

“Great Revival!” – Part 1
Zechariah 12:10-14

A future great revival in Israel in which is seen a pattern of all true revival.

1. The Initiator of Revival: God Alone

*“And I will pour out on the house of David
and the inhabitants of Jerusalem
a spirit of grace and pleas for mercy...”*

(1) He pours forth the Spirit

- A future work among the Jewish nation cf. Rom. 11:11-27

- A work of rich abundance – a *great revival!* *“I will pour out”*

- A work which will impact the nations with gospel blessing

(2) His Spirit powerfully ministers grace and mercy

- “the Spirit” or “a spirit”?

- Doesn’t matter! Either way it is *the work of the Spirit* that is in view!

- He ministers grace and mercy in showing men their *need* of mercy.

- It is by His working that men are *brought to cry out for mercy.*

2. The Heart of Revival: Looking on Jesus

*“...so that, when they look on me,
on him whom they have pierced,
they shall mourn for him...”*

(1) Seeing Jesus with eyes of faith

- Seeing and understanding Jesus’ true identity
- Seeing savingly

(2) Seeing Jesus as the true Son of God

*“when they look **on me**,
on him whom they have pierced”*

- Understanding, believing that Jesus is God come in the flesh Jn. 1:12, 18
- To see Jesus is to see the Father Jn. 14:6-10

(3) Seeing Jesus as the Crucified one

“on him whom they have pierced”

- Understanding the significance of His death

- Substitutionary atonement
- “in my place, condemned, He stood”

- Knowing, owning their own guilt in His death

- As a nation Its literal (partial) fulfillment Jn. 19:37
But refers to all the sufferings of Christ which culminated in His death
- As individuals

3. The Immediate Fruit of Revival: Repentance

– Deep Repentance

*“they shall mourn for him, as one mourns for an only child,
and weep bitterly over him, as one weeps over a firstborn.”*

– Widespread Repentance

*“On that day the mourning in Jerusalem will be as great as
the mourning for Hadad Rimmon in the plain of Megiddo.”*

- Like Israel’s mourning at the death of King Josiah

- 2 Chron. 35:24-25
- Deep, widespread, unprecedented

– Intensely Personal Repentance

*“The land shall mourn, each family by itself:
the family of the house of David by itself,
and their wives by themselves...”*

Note: When repentance is too late! Rev. 1:7-8

Further Application: