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THE HOLY SPIRIT AND RESURRECTION

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The Holy Spirit and the Restoration of Israel

Ezk. 36:27, 28

- God promised to restore Israel to their land
- The time of this restoration corresponds with the sending of the Holy Spirit
- God would deliver Israel from their uncleannesses, and
- Bless them with fruitful harvests and no famine

Ezekiel 36:26-27

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Ezekiel 37:11-14

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Ezekiel 37: Israel & The Coming of the Holy Spirit

- The time of Israel's restoration to the land
- The time of Israel's resurrection
- The time of the reuniting/regathering of Israel and Judah into one nation
- They would have one king (David) over them
- One Shepherd, John 10:16; Isa. 56:8
- God would make an everlasting covenant of peace with Israel
- He would set his sanctuary in their midst forevermore.

The Eschatological Spirit

- The Holy Spirit forms a common thread through all of Israel's promises.
- The Spirit's role and work define the time and nature of the fulfillment.
- The coming of the Spirit in the last days signals that Israel's restoration, regathering and resurrection is imminent.

The Continuity of Holy Spirit Passages

- All Holy Spirit passages in the New Testament have Joel 2 as their background.
 - The work of the Holy Spirit *commences* during Israel's last days and *consummates* Israel's last days and the *fulfillment* of all Israel's endtime promises, i.e, including resurrection.
 - Not one square inch of Israel's real estate, not one dry bone of Israel's covenant body, not one lost sheep of Israel's flock, not one alienated sojourner of Israel's outcasts lies outside the work of the Spirit.
- All resurrection, restoration, regathering, reconciliation, redemption passages in the New Testament have Ezekiel 36 and 37 as their background.

The Holy Spirit and Resurrection

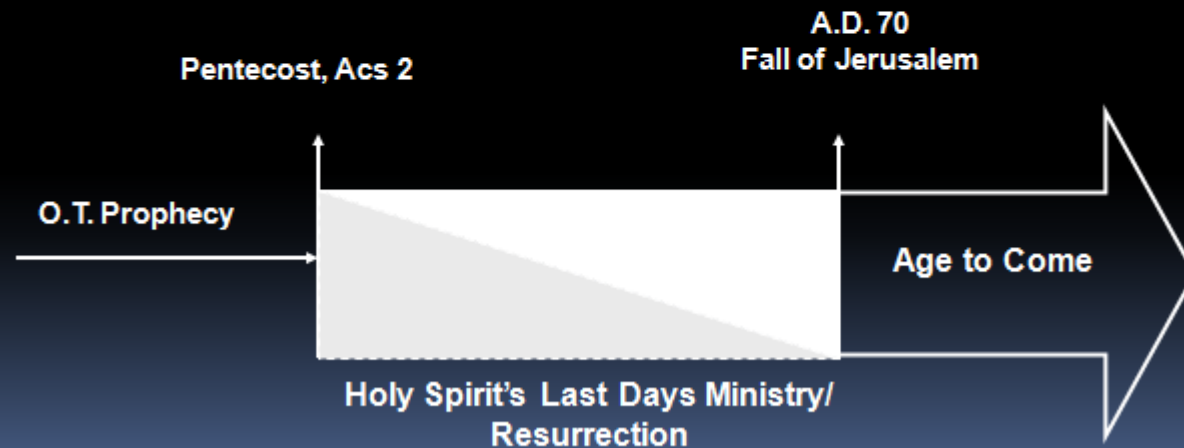
- In order to effect Israel's restoration to her land God promises to raise Israel from the dead.
 - Absence from the land is covenantal death
 - Israel is separated from God and the temple under the rule of a foreign nation
 - They are viewed as "dwelling in the dust" Isa. 26:19-21
- Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints, Psa. 116:15
 - God would deliver Israel's soul from death, v. 8
 - He would wipe away tears from their eyes, Rev. 21:3
 - Israel would walk before the Lord (in God's presence with favor)
- I believed, therefore I spoke, v. 10; 2 Cor. 4:13, 14
 - He who raised up the Lord Jesus is the Holy Spirit
 - Israel is restored to worship in the courts of God's house in the midst of Jerusalem
 - Psa. 23:6

All Major Themes of Ezekiel's Prophecy in the Gospel of John

- The new birth, John 3: [Ezk. 36:25](#)
- The opening of Israel's graves, John 5:28; [Ezk. 37:1-14](#)
- The restoration and [regathering](#) of Israel under one Shepherd, John 10:16; [Ezk. 36:27](#)
- Preparing the house of God, [Ezk. 37:26](#); John 14:1-3
- The coming of the Holy Spirit, John 14-16; [Ezk. 36:26, 27](#); [37:14](#)

Last Days Ministry of the Spirit

- Every N.T. Resurrection passage must be interpreted in light of the work of the Holy Spirit's last days ministry.
- John 5, 1Cor 15, 2Cor 5, 1Thess 4, and all others!



