



THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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My wife and I want to give you greetings from the Messianic remnant in the land of Israel. There are about 100 fellowships of Messianic Jews in Israel and there is a whole other group of fellowships of Arab Christians in the nation who are our brothers and sisters in the Lord. We are just one of the Messianic groups, but we are here. We want to give you greetings on behalf of all of them. It is a beautiful thing to know that this is happening in the land of Israel today.

Both the Messianic Jewish community and the Christian Arab community in Israel and in the Palestinian territories have suffered a lot. They are still relatively small and relatively suffering, but still growing by the Grace of God. We believe this is a sign from the Lord of His Kingdom being ready to come. We also want to thank you, dear friends, from Gateways Beyond Training Schools who are here to help us lead worship today.

Let us open our Bibles to Acts 1.

This morning we spoke of faith for revival in Europe and we went over 4 passages in the Bible about prayer - Acts 1 and 16, Esther 4, and Romans 9 and 10.

THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

This evening we want to speak of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. We want to do this on purpose believing for a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit here in Europe. We want to imagine by faith, groups of people all over Europe receiving the power and the Baptism of the Holy Spirit together in Catholic churches, in Protestant churches, in Pentecostal churches, in Aglow chapters, in government buildings, in capital cities across Europe, in the UN offices – let us just believe in a mighty sweep of the Holy Spirit to come across this continent. That is what we are here for. This is a mission of love from Israel to Europe, to pray for a mighty revival in this continent.



We are here to join you to believe for a mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit across Europe.

Acts 1:4-5 and when He was in their company He commanded them saying, 'do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the fulfillment of the promise of the Father, which you have heard from Me,' for John baptized with water but you will be baptized in the Holy Spirit in a few days.

Let us remember when Yeshua said this; it was a little more than 40 days after the resurrection and about a week before the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. It happened at a special time. This was the third of a series of three great events. They all happened on biblical holidays.

PASSOVER RESOLVES SIN PROBLEM



The sin problem was solved with the crucifixion of the Messiah on Passover. He paid for our sins, received our punishment, and released forgiveness to us.

The first one was the crucifixion of Yeshua, the Messiah, which took place on **Passover**. That was the appointed moment in history where God would solve the problem of human sin. In all the thousands of years of human history, God chose one day, one moment, and one setting to solve the problem of human sin.

It took place on the Jewish holiday of the Passover. Yeshua became our Passover. He was our sacrifice. When He gave His soul and His body for us, He paid the price of our sins so that our punishment could be taken away and we could receive forgiveness from God.

OMER RESOLVES DEATH PROBLEM

Then, a few days later, on another holiday called the **Omer**, which is the waving of the first offering, Yeshua rose from the dead. This was the one moment in all of history, at a certain time and a certain place that God appointed to solve once and for all the problem of human death.

On the Passover, Jesus solved the problem of human sin by atonement and on the Omer Jesus solved the problem of human death by His resurrection.



When Yeshua rose from the dead on the Omer, the problem of death was solved.

Now this was about 40 days after that resurrection. Jesus has been teaching them about the Kingdom of God and He said, "In order for the Kingdom of God to come something special has to happen. I am going to leave, I am going to rise into Heaven and God will pour out His Spirit upon you. You will be baptized in the Holy Spirit and filled with His power and with His fire."

The way I see it is, if on the Passover Jesus solved the problem of human sin and on His resurrection from the dead He solved the problem of human death – what happened on the day of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit?

HOLY SPIRIT FULFILLS DESTINY



How can we equip and mentor a new type of leader for this time?

On this day, God fulfilled human destiny. This is the destiny of the human race. The crucifixion of Jesus solved human sin. His resurrection solved human death. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit solved human destiny because God made you and me to be filled with His Holy Spirit. It happened in that moment in Acts 2.

