

Ezekiel 39:27

by Chuck Smith

God's pouring out of His Spirit on Israel will mark the beginning of the final seven year cycle, culminating in the return of Jesus Christ in power and glory.

Scripture: Ezekiel 37:21-22, Ezekiel 38:23, Ezekiel 39:27, Daniel 9:24-27, Joel 2:28-29

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Description

Chuck Smith discusses the prophecy in Ezekiel 39:27, emphasizing the significance of God's promise to pour out His Spirit on Israel after their regathering as a nation, which was fulfilled in 1948. He highlights the historical context of Israel's struggles, including the Holocaust and the Yom Kippur War, which shifted the nation's perception of God's involvement in their fate. Smith explains that the destruction of the invading army will lead to a recognition of God among the Jewish people, fulfilling the prophecy that they will know Him as their Lord. He also connects this prophecy to the broader timeline of God's plan for Israel, including the coming of the Messiah and the eventual return of Christ. The sermon concludes with a reminder of the church's role in God's current work through His Spirit.

Transcript

"WHEN GOD POURS OUT HIS SPIRIT ON ISRAEL"

I. THE TIME OF THIS PROPHECY.

A. "When I have brought them again from the people and gathered

them out of their enemies' lands..."

1. Or when Israel becomes a nation again.

2. Ezekiel 37 - valley of dry bones.

a. "Behold I will take the children of Israel

from among the heathen where they have gone,

and will gather them on every side and bring

them into their own land, and I will make

them one nation in the land."

3. This has been done as of May 14, 1948.

B. "And am sanctified in them in the sight of many nations."

1. This is when God destroys Russia's army that is invading Israel.

a. Ezekiel 38:8, 18-23.

b. Special note on vs. 23 - "sanctify Myself" - known in the eyes of many nations.

II. THE PROPHECY - "THEN SHALL THEY KNOW THAT I AM THE LORD THEIR GOD."

A. The vast majority of the Jews in Israel are not religious.

1. They blame the holocaust for their atheism.

2. "Where was God when 6 million Jews were killed?"

B. They were proud and cocky after six day war in 1967.

1. They would not acknowledge God's help.

C. The 1973 Yom Kippur war brought a different attitude.

1. Much of the arrogance was gone.

2. Many began to suspect maybe God was helping them.

D. Once God destroys the vast army led by Russia, there will be no doubters.

III. THE PROMISES. vs. 29

A. God's time clock has been standing still.

1. Daniel 9 - seventy sevens determined on nation Israel to finish transgression - to make an end of sins - to make reconciliation for iniquity - to bring in everlasting righteousness - to seal up the visions and prophecies - to anoint the most holy.

2. These 70 seven year cycles were to begin with the

commandment to restore and rebuild Jerusalem.

3. After 69 seven year cycles, or 483 years, the Messiah would come.

4. The Messiah would be cut off and receive nothing for Himself.

5. Jerusalem would subsequently be destroyed, and the people dispersed.

6. That part was all fulfilled.

7. We still have one more seven year cycle determined for the nation of Israel.

a. It will surely begin when God once more puts His Spirit on the nation.

b. It will culminate with the return of Jesus Christ in power and glory.

B. Another prophet foretold God's pouring out of His Spirit on Israel after their re-gathering in the land. (Joel 2.

1. Drive far off from you the northern army - vs. 20.

2. Restoration in the land - vs. 25.

3. Acknowledgment of God - vs. 27.

4. God's Spirit poured out - vs. 28, 29.

5. Followed by events of great tribulation culminating in the great and awesome day of the Lord's coming - vs. 30, 31.

C. What does this mean to us, the church?

1. It means we will be gone.

2. The church is the agency through which God's Spirit works today.

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