Spirit and Resurrection in the N.T.

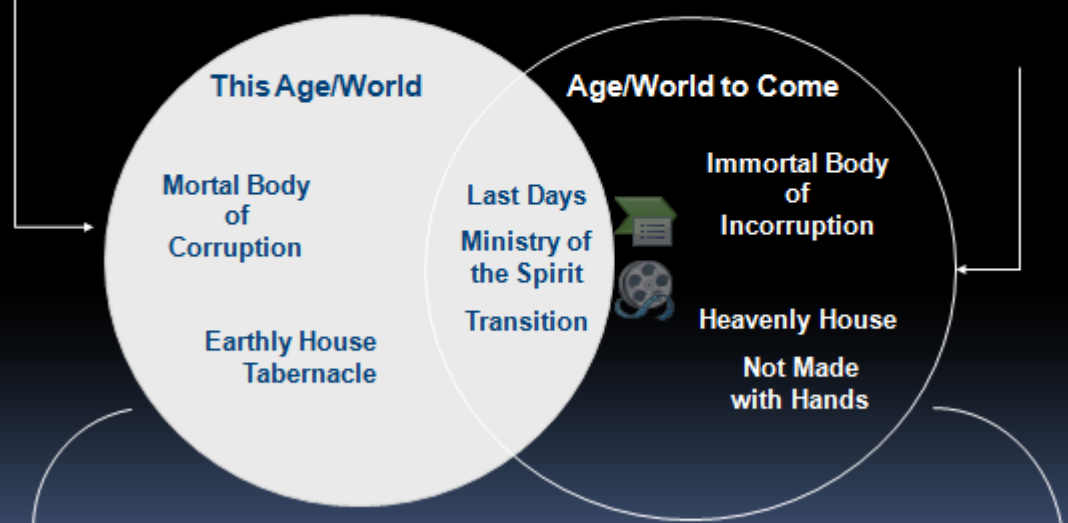
- But if the Spirit of him who raised Christ from the dead dwells in you, God will also quicken your mortal bodies by his spirit which dwells in you. (Romans 8:11)
- And God both raised up the Lord and will also raise us up by His power. 1 Cor. 6:14, and by implication, (1 Cor. 15)
- Knowing that He who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up with Jesus, and will present us with you. (2 Cor. 4:14)
- Now he who has prepared us for this very thing is God who also has given us the Spirit as a guarantee, (2 Cor. 5:5)
- Who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself. (Phil. 3:21)

The “Working” of God’s Power

- Ephesians 1:19, 20: The resurrection of Christ: The power which raised Jesus from the dead, according to the working of his mighty power.
- Ephesians 3:20, “...According to the power which works in us. (See Eph. 1:21)
- Phil. 1:6 The power of Christ in the Philippians: (See 3:21; 1 Cor. 7,8). He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ
- Phil. 3:21: The resurrection: “...According to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.”
- Col. 1:21: Paul’s apostleship was by the miraculous: “Striving according to His working which works in me mightily.”
- Col. 2:12: Christ’s resurrection: Through faith in the working of God who raised him from the dead.
- 1 Thess 2:13: The inspired word of God (gospel): The word of God which also effectively works in you who believe. “For our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Spirit and in much assurance, as you know what kind of men we were among you for your sake. And you became followers of us and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Spirit, (1 Thess. 1:5-6) Compare 1 Peter 1:12

Man Is Determined By His World

Old Covenant 2 Corinthians 3- 5 New Covenant
Ministration of Death Ministration of Life Spirit
Letter That Kills that Gives Life



Individuals in this body being transformed to life & righteousness in this body

Ezekiel 16

- God spreads a covering over Israel's nakedness, v. 6-8
- Enters a covenant of marriage
- Clothes Israel with the Tabernacle! v. 10-13, Ex. 25:1-8
- God would destroy the covering and swallow up death!, Isa. 25:7-9

2 Corinthians 5

- For if the earthly house, this tent (temporary dwelling) is destroyed
- The tabernacle/temple was the physical structure that represented and defined Israel's fellowship with God,
- Make me a sanctuary that I may "dwell among them." (Ex. 25:8)
- Primary essence of fellowship in the earthly tabernacle is defined as "not the way" Heb. 9:6-9
- Compare Christ, I am the way! John 14:6;

Being Transformed from glory to **GLORY**

- The old was passing away
- The veil was being removed
- When they turn to the Lord
- The Lord was the Spirit of Liberty in which they gained freedom from groaning & bondage – Exodus motif.
- They were being transformed from glory (O.C. world of death) to the (N.C. world of righteousness) by the Spirit of the Lord. 2 Cor. 3:7-18

We Do Not Lose Heart

- Seeing we have this ministry
 - Transformation from the body of death to life
 - Always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, 2 Cor. 4:10,
 - Paul was being conformed to Jesus' death, Phil. 3:10
 - Suffering and dying to the age of death for Jesus' sake in preaching the Torah free gospel

Why Die to the Old World?