CONSISTENT PRAYER

For those 10 days, between the time of Yeshua's rising into Heaven and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the disciples began to pray day and night. What were they praying for? They were praying for the Baptism of the Holy Spirit that Jesus promised them. He said, "Get ready, I am going to fill you with the Holy Spirit." So they started praying that it would happen. They were praying that they would receive this Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Then it happened.

Acts 2:1 *And when it had been fulfilled the seven weeks until the feast of Pentecost, they were all together in one place.*

Amazingly enough, this third great event also happened on a holiday of the Bible. This was the holiday of **Shavuot**, the holiday of weeks known to the Christian world as **Pentecost**. This was the day in all of history that God chose to pour out His Holy Spirit. The human race came into a place of destiny, a place of glory, a place of being filled with the Spirit of God and having God's glory and His fire in them and upon them.

These three great events that happened two thousand years ago – the crucifixion, the resurrection, and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit – all three happened on one of the dates of the biblical Jewish holidays. That is why we also teach that it is likely that the three great events of Jesus' second coming will also happen on biblical holidays. Instead of the spring holidays, it will be the fall holidays. But that is a different teaching.

Acts 2:2 *And suddenly there was a sound from Heaven, as the sound of a mighty rushing wind and it filled the whole house in which they were dwelling. And there appeared in front of their eyes tongues as flames of fire that spread out and rested on each and every one of them and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them to talk.*

This is one of the greatest moments of human history. By the way, it fulfilled a prayer of Moses who prayed a thousand years before that. He prayed, “Oh God would all of Your people receive Your Spirit. And they all began to prophesy.” Paul said, “I thank God that I pray in tongues more than you all.” He said, “Know this that all of you can prophesy.” The Spirit of God has been given to the human race. All of the power and the holiness and the gifts and the Fruit of the Holy Spirit are available to us today.



Everything the Holy Spirit brought – power, holiness, gifts, and the Fruit – all is available to us every day and can occur any time the people of God are together in one heart pray to receive.

There is something different about the outpouring of the Holy Spirit than the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus because the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus happens only one time. But the Baptism of the Holy Spirit can happen any time that people of God are together in one heart and praying to receive the fulfillment of the Holy Spirit.

We find this special event happens five times in the Book of Acts. Whatever you think about the Baptism of the Holy Spirit has to come from these five passages because there are no other passages. It happened once in Acts 2 and another time in Acts 4:31; another time in Acts 8:6; another time in Acts 10:44; and another time in Acts 19:6.

EUROPE! BE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT!

This was a central experience of the people of God in the Bible. There is no other experience; this is it. This is what you need for Europe. The disciples of Jesus said, “What will You do to bring the Kingdom to Israel?” And He said, “You need to be filled with the Holy Spirit.”



To bring the Kingdom to earth, we must be filled with the Spirit.

We here today are asking God, “God, what can You do to save Europe? What can You do to bring the Kingdom of God to Europe?” His answer is still the same today as it was back then: “You people in this room right now, you need to be filled with the Holy Spirit and His power.”

There is no other solution. This is God’s way. It is the way God is bringing His power into our lives because to change Europe, we are going to need power. Not political power, not military power, but the power of the Holy Spirit. Only the power of the Holy Spirit can change peoples’ hearts. They needed that power back then, and we need the same power today to change the hearts of the people in Europe.

Secular people, Protestant people, Catholic people, Muslim people, Pentecostal people - we all need the power of the Holy Spirit - first to change ourselves, and then to change our nations.



Being filled with the Spirit will change us first, then our nations.

A HISTORIC MOMENT FOR EUROPE

We are here to believe for a historic outpouring of the Holy Spirit for the continent of Europe because this is a historic moment. You are in a historic crisis. Either you are going to be filled with the fire of the Holy Spirit and see it spread across Europe, or Europe is going to be destroyed.

I want you to desire this fire because the fire comes through desire. If you desire this fervently, we can receive it today. They wanted the Holy Spirit back then. They wanted its fire back then. And if we want it in the same way, we can have it.

