

THE GLORY OF THE LORD

The Glory of the Lord that Ezekiel saw removed from Israel in Ezekiel 8:4, 9:3, 10:4, 10:18-19 and 11:22-23 will be removed again when the Bride of Christ and the rest of the saved leave this earth at the Catching Up. The Holy Spirit of God cannot be removed at the Catching Up (the Rapture). To understand why we must first of all recognize that the Holy Spirit has always been on this earth.

*"¹In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. ² And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And **the Spirit of God** moved upon the face of the waters" Genesis 1:1-2 (The King James Version).*

*"³And the LORD said, "**My Spirit** shall not strive with man forever, for he is indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years" Genesis 6:3 (The New King James Version).*

*"¹⁰When they were going from there to Gibeah, a band of prophets met him, and **the spirit of God** rushed upon him, so that he joined them in their prophetic state" 1 Samuel 10:10 (The New American Bible).*

*"²⁴Afterwards **the Spirit of God** carried me back again to Babylon, to the Jews in exile there. And so ended the vision of my visit to Jerusalem. ²⁵ And I told the exiles everything the Lord had shown me" Ezekiel 11:24-25 (The Living Bible).*

*"³⁴Mary asked the angel, "How can this be, since I have not had relations with a man?" ³⁵ The angel answered her, "**The Holy Spirit** will come over you, and the power of the Most High will cover you. Therefore, the child will be holy and will be called the Son of God" Luke 1:34-35 (The International Standard Version).*

If the Holy Spirit leaves this earth at the Catching Up (the Rapture), who will convict mankind of sin and how will the Father draw that great multitude who will wash their robes in the blood of the Lamb during the Tribulation?

"⁴³ Jesus therefore answered and said unto them, Murmur not among yourselves. ⁴⁴ No man can come to me, **except the Father which hath sent me draw him:** and I will raise him up at the last day" John 6:43-44 (The King James Version).

"⁹ After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb." ¹¹ All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² saying: "Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!" ¹³ Then one of the elders asked me, "These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?" ¹⁴ I answered, "Sir, you know." And he said, "These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; **they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb**" Revelation 7:9-14 (The New International Version).

On the other hand, if the Holy Spirit remains on this earth after the Catching Up (the Rapture), what is taken away? The same thing that Ezekiel saw taken from Israel in Ezekiel chapters eight, nine, ten and eleven. The King James Version of the Bible referred to it as "the Glory of the Lord". It was the special seven-fold power of the Holy Spirit that Israel had received in Exodus 40:34-35.

"³⁴ Then a cloud covered the tent of the congregation, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. ³⁵ And Moses was not able to enter into the tent of the congregation, because the cloud abode thereon, and **the glory of the LORD** filled the tabernacle" Exodus 40:34-35 (The King James Version).

The nation of Israel possessed this special seven-fold power of the Holy Spirit until Ezekiel watched it taken away. Ezekiel watched this "Glory of the Lord" depart from the Temple and take residence on a mountain above Jerusalem.

"²³ And the glory of the LORD went up from the midst of the city, and stood upon the mountain which is on the east side of the city" Ezekiel 11:23 (KJV)

This special seven-fold power of the Holy Spirit will be given again to the saved members of the nation of Israel at the beginning of the 1,000 year reign of Christ. According to Ezekiel 43:1-7, they will be restored to their original position as the priests of the living God and given the special seven-fold power of Holy Spirit in order to empower them to do the work God calls them to execute. Ezekiel described what it will be like when the sevenfold power of the Holy Spirit will be restored again to saved Israel.

*"¹ Afterward he brought me to the gate, even the gate that looketh toward the east: ² And, behold, the **glory of the God of Israel** came from the way of the east: and **his** voice was like a noise of many waters: and the earth shined with his glory. ³ And it was according to the appearance of the vision which I saw, even according to the vision that I saw when I came to destroy the city: and the visions were like the vision that I saw by the river Chebar; and I fell upon my face. ⁴ And **the glory of the LORD** came into the house by the way of the gate whose prospect is toward the east. ⁵ So the spirit took me up, and brought me into the inner court; and, behold, **the glory of the LORD** filled the house. ⁶ And I heard him speaking unto me out of the house; and the man stood by me. ⁷ And he said unto me, Son of man, the place of my throne, and the place of the soles of my feet, where I will dwell in the midst of the children of Israel for ever, and my holy name, shall the house of Israel no more defile, neither they, nor their kings, by their whoredom, nor by the carcasses of their kings in their high places" Ezekiel 43:1-7 (The King James Version).*

In the meantime, during the period between the departing and the restoration at the beginning of the Millennium, Jesus Christ promised this special seven-fold power of the Holy Spirit to the members of His local, scriptural churches in order to equip them to do the work He had called them to do.

*"⁴ And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me; ⁵ for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." ⁶ Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷ And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. ⁸ But **you shall receive power** when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in*

all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth" Acts 1:4-8 (The New King James Version).

"¹⁶ Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age" Matthew 28:16-20 (The New International Version).

*Jesus Christ gave that special power to them on the day of Pentecost. "¹ And when the day of Pentecost was now accomplishing, they were all together in one place. ² And there came suddenly a sound out of heaven as of a violent impetuous blowing, and filled all the house where they were sitting. ³ And there appeared to them parted tongues, as of fire, and it sat upon each one of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with [**the**] Holy Spirit, and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave to them to speak forth" Acts 2:1-4 (Darby's Translation).*

Please remember that according to God's Divine Word, Jesus Christ did not promise that power to the disciples of John the Baptist even though they were as saved as we are. He only promised special power to His local churches. For more information about why Darby inserted the word "the" in parentheses in the scripture printed above, you may read the paper entitled "The Sevenfold Spirit Of God" under "Gleanings" on this website.

Therefore, it is the responsibility of the members of Christ's local, scriptural churches to publicize the good news of salvation to the lost on this earth until the Catching Up. To empower us to accomplish this task, He offers "the Glory of the Lord" or "the sevenfold power of the Holy Spirit" to any of His authorized evangelists who ask Him for it.