- Always carrying about **in the body** the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body.
- Paul's life in the body was hidden, not manifested, Col. 3:3,4; Rom. 8:19; Phil. 3:21
- Paul never shrunk back from his commission to live a dying life to the Old World (cp. Gal. 2:11-14)
- If he built again what he destroyed he would become a transgressor, Gal. 2:18,19

Dying in the Body

- Just as they carried the “dying of the Lord Jesus” in the body (of Moses). v. 10
- Paul wanted the life of Jesus to be manifested in our body (of Christ), v. 10
- Paul also wanted the life of Jesus to be manifested in their mortal flesh, i.e. to experience resurrection life in their daily walk, i.e. we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord/we shall be changed. v. 11
- So then death is working in us (Jews dying to the Law) but life is working in you (Gentiles who were not under/nor permitted to practice the law.)

The Light Affliction, 2 Cor. 4:16-18

- The outward man (body of Moses) was perishing
- The inward man is being renewed day by day.
- The light affliction was momentary compared to the eternal glory to be revealed.
- They would not look at things which were seen, -temporary outward earthly tabernacle, but at things not seen, the heavenly tabernacle to come.

House Not Made With Hands

2 Cor. 5:1-10

- Throughout, Paul has been discussing the passing away of the old covenant, doing away with the veil cast over the nations and the temporary dwelling of Moses.
- Note the corporate/singular/plural
- We (plural) know if our (plural) earthly house (singular)
 - Not houses/bodies/tabernacles
 - Figures of speech (Rom. 8:11, Heb. 9:23, 26)
 - One earthly house in which housed entire community
- We (plural) have a house (singular) not made with hands --always refers to God's new Covenant realities. (Heb. 9:11, 24; 12:27)

Groaning in the Body

- In this (singular) we (plural) groan
- This is the same body Paul was "dying to" 4:10-12.
- They desired not to be unclothed (without a covenant dwelling, remember Ezk. 16:6-8)
- If indeed having been clothed, (with the new tabernacle of righteousness, Gal. 3:27; Rom. 13: 14
- We shall not be "found" naked.
- The term found naked is not focused on physical death, but on the Parousia.
- "Found" is a technical term for the Parousia,
- And be found in him, not having my own righteousness which is from the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith, Phil. 3:9

Not to be Unclothed, but Further Clothed

- They did not want to be void of a covenant relationship with God
- They did not want to be without a “covenant body”
- They desired to be further clothed with the new covenant body,” i.e. to be transformed from death to life.
- God gave them the Spirit as a guarantee that they would not suffer nakedness.

Naked is Non-Covenantal Existence

- If Christ has not come and fulfilled the New Heavenly Tabernacle the church is NAKED!
- Christ warns against apostatizing to Judaism in view of the coming great day.
- “Behold, I am coming as a thief. Blessed is he who watches, and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame. Rev. 16:15

At Home/Absent

- At home in "the body" (Old Covenant house) is absent from the Lord/Heavenly Tabernacle
- They desired to be absent from the body
 - Question: Did Paul contradict himself?
 - Did he desire not to be unclothed, then reverse it a few verses later and desire to escape his physical body and be bodiless/naked?
 - No! He wanted out of the body of Moses, [completed transformation...see 2 Cor. 3:18], the body of death!
- They walked by faith, not by sight, were looking not at things seen, but things unseen, unrealized as yet.
- They were confident and well pleased to be absent from the earthly body of Moses' ministrations of death and be present with the Lord in the heavenly /tabernacle or Jerusalem above

Judgment Seat of Christ

- Their aim was to please God whether present (in the New Tabernacle, the life of Christ being manifested in their mortal flesh)
- Or whether absent from Christ, suffering, groaning and being persecuted in the earthly house (Old Covenant transition)
- Thus, they could stand confident at the judgment seat of Christ to be judged for the things done in the body of Moses.
- Note: Those in the "body of Christ" do not come into judgment. John 5:24
- The judgment is the time of the Parousia.

Summary & Conclusion

- Resurrection and Restoration is through the eschatological Spirit.
- Ezekiel 36 & 37 form the background of all resurrection/restoration/regathering and reconciliation texts in the New Testament.
- Man is determined by his world.
- The ministration of death is the Old Covenant body of Moses contrasted with the Ministration of Life/Spirit of the New Covenant.
- The first century church was being transformed from the glory of the Old to the glory of the new heavenly tabernacle, the house not made with hands into the eternal presence of God.