We have people right here today from nations all over Europe. Think what could happen for us to receive the fire of the Holy Spirit today. What will happen after this weekend? As you go back to cities all over Europe and believe for this experience of the new Covenant? It can be repeated in every nation around Europe. This is what will save the continent of Europe. This is what will bring revival to our countries and nations here in Europe.

Jesus said, "Now, do not leave Jerusalem." Well, we want to save you buying a ticket to fly over to Israel and we will just come over here to you. You do not have to come to Jerusalem right now, we brought Jerusalem to you. But I will say this, do not leave this room tonight without being filled and baptized in the Holy Spirit, without receiving His fire, without receiving the gift of tongues and prophecy, and the boldness of God to bring the Kingdom to Europe. Do not leave this place until then.



Do not leave this message without being filled with the Holy Spirit. Receive ALL He is!

AN APPOINTED TIME AND PLACE

But when God poured out the Holy Spirit the first time, it was in a certain geographical place for a purpose. It happened at a certain time on purpose because God has an appointed Person who is Jesus. He has an appointed place, which will be the capital of His Kingdom on earth, which is Jerusalem. He has appointed times to bring His Kingdom about, which are the holy days written in the Bible.

For this first time, for the Holy Spirit to be poured out, it had to be poured out in *that place* and in *that time*. But after that, it could be poured out in *any place* at *any time*. In the five baptisms of the Holy Spirit in the Book of Acts, only one of them takes place in Jerusalem on a biblical holiday. The second time it happens in Jerusalem again, but not on a holiday. Then it happens again in Samaria and then in Caesarea and then in Ephesus. It begins to move out away from Jerusalem.

I want to come back to this later, but I have been asking the Lord why did it have to happen in that place at that time? Because that was the time God brought the Holy Spirit into the whole world. It was when Jesus rose into Heaven that the Holy Spirit for the whole world had to be poured out in Jerusalem.

I believe God wants to pour out the Holy Spirit again in Jerusalem. Not right after His first coming, but *right before* the second coming. There was a special outpouring, once, to release the Kingdom of God across the earth. And there will be another outpouring to bring Jesus back and establish His Kingdom upon the earth.



The first outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Shavuot/Pentecost was to release the Kingdom across the earth. Another outpouring of the Holy Spirit will usher in Jesus' return to establish His Kingdom on earth.

Any individual person can receive the Holy Spirit by himself. But there is an extra power when a *group* of people experience the Baptism of the Holy Spirit together whenever they assemble in any place in the world. Do you believe that?

I want to point something out.

- Any person can receive the Holy Spirit any time by himself.
- Any group of people can receive the Holy Spirit at any time and *as a group, they will receive more power than just an individual.*
- If I understand the scriptures, there is another dimension of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and that is when all the geography and timing line up one more time towards Jerusalem.
 - Then we will see the great second Pentecost.
 - Then we will see the great outpouring of the Holy Spirit that will usher in the resurrection of the dead.
 - Then we will see the second coming of Jesus and the establishment of the Kingdom of God upon the earth.



A 2nd great Pentecost is coming.

You do not need a Jerusalem connection to be baptized in the Holy Spirit. You do not need it for church to be baptized in the Holy Spirit. You do not need it for an Aglow chapter to be baptized in the Holy Spirit. *But friends, you and I are submitting to an alignment with God from Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth because we are getting ready for the great outpouring of the Holy Spirit that which God said, "I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh before the great and terrible Day of the Lord."*

Do you understand what I am saying? Whoever you are, you do not need anybody else. You can be alone in your bedroom, or your bathroom, or your backyard, and you can receive the Holy Spirit. And you, with any group of people that are praying together, you can receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit *together*, which is a *greater power* than when you receive it alone.

