

From a synthesis of these five predictions, we see that these effects include the following:

- (1) spiritual regeneration (from numbers (4) and (5))
- (2) the putting of God's Word into the heart (from number (3))
- (3) repentance from sin (from numbers (3) and (8))
- (4) cleansing from sin (from numbers (4) and (8))
- (5) the indwelling of God, by His Spirit (from number (4))
- (6) godliness and obedience to God's will (from numbers (2) and (4))
- (7) confession of Jehovah as the only true God (from number (2))

#### Value of these findings for our study

The question originally propounded was: What do the contents and the contexts of these scriptures tell us in regard to the predicted actions of the Holy Spirit, and the effects ensuing therefrom? We noted that the actions of the Spirit are spoken of in such expressions as "pouring upon," "putting in," and "not departing from." We also noted that, in five of these predictions, the effects deriving from these actions are expressed in spiritual concepts.

The question must now be put: What meaning, what significance did these predictions have for persons living in the Old Testament period, who both read them and heard them? By this question we mean the significance God intended these predictions to have, both when He caused them to be uttered and when He caused them to be infallibly recorded in Scripture.

During the 750 years that elapsed (in the case of Isaiah), and in the 600 years that elapsed (in the case of Ezekiel and of Zechariah), before the Messiah came to earth, what did God intend that the people who read these glorious predictions should understand by them? Did