID THE MIRACLE.

WHAT HAPPENED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE MIRACLE?

- 1. THERE WAS A SERMON**

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Acts 3:12-26

12 And when Peter saw it, he answered unto the people, Ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this? or why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk?

13 The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, hath glorified his Son Jesus; whom ye delivered up, and denied him in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let him go.

14 But ye denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you;

15 And killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses.

16 And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.

17 And now, brethren, I wot that through ignorance ye did it, as did also your rulers.

18 But those things, which God before had shewed by the mouth of all his prophets, that Christ should suffer, he hath so fulfilled.

19 Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;

20 And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you:

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21 Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.

22 For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you.

23 And it shall come to pass, that every soul, which will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people.

24 Yea, and all the prophets from Samuel and those that follow after, as many as have spoken, have likewise foretold of these days.

25 Ye are the children of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying unto Abraham, And in thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed.

26 Unto you first God, having raised up his Son Jesus, sent him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities.

- 2. THE SERMON WAS ABOUT THE POWER OF THE DEATH, BURIAL, AND RESURRECTION.**
- 3. THERE WAS PERSECUTION. ANY TIME GOD WORKS, IT IS GOING TO UPSET SOMEBODY IN POWER. ESPECIALLY WHEN THEY TURN FROM THEIR AUTHORITY TO GOD'S AUTHORITY.**

NOTICE THE NEXT SERMON:

Acts 4:1-14

1 And as they spake unto the people, the priests, and the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees, came upon them,

2 Being grieved that they taught the people, and preached through Jesus the resurrection from the dead.

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3 And they laid hands on them, and put them in hold unto the next day: for it was now eventide.

4 Howbeit many of them which heard the word believed; and the number of the men was about five thousand.

5 And it came to pass on the morrow, that their rulers, and elders, and scribes,

6 And Annas the high priest, and Caiaphas, and John, and Alexander, and as many as were of the kindred of the high priest, were gathered together at Jerusalem.

7 And when they had set them in the midst, they asked, By what power, or by what name, have ye done this?

8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel,

9 If we this day be examined of the good deed done to the impotent man, by what means he is made whole;

10 Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole.

11 This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner.

12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

13 Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.

14 And beholding the man which was healed standing with them, they could say nothing against it.

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Acts 4:15-31

15 But when they had commanded them to go aside out of the council, they conferred among themselves,

16 Saying, What shall we do to these men? for that indeed a notable miracle hath been done by them is manifest to all them that dwell in Jerusalem; and we cannot deny it.

17 But that it spread no further among the people, let us straitly threaten them, that they speak henceforth to no man in this name.

18 And they called them, and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus.

19 But Peter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye.

20 For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.

21 So when they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding nothing how they might punish them, because of the people: for all men glorified God for that which was done.

22 For the man was above forty years old, on whom this miracle of healing was shewed.

23 And being let go, they went to their own company, and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said unto them.

24 And when they heard that, they lifted up their voice to God with one accord, and said, Lord, thou art God, which hast made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is:

25 Who by the mouth of thy servant David hast said, Why did the heathen rage, and the people imagine vain things?

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26 The kings of the earth stood up, and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord, and against his Christ.

27 For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together,

28 For to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel determined before to be done.

29 And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word,

30 By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus.

31 And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

IN THE FIRST REVIVAL 3,120 WERE SAVED, IN THE SECOND REVIVAL 5,000 WERE SAVED.

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THE REVIVAL OF JUDGEMENT

INTRODUCTION: WE HAVE ALREADY STUDIED THE FIRST TWO TYPES OF REVIVALS.

FIRST: IT WAS THE INITIAL REVIVAL AT PENTECOST. IT WAS KNOWN AS THE TONGUES REVIVAL OR THE CHARISMATIC REVIVAL.

THIS REVIVAL WAS IMPORTANT BECAUSE IT INTRODUCED US TO THE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH. IT WAS THE FIRST TIME THAT PEOPLE HAD RECEIVE THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY GHOST. THERE WERE 3,120 MEN AND WOMEN THAT GOT SAVED IN THAT REVIVAL.

SECOND. IT WAS THE HEALING REVIVAL. PETER AND JOHN ON THEIR WAY TO THE TEMPLE AT THE HOUR OF PRAYER. THE LAME MAN AT THE GATE WAS HEALED AS PETER AND JOHN WAS ABOUT TO GO INTO THE TEMPLE.

THIRD: THE THIRD REVIVAL THAT WE ARE GOING TO STUDY IS THE REVIVAL OF JUDGMENT.

WE MUST FIRST LOOK AT THE CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH SURROUNDED THIS REVIVAL. LET US REMEMBER:

- 1. JESUS HAS DIED AND ROSE AGAIN**
- 2. HE HAS SENT BACK THE HOLY GHOST ON THE DAY OF PENTECOST**
- 3. THE DISCIPLES HAVE ACQUIRED THE POWER OF GOD TO HEAL**
- 4. THERE ARE OVER 6000 MEMBERS ALREADY IN THE CHURCH AT JERUSALEM**

I WOULD SAY THAT THIS CHURCH WAS GETTING LARGE. REMEMBER THAT THE TWELVE APOSTLES ARE ACTING AS PASTORS. THE APOSTLE PETER SEEMED TO BE IN CHARGE IN THAT GOD HAD GIVEN HIM THE KEYS:

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Matt 16:13-19

13 When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?

14 And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets.

15 He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am?

16 And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.

17 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.

18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

19 And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

LATER ON WE LEARN THAT THE APOSTLE JAMES BECOMES THE PASTOR AT JERUSALEM.

SOMETHING STRANGE BEGANS TO HAPPEN: PEOPLE START GIVING. GIVING HAS ALWAYS BEEN A PART OF REVIVAL.

Acts 2:41-47

41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

42 And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

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43 And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles.

44 And all that believed were together, and had all things common;

45 And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need.

46 And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart,

47 Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

SOME BELIEVE THAT THIS PHENOMONEN WAS CAUSED BY THE PROPHECY OF JESUS:

Matt 24:1-14

24 And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and his disciples came to him for to shew him the buildings of the temple.

2 And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.

3 And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?

4 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you.

5 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.

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6 And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.

7 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.

8 All these are the beginning of sorrows.

9 Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake.

10 And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another.

11 And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.

12 And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.

13 But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

THE CHURCH BELIEVED THAT EVERYTHING WAS GOING TO COME TO PASS IN JUST A SHORT TIME. THEY WERE GOING TO LOSE EVERYTHING ANYWAY, SO WHY NOT GIVE IT AWAY FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE GOSPEL. THIS IS REINFORCED BY CHAPTER 4:

Acts 4:33-37

33 And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.

34 Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold,

35 And laid them down at the apostles' feet: and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need.

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36 And Joses, who by the apostles was surnamed Barnabas, (which is, being interpreted, The son of consolation,) a Levite, and of the country of Cyprus,

37 Having land, sold it, and brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet.

ALL THIS SEEMS SO GOOD AND SO RIGHT; HOWEVER, IT DID NOT WORK OVER THE LONG HAUL BECAUSE OF THE NATURE OF PEOPLE.

THAT BRINGS US TO OUR SUBJECT: JUDGEMENT. LET US TAKE A CLOSE LOOK AT THE CIRCUMSTANCES:

- 1. EVERYBODY WAS PREACHING THE GOSPEL**
- 2. EVERYBODY WAS INVOLVED IN THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**
- 3. THOSE THAT HAD SUBSTANCE SOLD IT**
- 4. THEY LAID THE MONEY AT THE FEET OF THE APOSTLES**
- 5. DISTRIBUTION WAS MADE ACCORDING TO THE NEED**

I HAVE A QUESTION. WHAT HAPPENS WHEN EVERYBODY THAT HAS POSSESSIONS AND SELLS THEM AND JESUS HAS NOT YET RETURNED? THIS WAS INTENDED TO BE A SHORT TERM THING.

I HAVE ANOTHER QUESTION. WHAT DO YOU THINK THAT PEOPLE DID THAT HAD NOTHING AND NOW THEY HAVE PLENTY? DID THEY LOOK UPON THE GIVER AS SOMEBODY? DID THEY GLORIFY THE GIVER? IT IS OBVIOUS THAT THEY DID.

HOW DID THOSE THAT GAVE REACT? DID THEIR GIVING AND THE SUBSEQUENT PRAISE CAUSE OTHERS TO WANT TO GIVE? LET THE SCRIPTURE ANSWER THAT!

Acts 5:1-10

5 But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession,

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2 And kept back part of the price, his wife also being privy to it, and brought a certain part, and laid it at the apostles' feet.

3 But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land?

4 Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God.

5 And Ananias hearing these words fell down, and gave up the ghost: and great fear came on all them that heard these things.

