

Zechariah 12:10 – “I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplications...” When Jesus returns the greatest revival in history will take place. Revival begins with an outpouring of grace and supplication. It gets traction when the Holy Spirit convicts men and women of their sins and leads them to repentance. That is what happened at Pentecost and every revival since. Supplication is an entreaty, an earnest request. Before Jesus returns to earth, Israel will cry out in despair for God’s intervention. That is the context of Zechariah 12:10. There is a significant level of urgency that makes supplications fervent and effectual. Until our awareness of sin surprises us, bothers us, and even scares us, we are not ready for revival. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of supplications. I have never felt the urgency to pray for revival as I do now. The last days apostasy of the church is upon us. Laodicean lukewarmness abounds. Many believers have lost their first love. Christ has set before us an open door that no man can shut. Jesus said, “I am coming quickly! Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown” (rev. 3:11). I believe Jesus is talking to me. I believe He is talking to you. I agree with Dietrich Bonhoeffer, “We believe only what we are willing to obey.” When we know God has spoken, we must obey. “If My people...will humble themselves and pray...” HA