You are here at this conference for the hope in something even greater, that there is another outpouring coming. The promised outpouring of all the prophets that in the end days, right before the second coming of Yeshua, there will be a massive outpouring of the Holy Spirit in which God says, *I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh.*

It is going to change the stars and the sun, and it is going to be poured out on all flesh. You will prophesy, and the earth will shake. Nations will begin to call out for salvation around the world as we prepare for the second coming of Yeshua. You do not need that alignment for your church and your prayer group for you to be baptized in the Holy Spirit. We want to be preparing now for this great outpouring of the end times that has to be aligned with Jerusalem because the first outpouring and the last outpouring have a time connection, have a geographical connection, and have an alignment for the Kingdom of God.



Prepare now for this last outpouring of the Holy Spirit by calling for an outpouring in your nation.

Today we are praying for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit to touch the continent of Europe.

Let us look at **Acts 2:5** and *in Jerusalem in those days were dwelling God-fearing Jews from every nation under Heaven*. There is a deep revelation here. The following verses mention 17 different people groups that were in there including people from Rome. There were Roman people in that day. There were Arabs in that day. There were mostly Jews that come from every nation in the world, but there also were converts, Romans, people from Iraq, from Libya, all over the world they came up to Jerusalem.

THE EMERGING OF THE INTERNATIONAL CHURCH

There is not only a place, there is a demography. In other words, it was not just a place and a time, it was a group of people. This group of people had two groups. There was an inner circle of 120 of Jesus' disciples who were all native born Israelis. All Hebrew speaking. They received the fire of the Holy Spirit;

but, within one hour, immediately, this poured out from them into a larger circle of three thousand people.

The inner circle had 120, the outer circle had 3,000. The inner circle was Hebrew speaking; the outer circle was people from every nation around the world. When the Holy Spirit came upon them, they became one congregation. God formed these two groups into a community. A community that was, yes, Israeli centered, but totally international, and *this was the formation of the people of God.*



The people of God is made up of people from all nations. His Church is an international Church, formed and connected by the Holy Spirit.

At this moment, God's destiny and glory for the human race was released into the earth into a group of 3,120 people. God took these people and by His fire formed them into a community. He formed them into the community of faith. The fire of the Holy Spirit forged them into something.

It is like watching someone who makes a piece of pottery. He puts it into the fire and closes the door. In an hour, he takes it out and it is beautiful and shining with different colors. The fire of the furnace formed this piece of pottery, but God's fire does not form pottery - He forms people!

THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE NATIONS

He forms a community of people, and this community of people from the *very first moment* was both international and Israeli. Within the people of God was the secret of the relationship between Israel and the nations. From Israel to the nations, from the nations back to Israel. From Israel out to the nations, and from the nations back to Israel again. God worked in the people of Israel for 2,000 years. From Abraham to Jesus. Then our people, the Jews, were destroyed and scattered around the world. The Gospel went around the world in the international church.

In this past 100 years, God has reformed the nation of Israel and has been reforming this secret that has never been made known to mankind. The Holy Spirit is going to form the Kingdom of God by a supernatural act of power - by a supernatural act of fire, which will bring the destiny of Israel and the church together and form us into the people of God. The Presence of prophesy is here. He says *what God will do with the people of God in the end times is already found in that first community.* The DNA of the people of God was all there on that day of Pentecost! Now God has spread it around the world!



What God will do with His people in the end times is foretold by what He did on the day of Pentecost connecting the Jews with the nations.

What the Rabbis call 'the breaking of the vessel into the nations' now God is re-gathering the pieces back together to reveal to history the people of God - both Israel and the church - with the nations coming together - and that can only be done by the fire of the Holy Spirit.

IN ONE ACCORD

At that moment of time in Acts 2, when that group of Galilean fishermen turned and faced that group of 3,000 Jews from all over the world, the fire of God hit them and they were changed. They overcame racial differences. They overcame religious differences. They overcame cultural and linguistic differences to become the people of God.



When the fire of God hits us, we will become one in purpose and everything that had been a dividing factor will fade.

