

the use of a previously-posed question: What can be learned from these passages regarding the spiritual effects of the Holy Spirit's actions among men?

- (1) Isaiah 32:10-18 predicts justice and righteousness and peace as effects. This prediction could be understood in a spiritual sense, but could also be understood in an external sense.
- (2) Isaiah 44:1-5 predicts godliness and faithful confession of Jehovah as the one true and living God.
- (3) Isaiah 59:18-21 predicts repentance of sin, and the putting of God's Word into the heart, as effects.
- (4) Ezekiel 36:24-29 predicts cleansing, regeneration, indwelling, and obedience, as effects.
- (5) Ezekiel 37:11-14 predicts spiritual renewal as well as national renewal.
- (6) Ezekiel 39:25-29 predicts the restoration of God's favor and blessing. It does not specify further.
- (7) Haggai 2:1-5 promises God's assistance in the post-exilic task of rebuilding the temple. This could readily be understood as not speaking of spiritual effects, in terms of the changing of the character of men's lives.
- (8) Zechariah 12:8-10 predicts repentance and cleansing from sin.
- (9) Joel 2:28-32 predicts that those upon whom God will pour His Spirit shall prophesy.

To further summarize these findings we note that, of the above-listed predictions, numbers(2), (3), (4), (5), and (8) appear to speak definitely of spiritual effects resulting from the Holy Spirit's actions among men.