Chapter 39

Just prior to His ascension to heaven, what did Yahushua tell His disciples to await?

“And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.” Luke 24:49.

With what did He say they would soon be baptized?

“For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.” Acts 1:5.

For what important work was this baptism to prepare them?

“But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.” Acts 1:8.

Following the outpouring of the Spirit, what preaching results followed?

“Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Yahushua the Anointed for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as Yahuwah our Eloah shall call. And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation. Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.” Acts 2:37-41.

And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people; (and they were all with one accord in Solomon's porch. And of the rest durst no man join himself to them: but the people magnified them. And believers were the more added to Yahuwah, multitudes both of men and women.) Acts 5:12-14.

“And the word of Yahuwah increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith.” Acts 6:7.

How did persecution affect the preaching of the gospel?

“And Saul was consenting unto his death. And at that time there was a great persecution against the ekklesia which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judaea and Samaria, except the apostles. And devout men carried Stephen to his burial, and made great lamentation over him. As for Saul, he made havoc of the ekklesia, entering into every house, and haling men and women committed them to prison. Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word.” Acts 8:1-4.

What Old Testament prophecy was fulfilled at the time of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit?

“But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words: For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day. But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith Yahuwah, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:” Acts 2:14-18. (See Joel 2:28-29.)

What expressions in Joel’s prophecy indicate a double fulfillment of this outpouring?

“And be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in Yahuwah your Eloah: for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month.” Joel 2:23. (See also Hosea 6:3.)

In the time of the latter rain, for what are we told to pray?

“In the time of the latter rain, so Yahuwah shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field.” Zechariah 10:1.

How is the closing gospel work under the outpouring of the Holy Spirit described by John the revelator?

“And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory.” Revelation 18:1.

What is the message of this angel?

“And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.” Revelation 18:2.
What did Peter on the day of Pentecost tell his hearers to do?
"And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation." Acts 2:40.

What similar call and appeal will be made under the final outpouring of the Holy Spirit?
"And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, come out of her, My people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and Yahuwah hath remembered her iniquities." Revelation 18:4-5.