

A Fire Around & Glory Within

Zechariah 2

Then I looked up, and there before me was a man with a measuring line in his hand. 2 I asked, “Where are you going?”

He answered me, “To measure Jerusalem, to find out how wide and how long it is.”

3 While the angel who was speaking to me was leaving, another angel came to meet him 4 and said to him: “Run, tell that young man, ‘Jerusalem will be a city without walls because of the great number of people and animals in it. 5 And **I myself will be a wall of fire around it,**’ declares the Lord, ‘and **I will be it’s glory within.**’

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10 “Shout and be glad, Daughter Zion. **For I am coming, and I will live among you,**” declares the Lord. 11 **“Many nations will be joined with the Lord in that day and will become my people. I will live among you and you will know that the Lord Almighty has sent me to you.**

Vs. 3,4

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Jerusalem will be a city without walls because of the great number of people...

- Up until that time Jerusalem was relatively small...
- God’s plan was for the world...
- Many nations...
- Even the Gentiles...

Vs. 11 **“Many nations will be joined with the Lord in that day and will become my people.**

The City of God here is a picture of God’s Glory in and around a vast Jerusalem with many nations...

- Can I tell you there will be people of every color at the Marriage Supper of the Lamb in Heaven when we are gathered to the Lord...
- Those who have found Jesus a Merciful Savior...
- Those who have humbled themselves to His Lordship...
- People from every Nation...
- Every Tribe...

Vs. 5

5 And I myself will be a wall of fire around it,' declares the Lord, 'and I will be it's glory within.'

There is a new sense about Jerusalem here...

It will be a city without normal walls...

The walls that will be there will be the Lord...

The Lord said *"I myself will be a wall of fire around it"...*

Story: Six day war of 1967

God was a Supernatural Wall of Protection for Israel.

As believers in Jesus Christ, He has promised to be that for you and I...

The Lord says:

- **I myself will be a wall of fire around it and I will be it's glory within.**

What does it mean that he will be its glory within?

Glory: honor, abundance, splendor, dignity, reputation, reverence, glory

He is your: honor, abundance, splendor, dignity, reputation, reverence, glory within

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Acts 1:8

Jesus said, **"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses..."**

But you will receive power: dü'-nä-mes

- strength, ability
- power for miracles
- moral power and excellence of soul
- power and influence
- power and resources
- power resting upon armies, forces, hosts

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Romans 8

31 What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

Philippians 4:13

I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

Philippians 2:13

for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

Bob Beamon

Bob Beamon is an American former track and field athlete from New York. The story begins in 1968 at the Olympics in Mexico City. Bob was facing the long jump record set by the Russian who set it the year before at 27' 4.75". On that day Bob's coach came up to him just before he jumped and said these words to him "Take off early, you have room to spare, give them two inches on the front and you will take two feet when you land, your legs

have never been stronger than they are now, your mind his wings, use them”.

Bob then turned positioned himself, lifted his head and with his arms pumping like pistons, Bob sprinted toward the sand box and leaped into the air. At that moment something unexpected happened; there was a problem, Bob jumped over and beyond the measuring instruments. The games went on hold for 20 minutes while the officials repositioned to measure. They had to find an old fashion tape measure to determine the jump. When the distance was posted everyone was stunned, Bob Beamon broke the existing record by over 21 inches, that's right He jumped over 29'. He didn't just beat the record, he shattered it. It is remembered as one of the 5 greatest sports moments of the 20th Century. His world record stood for almost 23 years. It was such a shocking and unforgettable thing that from it the term Beamon-esque was coined.

Beamon-esque: adj; A result so far superior to anything accomplished before, it is overwhelming.

Can I Tell you today the Holy Spirit is your coach. He is the Fire Around You & The Glory Within. He is the coach that whispers in your ear... His purpose and plan for your life is that you jump over and beyond the obstacles you face...

His name “Holy Spirit” means just that... Called along side us to help us, teach us, guide us.

His intention for your life is for something Beamon-esque...

His will for your life is so far superior to anything accomplished before, it is overwhelming...

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