6 And the young men arose, wound him up, and carried him out, and buried him.

7 And it was about the space of three hours after, when his wife, not knowing what was done, came in.

8 And Peter answered unto her, Tell me whether ye sold the land for so much? And she said, Yea, for so much.

9 Then Peter said unto her, How is it that ye have agreed together to tempt the Spirit of the Lord? behold, the feet of them which have buried thy husband are at the door, and shall carry thee out.

10 Then fell she down straightway at his feet, and yielded up the ghost: and the young men came in, and found her dead, and, carrying her forth, buried her by her husband.

THIS IS THE FIRST JUDGEMENT THAT CAME TO THE PEOPLE OF GOD! BUT LOOK AT THE SCRIPTURE:

1 Peter 4:17-18

17 For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?

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18 And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?

YOU WOULD THINK THAT THIS WOULD HAVE DESTROYED THAT EARLY CHURCH! HOWEVER, QUITE THE CONTRARY HAPPENED.

Acts 5:11-16

11 And great fear came upon all the church, and upon as many as heard these things.

12 And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people; (and they were all with one accord in Solomon's porch.

13 And of the rest durst no man join himself to them: but the people magnified them.

14 And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women.)

15 Insomuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them.

16 There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed every one.

REMEMBER IN REVIVAL ONE 3,120 GOT SAVED. IN REVIVAL NUMBER TWO 5000 GOT SAVED. BUT LOOK AT WHAT HAPPENED WHEN JUDGEMENT CAME. LOOK AT VERSE 14. JUST WHAT DID THIS REVIVAL DO?

- 1. IT PURGED THE CHURCH OF SIN**
- 2. IT PUT THE FEAR OF GOD UPON OTHERS WHO WERE CONTEMPLATING THE SAME THING**

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3. IT GAVE THE APOSTLES AUTHORITY

WHEN THE APOSTLES HAD AUTHORITY, LOOKED WHAT HAPPENED!

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THEN GUESS WHAT HAPPENED WHEN GOD GAVE AUTHORITY TO THE APOSTLES. YOU GUESSED IT, PERSECUTION. BUT HOW DID THEY RESPOND TO THE PERSECUTION?

Acts 5:17-32

17 Then the high priest rose up, and all they that were with him, (which is the sect of the Sadducees,) and were filled with indignation,

18 And laid their hands on the apostles, and put them in the common prison.

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19 But the angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors, and brought them forth, and said,

20 Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life.

21 And when they heard that, they entered into the temple early in the morning, and taught. But the high priest came, and they that were with him, and called the council together, and all the senate of the children of Israel and sent to the prison to have them brought.

22 But when the officers came, and found them not in the prison, they returned, and told,

23 Saying, The prison truly found we shut with all safety, and the keepers standing without before the doors: but when we had opened, we found no man within.

24 Now when the high priest and the captain of the temple and the chief priests heard these things, they doubted of them whereunto this would grow.

25 Then came one and told them, saying, Behold, the men whom ye put in prison are standing in the temple, and teaching the people.

26 Then went the captain with the officers, and brought them without violence: for they feared the people, lest they should have been stoned.

27 And when they had brought them, they set them before the council: and the high priest asked them,

28 Saying, Did not we straitly command you that ye should not teach in this name? and, behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this man's blood upon us.

29 Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men.

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30 The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree.

31 Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.

32 And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him.

33 When they heard that, they were cut to the heart, and took counsel to slay them.

34 Then stood there up one in the council, a Pharisee, named Gamaliel, a doctor of the law, had in reputation among all the people, and commanded to put the apostles forth a little space;

35 And said unto them, Ye men of Israel, take heed to yourselves what ye intend to do as touching these men.

36 For before these days rose up Theudas, boasting himself to be somebody; to whom a number of men, about four hundred, joined themselves: who was slain; and all, as many as obeyed him, were scattered, and brought to nought.

37 After this man rose up Judas of Galilee in the days of the taxing, and drew away much people after him: he also perished; and all, even as many as obeyed him, were dispersed.

38 And now I say unto you, Refrain from these men, and let them alone: for if this counsel or this work be of men, it will come to nought:

39 But if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it; lest haply ye be found even to fight against God.

40 And to him they agreed: and when they had called the apostles, and beaten them, they commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go.

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41 And they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name.

42 And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.

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THE PERSECUTION REVIVAL

INTRODUCTION: WE HAVE STUDIED THE FIRST THREE TYPES OF REVIVAL.

1. THE TONGUES REVIVAL OR THE CHARISMATIC REVIVAL

- 1. IT WAS KNOWN FOR THE INITIAL OUT POURING OF THE HOLY GHOST**
- 2. IT WAS KNOWN FOR SPEAKING WITH OTHER TONGUES**
- 3. IT WAS KNOWN AS THE BIRTHDAY OF THE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH**
- 4. IT WAS KNOWN FOR IT'S EXCITEMENT, FERVOR, GIVING, AND EVANGELISM**
- 5. THERE WERE 3,120 CONVERTED ON THE FIRST DAY OF REVIVAL**

2. THE HEALING MIRACLE REVIVAL

- A. IT WAS KNOWN FOR THE RESTORATION OF APOSTOLIC HEALING AND POWER**
- B. IT WAS KNOWN FOR PERSECUTION**
- C. IT WAS KNOWN FOR A BAPTISM OF COURAGE**
- D. IT WAS KNOWN FOR IT'S PERSECUTION**
- E. THERE WERE 5000 ADDED TO THE CHURCH**

3. THE JUDGEMENT REVIVAL

- A. IT WAS KNOWN FOR THE IMPERFECTION IN THE SAINTS**

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- B. IT WAS KNOWN FOR IT'S FERVENT GIVING**
- C. IT WAS KNOWN FOR JUDGEMENT**
- D. IT WAS KNOWN FOR THE RESTORATION OF APOSTOLIC AUTHORITY**
- E. IT WAS KNOWN FOR THE FEAR OF GOD**
- F. IT WAS KNOWN FOR GREAT HEALINGS AND MIRACLES**
- G. A MULTITUDE WAS CONVERTED**

LET US THEN STUDY THE FOURTH TYPE OF REVIVAL.

PERSECUTION

IT IS NECESSARY TO ONCE AGAIN STUDY THE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT BROUGHT ABOUT THIS REVIVAL.

FIRST OF ALL LET US RECOGNIZE THAT THE CHURCH HAS GROWN VERY RAPIDLY. IT HAD GROWN FASTER THAN THE ORGANIZATION COULD HANDLE. SO THE LEADERS, THAT IS THE APOSTLES, HAD TO DO SOMETHING.

Acts 6:1-4

1 And in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministration.

2 Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables.

3 Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business.

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4 But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.

I PERSONALLY BELIEVE THAT THE CHURCH IN THE 21ST CENTURY IS HAMPERED BY THE SAME PROBLEMS THAT THE EARLY CHURCH HAD! THE APOSTLES WERE HANDLING MENIAL THINGS AND THE THING THAT GOD HAD CALLED THEM FOR WAS NEGLECTED. WE MUST ASK OURSELVES THIS QUESTION. JUST WHAT ARE WE CALLED TO DO?

- 1. PRAYER**
- 2. MINISTRY OF THE WORD**
- 3. EVANGELISM**
- 4. CHURCH GROWTH**

IN THIS HOUR THE PREACHER IS CALLED ON TO DO AND TO KNOW MANY THINGS . HE HAS TO WEAR A LOT OF HATS SO TO SPEAK

- 1. COUNSELING (VERY COMPLICATED KNOWING THE PROBLEMS)**
- 2. REFEREE (PEOPLE HAVE TROUBLE GETTING ALONG)**
- 3. FINANCE**
- 4. PUBLIC RELATIONS**
- 5. MARRIAGES**
- 6. DEATHS**
- 7. BUILDING**

MOST OF MY TIME IS SPENT WITH PEOPLE WHO ARE THE MOST UNPRODUCTIVE. PLEASE NOTE WHAT THE DISCIPLES DID:

Acts 6:1-7

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4 But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.

5 And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch:

6 Whom they set before the apostles: and when they had prayed, they laid their hands on them.

7 And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith.

VERSE 7 SAYS THAT THE WORD OF GOD INCREASED AND THE DISCIPLES MULTIPLIED. EVEN IN THE 21ST CENTURY WE MUST CONSTANTLY LOOK FOR NEW AND BETTER WAYS TO CAUSE THE WORD TO INCREASE AND THE DISCIPLES MULTIPLIED.

OUT OF THE MEN THAT WERE SELECTED PLEASE NOTE:

- 1. THEY WERE MEN ALREADY DOING THE WORK. A SEAL OF LEADERSHIP WAS PLACED UPON THEM**
- 2. SERVANTS WILL ALWAYS BE USED OF GOD**

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3. A PRINCIPLE IS RECOGNIZED HERE. YOU SERVE AND THEN CHOSEN, NOT CHOSEN THEN SERVE.

