

Notes: Shabbat – August 9, 2014

Start: 10 am

Order of Service:

Meet and Greet
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Announcements
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Introduction: What is True Revival?

Last week I talked about a time that is coming when Fasts such as Tish' b Av will change from mourning and somber times to times of Joy, according to the revelation given to Zechariah...

Zec 8:19 "Adonai-Tzva'ot says, 'The fast days of the fourth, fifth, seventh and tenth months are to become times of joy, gladness and cheer for the house of Y'hudah. Therefore, love truth and peace.'

This will happen when Yeshua returns.

I can't tell you the when, but I can tell you that there is change coming.

The status quo will be set aside and Adonai's order will be restored to the House of Israel that will impact and affect everyone living.

In order for that change to happen, I believe there will be a time where Adonai prepares His people, as has been done in the past.

Adonai instructed Moshe to prepare the people for a divine appointment...

Exo 19:9 Adonai said to Moshe, "See, I am coming to you in a thick cloud, so that the people will be able to hear when I speak with you and also to trust in you forever." Moshe had told Adonai what the people had said;

Exo 19:10 so Adonai said to Moshe, "Go to the people; today and tomorrow separate them for me by having them wash their clothing;

Exo 19:11 and prepare for the third day. For on the third day, Adonai will come down on Mount Sinai before the eyes of all the people.

Yochanan the immerser prepared the people for a divine appointment...

Joh 1:24 Some of those who had been sent were P'rushim.

Joh 1:25 They asked him, "If you are neither the Messiah nor Eliyahu nor 'the prophet,' then why are you immersing people?"

Joh 1:26 To them Yochanan replied, "I am immersing people in water, but among you is standing someone whom you don't know."

Joh 1:27 He is the one coming after me — I'm not good enough even to untie his sandal!"

Also like Moshe, Kefa encountered God on a **holy mountain**. Three of the four Gospel writers report this event, the Transfiguration of Yeshua, when Kefa, Ya'akov and Yochanan saw the **majesty** of the Messiah made manifest. Yeshua prepared them for receiving the Power of Adonai that would equip them to convey this message to the world, starting in Jerusalem...

Mat 17:1 Six days later, Yeshua took Kefa, Ya'akov and his brother Yochanan and led them up a high mountain privately.

Mat 17:2 As they watched, he began to change form — his face shone like the sun, and his clothing became as white as light.

Mat 17:3 Then they looked and saw Moshe and Eliyahu speaking with him.

Mat 17:9 As they came down the mountain, Yeshua ordered them, "Don't tell anyone what you have seen until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

Luk 24:44 Yeshua said to them, "This is what I meant when I was still with you and told you that everything written about me in the Torah of Moshe, the Prophets and the Psalms had to be fulfilled."

Luk 24:45 Then he opened their minds, so that they could understand the Tanakh,

Luk 24:46 telling them, "Here is what it says: the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day;

Luk 24:47 and in his name repentance leading to forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed to people from all nations, starting with Yerushalayim.

Luk 24:48 You are witnesses of these things.

Act 1:4 At one of these gatherings, he instructed them not to leave Yerushalayim but to "wait for what the Father promised, which you heard about from me.

Act 2:16 No, this is what was spoken about through the prophet Yo'el:

Act 2:17 'Adonai says: "In the Last Days, I will pour out from my Spirit upon everyone. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.

Act 2:18 Even on my slaves, both men and women, will I pour out from my Spirit in those days; and they will prophesy.

This time was a time of revival...a time where many did t'shuvah – repented and returned to Adonai through Yeshua.

It was a miraculous time as recorded in the New Covenant writings.

So miraculous that those that desire such a move again point to this time as the benchmark for revival.

A time when Adonai had poured out His Spirit as He had promised.

A time when peoples lives were not just being transformed but turned upside down.

Not upside down in a chaotic manner but in one of order and power. Equipping them with power and boldness to be witnesses.

To shake the foundation of the Jewish community that was rooted in the "tradition of elders – the oral law"

These people were empowered to shake the foundations that had led them away from Adonai with a foundation that would lead them back to Adonai.

Let's see if the definition for revival can truly be applied to what happened in Acts 2?

Revival is...

- An improvement in the condition or strength of something.
- An instance of something becoming popular, active, or important again.
- A new production of an old play or similar work.

Synonyms – comeback, reestablishment, reintroduction, restoration, reappearance, resurrection, regeneration, renaissance, rejuvenation.

Did the time of Shavuot accomplish what is defined as a revival?

When I first became a believer back in 2000, my first Pastor would constantly preach about revival...

He would talk about such experiences as the Azuza Street revival.

Week after week, he would convey a message preparing people for an outpouring. Yet unfortunately, that never happened.

Last Saturday night, going into Sunday morning there were a number of things on my mind. I had gone to YouTube and on my account page was a 45 minute documentary on the Azuza St. revival. I remembered the name, had heard much about it and thought, why not.

I didn't really know much about it, so I decided to watch it.

As I was watching this, two other experiences that I had heard about came to mind.

For years I had heard of the Brownsville revival.

At first I thought it was in Texas because I had a customer that was located in Brownsville Texas.

I later found out that Brownsville was the Brownsville Assembly of God church located in Pensacola, FL.

After watching the Azuza St. revival documentary, I found a 5 hour documentary on what is called the Brownsville Revival.