Now, they actually did not overcome their racial differences, they overcame their racial prejudices. They did not overcome their cultures, they overcame their cultural differences. After they spoke in tongues, they all went back and continued to speak their own languages in every nation. God likes different people groups. He likes different cultures. He likes different music. He just wants us to be in harmony together. God makes us to be a rainbow. Each one of you is a different color of the rainbow. The fire of the Holy Spirit brings us together in harmony and makes us all shine together.

The Holy Spirit does not only bring you into your destiny, He brings the entire human race into our destiny together. It brings all of human history to a culmination. All of these people groups are represented also in Europe today. You are all here today. We have people from different countries and different languages, and the mystery of the Holy Spirit allows you to be different yet brings us into *one Spirit* together. Our love will overcome to bring us into harmony and unity. The fire of the Holy Spirit forms us into a community, an international community of faith. Only the fire of the Holy Spirit can do that. That is why He has gathered us all here today. Think about that. People, according to people groups, we have almost that same group of people here right now that were here in Acts 2. We are to believe for that fire to hit us.



The fire of the Holy Spirit forms us into an international community of faith – the international Church.

Let me end with another thing. I want to give a brief survey of those five outpourings of the Holy Spirit. I just quoted the passages and said *turn there to save time*. We just examined Acts 2, but in Jerusalem just two chapters later that group of people pray and they receive the Holy Spirit again. They are baptized in the Holy Spirit and the whole building that they were in began to shake. The power of God came in them, and the building shook!



Being filled with the Holy Spirit is not a one-time occurrence.

The first time I received the Holy Spirit, the same thing happened. The whole building shook! It was an earthquake when I received the Holy Spirit the first time. They received it again. You can be baptized in the Holy Spirit as many times as you want. I, frankly, do not know how you could go a day without it. We have a whole team that meets together every day. Do you not take a shower every day? I want to get baptized in the Holy Spirit every day.

FREE GIFTS TO ALL WHO ASK

Then after that, some of the evangelists went out and began to preach the Gospel in Samaria. Samaritans were half Jews, half not Jews. The Apostles found out that the Samaritans received the Gospel. When they found out they received the Gospel and they said, “Is it possible? Can the Samaritans receive the Gospel? Can the Samaritans be saved? What a miracle. We thought it was only for the Jews.” They said, “What are we going to do? If they got saved like we did, then let us give them the Holy Spirit like we have.” Peter and John went down and laid hands upon them and they received the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

God was not done with them yet. Two chapters later, Peter receives a vision, not about food, about the Gentiles. God tells him, “Do not call any people unclean.” He said, “God, what can this mean?” In Chapter 10, he travels down from Jerusalem to Caesarea on the Coast of Israel. You know who was there? A Roman. A Roman soldier. A Roman general, and he is a believer. But he has not come to know Jesus yet. He brings all of his friends together. Peter starts to preach to them the Gospel. Nobody is praying. Nobody is laying hands on them. He gets half way through the message and the power of the Holy Spirit hits them. They all start speaking in tongues and the fire of God comes on them. Peter says, “What is going on? How can this be?” And Peter said, “Now I understand that God is not a respecter of persons. God will save any person and give His Holy Spirit to anyone who asks.”



The Holy Spirit is for all who are saved and will ask to receive Him.

Does that seem obvious to you? Until Acts 10, no human being in history had ever had that thought before. It was an awesome revelation to the Apostle Peter. Italians can receive the Holy Spirit? Who would have thought? All the rest of the disciples got angry with him. I guess he had some spaghetti with the Italians there. The Jews got mad at him. I want to tell you something – *they received the Holy Spirit*. No one prayed for them; no one laid hands upon them. Just through hearing the Word of God you can be filled with the Holy Spirit right now.



You can receive the Holy Spirit without having hands laid upon you – ask and receive!

There was a woman this morning who had back pain for a long time. In the middle of the message she got healed instantly. She came up to me after the service and told me, “You do not need anybody to lay hands upon you; you do not need anybody to pray for you. You just need to hear the Word of God and follow.”