LITTLE DID THE APOSTLE KNOW THAT ONE OF THE ONES THEY SELECTED WAS GOING TO BRING ABOUT ONE OF THE GREATEST REVIVAL THAT THEY HAD EVER EXPERIENCED.

PLEASE NOTE: ALL OF THE CONVERTS TO CHRISTIANITY AT THIS POINT ARE JEWISH! THAT IS ABOUT TO CHANGE.

THE JEWS WERE VERY CLANNISH PEOPLE. THEY FELT LIKE THEY HAD A CORNER ON GOD AND THAT NOBODY ELSE WAS WELCOME. THEY WERE BLIND TO THE SCRIPTURE:

Isa 60:1-3

1 Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

2 For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.

3 And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.

CHAPTER 7 IS THE STORY OF THE GREAT PERSECUTION THAT CAME:

Acts 6:8-15

8 And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles among the people.

9 Then there arose certain of the synagogue, which is called the synagogue of the Libertines, and Cyrenians, and Alexandrians, and of them of Cilicia and of Asia, disputing with Stephen.

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10 And they were not able to resist the wisdom and the spirit by which he spake.

11 Then they suborned men, which said, We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses, and against God.

12 And they stirred up the people, and the elders, and the scribes, and came upon him, and caught him, and brought him to the council,

13 And set up false witnesses, which said, This man ceaseth not to speak blasphemous words against this holy place, and the law:

14 For we have heard him say, that this Jesus of Nazareth shall destroy this place, and shall change the customs which Moses delivered us.

15 And all that sat in the council, looking stedfastly on him, saw his face as it had been the face of an angel.

Acts 7:1

1 Then said the high priest, Are these things so?

**FROM HERE ON, STEPHEN PREACHES AN OLD TESTAMENT SERMON TO THEM.
LET ME JUST GIVE TO YOU THE END OF THE CHAPTER:**

Acts 7:51-60

51 Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye.

52 Which of the prophets have not your fathers persecuted? and they have slain them which shewed before of the coming of the Just One; of whom ye have been now the betrayers and murderers:

53 Who have received the law by the disposition of angels, and have not kept it.

54 When they heard these things, they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed on him with their teeth.

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55 But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God,

56 And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God.

57 Then they cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and ran upon him with one accord,

58 And cast him out of the city, and stoned him: and the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet, whose name was Saul.

59 And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.

60 And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

STEPHEN BECAME THE FIRST BLOOD TO BE SHED IN THE NEW TESTAMENT.

PLEASE NOTE WHAT THE CHURCH DID:

Acts 8:1-3

1 And Saul was consenting unto his death. And at that time there was a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judaea and Samaria, except the apostles.

2 And devout men carried Stephen to his burial, and made great lamentation over him.

3 As for Saul, he made havock of the church, entering into every house, and haling men and women committed them to prison.

PLEASE REMEMBER, THE JEW WOULD NEVER HAVE ALLOWED ANYONE IN THE CHURCH OUTSIDE OF THE JEWS. SO WHILE THEY ARE WRESTLING WITH BURYING STEPHEN, THE JEWISH CHURCH IS SCATTERED.

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Acts 8:4-13

4 Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word.

5 Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them.

6 And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did.

7 For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with them: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed.

8 And there was great joy in that city.

9 But there was a certain man, called Simon, which beforetime in the same city used sorcery, and bewitched the people of Samaria, giving out that himself was some great one:

10 To whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, This man is the great power of God.

11 And to him they had regard, because that of long time he had bewitched them with sorceries.

12 But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.

13 Then Simon himself believed also: and when he was baptized, he continued with Philip, and wondered, beholding the miracles and signs which were done.

THE PERSECUTION WAS A DISTRACTION TO THE CHURCH. WHILE THEY ARE DISTRACTED, GOD REACHES OUT TO ANOTHER PEOPLE.

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WHEN THE DISCIPLES HEAR ABOUT IT:

Acts 8:14-25

14 Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John:

15 Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost:

16 (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.)

17 Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.

18 And when Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money,

19 Saying, Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost.

20 But Peter said unto him, Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money.

21 Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not right in the sight of God.

22 Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee.

23 For I perceive that thou art in the gall of bitterness, and in the bond of iniquity.

24 Then answered Simon, and said, Pray ye to the Lord for me, that none of these things which ye have spoken come upon me.

25 And they, when they had testified and preached the word of the Lord, returned to Jerusalem, and preached the gospel in many villages of the Samaritans.

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LET US DRAW SOME CONCLUSIONS:

1. NOT 3,120 OR 5,000, OR MULTITUDES GET SAVED, BUT NOW A PEOPLE, THE SAMARITANS GET SALVATION
2. TO CHURCHES THAT ONLY WANT ONE KIND OF PEOPLE, GOD WILL SEND PERSECUTION TO DISTRACT WHILE HE SAVES OTHERS
3. LET ME TELL YOU OF SOME REVIVALS I HAVE HAD IN THE PAST
4. HE SAID I WILL POUR OUT MY SPIRIT UPON ALL FLESH

LET ME GIVE YOU SOME MORE SCRIPTURE:

Eph 2:7-17

7 That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.

8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.

10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

11 Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands;

12 That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:

13 But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

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14 For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us;

15 Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace;

16 And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby:

17 And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh.

THIS COULD NEVER HAVE HAPPENED WITHOUT THE PERSECUTION

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 - C. KNOWN FOR THE RESTORATION OF APOSTOLIC AUTHORITY**
 - D. IT WAS KNOWN FOR THE FEAR OF GOD**
 - E. MANY MIRACLES AND HEALING**
 - F. A MULTITUDE WAS CONVERTED.**
- 4. THE PERSECUTION REVIVAL**
 - A. IT WAS KNOWN THE PREACHING OTHER THAN BY AN APOSTLE**
 - B. IT WAS KNOWN FOR THE DEATH OF STEPHEN**
 - C. IT WAS KNOWN FOR THE SAMARITAN REVIVAL**
 - D. IT WAS KNOWN FOR EVANGELISM OTHER THAN IN JERUSALEM**

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E. A PEOPLE WAS SAVED.

LET US BEGAN THE STUDY OF THE FIFTH TYPE OF REVIVAL. THIS REVIVAL IS KNOWN AS THE ANGEL ASSISTED REVIVAL. THERE IS ONE THING THAT WE KNOW AND THAT IS THE ANGELS CAN NOT PREACH THE GOSPEL:

1 Peter 1:12

12 Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into.

SO, IF THE ANGELS CAN NOT PREACH WHAT ARE WE SPEAKING OF?

Heb 1:13-14

13 But to which of the angels said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool?

14 Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?

EVENTHOUGH THEY CAN NOT PREACH, THEY CAN ASSIST US WHO CAN PREACH THE GOSPEL, THAT IS THE REDEEMED.

ANGELS HAVE APPEARED TO MEN ON MANY OCCASSIONS:

Gen 19:1

1 And there came two angels to Sodom at even; and Lot sat in the gate of Sodom: and Lot seeing them rose up to meet them; and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground;

Gen 19:15

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15 And when the morning arose, then the angels hastened Lot, saying, Arise, take thy wife, and thy two daughters, which are here; lest thou be consumed in the iniquity of the city.

ANGELS APPEAR 295 TIMES IN THE BIBLE. THEY EITHER COME WITH HELP OR A MESSAGE FROM GOD, BUT NEVER AS A PREACHER.

LET US LOOK AT ACTS 9 FOR JUST A MOMENT:

Acts 9:1-20

1 And Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest,

2 And desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of this way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem.

3 And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven:

4 And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?

5 And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.

6 And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.

7 And the men which journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice, but seeing no man.

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8 And Saul arose from the earth; and when his eyes were opened, he saw no man: but they led him by the hand, and brought him into Damascus.

9 And he was three days without sight, and neither did eat nor drink.

10 And there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias; and to him said the Lord in a vision, Ananias. And he said, Behold, I am here, Lord.

11 And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and inquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold, he prayeth,

12 And hath seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in, and putting his hand on him, that he might receive his sight.

13 Then Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he hath done to thy saints at Jerusalem:

14 And here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that call on thy name.

15 But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel:

16 For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake.

17 And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost.

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18 And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized.

19 And when he had received meat, he was strengthened. Then was Saul certain days with the disciples which were at Damascus.

20 And straightway he preached Christ in the synagogues, that he is the Son of God.

IT IS INTERESTING THAT JESUS CHRIST DID NOT PREACH THE GOSPEL TO SAUL OF TARSUS BUT DIRECTED HIM TO A PREACHER. CAN ANYONE SAY THAT JESUS WAS NOT INVOLVED IN THE CONVERSION OF SAUL OF TARSUS. I SAY NOT.