So, I watched it into the wee hours of the morning.

In the documentary, the recounted...

- what was happening prior to the revival
- interviews with several people involved

The other revival that I had heard about was something happening in Toronto.

A little more research lead me to what was called the Toronto Blessing.

So, I watched some video on this, including a piece dispelling what was happening in Toronto as a true movement of Adonai.

Needless to say I won't bore you with everything, but what I had seen got me thinking...

What happened...

- Specifically, what happened with these people who were part of these times
- What was the outcome -
- What impact did these movements have on believers?

The documentary on Brownsville was done I think in 1999. The church was still experiencing the impact that began on Father's day 1995.

Out of this movement, the church grew from 1500 to over 5000 with meetings being held on a daily basis. Word spread and people from all over the world would travel to Pensacola, seeking what was happening. According to a post in Wikipedia, over 200,000 people accepted Yeshua as Messiah.

Out of this movement, the church established the BRSM – Brownsville Revival School of Ministry. This was headed

by Dr. Michael Brown, who was not there from the beginning but moved to Florida to start the school.

The school started out with 120 students, reaching a peak of 1,100 students.

So, what about today?

The revival was stated as going from 1995 until 2000.

We are now 14 years removed from this time, looking back what impact can we witness.

The church that grew to 5000 in attendance (membership) is now in the 3-400 range and is \$11 million in debt.

The school that peaked in enrollment during the revival is now back to its beginning enrollment level and is being taken over by another evangelist.

Did Brownsville live up to the definition of revival?

I believe it did, but it was not sustainable. By our standards today, 6 years is a long time for a revival.

In the eyes of Adonai it is the blink of an eye, a moment in time.

As I was absorbing all this information, I asked Adonai, do I want this...

Do I want an outpouring...most certainly.

Do I want it to extinguish after a time and be a footnote – no.

There is a revival coming that will impact everyone, but it will not be like what you are familiar with...

It will be ongoing, because this revival will lead to the return of Yeshua.

This revival will last because it has a promise of resurrection attached to it...

It is not based on emotion or physical feelings.

Adonai is going to move in such a way that what once a truth and reality amongst many in the Jewish community

Rom 11:8 just as the Tanakh says, "God has given them a spirit of dullness — eyes that do not see and ears that do not hear, right down to the present day." (Deuteronomy 29:3 - 4)

Rom 11:9 And David says, "Let their dining table become for them a snare and a trap, a pitfall and a punishment.

Rom 11:10 Let their eyes be darkened, so that they can't see, with their backs bent continually." (Psalm 69:3 - 4)

Rom 11:15 For if their casting Yeshua aside means reconciliation for the world, what will their accepting him mean? It will be life from the dead!

Rom 11:25 For, brothers, I want you to understand this truth which God formerly concealed but has now revealed, so that you won't imagine you know more than you actually do. It is that stoniness, to a degree, has come upon Isra'el, until the Gentile world enters in its fullness;

Rom 11:26 and that it is in this way that all Isra'el will be saved. As the Tanakh says, "Out of Tziyon will come the Redeemer; he will turn away ungodliness from Ya`akov

Rom 11:27 and this will be my covenant with them, . . . when I take away their sins."

Rom 11:28 With respect to the Good News they are hated for your sake. But with respect to being chosen they are loved for the Patriarchs' sake,

Rom 11:29 for God's free gifts and his calling are irrevocable.

Moving forward, I want you to be prepared, just as people in the past were prepared.

There are many things happening to where you can get easily distracted.

- Different denominations promoting different positions
- Hyper-grace movement – Promises Everything and requires nothing
 - effortless spirituality
 - soft gospel
 - purity is legalism
 - all future sins already forgiven

These scriptures I am going to give are so you can discern a true movement of Adonai.

Eph 4:14 We will then no longer be infants tossed about by the waves and blown along by every wind of teaching, at the mercy of people clever in devising ways to deceive.

2Ti 4:1 I solemnly charge you before God and the Messiah Yeshua, who will judge the living and the dead when he appears and establishes his Kingdom:

2Ti 4:2 proclaim the Word! Be on hand with it whether the time seems right or not. Convict, censure and exhort with unfailing patience and with teaching.

2Ti 4:3 For the time is coming when people will not have patience for sound teaching, but will cater to their passions and gather around themselves teachers who say whatever their ears itch to hear.

2Ti 4:4 Yes, they will stop listening to the truth, but will turn aside to follow myths.

1Jn 4:1 Dear friends, don't trust every spirit. On the contrary, test the spirits to see whether they are from God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

1Jn 4:2 Here is how you recognize the Spirit of God: every spirit which acknowledges that Yeshua the Messiah came as a human being is from God,

1Jn 4:3 and every spirit which does not acknowledge Yeshua is not from God — in fact, this is the spirit of the Anti-Messiah. You have heard that he is coming. Well, he's here now, in the world already!

Any spirit that contradicts the Word of Adonai is not from Him.

2Pe 2:1 But among the people there were also false prophets, just as there will be false teachers among you. Under false pretenses they will introduce destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, and thus bring on themselves swift destruction.

2Pe 2:2 Many will follow their debaucheries; and because of them, the true Way will be maligned.

2Pe 2:3 In their greed they will exploit you with fabricated stories. Their punishment, decreed long ago, is not idle; their destruction is not asleep!