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Isaiah

The Outpouring of the Holy Spirit

The fortress will be abandoned, the noisy city deserted; citadel and watchtower will become a wasteland forever, the delight of donkeys, a pasture for flocks, until the Spirit is poured upon us from on high, and the desert becomes a fertile field, and the fertile field seems like a forest. Isaiah 32:14-15

For I will take you out of the nations; I will gather you from all the countries and bring you back into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.

Ezekiel 36:24-27

When I have brought them back from the nations and have gathered them from the countries of their enemies, I will show myself holy through them in the sight of many nations. Then they will know that I am the LORD their God, for though I sent them into exile among the nations, I will gather them to their own land, not leaving any behind. I will no longer hide my face from them, for I will pour out my Spirit on the house of Israel, declares the Sovereign LORD.

Ezekiel 39:27-29

And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, and your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days. Joel 2:28-29

And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and supplication. They will look on me, the one they have pierced, and they will mourn for him as one mourns for an only child, and grieve bitterly for him as one grieves for a firstborn son. Zechariah 12:10

Fruit from Whitefield's first Boston tour (1740)

"And now was such a time as we never knew. The Rev. Mr. Cooper was wont to say, that more came to him in one week in deep concern about their souls, than in the whole twenty-four years of his preceding ministry. I can also say the same as to numbers who repaired to me. Mr. Cooper has had about six hundred persons in three months; and Mr. Webb has said in the same space above a thousand."

Prince, *Christian History*, pp 391-2

"This wondrous movement continued a year and half after Whitefield's departure from Boston. Thirty Religious Societies were instituted in the city. Ministers, besides attending to their usual work, preached in private houses almost every night. Chapels were always crowded. 'The very face of the town seemed to be strangely altered. Even the boys in the streets left their usual rudeness, and taverns were found empty of all but lodgers' . . . wrote Dr. Colman in a letter to Dr. Isaac Watts. 'Our Sabbaths are joyous, our churches increase and our ministers have new life and spirit in their work.'" Tyerman, *Whitefield*, p. 425