AND IT JESUS DID NOT PREACH THE GOSPEL THEN CERTAINLY THE ANGELS CAN NOT PREACH.

KNOWING THIS, LET ME EMPHASIZE THE NEED FOR US TO BE ABOUT THE LORD'S BUSINESS.

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LET US LOOK AT THE PART, THE ANGELS PLAYED IN ONE OF THE GREATEST OF ALL REVIVALS:

FIRST: THE ANGEL AT CORNELIUS'S HOUSE

Acts 10:1-8

1 There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of the band called the Italian band,

2 A devout man, and one that feared God with all his house, which gave much alms to the people, and prayed to God alway.

3 He saw in a vision evidently about the ninth hour of the day an angel of God coming in to him, and saying unto him, Cornelius.

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4 And when he looked on him, he was afraid, and said, What is it, Lord? And he said unto him, Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God.

5 And now send men to Joppa, and call for one Simon, whose surname is Peter:

6 He lodgeth with one Simon a tanner, whose house is by the sea side: he shall tell thee what thou oughtest to do.

7 And when the angel which spake unto Cornelius was departed, he called two of his household servants, and a devout soldier of them that waited on him continually;

8 And when he had declared all these things unto them, he sent them to Joppa.

CORNELIUS IS IMMEDIATELY OBEDIENT. BUT WATCH WHAT HAPPENS AT SIMONS HOUSE:

Acts 10:9-16

9 On the morrow, as they went on their journey, and drew nigh unto the city, Peter went up upon the housetop to pray about the sixth hour:

10 And he became very hungry, and would have eaten: but while they made ready, he fell into a trance,

11 And saw heaven opened, and a certain vessel descending unto him, as it had been a great sheet knit at the four corners, and let down to the earth:

12 Wherein were all manner of fourfooted beasts of the earth, and wild beasts, and creeping things, and fowls of the air.

13 And there came a voice to him, Rise, Peter; kill, and eat.

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14 But Peter said, Not so, Lord; for I have never eaten any thing that is common or unclean.

15 And the voice spake unto him again the second time, What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common.

16 This was done thrice: and the vessel was received up again into heaven.

THE ANGEL SPOKE THREE TIMES TO SIMON. LET ME EXPLAIN:

- 1. THIS IS WHAT PREJUDICE WILL DO**
- 2. THIS IS WHAT STUBBORNNESS WILL DO**

THE SERVANTS BEFORE SIMON:

Acts 10:17-22

17 Now while Peter doubted in himself what this vision which he had seen should mean, behold, the men which were sent from Cornelius had made inquiry for Simon's house, and stood before the gate,

18 And called, and asked whether Simon, which was surnamed Peter, were lodged there.

19 While Peter thought on the vision, the Spirit said unto him, Behold, three men seek thee.

20 Arise therefore, and get thee down, and go with them, doubting nothing: for I have sent them.

21 Then Peter went down to the men which were sent unto him from Cornelius; and said, Behold, I am he whom ye seek: what is the cause wherefore ye are come?

22 And they said, Cornelius the centurion, a just man, and one that feareth God, and of good report among all the nation of the Jews,

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was warned from God by an holy angel to send for thee into his house, and to hear words of thee.

DON'T BE TO HARD ON SIMON PETER, AFTER ALL HE IS ON STRANGE GROUND. HE HAS NEVER WALKED THIS WAY BEFORE.

AT CORNELIUS' HOUSE:

Acts 10:23-29

23 Then called he them in, and lodged them. And on the morrow Peter went away with them, and certain brethren from Joppa accompanied him.

24 And the morrow after they entered into Caesarea. And Cornelius waited for them, and had called together his kinsmen and near friends.

25 And as Peter was coming in, Cornelius met him, and fell down at his feet, and worshipped him.

26 But Peter took him up, saying, Stand up; I myself also am a man.

27 And as he talked with him, he went in, and found many that were come together.

28 And he said unto them, Ye know how that it is an unlawful thing for a man that is a Jew to keep company, or come unto one of another nation; but God hath shewed me that I should not call any man common or unclean.

29 Therefore came I unto you without gainsaying, as soon as I was sent for: I ask therefore for what intent ye have sent for me?

CORNELIUS' EXPLANATION:

Acts 10:30-33

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30 And Cornelius said, Four days ago I was fasting until this hour; and at the ninth hour I prayed in my house, and, behold, a man stood before me in bright clothing,

31 And said, Cornelius, thy prayer is heard, and thine alms are had in remembrance in the sight of God.

32 Send therefore to Joppa, and call hither Simon, whose surname is Peter; he is lodged in the house of one Simon a tanner by the sea side: who, when he cometh, shall speak unto thee.

33 Immediately therefore I sent to thee; and thou hast well done that thou art come. Now therefore are we all here present before God, to hear all things that are commanded thee of God.

PETER'S SERMON:

Acts 10:34-48

34 Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons:

35 But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him.

36 The word which God sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (he is Lord of all:)

37 That word, I say, ye know, which was published throughout all Judaea, and began from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached;

38 How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

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39 And we are witnesses of all things which he did both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem; whom they slew and hanged on a tree:

40 Him God raised up the third day, and shewed him openly;

41 Not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before of God, even to us, who did eat and drink with him after he rose from the dead.

42 And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was ordained of God to be the Judge of quick and dead.

43 To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.

44 While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word.

45 And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost.

46 For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter,

47 Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?

48 And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.

**SIMON PETER'S EXPLANATION BEFORE THE JEWISH CHURCH. PLEASE
REMEMBER THE PERSECUTION REVIVAL:**

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1 And the apostles and brethren that were in Judaea heard that the Gentiles had also received the word of God.

2 And when Peter was come up to Jerusalem, they that were of the circumcision contended with him,

3 Saying, Thou wentest in to men uncircumcised, and didst eat with them.

4 But Peter rehearsed the matter from the beginning, and expounded it by order unto them, saying,

5 I was in the city of Joppa praying: and in a trance I saw a vision, A certain vessel descend, as it had been a great sheet, let down from heaven by four corners; and it came even to me:

6 Upon the which when I had fastened mine eyes, I considered, and saw fourfooted beasts of the earth, and wild beasts, and creeping things, and fowls of the air.

7 And I heard a voice saying unto me, Arise, Peter; slay and eat.

8 But I said, Not so, Lord: for nothing common or unclean hath at any time entered into my mouth.

9 But the voice answered me again from heaven, What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common.

10 And this was done three times: and all were drawn up again into heaven.

11 And, behold, immediately there were three men already come unto the house where I was, sent from Caesarea unto me.

12 And the spirit bade me go with them, nothing doubting. Moreover these six brethren accompanied me, and we entered into the man's house:

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13 And he shewed us how he had seen an angel in his house, which stood and said unto him, Send men to Joppa, and call for Simon, whose surname is Peter;

14 Who shall tell thee words, whereby thou and all thy house shall be saved.

15 And as I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them, as on us at the beginning.

16 Then remembered I the word of the Lord, how that he said, John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost.

17 Forasmuch then as God gave them the like gift as he did unto us, who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ; what was I, that I could withstand God?

18 When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life.

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THE VISION REVIVAL

INTRODUCTION: WE HAVE STUDIED THE FIRST FIVE TYPES OF REVIVALS.

1. THE TONGUES REVIVAL OR THE CHARISMATIC REVIVAL

A. THE INITIAL OUTPOURING OF THE HOLY GHOST

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2. THE HEALING MIRACLE REVIVAL

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E. MANY MIRACLES AND HEALINGS

F. A MULTITUDE CONVERTED

4. THE PERSECUTION REVIVAL

A. PREACHING OTHER THAN APOSTLES

B. THE DEATH OF STEPHEN. FIRST MARTYR

C. THE SAMARITAN REVIVAL

D. EVANGELISM OTHER THAN JERUSALEM

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E. A PEOPLE WAS SAVED

5. THE ANGEL REVIVAL

A. PAUL WAS SAVED

B. THE HOUSEHOLD OF CORNELIUS

C. THE GENTILE NATION WAS SAVED

D. WE ARE SAVED AS A RESULT OF THAT REVIVAL

E. ESTABLISHED A COMMON SALVATION (ACTS11)

THERE ARE THREE PASSAGES I WOULD LIKE FOR YOU TO CONSIDER:

Prov 29:18

18 Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.

Lam 2:9

9 Her gates are sunk into the ground; he hath destroyed and broken her bars: her king and her princes are among the Gentiles: the law is no more; her prophets also find no vision from the Lord.

