

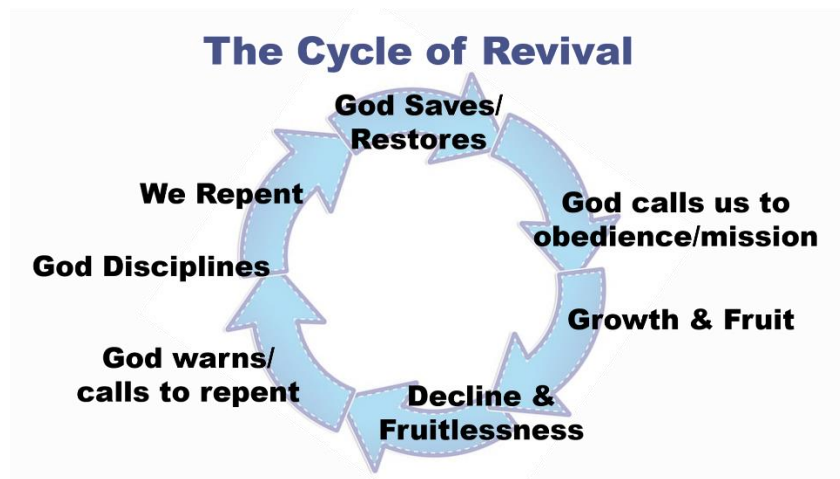
# ***“My House Lies in Ruins”***

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## **What is Revival?**

Revival is a supernatural quickening in the hearts of people to the holiness of God, the awfulness of sin, the love of the Spirit, the joy of worship, the glory of the Gospel, and the urgency of the mission.

## **Why Do We Need It?**



## **A Biblical Story of Revival**

“Repent!” - Ministry of Isaiah/Jeremiah to Judah (740-570 B.C.)

God Sends His People Into Exile—607 B.C. (2 Chronicles 36:15-21)

God Promises They Will Return (Jeremiah 29:4-14)

God Promises to Raise Up Cyrus (Isaiah 45:11-13)

God Moves in Cyrus’ Heart (Ezra 1:1-4)

God Stirs the Hearts of His People to Return (Ezra 1:5-6)

The Remnant Rebuilds the Altar (Ezra 3:1-6)

Opposition to Rebuilding (Ezra 4)

- 1<sup>st</sup> Attack—Unholy Partnership/Deception (1-3)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Attack—Active Discouragement/Frustration (4-5)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Attack—First Official Accusation (6)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Attack—Second Official Accusation (7-16)
- 5<sup>th</sup> Attack—Compelled Them by Force to Stop (17-24)

God Begins to Speak (Ezra 5:1-2, Haggai and Zechariah)

*Now watch the pattern! God will call them to REPENT, and then promises to RESTORE.*

- Prophecy #1—"My House is in Ruins" (Haggai 1:1-12)
- Prophecy #2—"I am with you" (Haggai 1:13-15)
- Prophecy #3—"Be strong. Work Hard. Don't Be Afraid." (Haggai 2:1-5)
- Prophecy #4—"You Aint Seen Nothin' Yet" (Haggai 2:6-9)
- Prophecy #5—"Repent Sincerely, Not Superficially" (Zechariah 1:1-6)
- Prophecy #6—"From This Day On, I Will Bless You" (Haggai 2:10-19)

More Opposition (Ezra 5:3-17)

A Miraculous Decree (Ezra 6:1-12)

Completion and Dedication of the Temple (Ezra 6:13-22)

## **Couple Observations**

- When God calls us to a mission, He means it
- Expect opposition
- Many times we "move on" with our daily lives, paying little attention to the fact that God's Kingdom is not being advanced through us
- Sometimes He is allowing hard things to happen to get our attention and we fail to respond to His discipline (blind spots)
- When He wants to move in revival, He will often speak prophetically to get our attention and to call us to repentance

## **Questions for Personal Reflection/Group Discussion**

- When I examine my current daily/weekly rhythms, in what ways am I too busy to be working hard in the building up of this church and furthering God's Kingdom?
- What activities reflect that I am in fact NOT seeking first His Kingdom and His righteousness (Matthew 6:33)?
- What trials/difficulties have caused you to stop working hard for the Kingdom?
- What do you feel God may be saying to you, or to others, in this season? If sharing with others, be careful that you do not preach your "soapbox" issues. This is often self-righteousness cloaked in pious statements. Share humbly. Allow others to discern with you if your statements are from the Lord.