One last time, the Apostle Paul travels toward Asia and Europe. When he is in the town of Ephesus, he has a conference. You know how many people in his conference? Twelve people. That was it. Twelve people. Acts 19, he taught them the scriptures. Then he laid hands upon them and they received the Holy Spirit, began to prophesy and began to speak in tongues. The Bible says this, within two years all of Asia heard the Word of God. Twelve people received the Holy Spirit and within two years all of Asia Minor heard the Gospel. Here is what I want us to believe today.



Twelve people fully of the Holy Spirit can turn their nation upside down for God.

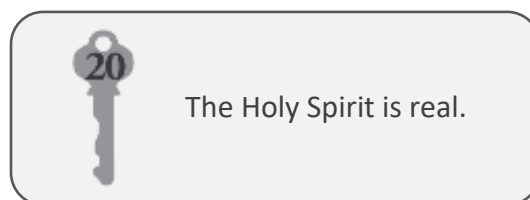
We are going to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit in holiness, in love, in fire, in power. We have more people here than were in any of those five meetings. More than were in Jerusalem, more than in Caesarea, more than in Samaria, more than in Ephesus.

I want us to believe that the Gospel is going to go forth and in two years from this day, we are going to say that all of Europe has heard the Word of God. God is bringing a crisis to Europe because God is saying you are not going to go on the way you were. The people of Europe are going to be hungry for the Word of God. And the Muslims that are flooding into Europe by the millions are going to be hungry for the Word of God.

A little testimony here. I was sharing with you about our dear friends, some of these Arabs who share the Gospel with Muslims. One of them, a dear friend of ours named Basam, a pastor in Jerusalem, said God began to work on his heart to evangelize Muslims. He said, "I just began to pray for Muslim evangelism. I did not know how to evangelize them. I just began to pray. I do not know what happened; within one year twenty-five different Muslims came to me and sought me out. They said, 'I had a vision of Jesus. I had a dream of Jesus. I had a miracle and I saw Jesus. Tell me how to get saved.'"

I am telling you the Holy Spirit can work. If we will pray and the fire and the power of the Holy Spirit will fall - you can have it. I want us to believe for that today.

One more quick story. The first time I was touched by the Holy Spirit, something similar happened. I was in the nation of Guatemala and I was traveling up high in the mountains. A woman began to tell me about the Gospel. That was the first time that I ever understood it. She was speaking to me in Spanish. I knew conversational Spanish, but not very much. As she spoke, I understood everything she was saying. I said, how could that happen? All of a sudden, I felt a Presence in the room. I thought somebody had come into the room. I looked around toward the door. Nobody was there and the door was closed. I said, "Who is here in the room with us. What is happening? How can she be telling me about Jesus in Spanish and there is a Presence in the room, and I understand what is going on. I jumped up and said, 'Is God real?'" The power of God hit the building we were in. The whole building began to shake. Everybody ran out of the building. Everybody said, "Earthquake!" I said, "That was no earthquake. I just prayed out to God and asked if He was real."



I want to tell you, the Holy Spirit is real. Can you see the Holy Spirit right now? You cannot see Him with your physical eyes. But you know something, in the air around us right now, there is water. Can you see the water? It is there. There is light in the air. There is heat in the air. There is electricity in the air. There is Wi-Fi internet waves in the air. How can you believe all of that and not want to believe that the Holy Spirit is present? If Wi-Fi electricity can be in the air right now, and your cell phone can receive it, how much more can we receive the power and the fire and the electricity of the Holy Spirit?

A cute little Hebrew word to learn: Did you know that the word "electricity" is in the Hebrew Bible? I bet you never read it there. The amazing thing is, in Ezekiel Chapter 1, when Ezekiel sees the Glory of God and the fire coming out of Him, the Hebrew says it was "hashmal" – it was electricity coming out of the Glory of God. That was a couple thousand years before electricity, but Ezekiel saw it.