Joel 2:28-29

28 And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:

29 And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.

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LET US BEGAN THE STUDY OF THE SIXTH TYPE OF REVIVAL. THIS REVIVAL IS KNOWN AS THE VISION REVIVAL. THERE IS ONE THING THAT I THINK IS IMPORTANT. WE MUST LEARN TO OBEY THE LORD. THIS IS PARAMOUNT IF WE HAVE APOSTOLIC REVIVAL. PLEASE NOTE:

Acts 16:1-7

1 Then came he to Derbe and Lystra: and, behold, a certain disciple was there, named Timotheus, the son of a certain woman, which was a Jewess, and believed; but his father was a Greek:

2 Which was well reported of by the brethren that were at Lystra and Iconium.

3 Him would Paul have to go forth with him; and took and circumcised him because of the Jews which were in those quarters: for they knew all that his father was a Greek.

4 And as they went through the cities, they delivered them the decrees for to keep, that were ordained of the apostles and elders which were at Jerusalem.

5 And so were the churches established in the faith, and increased in number daily.

6 Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the region of Galatia, and were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia,

7 After they were come to Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia: but the Spirit suffered them not.

IN THE PREVIOUS CHAPTER, WE SEE THE DISPUTE BETWEEN PAUL AND BARNABUS OVER THE INCLUSION OF JOHN MARK . THE DISPUTE IS GREAT SO BARNABUS TAKES MARK AND PAUL CHOOSES SILAS AND THUS THERE ARE TWO MISSIONARY TEAMS INSTEAD OF ONE. PLEASE TAKE NOTE THAT THE FERVOR OVER EVANGELISM IS GREAT. SO GREAT THAT THEY WERE DOING IT OUT OF PURE ZEAL. THEN THE LORD STEPS IN AND SAYS YOU CAN'T GO INTO ASIA, YET.

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LET ME DEFINE VISION FOR YOU. WEBSTER SAYS:

1. "THOUGHT, CONCEPT, OR OBJECT FORMED BY IMAGINATION."
2. "THE ACT OR POWER OF IMAGINATION"

UNFORTUNATELY, THIS USUALLY COMES FROM THE HUMAN SPIRIT OR MIND. OTHER WORDS THAN CAN BE USED ARE

1. AMBITION
2. EGO
3. DRIVE
4. ABILITY

THOUGH WE NEED ALL OF THE ABOVE, WHEN IT COMES TO A TRUE MOVE OF GOD, ONLY THE SPIRIT CAN PRODUCE IT. THIS KIND OF VISION WILL PRODUCE CHURCH GROWTH BUT NOT NECESSARILY REVIVAL.

WEBSTER GOES ON TO DEFINE VISION:

1. "SUPERNATURAL APPEARANCE THAT PRODUCES A REVELATION."

THIS IS THE KIND OF VISION I AM TALKING ABOUT.

AT THE FIRST PART OF CHAPTER 16 THEY WERE FORBIDDEN TO ENTER NEW TERRITORY UNTIL THE LORD HAD GIVEN A SUPERNATURAL VISION.

WHY WAS IT IMPORTANT THAT THEY RECEIVE A VISION? BECAUSE THEY WERE GOING TO EXPERIENCE EXTREME OPPOSITION. IF THE VISION IS BORN OF HUMAN ELEMENTS, THEY WOULD FAIL, BUT IF IT WERE BORN OF GOD, THEY COULD ENDURE.

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THE VISION APPEARS

Acts 16:8-10

8 And they passing by Mysia came down to Troas.

9 And a vision appeared to Paul in the night; There stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us.

10 And after he had seen the vision, immediately we endeavored to go into Macedonia, assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us for to preach the gospel unto them.

REVIVAL N EVER SEEMS TO COME THE WAY WE EXPECT. PAUL SAW A VISION OF A MAN SAYING COME OVER TO MACEDONIA AND HELP US BUT NOTICE:

Acts 16:11-15

11 Therefore loosing from Troas, we came with a straight course to Samothracia, and the next day to Neapolis;

12 And from thence to Philippi, which is the chief city of that part of Macedonia, and a colony: and we were in that city abiding certain days.

13 And on the sabbath we went out of the city by a river side, where prayer was wont to be made; and we sat down, and spake unto the women which resorted thither.

14 And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, which worshipped God, heard us: whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul.

15 And when she was baptized, and her household, she besought us, saying, If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house, and abide there. And she constrained us.

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BEHOLD, THE FIRST CONVERT IN ASIA IS A WOMAN! THEN CHAOS BREAKS OUT, THE DEVIL SHOWS UP:

Acts 16:16-18

16 And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met us, which brought her masters much gain by soothsaying:

17 The same followed Paul and us, and cried, saying, These men are the servants of the most high God, which shew unto us the way of salvation.

18 And this did she many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour.

BEFORE YOU CAN HAVE CONTINUOUS SUSTAINABLE REVIVAL, YOU MUST CONQUER THE STRONG MAN:

Matt 12:25-29

25 And Jesus knew their thoughts, and said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand:

26 And if Satan cast out Satan, he is divided against himself; how shall then his kingdom stand?

27 And if I by Beelzebub cast out devils, by whom do your children cast them out? therefore they shall be your judges.

28 But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you.

29 Or else how can one enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he first bind the strong man? and then he will spoil his house.

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THIS IS THE EXACT REASON WHY WE MUST HAVE A VISION FROM GOD. WE WILL FACE THE ENEMY. WHETHER OR NOT WE DEFEAT HIM WILL DEPEND UPON GOD, AND NOT US.

NOTICE NOW THAT WE CAST OUT THE SPIRITUAL ENEMY, WE FACE THE ONSLAUGHT OF MEN:

Acts 16:19-24

19 And when her masters saw that the hope of their gains was gone, they caught Paul and Silas, and drew them into the marketplace unto the rulers,

20 And brought them to the magistrates, saying, These men, being Jews, do exceedingly trouble our city,

21 And teach customs, which are not lawful for us to receive, neither to observe, being Romans.

22 And the multitude rose up together against them: and the magistrates rent off their clothes, and commanded to beat them.

23 And when they had laid many stripes upon them, they cast them into prison, charging the jailor to keep them safely:

24 Who, having received such a charge, thrust them into the inner prison, and made their feet fast in the stocks.

IT IS LESS PAINFUL TO FIGHT THE DEVIL THAN IT IS TO FIGHT AGAINST MEN. PLEASE NOTE WHAT PAUL AND SILAS DID:

Acts 16:25-34

5 And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them.

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26 And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed.

27 And the keeper of the prison awaking out of his sleep, and seeing the prison doors open, he drew out his sword, and would have killed himself, supposing that the prisoners had been fled.

28 But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm: for we are all here.

29 Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas,

30 And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved?

31 And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.

32 And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house.

33 And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway.

34 And when he had brought them into his house, he set meat before them, and rejoiced, believing in God with all his house.

PLEASE NOTE THE SCRIPTURE:

2 Cor 10:1-6

1 Now I Paul myself beseech you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ, who in presence am base among you, but being absent am bold toward you:

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2 But I beseech you, that I may not be bold when I am present with that confidence, wherewith I think to be bold against some, which think of us as if we walked according to the flesh.

3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:

4 (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)

5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

6 And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.

BECAUSE OF THIS REVIVAL A CONTINENT IS SAVED.

I AM RELUCTANT TO TALK ABOUT MYSELF, BUT I FEEL A NEED TO. I HAVE HAD SOME SUPERNATURAL VISITATIONS OF GOD IN MY MINISTRY.

- 1. CASTRO VALLEY CALIFORNIA**
- 2. TULSA OKLAHOMA**
- 3. STOCKTON CALIFORNIA**
- 4. WICHITA KANSAS 1977 VISION OF THE MAP**
- 5. WICHITA, KANSAS BUILDING THE BUILDING**

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THE REVIVAL OF DOCTRINE

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E. ESTABLISHED A COMMON SALVATION (ACTS 11)

6. THE VISION REVIVAL

A. DEFINED THE TWO TYPES OF VISIONS (GODLY AND MANLY)

B. NEEDED IN THE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH

C. OVERCOMES PERSECUTION

THE DOCTRINAL REVIVAL

WE NOW COME TO ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT ASPECTS OF REVIVAL. THAT IS STABILITY. IT IS NOW ALMOST 20 YEARS SINCE PENTECOST, AND THERE HAVE BEEN MANY DIFFERENT TYPES OF REVIVALS DURING THIS PERIOD. THERE HAVE BEEN TONGUES REVIVALS, HEALING REVIVALS, JUDGMENT REVIVALS, ANGELIC REVIVALS, AND VISION REVIVALS. BUT WHAT HAS BEEN THE COMMON THREAD THROUGH OUT THE LAST 20 YEARS? THE ANSWER IS DOCTRINE.

FIRST OF ALL, WHAT WAS THE DOCTRINE AT PENTECOST? ACTUALLY THERE WERE TWO MAJOR TEACHINGS:

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1. THE RESURRECTION

Acts 2:29-36

29 Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day.

30 Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne;

31 He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption.

32 This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses.

33 Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.

34 For David is not ascended into the heavens: but he saith himself, The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand,

35 Until I make thy foes thy footstool.

36 Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.

2. SALVATION

Acts 2:37-41

37 Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?

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38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

40 And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation.

41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

EVEN THOUGH THAT REVIVAL WAS CHARACTERIZED BY SPEAKING IN TONGUES THESE TWO ESSENTIAL DOCTRINES WERE MADE VERY CLEAR. WHAT IS AMAZING IS THAT THIS DOCTRINE IS THE THEME THROUGH OUT ALL OF THE MOVES OF GOD AND ACTUALLY SUSTAINED THE MOVE OF GOD.

A MOVE OF GOD WITHOUT THESE ESSENTIAL UNDERLYING DOCTRINES IS DESTINED TO CEASE.

SECONDLY: IN THE HEALING REVIVAL WE SEE THE SAME DOCTRINE

Acts 3:11-16

11 And as the lame man which was healed held Peter and John, all the people ran together unto them in the porch that is called Solomon's, greatly wondering.

12 And when Peter saw it, he answered unto the people, Ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this? or why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk?

13 The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, hath glorified his Son Jesus; whom ye delivered up, and

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denied him in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let him go.

14 But ye denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you;

15 And killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses.

16 And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.

THIRDLY: WE SEE THE SAME THING IN THE PERSECUTION REVIVAL.

Acts 8:12-17

12 But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.

13 Then Simon himself believed also: and when he was baptized, he continued with Philip, and wondered, beholding the miracles and signs which were done.

14 Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John:

15 Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost:

16 (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.)

17 Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.

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FOURTHLY: IN THE ANGELIC REVIVAL WE SEE THESE TWO FACTORS VERY STRONG AT THE CONVERSION OF THE GENTILES:

Acts 10:34-48

34 Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons:

35 But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him.

36 The word which God sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (he is Lord of all:)

37 That word, I say, ye know, which was published throughout all Judaea, and began from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached;

38 How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

39 And we are witnesses of all things which he did both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem; whom they slew and hanged on a tree:

40 Him God raised up the third day, and shewed him openly;

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43 To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.

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47 Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?

48 And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.

FIFTHLY: EVEN DURING THE VISION REVIVAL WE SEE A COMMON DOCTRINE

Acts 16:27-34

27 And the keeper of the prison awaking out of his sleep, and seeing the prison doors open, he drew out his sword, and would have killed himself, supposing that the prisoners had been fled.

28 But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm: for we are all here.

29 Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas,

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33 And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway.

34 And when he had brought them into his house, he set meat before them, and rejoiced, believing in God with all his house.

NOW WE COME THE THE SEVENTH REVIVAL.

THE REVIVAL OF DOCTRINE

Acts 19:1-12

1 And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples,

2 He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost.

3 And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism.

4 Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.

5 When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

6 And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.

7 And all the men were about twelve.

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8 And he went into the synagogue, and spake boldly for the space of three months, disputing and persuading the things concerning the kingdom of God.

9 But when divers were hardened, and believed not, but spake evil of that way before the multitude, he departed from them, and separated the disciples, disputing daily in the school of one Tyrannus.

10 And this continued by the space of two years; so that all they which dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks.

11 And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul:

12 So that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them.

THERE ARE SOME THINGS TO CONSIDER:

- 1. THESE WERE MEN OF ANOTHER FAITH. CONVERTS OF JOHN THE BAPTIST**
- 2. THEY WERE ASK QUESTIONS BY THE APOSTLE PAUL. HAVE YOU RECEIVE THE HOLY GHOST SINCE YE BELIEVED**
- 3. HOW WERE YOU BAPTIZED**
- 4. HE INTRUCTED THEM FROM JOHN THE BAPTIST OWN WORDS**

BASICALLY HE IS GIVING THEM A HOME BIBLE STUDY. AND FROM THIS BIBLE STUDY ON THE DOCTRINE, ALL OF ASIA AND THE WORLD WILL HEAR THE GOSPEL

THERE ARE SOME OBSERVATIONS THAT I WANT TO MAKE!

- 1. STRONG DOCTRINE BUILDS STRONG CHURCHES**

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2. **STRONG CHURCHES WILL ENDURE THE TEST OF TIME**
3. **STRONG DOCTRINE DOES NOT CHANGE WITH A CHANGING WORLD**
4. **STRONG DOCTRINAL CHURCHES ARE THE MOST RELEVANT CHURCH THERE IS.**

**WE ARE BEING TOLD THAT TO BUILD A CHURCH TODAY, WE MUST CHANGE.
O.K. WE NEED SOME CHANGES BUT NOT ON THE DOCTRINE.**

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE ESSENTIAL DOCTRINES THAT MUST BE PREACHED IN THIS END TIME:

1. **ONE GOD**

Deut 6:1-7

1 Now these are the commandments, the statutes, and the judgments, which the Lord your God commanded to teach you, that ye might do them in the land whither ye go to possess it:

2 That thou mightest fear the Lord thy God, to keep all his statutes and his commandments, which I command thee, thou, and thy son, and thy son's son, all the days of thy life; and that thy days may be prolonged.

3 Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe to do it; that it may be well with thee, and that ye may increase mightily, as the Lord God of thy fathers hath promised thee, in the land that floweth with milk and honey.

4 Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord:

5 And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

6 And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart:

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7 And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

- 2. THE DOCTRINE OF THE DEATH, BURIAL, AND RESURRECTION**

- 3. THE DOCTRINE OF SALVATION**
 - 1. BELIEVE**
 - 2. REPENTANCE**
 - 3. BAPTISM IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST**
 - 4. THE INFILLING OF THE HOLY GHOST (SPEAKING WITH TONGUES)**
- 4. THE DOCTRINE OF SEPARATION**
- 5. THE DOCTRINE OF HIS COMING (RAPTURE)**

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ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF REVIVAL

INTRODUCTION: REVIVAL IS AN ENTITY THAT COMES FROM GOD. HOWEVER, THERE ARE SOME THINGS THAT CAUSE GOD TO TURN HIS ATTENTION TO USWARD. I WANT TO DISCUSS A FEW OF THOSE THINGS WITH US IN THIS LESSON. LET US STUDY SOME OF THE REVIVALS FROM THE BIBLE AND SEE IF THERE IS A COMMON THREAD. LET US START WITH THIS PREMISE:

Rom 5:17-21

17 For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.)

18 Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life.

19 For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.

20 Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound:

21 That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.

THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS AN IMPOSSIBLE SITUATION. PRAISE GOD! THERE IS NO SIN TOO GREAT, NO OBSTACLE TOO HIGH, AND NO SITUATION BEYOND HOPE.

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THE JONAH REVIVAL

THERE ARE SEVERAL ELEMENTS TO THE JONAH REVIVAL THAT I WANT TO DISCUSS.

Jonah 1:1-3

JONAH 1 Now the word of the Lord came unto Jonah the son of Amittai, saying,

2 Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry against it; for their wickedness is come up before me.

3 But Jonah rose up to flee unto Tarshish from the presence of the Lord, and went down to Joppa; and he found a ship going to Tarshish: so he paid the fare thereof, and went down into it, to go with them unto Tarshish from the presence of the Lord.

FIRST: GOD HAS A MAN FOR EVERY REVIVAL. WHETHER IT IS EVANS ROBERTS IN THE WELSCH REVIVAL, OR A SEYMORE AT AZUSA STREET, GOD HAS A MAN. IF GOD IS CALLING YOU TO THAT SPECIAL PLACE, YOU MUST NOT RUN FROM GOD. THE LORD ALWAYS HAS A WAY OF GETTING YOU TO PLACE YOU ARE WILLING. FOR JONAH IT WAS A STORM AND A FISH.

SECOND: THERE IS THE ELEMENT OF PRAYER

Jonah 2

1 Then Jonah prayed unto the Lord his God out of the fish's belly,

2 And said, I cried by reason of mine affliction unto the Lord, and he heard me; out of the belly of hell cried I, and thou heardest my voice.

3 For thou hadst cast me into the deep, in the midst of the seas; and the floods compassed me about: all thy billows and thy waves passed over me.

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4 Then I said, I am cast out of thy sight; yet I will look again toward thy holy temple.

5 The waters compassed me about, even to the soul: the depth closed me round about, the weeds were wrapped about my head.

6 I went down to the bottoms of the mountains; the earth with her bars was about me for ever: yet hast thou brought up my life from corruption, O Lord my God.

