

# “I will pour out My Spirit” – Pt. 2

Acts 2:1-21





# God's pouring out of His Spirit on the Captives returned from Babylon

Ezekiel 39:25-29

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## Context?

- God's holiness would be vindicated before the nations in connection with Israel's captivity – 39:21-24
- God would have mercy on Jacob/Israel for His name's sake after they had borne their sin – 39:25-26
- God would then return them and be hallowed through them in sight of the nations and Israel – 39:27-28
- God's rejection of Israel would end, having shown His face to them and “poured out My Spirit” on them – 39:29

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Ezekiel 39:29 – “I shall have poured out My Spirit on the house of Israel”

# Meaning?

- Is the context talking about God giving them miraculous gifts?
- It speaks of fellowship with God and the blessing that accompany this reconciliation!
- From this we learn that God loves people so as to save the rebellious, pouring out His Spirit of salvation and blessings upon us!

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# God Putting His Spirit in Israel and the Valley of Dry Bones

Ezekiel 37:1-14

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## Context? The Vision

- Ezekiel is given a vision of a valley scattered with very dry bones – 37:1-3
- Ezekiel was to *prophesy to them* to bring sinew, flesh, and skin upon the bones – 37:4-6
- Ezekiel did so and the bones were given flesh, etc., while also receiving the breath of life – 37:7-10;  
Rom. 1:15-16

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Ezekiel 37:1-14

# Context? The Interpretation

- The dry bones are spiritually lifeless, hopeless Israel – 37:11
- His *prophesying* would bring hope because God would raise and restore Israel to their land – 37:12-13
- God *again* promises to give them new life by “putting His Spirit in them” and returning them to the land – 37:14
- God would unite them under one King and Shepherd and cause righteousness to prevail in an everlasting covenant of peace – 37:21-26

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Ezekiel 37:14– “I will put My Spirit in you”

# Meaning?

- Is God saying that He would give them miraculous gifts?
- This is the spiritual life/blessings God would give through salvation, restoration, and His presence
- This was not fully realized until the everlasting kingdom of Christ – Jn. 10:10; 8:31-31; 10:14-16
- We should not be thinking “miracles” here, but life/blessings through God’s work and word! – Rom. 8:11; Jn. 6:63

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# God pouring out the Spirit and the One whom Israel Pierced

Zechariah 2:10

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- NKJV – “And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem **the Spirit** of grace and supplication; **then they will look on Me whom they pierced.** Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for *his* only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn.”
- NASB – “I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, **the Spirit** of grace and of supplication, **so that they will look on Me whom they have pierced;** and they will mourn for Him, as one mourns for an only son, and they will weep bitterly over Him like the bitter weeping over a firstborn.”
- HCSB – “Then I will pour out **a spirit** of grace and prayer on the house of David and the residents of Jerusalem, **and they will look at Me whom they pierced.** They will mourn for Him as one mourns for an only child and weep bitterly for Him as one weeps for a firstborn.”

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## Context?

- God promised to defend Judah and Jerusalem, provide great strength, and destroy their attackers – 12:1-9
- God would then “pour out the Spirit of grace” when they “look on Me who they pierced” and mourn for “Him” – 12:10
- “In that day” there would...
  - Be national mourning as was for king Josiah – 12:11-14
  - A fountain flowing for washing away sin/impurity – 13:1
- The sword would strike God’s Shepherd causing the sheep to scatter – 13:7

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Zechariah 2:10 – “I will pour...the Spirit of grace”

# Meaning?

- Such passages show *God’s inspiration of the word!*
- This pouring out was connected to the crucifixion of Christ, the "Him"—God in the flesh – 2:10
  - True grace and forgiveness came through Christ’s blood – 13:1; Eph. 1:7
  - Christ is Jehovah’s Shepherd – 13:7; Jn. 19:34, 36-37; Mt. 26:31
- Is God’s pouring out His Spirit referring to the mystical or miraculous?
- This refers to the time of great blessings through the crucified Messiah, bringing salvation and restoration!

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