

#944 The Whore's Latter Rain – April 9, 1906: A 'birth' in the United States of the 20th-21st Centuries worldwide Pentecostal, Charismatic, and Latter Rain Movements

We are now moving from Deceiving the Elect to The Whore's Latter Rain. This and the next three Unsealings are not so much about unsealing and revealing, but are primarily informational.

Speaking in Tongues. It is now time to shift our focus from conventional denominations in the Protestant Reformation, such as the Lutherans, Presbyterians, and Southern Baptists, who generally *are not* associated with “speaking in tongues,” to those of the Protestant Reformation, such as Pentecostal denominations, who *are* associated with “speaking in tongues,” meaning speaking in an unknown or foreign language.

*Acts 2:1-4 (KJV) And when **THE DAY OF PENTECOST***

was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

*4 And **THEY WERE ALL FILLED WITH THE HOLY GHOST, AND BEGAN TO SPEAK WITH OTHER TONGUES,** as the Spirit gave them utterance.*



April 9, 1906. While it is stressed that global Pentecostalism has multiple origins, it was the Azusa Street Revival in Los Angeles, California, which began in 1906 that became the most visible and renowned point of ‘birth’ of what became the worldwide 20th century Pentecostal, Charismatic, and Latter Rain movements. The most significant date was April 9, 1906.

The Azusa Street revival. On April 9, 1906, at a prayer meeting in a modest home at 214 Bonnie Brae Street in Los Angeles, a few men and women spoke in tongues. They had been meeting for “an outpouring” of the Holy Spirit. Their speaking in tongues indicated to them that the Lord had answered their prayers. News of the event spread rapidly among blacks, Latinos, and whites, the prosperous and the poor. Those who yearned for revival thronged to the house. The need for more space prompted a move to an abandoned Methodist church at 312 Azusa Street. For the next two years, waves of religious enthusiasm waxed and



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waned at Azusa Street, attracting visitors from across the nation and missionaries from around the globe. The faithful announced that God was restoring the apostolic faith and that this was a reenactment of the New Testament Day of Pentecost of Acts 2:3-4.

The birth of Pentecostal denominations. New denominations influenced by Azusa Street blended the new experiences with the Holy Spirit with traditional evangelical tenets.

Between the time of the Azusa Street Revival which began in 1906 and the time that the United States entered World War I on April 6, 1917, the Pentecostal denominations of the Church of God in Christ (1907 – and this is separate from the Church of God in Cleveland, Tennessee), the Assemblies of God (1914), and the Pentecostal Holiness Church (1911) were birthed. In time came the growth of the closely related Charismatic and Latter Rain movements (though Pentecostalism itself in the years immediately following the Azusa Street Revival that began on April 9, 1906, was referred to as the Latter Rain Movement).

Key Understanding: April 9, 1906. April 9, 1906, is considered the most prominent date in the “origins” of the modern-day 20th-21st Century Pentecostal, Charismatic, and Latter Rain movements.



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