7 When my soul fainted within me I remembered the Lord: and my prayer came in unto thee, into thine holy temple.

8 They that observe lying vanities forsake their own mercy.

9 But I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay that that I have vowed. Salvation is of the Lord.

10 And the Lord spake unto the fish, and it vomited out Jonah upon the dry land.

TIME SPENT IN PRAYER IS NOT WASTED TIME. PRAYER CONDITIONS THE SOUL. PRAYER SEEKS THE FACE OF GOD, PRAYER MOVES THE SPIRIT.

THIRDLY: THERE IS THE ELEMENT OF PREACHING. NOT JUST ANYKIND OF PREACHING, BUT CONVICTIVE PREACHING THAT BRINGS ACTION. PREACHING THAT IS DEMANDING.

Jonah 3:1-4

1 And the word of the Lord came unto Jonah the second time, saying,

2 Arise, go unto Nineveh, that great city, and preach unto it the preaching that I bid thee.

3 So Jonah arose, and went unto Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceeding great city of three days' journey.

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4 And Jonah began to enter into the city a day's journey, and he cried, and said, Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown.

PREACHERS NEED TO HEAR THE VOICE OF GOD IN THIS HOUR AND NOT JUST PREACH PLEASING PLATITUDES.

FOURTH: THERE IS THE ELEMENT OF REPENTANCE. REPENTANCE IS A FORGOTTEN SUBSTANCE IN THIS EMERGING CHURCH ENVIRONMENT. WITH OUT GENUINE REPENTANCE, AMERICA DOES NOT HAVE A CHANCE.

Jonah 3:5-10

5 So the people of Nineveh believed God, and proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them even to the least of them.

6 For word came unto the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, and he laid his robe from him, and covered him with sackcloth, and sat in ashes.

7 And he caused it to be proclaimed and published through Nineveh by the decree of the king and his nobles, saying, Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste any thing: let them not feed, nor drink water:

8 But let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and cry mightily unto God: yea, let them turn every one from his evil way, and from the violence that is in their hands.

9 Who can tell if God will turn and repent, and turn away from his fierce anger, that we perish not?

10 And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God repented of the evil, that he had said that he would do unto them; and he did it not.

THERE IS A SECOND REVIVAL THAT I WANT TO TALK ABOUT, AND THAT IS THE REVIVAL UNDER JOSIAH KING OF JUDAH.

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JOSIAH

ISRAEL HAD THREE KINGS OVER THE UNITED KINGDOM; SAUL, DAVID, AND SOLOMON. AFTER THE KINGDOM BECAME DIVIDED INTO TWO NATIONS, ISRAEL AND JUDAH, EACH HAD 19 KINGS AND JUDAH ALSO HAD 1 QUEEN. THERE WAS NEVER A REVIVAL IN THE NORTHERN NATION OF ISRAEL. JUDAH HAD SEVERAL REVIVALS. THE REVIVAL UNDER HEZEKIAH, THE REVIVAL UNDER ASA, AND THE REVIVAL UNDER JOSIAH. IT IS THE JOSIAH REVIVAL THAT I WANT TO DEAL WITH:

FIRST: IT STARTS WITH DOING RIGHT

2 Kings 22:1-3

1 Josiah was eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned thirty and one years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Jedidah, the daughter of Adaiah of Boscath.

2 And he did that which was right in the sight of the Lord, and walked in all the way of David his father, and turned not aside to the right hand or to the left.

THERE IS SOMETHING ABOUT DOING RIGHT:

Prov 29:2

2 When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn.

SECONDLY: WE MUST GET OUR PRIORITIES RIGHT. THE HOUSE OF THE LORD MUST BECOME IMPORTANT AGAIN

2 Kings 22:4-9

4 Go up to Hilkiyah the high priest, that he may sum the silver which is brought into the house of the Lord, which the keepers of the door have gathered of the people:

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5 And let them deliver it into the hand of the doers of the work, that have the oversight of the house of the Lord: and let them give it to the doers of the work which is in the house of the Lord, to repair the breaches of the house,

6 Unto carpenters, and builders, and masons, and to buy timber and hewn stone to repair the house.

7 Howbeit there was no reckoning made with them of the money that was delivered into their hand, because they dealt faithfully.

8 And Hilkiyah the high priest said unto Shaphan the scribe, I have found the book of the law in the house of the Lord. And Hilkiyah gave the book to Shaphan, and he read it.

9 And Shaphan the scribe came to the king, and brought the king word again, and said, Thy servants have gathered the money that was found in the house, and have delivered it into the hand of them that do the work, that have the oversight of the house of the Lord

THIRDLY: A REBIRTH OF THE WORD.

2 Kings 22:10-11

10 And Shaphan the scribe shewed the king, saying, Hilkiyah the priest hath delivered me a book. And Shaphan read it before the king.

11 And it came to pass, when the king had heard the words of the book of the law, that he rent his clothes.

FOURTH: PRAYER AND SEEKING THE FACE OF GOD, AND REPENTANCE

2 Kings 22:12-20

12 And the king commanded Hilkiyah the priest, and Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and Achbor the son of Michaiah, and Shaphan the scribe, and Asahiah a servant of the king's, saying,

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13 Go ye, inquire of the Lord for me, and for the people, and for all Judah, concerning the words of this book that is found: for great is the wrath of the Lord that is kindled against us, because our fathers have not hearkened unto the words of this book, to do according unto all that which is written concerning us.

14 So Hilkiah the priest, and Ahikam, and Achbor, and Shaphan, and Asahiah, went unto Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of Tikvah, the son of Harhas, keeper of the wardrobe; (now she dwelt in Jerusalem in the college;) and they communed with her.

15 And she said unto them, Thus saith the Lord God of Israel, Tell the man that sent you to me,

16 Thus saith the Lord, Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, and upon the inhabitants thereof, even all the words of the book which the king of Judah hath read:

17 Because they have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto other gods, that they might provoke me to anger with all the works of their hands; therefore my wrath shall be kindled against this place, and shall not be quenched.

18 But to the king of Judah which sent you to inquire of the Lord, thus shall ye say to him, Thus saith the Lord God of Israel, As touching the words which thou hast heard;

19 Because thine heart was tender, and thou hast humbled thyself before the Lord, when thou heardest what I spake against this place, and against the inhabitants thereof, that they should become a desolation and a curse, and hast rent thy clothes, and wept before me; I also have heard thee, saith the Lord.

20 Behold therefore, I will gather thee unto thy fathers, and thou shalt be gathered into thy grave in peace; and thine eyes shall not see all the evil which I will bring upon this place. And they brought the king word again.

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FIFTH: THERE WILL ALWAYS BE A PREACHER, A MESSENGER FROM GOD. THERE WILL ALWAYS BE WARNING AND A WAY OF ESCAPE. THERE WILL ALWAYS BE A CLEANSING

2 Kings 23:1-8

1 And the king sent, and they gathered unto him all the elders of Judah and of Jerusalem.

2 And the king went up into the house of the Lord, and all the men of Judah and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem with him, and the priests, and the prophets, and all the people, both small and great: and he read in their ears all the words of the book of the covenant which was found in the house of the Lord.

3 And the king stood by a pillar, and made a covenant before the Lord, to walk after the Lord, and to keep his commandments and his testimonies and his statutes with all their heart and all their soul, to perform the words of this covenant that were written in this book. And all the people stood to the covenant.

4 And the king commanded Hilkiah the high priest, and the priests of the second order, and the keepers of the door, to bring forth out of the temple of the Lord all the vessels that were made for Baal, and for the grove, and for all the host of heaven: and he burned them without Jerusalem in the fields of Kidron, and carried the ashes of them unto Bethel.

5 And he put down the idolatrous priests, whom the kings of Judah had ordained to burn incense in the high places in the cities of Judah, and in the places round about Jerusalem; them also that burned incense unto Baal, to the sun, and to the moon, and to the planets, and to all the host of heaven.

6 And he brought out the grove from the house of the Lord, without Jerusalem, unto the brook Kidron, and burned it at the brook Kidron, and

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stamped it small to powder, and cast the powder thereof upon the graves of the children of the people.

7 And he brake down the houses of the sodomites, that were by the house of the Lord, where the women wove hangings for the grove.

8 And he brought all the priests out of the cities of Judah, and defiled the high places where the priests had burned incense, from Geba to Beer-sheba, and brake down the high places of the gates that were in the entering in of the gate of Joshua the governor of the city, which were on a man's left hand at the gate of the city.

NO ONE EVER SAID REVIVAL WAS EASY OR CONVENIENT.

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MAN'S PART IN REVIVAL

INTRODUCTION: I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE GOOD IF I WOULD GIVE YOU A WORKABLE DEFINITION OF REVIVAL.

"IT IS THE TRANSFORMATION OF A STAGNANT, CARNAL, AND WORLDLY CHURCH INTO A DYNAMIC SOUL WINNING CHURCH IN PROPER APOSTOLIC ORDER AND AUTHORITY WITH THE PURPOSE OF TRANSFORMING LIVES INTO DYNAMIC CHRISTIANS."

THE WRITER OF CHRONICALS STATES VERY CLEARLY WHAT NEEDS TO HAPPEN IN OUR CHURCHES, OUR SOCIETY, AND IN OUR NATION:

II CHRON 6 IS SOLOMON'S PRAYER OVER THE HOUSE OF GOD. WHAT AN AWESOME PRAYER BUT IT IS II CHRON 7:1-17 THAT I WANT TO FOCUS ON

2 Chron 7:1-17

1 Now when Solomon had made an end of praying, the fire came down from heaven, and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of the Lord filled the house.

2 And the priests could not enter into the house of the Lord, because the glory of the Lord had filled the Lord's house.

3 And when all the children of Israel saw how the fire came down, and the glory of the Lord upon the house, they bowed themselves with their faces to the ground upon the pavement, and worshipped, and praised the Lord, saying, For he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever.

4 Then the king and all the people offered sacrifices before the Lord.

5 And king Solomon offered a sacrifice of twenty and two thousand oxen, and an hundred and twenty thousand sheep: so the king and all the people dedicated the house of God.

6 And the priests waited on their offices: the Levites also with instruments of musick of the Lord, which David the king had made to

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praise the Lord, because his mercy endureth for ever, when David praised by their ministry; and the priests sounded trumpets before them, and all Israel stood.

7 Moreover Solomon hallowed the middle of the court that was before the house of the Lord: for there he offered burnt offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings, because the brasen altar which Solomon had made was not able to receive the burnt offerings, and the meat offerings, and the fat.

8 Also at the same time Solomon kept the feast seven days, and all Israel with him, a very great congregation, from the entering in of Hamath unto the river of Egypt.

9 And in the eighth day they made a solemn assembly: for they kept the dedication of the altar seven days, and the feast seven days.

10 And on the three and twentieth day of the seventh month he sent the people away into their tents, glad and merry in heart for the goodness that the Lord had shewed unto David, and to Solomon, and to Israel his people.

11 Thus Solomon finished the house of the Lord, and the king's house: and all that came into Solomon's heart to make in the house of the Lord, and in his own house, he prosperously effected.

12 And the Lord appeared to Solomon by night, and said unto him, I have heard thy prayer, and have chosen this place to myself for an house of sacrifice.

13 If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people;

14 If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

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15 Now mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attent unto the prayer that is made in this place.

16 For now have I chosen and sanctified this house, that my name may be there for ever: and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually.

17 And as for thee, if thou wilt walk before me, as David thy father walked, and do according to all that I have commanded thee, and shalt observe my statutes and my judgments;

FIRST: WE ASK AGAIN, JUST WHAT IS OUR PART IN REVIVAL? IT BEHOOVES ALL OF US, AND I MEAN ALL OF US, TO STAY IN CONTINUOUS CONTACT WITH THE LORD. HOW DO WE DO THIS?

1. HAVE A PRAYER LIFE, BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE

Matt 21:7-13

7 And brought the ass, and the colt, and put on them their clothes, and they set him thereon.

8 And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way; others cut down branches from the trees, and strawed them in the way.

9 And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the Son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.

10 And when he was come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, Who is this?

11 And the multitude said, This is Jesus the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee.

12 And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves,

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13 And said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves.

I AM SORRY TO BRING THIS UP, BUT I TRAVEL THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY TEACHING SEMINARS AND SPECIAL SERVICES. MAYBE 1 OUT OF 20 CHURCHES HAVE PRAYER BEFORE CHURCH. THAT SHOULD BE THE LEAST WE PRAY. THERE NEEDS TO BE SEASONS OF PRAYER.

WE HAVE HAD CONTINUOUS REVIVAL NOW FOR A GREAT NUMBER OF YEARS. SOMETIMES REVIVAL IS GREATER THAN AT OTHERS. IT IS WHEN THE CHURCH IS PRAYING THAT REVIVAL IS THE GREATEST.

SEVERAL TIMES A YEAR, WE WILL HAVE A WEEK (SUNDAY THROUGH SUNDAY) OF FASTING AND PRAYER. PRAYER MEETING EVERY NIGHT. A TIME OF WORD EVERY NIGHT.

WHY DO WE DO THIS? BECAUSE WE HAVE A TENDENCY TO DRIFT TOWARD CARNALITY!

Rom 8:1-14

1 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:

4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

5 For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.

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6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

10 And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh.

13 For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.

14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

2. WE MUST HAVE FERVENT PRAISE AND WORSHIP. OUR PRAISE AND OUR WORSHIP USUALLY REFLECTS OUR REAL DEVOTION TO THE LORD.

Luke 19:28-44

28 And when he had thus spoken, he went before, ascending up to Jerusalem.

29 And it came to pass, when he was come nigh to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount called the mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples,

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30 Saying, Go ye into the village over against you; in the which at your entering ye shall find a colt tied, whereon yet never man sat: loose him, and bring him hither.

31 And if any man ask you, Why do ye loose him? thus shall ye say unto him, Because the Lord hath need of him.

32 And they that were sent went their way, and found even as he had said unto them.

33 And as they were loosing the colt, the owners thereof said unto them, Why loose ye the colt?

34 And they said, The Lord hath need of him.

35 And they brought him to Jesus: and they cast their garments upon the colt, and they set Jesus thereon.

36 And as he went, they spread their clothes in the way.

37 And when he was come nigh, even now at the descent of the mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen;

38 Saying, Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord: peace in heaven, and glory in the highest.

39 And some of the Pharisees from among the multitude said unto him, Master, rebuke thy disciples.

40 And he answered and said unto them, I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out.

41 And when he was come near, he beheld the city, and wept over it,

42 Saying, If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes.

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43 For the days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and keep thee in on every side,

44 And shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation.

THERE IS SOMETHING ABOUT SPONTANEOUS PRAISE AND WORSHIP THAT ATTRACTS GOD TO HIS PEOPLE!

Ps 22:1-3

1 My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? why art thou so far from helping me, and from the words of my roaring?

2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but thou hearest not; and in the night season, and am not silent.

3 But thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel.

MOST OTHER TRANSLATIONS USES A DIFFERENT WORD THAN INHABITEST:

Ps 22:1-3

1 My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken me? Far from my deliverance are the words of my groaning.

2 O my God, I cry by day, but Thou dost not answer; And by night, but I have no rest.

3 Yet Thou art holy, O Thou who art enthroned upon the praises of Israel.

NASB

THAT WORD IS ENTHRONED!

THERE IS NO REASON FOR CHURCHES TO HAVE SO MUCH ORTHODOXY AND SO LITTLE PRAISE!

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BY THE WAY, PRAISE IS NOT SOME BRAINLESS, MINDLESS, EMOTIONAL ACTIVITY, BUT RATHER IS A MATTER OF WILL.

THE ENEMY'S FIRST PRIORITY IS TO LIMIT OR STOP OUR PRAISE

Rev 4:8-11

8 And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.

9 And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever,

10 The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

11 Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

Isa 6:1-7

1 In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple.

2 Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly.

3 And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.

4 And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke.

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5 Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts.

6 Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar:

7 And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged.

ONE OF MY FAVORITE VERSES:

Ps 150

1 Praise ye the Lord. Praise God in his sanctuary: praise him in the firmament of his power.

2 Praise him for his mighty acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness.

3 Praise him with the sound of the trumpet: praise him with the psaltery and harp.

4 Praise him with the timbrel and dance: praise him with stringed instruments and organs.

5 Praise him upon the loud cymbals: praise him upon the high sounding cymbals.

6 Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord.

3. A PROGRAM OF OUTREACH TO EVANGELIZE YOUR CITY ON A CONSISTENT BASIS!

a. DOOR KNOCKING

b. FOLLOW UP VISITATION. HOW DARE SOMEONE VISIT YOUR CHURCH AND YOU DO NOTHING TO FOLLOW UP

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- c. BUS MINISTRY. OLD FASHION AND COSTLY
- d. WE USE DIRECT MAIL
- e. HOME BIBLE STUDY
- f. SMALL GROUPS

Matt 28:18-20

18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

WE SHOULD USE EVERY MEANS POSSIBLE TO REACH OUT TO PEOPLE.

- 4. USE VISITING PREACHERS. NO ONE PREACHER CAN DO IT ALL. HAVE FAITH IN THAT WHICH YOU ARE A PART OF.**
- 5. SEEK TO BE TRULY APOSTOLIC. WE NEED THE GIFTS AND FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT.**